

EXCURSIONS Nos. I AND II.

The first excursion for the present season was held on May 27th and proved very successful, there being three hundred members and their friends present. The point selected was the village of Wakefield, or La Pêche, and the Gatineau river, at the height of its spring flood, afforded some fine views as the train skirted its rapids and falls. The morning was bright and clear but unfortunately before noon it clouded up and showers and light rains continued during the afternoon. In spite of the moisture, however, many of the collectors continued their explorations and some good botanical collections were made. Two prizes which had been offered by the Council were awarded to Miss Blaikie and Mr. McCurdy for their very creditable collections. The adjacent school-house gave shelter to many during the day, and probably had within its walls a more learned and scientific body than on any previous occasion. The excursion cars also formed a rallying point, and in them were delivered the usual interesting addresses by Dr. Ellis and Messrs Ferrier, Craig and Cowley, the leaders of the Geological and Botanical sections. Ed.

The second Excursion was held on Saturday, the 18th June, and those who attended spent a delightful day. After a pleasant sail down the Ottawa on the fine Str. Empress, the party on reaching Rockland was met by a steam launch, on which a short cruise was made among the adjacent islands and bays. Then the quarries were visited, from which is being excavated the stone for the Soulanges canal, and which furnish a very fine, massive limestone. The geological exposures of this neighbourhood are exceedingly interesting, several formations being visible, and good series of fossils were obtained from the various strata, of which notes will appear later. The members were then conveyed in carriages to Mr. Edwards's splendid farm, and they were much interested in the fine stock exhibited. The neighbouring fields and woods were found to be most inviting; strawberries were abundant, and various flowers in profusion. During the afternoon the mills were inspected and the river banks examined. The thanks of the Club are due to Mr. Edwards, M.P., for his kind invitation to visit his extensive mills and farms, and for placing his launch and carriages at the service of the members. Also to Mr. Archie Stewart, who has the contract for