

THE WELL AT SELKIRK.

In the spring of 1894, a supply of water for the Selkirk fish hatchery, other than that of the Red River, being required, a well was drilled and a supply obtained after penetrating three hundred feet. The first or upper part was through 97 feet of till, then to a depth of 264 feet in limestone, reaching a dark shale, in which sandy layers, containing gravel, gave a sufficient supply of water. The specimens obtained from the drilling, show that the limestone through which the drilling was made, consists in the upper half of semi-crystalline light yellow beds, similar in a great measure to those rocks exposed at Selkirk and Lower Fort Garry.

At a depth of 185 feet, or 88 feet below the top of the limestone, a series of beds about 9 feet in thickness, were called by the drillers, sandstone, but it is found from the specimens to be mostly a band of fine grained limestone, through which cherty masses are scattered. The percentage of silica is low, being under ten. Examples of this rock are very probably to be seen at Cat Head, on the west shore of Lake Winnipeg, where the cliff is of a fine yellow magnesian limestone, and the lower beds well pitted with small cherty concretions.

The specimens from the lower part of the limestone in the well, are all of a light colored limestone, somewhat coarser in texture than at the middle of the section, and are, no doubt, similar to the limestone of the shores of the lake at Grindstone Point and Dog Head. The thickness from the cherty layer to the base of the limestone was 79 feet, or a trifle more than that measured on the lake.

 EXCURSION No. 2., O. F. N. C.

Excursion to Galetta.—Arrangements are nearly completed for the Club's second Excursion, which will be held on SATURDAY afternoon, **15th June, 1895.** **Galetta**, a charming village on the Mississippi River, about thirty miles from Ottawa, along the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Ry., is the place selected. This is one of the most interesting and newest localities visited by the Club, and collectors of plants, insects, shells, rocks or other objects of Natural History, will find Galetta a perfect treasure land. There is excellent fishing, besides interesting outcrops of crystalline limestone and many beautiful bits of woodland, forest and stream scenery for members of the **Camera Club.**

Rates, etc.—Excursion train with Naturalists', etc., leave at 1.30 p.m., reaching Galetta at 2.30 p.m., return at sundown. Members tickets, fifty cents; non-members, sixty cents; children, half-price. Tickets to be obtained at the station or from members of the Council or of the Excursion Committee.