

for about eight miles around the city. Most of the crop is sent to England. A very effective hedge, consisting of a form of cacti is generally used around the orange groves. The country around Jaffa is fairly prosperous. The field crops consist largely of wheat. The flowers of this region are poppy anemones, and cyclamens, many of the latter being as good as our cultivated forms. Thirty miles inland from Jaffa, the country begins to get barren and desolate. Palestine has few trees and in the Jerusalem district the Olive is the only tree. There are a few annual flowers.

Mr. Whyte spent four days in Jerusalem and from there visited such places as Bethlehem. His large collection of picture postcards added interest to the talk.

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#### EXCURSIONS.

The Excursion Committee of the Club has arranged the following spring excursions:—

May 8—Rockcliffe.

" 15—Iron Mines at Ironside.

" 22—Britannia.

" 29—Aylmer.

June 5—Rideau Canal by Motor Boats.

#### PRIZES OFFERED FOR COLLECTIONS TO BE MADE DURING 1915

For the best collection of not less than 50 different species of native Canadian deciduous trees and shrubs, illustrating the reproductive, vegetative and dormant stages of the same. Prize valued at \$5.00 offered by Miss F. Fyles, Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

For an essay on any topic relating to Canadian Botany—No limit to length. Prize valued at \$5.00 offered by Mr. H. T. Gussow, Dominion Botanist, Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

For the best collection of dried specimens of fungi of no less than 100 species. Prize valued at \$5.00 offered by Mr. H. T. Gussow, Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

For the best collection of at least 200 species of insects from the Ottawa District, special marks to be given for species attacking garden and field crops. Prize valued at \$5.00 offered by Mr. Arthur Gibson, Entomological Branch, Ottawa.

For the first information of a prehistoric village site or cemetery within ten miles of the Victoria Memorial Museum, available for exploration. Prize valued at \$5.00 offered by Mr. Harlan I. Smith.

Directions re the making of above collections and further information may be had on application to the donors.