

for we now knew the best way to go and did not leave the creek valley except at the canyon, and there by climbing a few hundred feet the steep rocks were avoided; the great trouble was to move slowly enough, for in four hours after we had left our camp on the mountain, scratched and torn we had reached our boat at the lake.

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EXCURSIONS.

The excursions held by the Club during the past season have been remarkably successful in every way. In addition to the general excursions sub-excursions have also been made under the guidance of the leaders upon the Saturday afternoons throughout the summer. These will be mentioned in the Annual Reports of the Branches.

EXCURSION No. 1.—May 31, 1890.—A most successful field-day was held to Butternut Grove, in the Chelsea Mountains, as the first General Excursion of the Club. The locality was a new one, and proved to be all that could be desired. The members and their friends, to the number of 130 availed themselves of this opportunity to spend a pleasant and instructive day in the woods. The weather was simply perfect, and the interest shewn by all was a guarantee of the thorough enjoyment which everyone shared. At 4 o'clock the genial and popular President, Dr. R. W. Ells, having called the party together beneath the refreshing shade of a grove of beech trees, congratulated all present upon the complete success of the day; he then asked the leaders to speak of the various treasures collected in their several branches during the Excursion. Mr. Fletcher was first called upon; he spoke of the rarer and more interesting plants. Mr. Kingston, who followed him with observations upon birds seen during the day, found an attentive and eager audience. Mr. T. J. MacLaughlin, when speaking of the insects which had been taken, made an eloquent address and touched upon some of the points of the theory of development as illustrated in the insect world. Mr. H. M. Ami explained concisely the geological formation of the district, and was followed on the same subject by Prof. Bailey, F.R.S.C., of the University of New Brunswick, and also a member of the Club, who expressed his pleasure at being able to attend one of the excursions of the Club, of which he had often read accounts. At the invitation of the President, Mr. Horace T. Martin, of the Montreal Natural History Society, addressed the meeting. He spoke in high terms of the systematic manner in which