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### THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 19TH, 1905.

During the year twenty-nine ordinary members were added to the Club. The total membership is now 265, composed of 257 ordinary and eight corresponding members.

#### SOIRÉES.

The programme of Winter Soirées was published in the December number of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, where the following announcement appears :

"The Soirée Committee considered it advisable to substitute for the formal lectures of the past a number of short popular talks each evening on the various branches of the Club's work, and the gentlemen named below have consented to speak on the subjects specified. More detailed particulars will be given through the public press before each meeting. On Zoology descriptions will be given of the life history, habits, etc., of the polar bear, fur seal, whales, star-fish, frogs, sea-urchins and other animals. The characteristic features of the Geology of the Ottawa district will be dealt with and special attention will be given to structural features as well as the history of the abundant fauna found in the rocks and clays. Ornithology, Entomology and Botany will be treated in a similar manner, each speaker giving the results of his personal observations."

Thus far the meetings have been held as published in the programme, and the successful soirées of this winter have fully justified the departure made by the Committee. Entertaining addresses have been given ; much new material has been presented ; and interesting discussions have always been provoked. One point strongly emphasized by several of the speakers is the great amount of work remaining to be done, even in the Ottawa district.