

SUB-EXCURSIONS.

TWELFTH.—A party led by the President visited the Beaver Meadow, Hull, on the 27th August. The weather was charming and the woods were just putting on their gorgeous autumn dress. The Asters and Solidagos were in their prime and furnished a fertile field for study. Along the banks of the Beaver Meadow fine examples of the Closed Gentian *G. Au'rusii* were collected, and in the river *Bileus Beckii* was found flowering freely. At the same time the striking leaves and flowers of the Pickerel-weed, *Pontederia cordata*, were conspicuous objects. The President explained the chief points of interest about each species as found, and a most pleasant afternoon was spent in this favourite locality.

THIRTEENTH.—On 3rd September an enjoyable excursion was held to Billings Bridge. A full van of members left the usual rendezvous at two o'clock. The President and Dr. Baptie led the party. On arriving at the Bridge the party walked up the north shore of the river as far as Dow's Swamp. Amongst the low herbage in the woods, *Cuscuta Gronovii*, the "Dodder" was found, closely embracing in its deadly grasp plants of *Boehmeria cylindrica*, the Stingless Nettle.

A tree of *Celtis occidentalis* attracted a great deal of interest from the diseased state of its foliage; every leaf bore from 5 to 25 galls of the pretty little Homopteron *Psylla celtidis-mamma*. Asters and Solidagos were very conspicuous and many species were examined and compared.

FOURTEENTH.—On 10th September it was decided to again visit the Beaver Meadow at Hull, a locality always full of interest to collectors. Many berry-bearing plants now attracted attention, and the seeds of various plants were examined. The Ashes and Hawthorns were particularly drawn attention to by Prof. Macoun. *Najas verticillata*, the Swamp Loosestrife with its aquatic stems and roots was an interesting topic for discussion. Some of the members amused themselves collecting the autumn leaves of Maples and other trees, which were particularly gaudy this season. The ornamental seeds of *Clematis Virginiana* were also gathered in large quantities. Prof. Macoun collected a large number of Mosses and Lichens, the most important of which he exhibited.