

The programme was published on page 214 of THE OTTAWA NATURALIST. The course was carried out as published except that Prof. Prince was called away to British Columbia and was not able to give us his address on "Whales and Whale Hunting."

In addition to the above, Dr. Conway MacMillan, of Minnesota University, delivered a most interesting lecture under the auspices of the Club on "Marine Biological Stations on the Strait of Fuca, B.C.," on Saturday evening, February 22nd.

The attendance at all these lectures was good, in some cases reaching 300 or 400. Five of these lectures were illustrated by lantern slides, and the Council desire to express their appreciation of the very efficient manner in which Mr. J. P. Dunne managed the lantern.

EXCURSIONS.

The Excursion Committee made early arrangements for a number of sub-excursions for Saturday afternoons and also for a general excursion to Chelsea, but unfortunately circumstances over which the Committee had no control seriously interfered with successfully carrying out all of them.

The first sub-excursion was to the vicinity of Beechwood, 27th April, and was attended by about 80 members. Fifteen species of *Utica* fossils were collected, and twenty-three species of plants were found in bloom.

The second sub-excursion was held on May 4th, at Britannia, where over 100 attended. Many interesting specimens both of plants and rocks were collected. The sweet coltsfoot, a plant rare in this district, was found on that day. Heavy rain on the two following Saturdays made it unfit to go out, but on the 24th of May, about twenty members, a large number of whom were ladies, met at the Exhibition Grounds, Bank street, and walked out to Hog's Back and round by Billings' Bridge. The interesting rock formations at Hog's Back were studied and several facts in Pleistocene geology observed.

The general excursion to Chelsea was arranged for the 1st of June, but that day proved most unfavourable. About seventy members and friends met at the Central Station and decided to go notwithstanding the downpour of rain. Considering the inclement weather considerable work was done. Large numbers of plants