

ly hard and hazardous undertaking and occupies a full half hour at least.

On May 28th five nests were examined containing three fresh eggs each. One was on top of a dead poplar 45 ft. up; two in live pine, about 60 ft. up, and one each in dead tamarack and balsam 50 ft. up. The following day two other nests were examined and they contained two fresh eggs each. On June 14th nine nests were located all containing three eggs each—which were on the point of hatching. A number of other trees were unclimbable. The birds apparently begin laying in this locality about May 24th. All of the sets taken were nicely marked as is usual with this species, the ground color being almost covered by the reddish coloration.

FALL EXCURSION.

An excursion of the Club was held to the Experimental Farm on Saturday afternoon, October 9th, when a fair number of members and others were present to inspect the fine grounds and Arboretum of this institution. Among the features especially attracting attention were the extensive hedges, demonstrating the value of various shrubs and trees for this purpose; the group of cedars or *Arbor Vitae* showing what a range of horticultural types may be obtained; the curious Maiden-hair tree *Ginkgo biloba*; some Japanese Anemones, which were still in the height of bloom, after most other flowers were out of season, etc.

An object lesson of considerable interest was the collection of wild, unimproved apples. The Old World *Pyrus baccata*, with its tiny fruits scarcely larger than peas, and the native American crab apple *Pyrus coronaria*, with somewhat larger, but extremely unpleasant fruits were strikingly in contrast with the large, fleshy, attractively colored and flavored apples which we know, fortunately, so much better.

Following the copious rains of a few days previous, mushrooms of several kinds were much in evidence. The characteristic circular colonies of the "Fairy ring" mushroom, *Marasmius oreades*, were especially noticeable in the thick sod of the Arboretum.

The majority of the trees had already lost the brilliance of their autumn foliage, but those which were still in this conspicuous garb, together with the scarlet fruits of the barberry, the burning bush, and others, were much appreciated. Remarks were made by the leaders on the cause of autumnal coloration, and on such other topics as were suggested by the observations of the afternoon.

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