

the canal for which the stone is being taken out, and who very generously provided a bountiful supply of fruits and refreshments. Mr Angus McLean kindly escorted the party, and Mr. Gardner, the Superintendent of the quarries, was most obliging in describing the operations.

SUB-EXCURSIONS.

The continued rains and unpleasant weather of the early spring months rendered it often impossible to hold the regular Saturday afternoon outing, but members took advantage of any propitious days. A very pleasant visit was made on May 20th, to the Beaver Meadow, Hull, and many interesting plants and insects were obtained. Among the more conspicuous plants which were in charming profusion, and of which several fine nosegays were gathered, may be mentioned Trilliums, (white and red) *Uvularia*, *Dicentra* (Squirrel-corn, very abundant,) *Dentaria* and Violets of several kinds. A nice addition to the Ottawa List of Coleoptera was made by Master T. MacLaughlin who captured a fine male of *Dicelus teter*, Bon. Among the Carabidæ captured may also be noted *Calosoma frigidum*, Kirby and *Harpalus vulpeculus*, Say.

The Mer Bleue, a favorite resort of our botanists, was visited on June 3rd and the masses of bloom which decked the surface of the "Big Swamp" gave it a most attractive appearance. Among the more showy plants growing around the borders or scattered among the prevailing *Cassandra calyculata* (Leather-leaf) mention may be made of *Menyanthes trifoliata* (Buck bean), *Kalmia glauca* (Sheep Laurel), *Pirus arbutifolia* (Choke-berry,) *Andromeda polifolia*, with its lovely delicate blossoms, *Vaccinium corymbosum* (Swamp-Blueberry) and three species of *Eriophorum* (Cotton Rushes) one of them (*Eriophorum russeolum*) being new to our local flora. Insects were not abundant but several interesting species were taken, including two examples of a previously unrecorded butterfly, (*Thecla angustus*.)

Casselman which has always proved a rich collecting ground was visited on June 10th, by a strong botanical contingent among whom was Prof. Fowler, F.R.S.C., of Queen's University, Kingston. As usual the party was well rewarded by the occurrence of many fine plants including the following additions to the local lists :—*Polygonatum giganteum*, *Polygonum erectum* and *Phragmites communis*. Some of the party went on three or four miles, where the land becomes swampy as