

It is a male with a beautiful blending of the plumage of both parent birds. In shape and length, it resembles the Pintail, measuring $25\frac{3}{8}$ in. : tail $5\frac{3}{8}$, culmen $2\frac{1}{8}$, wing $11\frac{1}{4}$, tarsus $1\frac{3}{8}$, toe without nail 2, as against the measurement of a fresh Mallard I got for comparison : Length $23\frac{1}{4}$, wing 11, tail $3\frac{7}{8}$, culmen $2\frac{1}{8}$, tarsus $1\frac{7}{8}$, toe $2\frac{1}{8}$. The bright green head of the Mallard is toned down to a brownish green, and the ring runs up behind towards the top of the head, as in the Pintail, while below it extends and fades into brown or chestnut. The wing contains green instead of the deep violet or purple of the Mallard. The wings are the same as in the Pintail, having the pencilling much heavier than the Mallard. It is a very interesting and fine looking specimen.

In Mammalogy too, I have just received a curious specimen; a red Deer, half white. Although a heavy buck, it is not nearly as tall as an ordinary one. The white extends from the belly to half way up to the back, on sides of face, top of neck, shoulders, front leg and hind quarters. It was killed on Cove Island, Lake Huron. When I have it completed I intend to have it photographed.

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THE WINTER LECTURES.

Through the kindness of Dr. J. A. MacCabe, Principal of the Ottawa Normal School, the winter courses of lectures will be held in the commodious and comfortable Lecture room of that institution. This is a great advantage, and one which we feel sure will be appreciated by all our members. The programmes for the two series of lectures are presented herewith, and will be found to contain papers of great interest. The soiree committee, in drawing up the programmes, particularly endeavoured to obtain papers which would be of interest to the general public as well as to naturalists.

The educational aims of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club have been kept prominently in view, and to further this end it has been decided by the Council to make admission to all the lectures in both courses free to any who may wish to attend.

With the object of making the lectures as entertaining and instructive as possible, where practicable specimens will be exhibited illustrative of the subject discussed.

The chair will upon all occasions be taken promptly,—for the evening lectures at 8 o'clock, and for the Monday afternoon popular science lectures at 4.15 p.m. These afternoon lectures will last for 45 minutes, and 15 minutes will be given for discussion.