

## EXCURSIONS.

The first excursion of the year was held to Rockcliffe and vicinity on Saturday, May 3rd.

Owing to the warm weather of the previous two weeks, a large number of spring flowers were found. Hepaticas were almost gone, but *Claytonia virginica*, *Erythronium americanum*, *Trillium grandiflorum* and *T. erectum*, *Dicentra canadensis*, *Caulophyllum thalictroides*, *Urtica grandiflora*, *Asarum canadensis*, *Dentaria diphylla*, *Viola pubescens* and *V. canadensis* were quite common. *Ranunculus abortivus*, *Sambucus canadensis*, *Thalictrum dioicum* and *Mitella diphylla* were also collected.

The Tent Caterpillars were just becoming prevalent.

At 5 o'clock short talks on collections made were given, at the pavilion, by Messrs. Halkett, Dymond, McGillivray and Carter and Miss Matthews.

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The second excursion was held to Leamy's Lake, Hull, on Saturday afternoon, May 10th. The day was rather cold, there having been severe frost during the previous night.

The party divided into three groups, with the following leaders: Mr. Halkett, Zoology; Dr. Williams, Geology; Mr. Newman, Botany. At 5 o'clock the divisions re-united for the usual talks by the leaders. Mr. Halkett spoke on *Daphnia*, a fresh-water crustacean, and of a species of Helicoid or air-breathing mollusc. Dr. Williams discussed Brachypods and Trilobites. In Botany, the interesting find was that of *Viola rostrata*, a rather uncommon species, by Miss Ruth Burpee. Other violets collected were *V. pubescens*, *B. scabriuscula*, *V. canadensis* and *V. conspersa*.

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## BIRD NOTES.

On December 18th, 1912, while driving through the hills north of Kaladar Station, Lennox County, Ont., I saw a flock of seven or eight Canada Jays. When I next visited the same locality, January 28th of this year, although I kept a sharp lookout, I did not observe any; but a few days later, some distance south, I saw one flying about in a farmer's barn yard. It will be interesting to know whether these birds have been observed as far south in other parts of the province. None have been noted near Kingston, Ont.

On February 12th the first flock of Pine Grosbeaks was observed at Kingston, and on the 23rd, Evening Grosbeaks.

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