

EXCURSIONS.

Excursion No. 2, Galetta.—Weather of the bright, exhilarating order ; a large gathering of enthusiastic naturalists, and a region rich in scenery and varied in the natural products, all combined to make the excursion to Galetta on the 15th of June one of the most enjoyable in the history of the Club's outings.

About 140 excursionists gathered at Elgin street station at 1.45 in the afternoon, from whence they were taken by the Parry Sound railway to Galetta, some 35 miles distant. The train slowed up at McDougall's and Graham's Crossings, where the numbers were swelled by the addition of parties from the Experimental Farm and Richmond Road.

The railway passes through some of the finest agricultural districts of Carleton County, now "in verdure clad" with the green of the meadows and grain fields.

The village of Galetta is reached in an hour. Here the party is met and cordially welcomed by Mr. G. C. Whyte, a brother of the well-known enthusiast in botany. Mr. R. B. Whyte, at whose recommendation the locality at Galetta was chosen. The town hall was kindly placed at our disposal, and was used as a storing room for wraps and lunch baskets.

The next move was to collect forces, designate leaders for the various branches, and begin the serious business of the afternoon. It was at this time that the unavoidable absence of such well appreciated and willing leaders as Mr. Fletcher, Drs. Ami and Ells, was felt and deeply regretted.

President Shutt then explained the geography of the district and asked Messrs. Whyte and Craig to lead in the search for botanical specimens : while Prof. Prince, Messrs. Halkett, Whiteaves and Ferrier represented the zoological and geological sections.

The principal exploring grounds lay along the banks of the Mississippi, a tributary of the Ottawa, and in the vicinity of Chats Lake.

It may be interesting to note here that Galetta is situated on a spur of the same Laurentian formation which crosses the Ottawa River at the Chats Falls. This ridge of gneiss crops out prominently at