

mostly leopard frogs, as well as many invertebrates, crustaceans, spiders and worms. Altogether it was a delightful and instructive outing.

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BEAVER MEADOW, HULL.

The third outing took place in the afternoon of May 22nd to Beaver Meadow, Hull, perhaps the most profitable field for the Club's out-door work. Owing to fear of the high water then raging in the Ottawa River, which had already flooded a short stretch of the Aylmer Road at the end of Hull, or for some other reason, there was only a small attendance in spite of the fine weather. About 15 persons took part, including only two ladies. For this reason the party did not divide itself up, but stayed together and went out along the west bank of the meadow to the quarry and then crossed on logs, etc., over to the east bank, returning on it. The west bank is perhaps the most prolific place near Ottawa for the botanist, rare plants like the showy orchis (*Orchis spectabilis*) being found there, as well as other kinds of commoner ones in profusion. The ferns fairly revel there, the dainty maiden hair, and the two oak ferns occurring in great clumps. The east bank, again, is a splendid locality for columbine (*Aquilegia Canadensis*), *Habenaria hyperborea*, and the only place in the vicinity of Ottawa where the Red or Wood Lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*) may be found. Many water and swamp plants also abound. Mr. A. H. W. Cleave, Superintendent of the Royal Mint, who has since been added to the membership roll of the Club, exhibited a great amount of small and semi-microscopic life-forms, which he with an ingenious contrivance fished out of the stagnant waters along the way. Besides larvae of mosquitoes, dragon flies and mayflies he showed specimens of *Daphnia* and *Cypris*.

Although the day was fine and the migration of birds at its height, they were not as plentiful as was to be expected, only 27 species being noted. These were: several Chimney Swifts, 1-2 Nighthawks, 1 Phoebe, 1 Crested Flycatcher, 5-6 Bronzed Grackles, 1 Flicker, 10-15 White-throated Sparrows, and many Song and several Clipping Sparrows, the Tree, Bank and Barn Swallows, 1 Blue-headed Vireo; the following warblers, Bay breasted, Nashville, Myrtle, Yellow, Chestnut-sided, Black and White-creeping, Blackthroated Green, the Ovenbird, Redstart, Yellowthroat, the House, Winter and Short-billed Marsh Wrens, many Robins, several Bluebirds and Veeries or Wilson's Thrushes, 2-3 Catbirds and 1 Killdeer. The habitant living at the entrance to the lane into the meadow had a queer cage-bird, caught that day, in the shape of a Sora Rail (*Sora Caroliniana*). A nest of the Red-shouldered Hawk, about 35 feet up in an elm tree was in-