

## "THE BIRDS OF MONTREAL."

We are pleased to notice the promised publication of a new work on local ornithology under the above title. The author, Mr. Ernest D. Wintle, is an Associate Member of the American Ornithologists' Union, and has devoted ten years of special study to the bird life of his district, the results of which, with the records of previous observers, ought to furnish materials for a pretty full list as well as many interesting facts of life history. The author promises 251 species and sub-species. The work is to be descriptive and illustrated; and, treating of a district whose bird-life is in most respects similar to that of Ottawa, will no doubt furnish a convenient and useful hand book to the students of Ornithology among the members of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club. It is with pleasure we add that Mr. Wintle himself is one of our members.—A. G. K.

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## EXPERIMENTAL FARMS.

The Annual Report of the Government Experimental Farms, recently issued, is of special interest to us as the Central Farm is located at Ottawa and its officers are active members of the Field-Naturalists' Club. The Reports consist in all of 289 pages. In the first 54 the Director, Prof. Saunders, concisely outlines the operations of the various farms, and the numerous experiments with wheat and other crops. Prof. Robertson, as Agriculturist, follows with 30 pages (the space allotted to each of the officers,) on experiments in dairying, feeding stock, fodder-crops, etc. The Horticulturist, Mr. Craig, figures some new native plums and grapes, and discusses the treatment of the fungous diseases affecting various fruits. The Chemist, Mr. Shutt, gives very valuable analyses of various fodders and fertilizers, also of well-waters submitted by farmers, and the results of experiments with fungicides. The Entomologist and Botanist, Mr. Fletcher, treats carefully of the Hop-vine Borer, the Red Turnip Beetle, the Western Blister Beetle, the Birch *Bucculatrix* and of various parasites. He also treats of the Potatoe-rot and experiments for its prevention, and of Lawn and Fodder-Grasses. Mr. Gilbert, as Poultry Manager, details his experiments with various breeds, and the relative values of each. To the