

to the success of the Club. The presence in this city, for some weeks, of Professor Fowler, of Queen's University, Kingston, was a source of much pleasure and profit to our botanists.

The prizes offered by the President have not received the attention they deserved. For the best collection of local plants, only one of the many beginners has persevered in preparing a collection for competition; but this one, numbering 257 specimens, has been so correctly prepared that it is well worthy of the prize, and we have much pleasure in recommending Mr. T. J. MacLaughlin for that honor. For the greatest number of additions to our published list we are of opinion that no prize should be awarded. A few have competed, but the President—although not a competitor—has added more than five times as many as all others.

The number of new plants this year is 24, a very satisfactory result when we remember that this is the fourth year since the "Flora Otawensis" was published. In the list this year, you will find the name of the discoverer added to each plant, so that anyone desiring duplicates may know to whom he should apply. For the first time, we notice with pleasure the name of a lady who has added to our list of new plants; it is to be hoped that during the coming year others will follow this example and some of them succeed in carrying off prizes.

It is greatly regretted that the Club excursions have not been more numerous, as this is the most favorable means we possess of bringing together workers and non-workers, and, possibly, of awakening some dormant talent for natural history.

Sub-excursions were held frequently throughout the summer; regular morning expeditions were made, and individual efforts have been prosecuted with so much zeal, that there is no available locality that has not yielded something new.

At the excursion to Des Chênes Rapids *Carya alba* and *Potentilla Canadensis* were added to our list. The former—which produces the sweet hickory nut—is of interest, as this is the most northerly and easterly point where it is recorded as growing. On the sandy islands above Aylmer two grasses were discovered—*Andropogon furcatus* and *Sorghum nutans*, also near the same spot *Lithospermum hirtum*. In the ravine near Old Chelsea the walking-fern, *Camp-*