

SPRING EXCURSIONS.

At a meeting of the Excursions Committee held on the 5th inst., the following Spring sub-excursions were decided upon:—

April 16th—Rockcliffe.

April 23rd—Britannia.

April 30th—Billings' Bridge.

May 7th—Blueberry Point, near Aylmer.

May 14th—Beaver Meadow, near Hull.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EDITOR, OTTAWA NATURALIST.—

Not having a photo I send a rough pencil sketch of a freak of nature in the shape of two cedar trees (*Thuja gigantea*) naturally grafted together on the property of my brother, Mr. A. B. Anderson, South Saanich, B.C., the like of which I have never previously experienced in all my travels through the forests of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. The butts of the original trees are about 15 feet apart and the point of junction I judge to be about 18 feet from the ground; the size of the butts being respectively about 2 and 3 feet in diameter. Apparently the larger tree had fallen over (probably in youth) on to the smaller and presumably by continual friction had effected a junction; the larger tree then taking precedence and forming the head, the top of the smaller being eventually forced out of place.

This is not a case of a tree having grown on the trunk of a fallen tree and the roots thus forming an arch after the disappearance of the dead trunk, as is frequently the case, as can easily be seen by the distance of the trunks from each other and the height at which the junction is effected.

It would be interesting to learn whether any of your readers know of a similar case.

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MEETING OF THE BOTANICAL BRANCH.

The ninth meeting of the Botanical Branch was held at the home of Mr. W. T. Macoun, Experimental Farm, on March 5th, 1910. There were present, in addition to the Chairman, Messrs. G. H. Clark, R. B. Whyte, L. H. Newman, H. Groh, A. E. Attwood, W. H. Harrington, Dr. Blackader, and Prof. J. Macoun. The subject chosen for the evening was "Hardy Herbaceous Plants," with especial reference to the habitats of the