

I append a short account of some of the plants observed between Ottawa and Victoria. The names of these and indeed any information about them have been furnished me by Mr. James Macoun ; and have to add that they are simply some of the more common kinds which were readily seen during the journey.

The showy Philadelphia lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*), was the first flower to attract my attention. It, with *Cypripedium spectabile*, was very abundant between Bell's Corners and Stittsville within the fences that bound the railway track. Between Dog Lake, which was crossed at Missinabic station, and Winnipeg the plants observed were mostly those peculiar to swamps and boggy woods—the most conspicuous being *Ledum latifolium*, Ait., and *Kalmia glauca*, Ait. *Caltha palustris*, L., was common in ditches ; and near Port Arthur the beautiful large white-flowered *Rubus nutkanus*, Moc., was first seen, but was most abundant in thickets along the railway embankment in the interior of British Columbia. Upon entering the prairie, a marked change was observable in the floral species. Two species of *Astragalus* are very common—*A. hypoglottis*, L., and *A. pectinatus*, Dough. The predominating colour among the flowers of the prairie is yellow. This, however, is owing to the conspicuous character of that colour, and not indicative of the species of plants, as was evident whenever there was an opportunity to step off the cars and look about. One such conspicuous flower is *Thermopsis rhombifolia*, whilst the genera *Arnica*, *Senecio*, and *Potentilla* are well represented. Some of the most beautiful of the flowers plucked on the prairie were *Linum perenne*, L. ; *Oxytropis Lamberti*, Pursh ; *Castilleja miniata*, Dougl. ; *Malvastrum coccineum*, Gray ; and *Companula rotundifolia*, L.

" At the Glacier hotel a large bunch of *Erythronium grandiflorum* graced the centre of each table. This species is very