

17,580 died from disease; during the Civil War 186,236 died from disease and in the French expedition to Madagascar in 1894 only 29 were killed and 7,000 died from disease. Most of these deaths were probably due to the irresponsibility and carelessness of insects, and man has therefore suffered. How long will he continue to be the victim?

EXCURSIONS.

BLUEBERRY POINT.—The excursion to Blueberry Point on May 7th was attended by about forty members of the Club, students of the Normal School and others. The weather being of the very best, and the locality one with many distinctive features, much good work was accomplished by the various groups. The interest in the locality, especially for those who have been visiting it through a long series of years, was somewhat heightened by the realization that its day as a wild natural retreat, is doomed by the encroachments of the real estate agent and the summer cottager. Already the picturesque name of the past, derived from the profusion of Blueberries growing there, has been supplanted by the more fantastic, though less significant name of Wychwood, while "streets" already blazed and labelled, extend with offending boldness into the very heart of the grove.

The passing of Blueberry Point will be regretted by all who have known it. It is one of the few accessible localities around Ottawa for the pretty Trailing Arbutus; as also for some trees, to be referred to below. The Arbutus was found to be still abundant, although at that date almost past blooming. The Aromatic Wintergreen with its shining leaves, and bright scarlet fruit, both persisting from last year, was also much in evidence.

The principal observations of the afternoon were presented by the Leaders, when all had gathered together again at five o'clock. The President, Mr. Halkett, called for these reports, and himself dealt with the zoological "finds" of the day. Specimens of two species of Salamanders were taken: *Spelerpes ruber* (a beautiful form), and *Plethodon glutinosus*. Much interest was manifested in examining the forms of life in the pools, several specimens of crustaceans, including *Daphnia*, being found, and one of the isopods, *Asellus aquaticus*. Judging from the character of the tubes of the larvæ of a certain Caddis-fly, probably this was a third species observed during the excursions of this season. These tubes were mostly made of bits of small coniferous leaves which pointed outwards like the spines on the shell of a sea-urchin.