

and back through the woods. To a naturalist there are many things of interest to be found in the woods in winter, and many objects attracted the attention of the party. The leaves being off the trees in winter, the birds' nests are more easily found now than they are in the summer, and may be taken without compunction, although some young ladies who were passing made the remark that it was "a shame to rob the poor birds' nests," thinking, perhaps, as we are afraid too many do, that the birds use the same nest two years in succession. It is true that some birds do this, but very few of those which are seen about Ottawa. Nests of what were taken to be the least flycatcher, Maryland yellow throat, and one of the vireos were among those seen. A few chickadees were the only birds observed during the afternoon. The beauty and usefulness of the climbing bitter-sweet—*Celastrus scandens*—was impressed on the members of the club by the fine appearance of the scarlet berries which were seen in great abundance and still in good condition. This is one of the best climbers to plant about a house, as the foliage is seldom injured by insects during the summer, and is of an attractive shade of green and the highly colored fruit, which remains on the plants all winter, makes the home look quite cheerful. The red, white and black ash were all observed among many other trees, these three being easily distinguished by the color of the wood and the buds. An apple tree was found growing wild among the forest trees. Chance apple seedlings are not so common in this part of Ontario as they are further south and west.

The eggs of the tent caterpillar were found on the choke cherry, a favorite food of this insect. The finding of these eggs there and elsewhere this winter shows that the tent caterpillar is again on the increase.

After a very enjoyable outing, which was a welcome change to those who have to be in offices all week, the party reached Hull about 5.30 p.m.

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