

during the coming year.

Article VI of the Constitution was changed and approved so that Presidents of affiliated societies are now ex-officio members of Council. The reports of Council and of the Treasurer were read and accepted.

The following officers and members of Council were elected: President, Mr. Hoyes Lloyd; 1st Vice-Pres., Mr. G. A. Miller; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mr. Norman Criddle; Secretary, Dr. J. F. Wright; Treasurer, Mr. B. A. Fauvel; Council: W. T. Macoun, Miss M. E. Cowan, C. M. Sternberg, H. I. Smith, F. W. Waugh, P. A. Taverner, E. Sapir, E. M. Kindle, W. J. Wintemberg, R. E. DeLury, Arthur Gibson, M. O. Malte, R. M. Anderson, C. B. Hutchings, C. L. Patch, H. Groh, Dr. H. M. Ami, D. Jenness, Miss Fyles, H. F. Lewis.

Following the business meeting, Mr. Frank Morris of Peterborough delivered an address on "Hudson, the Naturalist". This address has been published in the February and March *Naturalists*. —J. F. WRIGHT, *Secretary*.

CANADIAN FIELD-NATURALIST PUBLICATION FUND.—The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club has been notified by the Department of Education, Province of Ontario, that the Club's usual grant of two hundred dollars was not voted for the fiscal year of the Province, November 1, 1924—October 31, 1925. The Club has been in receipt of an annual grant from this Department of the provincial Government since 1898, and it is the feeling of the present members of Council that very ample return has been made to the people of Ontario, through the publication of *The Ottawa Naturalist* and, subsequently, of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*, through public lectures, and by instruction given the pupils of the Normal School, Ottawa. The original note concerning the grant will be found in *The Ottawa Naturalist*, Vol. XII, 1898-9, pp. 8-9. The Hon. G. W. Ross was then Minister of Education, and the name of Dr. S. P. May, then Inspector of Mechanics' Institutes and Libraries, is mentioned in this connection.

The withdrawal of the financial support of the Province of Ontario may be serious to the well-being of the Club and *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* unless every member takes the question to heart and makes an urgent endeavor to meet the situation.

The publication of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* for one year, including nine issues of eight hundred copies each, costs fourteen hundred fifty dollars. A single volume of nine numbers costs one-eighth hundredth of this sum, or one dollar, eighty-one cents. Moreover, the entire eight hundred copies are not sold. The number of

copies of an issue which are sold is at present only about 575. The remaining 225 copies are required to supply twenty-five free copies to each author of a leading article and to maintain a moderate reserve. It thus appears that, dividing the cost of publication equally among the present 575 paid subscriptions, the fair share of the cost which must be apportioned to each of them is two dollars, fifty two-cents, or one dollar, two cents, more than is received from the subscriber! This deficit has hitherto been met by The Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, with the assistance of the provincial grant which is now withdrawn. *The Canadian Field-Naturalist* will suffer in size and quality unless other means are taken to make up for this withdrawal. Increase in the number of subscribers is of fundamental importance, as ultimate relief can be expected only from that source. But in the present emergency quicker means of raising funds are necessary. One affiliated organization, The Province of Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds, has already this year given substantial help by making a cash contribution of \$125.00 to the *Naturalist*. Other cash donations have been received from individuals who are aware of our need and of the importance of the *Naturalist* to Canada. Such contributions, which are in addition to assistance received to meet the cost of special paper and cuts for illustrations, will form the nucleus of a special "Publication Fund", which is now open for additional donations. This fund will be used to help in the publication of our magazine, thus keeping in existence a Canadian Natural History periodical. This is an opportunity for every subscriber and every affiliated organization to help, either by a donation, or by bringing the matter to the attention of others who may be interested. Your aid is solicited.

Subscriptions should be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. B. A. Fauvel, Mounted Police Headquarters, Laroque Building, Ottawa.

Cash contributions already received this year are listed below.

CANADIAN FIELD-NATURALIST PUBLICATION FUND

The Province of Quebec Society for the

Protection of Birds.	\$125.00
Dr. M. O. Malte, Ottawa.	30.00
Frits Johansen, Ottawa.	10.00
R. Meredith, Quebec.	10.00
Col. Wm. Wood, Quebec.	5.00
D. Jenness, Ottawa.	50.00

Total received. \$230.00

P. A. TAVERNER,
Chairman, Publications Committee.



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