

First Vice-President, and Mr. F. E. Buck, of the Horticultural Division, examined the climbing vines on certain of the Farm buildings, the remarkable collection of hedges, undoubtedly one of the best to be found anywhere, and afterwards many of the groups of trees and shrubs in the arboretum. The flowering plants were later visited and information given as to those most worthy of cultivation. The Insectary of the Division of Entomology was shown, and the method of studying the life-histories of destructive insects described.

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BEAVER MEADOW.—The last of the fall excursions for 1913 was held on the afternoon of October 4th to the Beaver Meadow, near Hull. Since the previous excursion to Beaver Meadow, the lower end of this locality has changed considerably owing to its having been divided into building lots, on which already a fair sprinkling of homes have been established. The beautiful wood to the right of the stream, on entering the meadow, is a "thing of the past," but fortunately, as yet, from the naturalists' point of view, the upper end is unchanged, and it is sincerely hoped that this may be left as it is for very many years. The locality has always been a favourite haunt of the Club, and many happy hours have there been spent by its members.

After wandering about for nearly two hours, the party re-assembled and listened to brief remarks by leaders present. Mr. Andrew Halkett spoke of batrachians which had been collected, viz.: the Leopard Frog, the Wood Frog and the Common Toad. A fine specimen of the Garter Snake was shown and remarks made on snakes in general and their habits.

Mr. Arthur Gibson spoke on certain insects and showed specimens of the large Water-strider, which skates over the surface of the stream; the Hedge-hog Caterpillar, which was crawling about in search of a convenient place to hibernate; and the Lesser Migratory Locust, which this year has been very destructive near Ottawa in fields of barley, oats, potatoes and corn.

Mr. E. C. Wight showed specimens of Meadow Rue, Joe-Pie Weed, Butternuts, etc., confining his remarks chiefly to their medicinal properties. He also referred to several bad weeds, particularly the Blueweed, often called Blue Devil, which is so common in Ontario and the eastern provinces and which is much enquired about by farmers.

Mr. H. McGillivray exhibited specimens of rocks and shells which he had found in the district. A most interesting specimen was a nodule on which there was the impression of a petrified capelin, a specimen of fish which is yet extant.