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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB, 1896-97.

The Council elected by you on the 17th March, 1896, now submits for your consideration the following as its account of the Club's work during the year 1896-97 :

The number of members at present on the roll is 248.

Fourteen meetings of the Council were held during the year. At the first of these, according to custom, Leaders in the several branches, viz. : Geology, Botany, Entomology, Ornithology, Conchology and Zoology, were appointed, besides an Editor and Associate-Editors for the publication of the OTTAWA NATURALIST.

At the invitation of the Royal Society of Canada to send a delegate, our President, Mr. Shutt, was chosen to represent us. At its meeting he presented the annual account of the work of the Club, which will be found incorporated in the Royal Society of Canada's Transactions.

Under the auspices of the Club, three General Excursions were held during the summer.

The first was to Chelsea on Saturday 23rd May, 1896, and a full account of this excursion can be read in the June number of the NATURALIST. The second was to Rockland on the 20th June, of which a full account is published in the July number of the NATURALIST. The third was on the 26th September to Galetta and Marshall's Bay on the Mississippi and Ottawa rivers, respectively, of which a full account is recorded in the October number of the NATURALIST.

Besides the General Excursion, a number of Sub-excursions were held on Saturday afternoons, and proved to be of great interest to those who attended them.