

Pelissier's Cave.



VERY unusual indeed was the spectacle of a few students rising rather readily at five o'clock on Wednesday the twenty-second of last month.

The cause of such an early rising was not (as I am sure few would presume) the anticipation of a goodly breakfast, but—well a ramble through the woods, a thing that always appeals to exuberant youths, more so when the object of the excursion is the acquisition of more knowledge in the scientific domain.

The party composed of eleven geologists under the able direction of Rev. F. Lajeunesse started from the university about six o'clock. Although it was rather cloudy each one dared not express his apprehension as to the weather we would get for fear the excursion might be postponed.

All the way to Alonzo Wright's a few yawns were now and then noticed and an unwooded chill hindered the explosions of juvenile ardour which were to break out later on. At eight o'clock breakfast was served and I only wish those who have a grudge against college food could relish their meals with all the zest and appetite of a nine mile drive.

The rest of the journey was very interesting, the landscape being one of the most beautiful in Canada. For half our way we skirted the Gatineau river in its sinuous course, and then suddenly plunged into vales between mountains where the emerald of budding trees and flowers had not yet destroyed the dull rusty colour, imprint of the last autumnal days, but blended with it to present an admirable hue to the eye. The route was a most excellent one to study alluvial formations as well as rock-disintegration and formation of mountain soil.

A very pleasing event took place at Wilson's Corner where with the kind permission of the school teacher, Miss Irene Kelley, we posed with the school children for our picture.

But, however enjoyable the journey might have been, the exalted imagination longed to arrive at Pelissier's Cave the famous "Grotte merveilleuse" where we should according to local superstition, perceive at any moment a deity of mythological days.