

to-be-forgotten excursion to Besserer's Grove was held in search of Pleistocene fossils, nodules, &c., in the marine clays of that locality. Dr. Adams's geology class, at McGill, was in attendance, and a number of local geologists were also present.

Numerous and fine specimens of *Mollotus villosus* were obtained, besides numerous fragments of plants, *Equiseta*, *Populus balsamifera*, *Fucus digitatus*, Penhallow, besides mollusca: *Macoma fragilis*, *Saxicava rugosa*, *Natica affinis*, and *Leda (Portlandia) arctica*, Gray. Some of the undetermined plant material has been laid aside for future examination by Prof. Penhallow, of McGill University.

In the foregoing volume of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST, published during the season of 1896-97, and elsewhere, several interesting papers were published or noted as bearing upon the geology of Ottawa and vicinity. Prominent amongst these is a very interesting paper on "The Geology along the Ottawa and Parry Sound Railway," by Dr. R. W. Ells.* In this paper Dr. Ells has described the leading geographical features of a new tract of country that has been but recently opened to excursionists and travellers, and we trust that this excellent contribution to the geological history of the eastern section of the Parry Sound Railway will be followed by another upon the western section, which no doubt includes great many points of paramount interest both from an economic and a scientific standpoint, as the rock-formations belong to what has been termed the great "Archæan Complex."

Principal Dresser's paper on the "Petrography of some of the rocks of Chelsea, Que.," is also an important contribution to the geological fund of knowledge of that interesting series of Archæan rocks associated with the old "Ottawa gneiss."

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