

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

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To the Members of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club:—

The Council has great pleasure in reporting that the condition of the Club is at present very satisfactory; that its work has been prosecuted with earnestness, and that valuable scientific discoveries have been made in every branch of Natural History to which attention has been given.

The number of new members added during the year was only fifteen, but it was more than sufficient to counter-balance the losses occasioned by removal of members from the city, resignations or other causes. The membership stands at the encouraging figure of 170.

Miss E. A. Ormerod, Entomologist to the Royal Agricultural Society, of England, has been elected a corresponding member of the Club. Her publications on economic entomology are known wherever an interest is taken in such subjects, and have gained for her a deservedly high reputation. This makes the number of Corresponding Members eight, but one of these we shall shortly be able to welcome to active membership, as Prof. Saunders comes to Ottawa to take charge of the Experimental Farm, established by the Dominion Government. His labours in connection with fruit growing, entomology, and kindred subjects are known to all of you, and the Club may confidently look forward to receiving material assistance from him in carrying on its investigations, while other benefits will undoubtedly arise from the establishment of the Experimental Farm in this neighbourhood.

Several pleasant and profitable excursions were held during the summer, and were well attended. The first was to King's Mountain on the 18th May, and although the morning was very unfavourable there were enough present to fill two vans, and the trip turned out quite a success. The second was to Buckingham on 3rd June, when, in addition to the usual proceedings, a visit was made to the phosphate mills, and the process of preparing this mineral for consumption was