

EXCURSION TO GALETTA.

The last excursion of the season was held on Saturday, the 15th of September, to Galetta, on the Ottawa Arnprior and Parry Sound Ry. This excursion, notwithstanding that it was not largely attended, was decidedly a successful one. The day, although rather overcast early in the morning, turned out all that could be asked by the most fastidious. The locality visited, is one of great natural beauty, and the arrangements made by the acting-president, Mr. Shutt, were such as to call forth the grateful appreciation of all who were fortunate enough to participate in this pleasant outing. On arriving at the Galetta station the party was met by Messrs. George and Galetta Whyte, and escorted to the town hall, which had been kindly placed at the disposal of the excursionists. Here, without further delay, the lunch baskets were deposited, and the Naturalists divided themselves into two parties, one under the guidance of Dr. H. M. Ami went off to examine the rocks and collect geological specimens. The larger number, led by Mr. Galetta Whyte, and with Mr. Robert Whyte and Mr. Fletcher as botanical leaders, and Dr. Ellis as geologist, started off by a circuitous path through the woods, towards Dingley's Syne. Many specimens of interest were collected on the way. Wood-ducks in large numbers and a few "partridge" were seen around the frequent ponds. When the Syne was reached most of the party were glad to rest in the shade, after their hot walk. They were not, however, idle, and the stream furnished many nice specimens of freshwater shells and water plants. Upon returning to the village again an hour was profitably spent in refreshing the inner man, and at 2:30 all were called together to hear the addresses of the leaders, which were delivered in Mr. Whyte's beautiful grove, close to the village.

Galetta is a thriving village about thirty miles from Ottawa, on the south and east sides of the Mississippi River. There are several pretty houses, a good store, a grist mill and a woollen factory. A notable feature of the locality is the magnificent water power, which has only to some extent, as yet, been made use. For some distance above and below the village the river is rapid and cut up by most picturesque chutes or falls, overhung by tree-laden banks. A mile distant, on the top of the hill is the comfortable homestead of Mr. Charles Mohr, well known throughout the district for his hospitality.