

The wind blew and the rain fell, while searching for *calluna vulgaris*, which it was understood grew hereabout. The plant may be found fringing the new road a little below Fort Cambridge. It is a vexed question whether it is indigenous or an exotic. Several papers have been read before the Institute by Professor Lawson and others, and these contain the best possible evidence on the subject. It is found in Newfoundland, Cape Breton, several parts of Nova Scotia proper, and also in some of the northern States of the adjacent Republic. It may be an imported plant, and meeting with congenial soil have spread; but nowhere in America does it present the expansive propensity of the heather of Scotland or the English heath. The evidence appears just as strong for its being indigenous. But as in connection with *our* heather we have a not very pleasing remembrance of a walk in heavy rain from Point Pleasant to the City, we must leave the further discussion of such a knotty point in botanical science to those who may choose to fight over it.

The party returned to the city at full speed, with a determination to carry out the second part of the programme at an early and more hopeful day.

In pursuance of the determination above expressed, another meeting was summoned to assemble at the Tower, Point Pleasant, on Saturday, the 24th ult., cross the Ferry, and work the shore onward to York Redoubt.

The day was beautifully fine, but a fewer number was present than on the previous occasion. There were, however, more pleasurable incidents connected with the jaunt. Mackerel had struck in to the mouth of the Arm, seines had been shot, and the fishermen were busy at work. One of these seines had stopped, by computation, eighty barrels of fish, and others were more or less expectant. It is to be hoped that a gracious Providence will realize to the fishermen an abundant harvest of the deep. With spirits raised by the prospect, the party landed at Purcell's Cove, when a beautiful aquatic vision met their gaze. The "Bellerophon," flag ship of Admiral Inglefield, was seen, steaming leisurely

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