

it was organized, proved to be rather disappointing; it was held on June 2nd. This excursion was to have been held on 19th of May but was postponed on account of the weather. No less than one hundred and thirty-one members and friends of the Club left the city in six vans, and went via Hull and Chelsea to Kirk's ferry, one of the prettiest and most enchanting spots on the Gatineau River. The weather bulletin gave as probabilities for the day, higher temperature with bright and clear weather for the Lakes and Lower St. Lawrence districts. But this report was entirely out and the day was characterized by a series of showers finally culminating in a steady downpour. The excursionists determined despite the weather to make the best of it. The country traversed was really enchanting and on all sides the sights were charming, as the tender green foliage of the forest and of the farm crops covered the ground everywhere with a verdure of the purest hue. The different terraces were ascended in order and when the last plateau was reached there followed the picturesque scenery peculiar to the Laurentide hills, the line of demarcation between the two being very sharply defined and marking clearly the boundary of cultivated land. Many beautiful flowering plants were observed and collected on the way and a number of geological specimens was obtained from a small opening or mine for phosphate of lime on the west side of the road, about ten miles from the city.

The vans reached Kirk's ferry about 12.30 p.m. and from that time until the return, rain fell steadily, much to the disappointment of all. This did not deter the Naturalists however from enjoying the mid-day meal and the various parties sought shelter in different quarters of the woods near the river bank and falls, whilst others remained in the vans, where perfect covering could be found. It was impracticable to organize the accustomed working parties of botanists, geologists, and entomologists, etc., and accordingly not much scientific work was done. One or two new species of plants and several insects said by the Entomologists to be of value were collected. The party reached the city again at 7 o'clock in remarkably good spirits, the tedium of the drive home having been relieved, as was attested by the frequent peals of merry laughter, by good stories and stirring songs.