

Mr. W. Scott, the botanical leader, drew attention to some of the rarer plants he had found. Botanically Casselman is a most interesting locality, several plants found here, not having been detected in any other place near Ottawa. Of these mention may be made of *Saururus cernuus*, *Phlox divaricata*, *Hypericum Ascyron*, *Thaspium aureum* and *Rudbeckia laciniata*.

Mr. W. A. D. Lees gave a good account of the birds seen by his party during the afternoon and spoke of their habits.

Mr. H. M. Ami spoke in his usual earnest manner and explained the rock and clay formations seen on the way to Casselman and there exhibited.

EXCURSION No. 3.—On the 19th of July a most successful excursion was held to Montebello by steamer "Empress." The weather was fine and a large number attended. On arriving at Montebello some visited the famous mansion and grounds, others explored the beautiful mountain from which the place takes its name, while a fortunate few, of the geological branch, were very kindly taken by the Hon. Mr. Papineau some distance up the river in his steam yacht to inspect certain tracks of marine animals there exposed in the rock. They were afterwards most hospitably entertained to luncheon at the Papineau mansion, for all of which, as for many like kindnesses in the past, the club is deeply indebted to Mr. Papineau. While returning by boat addresses were given: By Mr. Ami on the interesting marine tracks mentioned above; by Mr. Whyte on the plants collected, many of which were rare, and by Mr. Lees on the more noteworthy birds observed during the day.

EXCURSION No. 4. August 9th.—A trip to the Mer Bleu, in August, when the blueberries are ripe, has long been talked of by members of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, but it was not until this year that it could be arranged.

Upon the above date, however, a large party left by the C. A. P. 1 p.m. train, and found that the pleasures anticipated in such an excursion were in no way over-estimated.

On arriving at Eastman's Springs Station, Mr. R. B. Whyte acting as President announced the programme for the afternoon. The