

provements taking place in this vicinity are producing great changes in the flora, causing the disappearance of many rare and beautiful species, and the introduction of hardy and noxious weeds. As time goes on, the houses, creeping out block by block from the narrow area enclosed by the walls in olden times, fill up the vacant lots and fields. By degrees new drains and tunnels are drying up the pools where the pondweeds grew, and duckweed mantled the surface o'er with green, and the swamps and ravines no longer afford the moist and shady home for the orchids and moccasin flowers of former years. Further away from the din of busy industry, the farms and market gardens are rapidly encroaching on the woods and copses, while these again are being robbed of their pristine character by the constant incursions of men and cattle, and thus, soon, the lover of flowers may look in vain for our sweet-scented pyrolas and slipper-plants, and be forced to say in the words of the old Scottish song,

“The flowers of the forest are a' wede awa'.”

So rapidly is this process of encroachment on rural parts going on, that sometimes plants essentially of the country and fen, are surrounded and imprisoned by the advancing lines and forming squares of houses. Thus, specimens of the marsh five-finger, and buckbean or swamp gentian, and other swamp plants, could be seen only a year ago growing in a boggy lot between Richmond square and the R.R. track. The following are some examples which occur at the moment, of particular localities where somewhat uncommon species of plants may be found: *Orchis spectabilis*, ravine head of University street; *Viola Selkirkii*, amongst loose rocks at the base of the east end of the Mountain; *Viola sagittata*, rising ground back of Hochelaga village; *Viola lanceolata*, near Mde. Bruneau's, Montarville; *Atragene Americana*, brow of mountain above Ravenseraig, and summit of Belœil mountain; *Uvularia sessilifolia*, top of the Mountain, above Terrace Bank; *Crataegus oxyantha*, the English hawthorn, St. Helen's Island; *Claytonia Virginica*, woodland at the base of the east end of the Mountain, near the cemetery fence; *Aralia trifolia*, swamp in the cemetery; *Aspidium fragrans*, exposed rocks near the lake, Belœil Mountain.

These may furnish some localities new to many collectors in this neighbourhood, and other localities of somewhat rare species will be furnished in future numbers. Any one making known