

Professor Macoun was first called upon and gave one of his characteristic speeches, in which he drew wide conclusions as to the best methods of studying Nature and getting acquainted with her ways, in the field. Dr. H. M. Ami followed, giving a brief sketch of the geology of the region visited. The geological party had gone west to a cutting in which sea-shells were collected in abundance. These were exhibited, as were also a number of the principal rocks of the locality traversed. Crystalline limestones, phosphate of lime, gneisses that carried abundance of garnets in their sheared mass, iron ores, were described. Both ends of the geological scale met at this point. The oldest rocks which compose the earth's crust, and the youngest or newest—the Archæan and the Pleistocene—are here in immediate contact.

Dr. James Fletcher spoke on "Seed Babies," Cotyledons. Their functions and uses were carefully delineated and examples shown from specimens obtained during the day. Other forms of plant-life observed during the afternoon were exhibited by him and notes given on insects captured. A fine pair of the Luna moth was shown by Mr. E. R. Howes, which had been collected by one of the party. The eggs of the Cone Bunting were shown and the habits of the bird described.

Dr. A. H. MacKay, of Halifax, followed with pleasant and witty remarks on the Club's work and the good resulting from such outings as the present.

Dr. G. U. Hay spoke of the vast resources of Canada and the need for students all over the Dominion. His recent visit to the West Coast had revealed to him a field of untold magnitude and an inheritance for Canadians of tremendous import.

Dr. Hodge was the last speaker. He received a perfect ovation on rising to respond to the call of the President. He had enjoyed every minute spent with the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club. Nature Study was destined to play an important factor in the education of the peoples of the world from now on, and materials for study and research would never be lacking. The manner in which these are approached by us as students, determined the results we would likely obtain. Nature reveals herself to those who put themselves in touch with her and who seek earnestly to feel her pulsations.