

ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL.—1895-1896.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE OTTAWA FIELD-NATURALISTS' CLUB:—

The Council elected by you on March the 19th, 1895, has pleasure in reporting that the byc gone year has been one of marked success.

The attendance at the excursions and lectures was most satisfactory.

The number of members at present on the roll is about 250.

To carry on the routine work of the club during the year, your council held fourteen meetings, at which *Leaders* in the various branches of the Club's work were appointed, besides an Editor and Associate-Editors for the OTTAWA NATURALIST.

At the invitation of the Royal Society of Canada to send a delegate, our President, Mr. Shutt, was chosen, as he has been previously, to represent us. At its meeting he presented the annual account of the work of the club, which account is incorporated in the Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada.

It appears necessary in the interest of the Club to draw the attention of its members to the fact that as there are at present about 100 members still in arrears, and considering that the annual fee is small, it would help the Club materially if those still in arrears, would without delay hand the amount due, to the Treasurer.

Under the auspices of the Club, three very successful excursions were held during the year.

The 1st excursion was to Chelsea on the afternoon of Saturday, May the 18th, 1895. A most enjoyable time was spent, and several Fellows of the Royal Society, as guests of the Club, were with us.

The 2nd excursion was to Galetta on the afternoon of June the 15th, 1895, and altho' not so largely attended as the previous excursion to Chelsea, still the time was most profitably spent in observing nature and in collecting specimens.

The 3rd and last excursion was to Pagan Falls, on the 14th Sept., 1895. This was an all-day excursion, and being in