

had left their names at the Audubon lecture of April 21.

#### Report of the Library Committee

Sales of the Club's library, handled by Mr. Bernard Amtmann, have totalled \$369.00. Mr. Amtmann had originally agreed to handled this sale on a 40 per cent commission basis. It appears, however, that he grossly underestimated the difficulty and cost of selling this material, and that the single item of printing and distributing his catalogues alone cost \$200.00. Approval was therefore given to the committee to accept an offer of \$200.00 from Mr. Amtmann in full settlement of this transaction.

#### Report of the Bird Census Committee

The Christmas Bird Census was taken on December 31, 1950. A total of 33 species and 4,159 individuals was reported, including such unusual species as a winter wren, a meadowlark, and four song sparrows. A report of the census was published in Audubon Field Notes for April, 1951, and in two Ottawa newspapers. The Christmas Bird Census for all Canada was published in the March-April, 1951, issue of The Canadian Field-Naturalist.

#### Report of the Macoun Field Club Committee

During 1951, the M.F.C. was divided on the basis of age and experience into three groups of about 20 children each. Each group had 21 regular weekly meetings in three series, Winter, Spring, and Autumn. The two younger groups enjoyed seven excursions to points of interest in the Ottawa vicinity, while the High School group concentrated on their project area around the Champlain Bridge, being greatly helped and encouraged in the study of aquatic life through the assistance of Mr. E. Bousfield of the Museum staff.

The third anniversary of the Club was celebrated in April with a special meeting at which 19 members were presented with club badges. The speaker was the Rev. A. E. O. Anderson, and movies taken by the Canadian Wildlife Service were shown. M.F.C. exhibits were on display at the annual dinner of the O.F.N.C. A number of younger members assisted Dr. Douglas Leechman with his Eskimo lecture at the Museum by modelling Eskimo clothing and displaying implements. The first issue of the M.F.C.'s magazine "Ursa Minor — the Little Bear" has been produced, and a second issue is in preparation.

#### Report of the Geological Excursion Committee

About 30 persons took part in a two day geological excursion in the Ottawa district. On May 25, Dr. Morley Wilson conducted a tour which included stops at the Brucite mine of the Aluminum Company of Canada south of Wakefield, and other points of particular interest. On May 26, Dr. Alice Wilson conducted a tour of the Palaeozoic and Precambrian formations of the Ontario side of the Ottawa River. It is hoped that the outstanding success of this excursion will result in its becoming a regular annual activity of the Club.

#### Report of the Gattineau Park Committee

The committee has examined the Kingsmere estate on three separate occasions, and has prepared some preliminary recommendations on planting, general management, and the setting aside of about 500 acres in the more remote areas to be retained as a primaeval area.

(Signed)

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Pres. Sec.

## NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

#### The European Starling on Vancouver Island.

— Two European Starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*) were recorded at Victoria, B.C. on September 6, 1951, following a report by Fenwick Lansdowne of that city. The birds were roosting in a red cedar hedge when first observed, flying from there to the top of a small Garry oak where they remained under observation of the Museum ornithologist for the better part of an hour.

Due to city restrictions on the discharge of firearms, no specimen was collected on this occasion. From the number of reports received at the Museum during the past year it seems likely that the species is now established on Vancouver Island, and that specimen records will follow in short order.

— C. J. GUIGUET, Provincial Museum, Victoria, B.C.



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