

mens and explained their structure and habits, and the President, Mr. W. T. Macoun, spoke of the birds seen.

In addition to the plants mentioned above Mr. J. M. Macoun reports that he found the dogs-toothed violet (*Erythronium Americanum*) and *Trillium grandiflorum* in bloom at Kingsmere on the same date.

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The second sub-excursion of the Club for this season was to Blueberry Point, near Aylmer, P.Q., on April 18th, when about fifty members and others attended. The day was fine but cool, although in the woods it was very pleasant. While there was little growth in the woods the trailing arbutus and hepaticas were in full bloom, and large quantities of the former were gathered. There were few other species, however, in flower in the woods at the point. A number of trees of the Banksian pine (*Pinus Banksiana*) which is rather rare near Ottawa, were noticed on the point. The red bellied snake, *Storeria occipitomaculata*, was found to be quite common under the stones in the woods, and one specimen of the grass snake was also procured. Two species of newts were taken. Few birds were seen, and none of special interest. The geologists and entomologists obtained some interesting specimens. Before returning to the city short addresses were given by Dr. James Fletcher, Dr. H. M. Ami, Mr. Andrew Halkett and the Rev. Mr. Bland on the specimens which were obtained and on other natural history topics. It was a pleasure to the president and leaders to find so many young people interested. One boy was noticed kissing a snake, and a young lady was persuaded to stroke one. If no other good came of this excursion than the convincing of the young people, and older ones as well, that these little creatures are perfectly harmless and should be protected and not killed, the Club was well repaid for having this outing.

W. T. M.

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The sub-excursion to Rideau Park, better known as "Billings' Bush," April 25th. was the most largely attended of the season. More than one hundred Normal School students and about fifty members of the Club met at Billings' Bridge and guided by the