

twenty-five visited New Edinburgh. The geologists examined a number of waterworks' excavations, and the botanists and entomologists rambled about Hemlock Lake in search of treasures. The usual "talks" were given on re-assembling near Rideau Hall; Mr. Ami speaking first as geological Leader. Several excavations on Creighton street had been visited, which exposed Utica shales, highly bituminous and rich in fossil remains. Some good specimens had been secured by various members, including species probably new to the local lists. Mr. Harrington drew attention to the manner in which the upper portions of the palings of the Rideau Hall fence were scraped, and explained that this was the work of our large wasps, which utilized the fibres of the wood for making the paper of which they composed their nests. After making some further remarks on the habits of these interesting insects, he exhibited specimens of the two species of tent-caterpillars, *Bombyx distria* and *Americana*, pointing out the distinctive markings and their beauty. Mr. Fletcher, in a very lucid and interesting way, explained the characteristic features of the following plants, and pointed out how certain of them might be distinguished from closely allied species: *Linnaea borealis*, *Sanicula canadensis*, *Medeola virginica*, *Orchis spectabilis*, *Senecio aureus*, *Arabis perfoliata*, *Rhus toxicodendron*, *Viburnum acerifolium*, *V. pubescens*, *Acer saccharinum*, do. var. *nigrum*, *A. pennsylvanicum*, *A. spicatum*, *Arenaria serpyllifolia*, *Pelea gracilis*, *Carex longirostris* and *Fracinus americana*.

SIXTH.—On the 18th June a very pleasant visit was paid to the Experimental Farm. It had been the intention of the leaders to first visit Dow's Swamp, but, through some misunderstanding, the vans engaged did not appear at two o'clock, and when they were obtained it was so late that it was deemed best to drive straight to the Farm. The geologists were left temporarily at a quarry near the St. Louis Dam, while the remainder of the party kept on to the residence of the Director, Prof. Saunders, who received them very cordially. After a few minutes rest and conversation, those who desired to collect were conducted by the Professor to a wooded tract near by, where, for an hour or so, they hunted assiduously and with good success. After this a time, only too brief, was devoted to inspecting the work accomplished