

NEW SPECIES OF CANADIAN VIOLETS.

We are pleased to announce for our next issue a paper on some new species of violets, which will be hailed with great satisfaction by Canadian botanists. This paper is now being prepared by Mr. James M. Macoun, Assistant Botanist of the Geological Survey Department, and is the result of a critical study of the whole group of several species, which up to the present time have passed under the name of *Viola cucullata*, Ait. In the last number of "Pittonia" (24th Sept., 1898), the editor, Dr. Greene, who has described the new species, speaks in the following complimentary terms of Mr. Macoun's careful work :—

"Whatever of value these notes may contain is largely, if not chiefly, due to abundant living specimens and very copious and intelligently made field-notes, which have been forwarded to me by Mr. Macoun, whose modesty alone seems to have stood in the way of his publishing them himself ; for all the new species here described were so carefully studied by him, that independently of my own opinion, he regarded them as undescribed."

Mr. Macoun has grown all of the species referred to, and studied them at every stage of their growth. We hope to publish with this paper figures illustrating the salient characters by which they may be recognized.

EXCURSION NO. 2 TO CHATS FALLS.

Notwithstanding the threatening aspect of the weather a very large number attended the excursion to the beautiful Chats rapids of the Upper Ottawa on June 25th. The route taken was by electric cars to Aylmer and thence by the comfortable steamer *G. B. Green* to the falls. Unfortunately owing to the lowness of the water in the Ottawa, it was impossible to land at our original destination, Fitzroy Harbour. The party accordingly disembarked at Moore's wharf some two miles below the above point. As this was a new district it was full of interest to our naturalists, and the members of the Camera Club, many of whom we were pleased to have with us on the expedition, found