

were present. Mr. Macoun directed special attention to the hedges near the poultry houses and to the different groups of trees and shrubs in the Arboretum, or Botanic Garden. The various beds of late flowering plants in the central lawn, such as cannas, asters, etc., were much admired. An interesting feature of the excursion was a visit to the new horticultural building. Here everyone was treated to a liberal supply of plums, apples and melons. The musk melons were in fine condition and, of course, were very much enjoyed. While in the building short addresses were delivered by Dr. Fletcher and Mr. Macoun. Dr. Fletcher outlined some of the work which is carried on at the Farm, referring particularly to that of horticulture by Mr. Macoun, the Horticulturist, and spoke in high terms of the success which had attended his efforts in developing that branch of agriculture in Canada. Mr. Macoun explained the objects of the new building and said that he hoped during coming seasons to have on exhibition samples of the different kinds of vegetables and fruits which were best grown in the Ottawa district. These would be shown in glass covered cases and could be seen in their proper season. He hoped also to have meetings of horticulturists, from time to time, in the building, when the new car line to the Farm is in operation. From the standpoint of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club, the excursion was a most unique one, and was much enjoyed by all the members who were present. It is to be hoped that another joint excursion of the two societies may be arranged for at some future date not too far distant.

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SUB-EXCURSION TO BEAVER MEADOW AND FAIRY LAKE.

The second of the autumn excursions of the Club was held to Beaver Meadow and Fairy Lake, on Saturday, September 19th, under the leadership of the President, Mr. A. E. Attwood.

The day was ideal, a timely rain the previous night having cleared the air of the dense and oppressive smoke with which the forest fires had obscured everything. Over sixty members and others, including a strong representation from the Normal School, availed themselves of the opportunity for a pleasant outing, in a hunting ground well and favorably known to all of the older members. While this is not the season for the best results from the collector's standpoint, there was nevertheless much to be observed; and the freshness of this retreat was particularly remarked upon, in view of the general parched condition of vegetation, owing to the long-continued drought. After some time spent in skirmishing in the woods flanking the meadow,