

seem attractive, the novel and attractive manner in which it was handled, held the audience to the end and carried conviction to the minds of all present.

The entertainment of the visitors, while not so elaborate as in Montreal, was not forgotten. It was altogether of a private character. At the close of one of the sessions, Mr. Sanford Fleming had an electric car in readiness which conveyed the members and delegates to his palatial residence, where during the afternoon at a reception, pleasant conversation was the order rather than dry science. At another reception at Rideau Hall, His Excellency Lord Stanley brought together a large company of citizens to meet this select gathering of Canadian scientists.

The meeting of the Royal Society of Canada of 1892, while not equal to the Montreal meeting of 1891, either in attendance or in the general interest elicited, accomplished more good in scientific research, and the privileges of these meetings, so far as they are accorded to delegates, should be used to their fullest extent by all scientific societies.

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**WHITE VARIETY OF THE FIREWEED.**—While out camping among the Laurentian hills near Cap-a-l'Aigle, Que., last August, I came across two specimens of the common fireweed (*Epilobium angustifolium*, Linn.) having pure white flowers, instead of the well-known purple color. Although the plants were very abundant in the neighborhood, a careful search failed to reveal any more albinos.

I presume this is the variety known as *canescens*, Wood, mentioned in Macoun's Catalogue as occurring in the Mountains of British Columbia, about the Lake of the Woods, Owen Sound, and in Hastings County, Ontario. As there is no reference to its occurrence in this Province, I thought this might be of interest.

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