

August 12th.—Wind northerly.

August 13th.—Wind south.

August 14th.—Wind south.

August 15th.—Wind north.

August 16th.—Wind light and southerly.

August 17th.—Calm.

August 18th, Great Slave Lake.—Wind south-west, rained heavily nearly all night and well into the day.

August 19th.—Wind north-west, but very light.

August 20th.—Wind west, but light.

August 21st.—Wind north.

CONCHOLOGY.

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The presence in Ottawa of the Rev. G. W. Taylor, and his enthusiasm as a student of mollusca life, led the Conchological branch to organize an excursion to the Laurentian lakes on September 22nd. Behind a fine team of bays driven by Landreville, five enthusiastic naturalists left town, as dawn was breaking through a heavy downpour of rain. The vehicle was uncovered, but rubber coats and tarpaulins successfully repelled the attacks of Jupiter Pluvius. With tales of flood and field, of wild adventure on the Fraser, Columbia and Peace, and the prairies of Sumass and Manitoba, the time passed pleasantly and rapidly. The mountains were reached before nine, and to please the botanists present, an expedition was led to a defile, into which the Walking-leaf Fern *Camptosores rhizophyllus* has retreated from the vandals who have exterminated it nearer Ottawa. A few specimens showing the tip of the frond taking root were selected, and the remainder left to increase and multiply, in their own peculiar way. The graceful little *Asplenium trichomanes* and *Aspidium Braunii*, both rare species here, were also noticed. On the side of the mountain where these ferns are found, many land shells were taken. The journey was then resumed in the rain, but frequent halts were made, now to collect a fern or dainty moss, now a Catocala moth, and again a fine specimen of the Ginseng, *Aralia quinquefolia*, whose bright fruit though hidden in the dense foliage on the mountain side had caught the watchful eye