

Spiræa by 71, and Lonicera by 84. All the plants and trees in the arboretum and botanic garden are planted in duplicate, and records are kept of the time of planting, the source from whence derived and how they have fared from year to year. Visitors are cordially invited to visit the gardens, and Mr. Macoun will be glad to give any information concerning the plants in his charge.

An interesting botanical fact brought to the notice of the leaders during the past summer by Mr. H. B. Small was the value of the tubers of the Marsh Wound-wort (*Stachys palustris*) as a vegetable; these have been tried and found excellent, equalling in size and quality the cultivated *Stachys affinis* from Japan now cultivated to some extent in the gardens of the curious. *S. palustris* is found in abundance in Manitoba.

#### PRESERVE OUR BEAUTIFUL WILD FLOWERS.

The leaders of the Botanical Branch wish to direct attention to a somewhat important feature bearing upon the preservation of the flora of our fields and swamps. It is this, many species of the more beautiful and showy native flowers, notably orchids, are becoming somewhat scarce in the immediate vicinity of Ottawa, owing to the depredations of mere pot-hunting botanists. We can sympathise with those who have a genuine desire to introduce into their gardens the best types of our most ornamental wild flowers, but view with much disfavour the indiscriminate destruction of beautiful wild plants by pseudo-botanists and other people who are seized with a momentary desire to cultivate these flowers in their own gardens, but who fail, after uprooting the plants, to carry their good intentions into effect. *Cypripedium pubescens* has become almost extinct in this locality. *C. acaule* is not to be found in Dows' swamp, where it was formerly abundant, and we might mention many other examples equally deplorable.

#### REGIONS NOT WELL EXPLORED.

We would draw the attention of the members of the Club to the fact that on account of transportation facilities our excur-