

been scooped by glaciers, which have also formed the North West Arm, and largely denuded the rocks and excavated the depths along the western shore of the harbour.

From Ashbourne a walk of half a mile through the forest led to the Naturalist's grave. It is a quiet spot on a rising ground in view of the surrounding landscape, covered with a young growth of birch and other deciduous trees—just such a place as a philosopher might be expected to select for his last repose. Here all around "the rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep,"—the Dutch and German emigrants, who more than a century ago, settled at this place, which was called after their name. A wooden railing, fast going to decay, marks the grave of the "Philosopher of the Dutch village." The party encircled it, and with bared heads listened to the interesting recital by the President, of the biography with which he had been furnished. At its close, anecdotes and reminiscences of the departed were conjured out of the past, and related by those who had known him and admired his talents and unobtrusive virtues. It would be an act of grace, while the remembrance of the man lingers among the present generation, to erect a more befitting monument to one who may be truly regarded as a pioneer of civilization and science in Nova Scotia.

This tribute rendered to departed worth, the journey was made to the top of Geizer's hill, the highest ground in the vicinity, from which there is an extended view of the country that amply compensates the fatigue of the ascent. Geizer's hill is nearly of the same elevation as that on which the citadel stands, and which it pretty well commands. It is composed of metamorphosed slate and quartzite, much disturbed, with granite boulders interspersed—the compactness of the rock, and probably its elevation, preventing the erosion which has evidently befallen the land for some distance on either side. The retreat of the glaciers however, must have left a considerable deposit of clay and drift, and this impregnated in the lapse of time with granitic and slaty detritus and decomposed vegetation, has in some places produced a fertile soil, which at this height appears to reward the labour of its cultivators.

The land at a short distance from the hill inclines with a gradual descent to the chain of lakes which skirt the Margaret's bay road. Byers' lake, the next requirement of the programme, is about a mile distant in a north-westerly direction. Just however as it came in sight, after a hard scramble through bushes and over interminable boulders, it became the unanimous opinion,—taking into consideration the intense heat, and the exertion required to overcome the difficulty of the way, and the little of interest that might be expected when the goal was reached,—that it would be wise to retrace the route. The main body accordingly returned to Ashbourne, where they were soon after joined by stragglers who had taken another direction, but eventually had arrived at a similar conclusion. The extreme heat and toil had told more or less upon all, but all were in excellent humour, and in half an hour were well prepared, with sharpened appetites, to discuss the ample repast prepared by their worthy entertainer.

An excellent dinner was served under the trees, in a hardwood grove a

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