

is situated at the foot of the Laurentian hills, just where the North River is precipitated over a steep and rocky bed, to the level of the bottom lands in the St. Lawrence valley, about thirty-three miles from Montreal. In the early morning, the weather was dull and threatening, and no doubt kept back many who would otherwise have attended, but one hundred and ten, all told, assembled on the platform at Quebec Gate depot, having either faith in the coming of brighter weather or sufficient courage to face the wet, if rain should come. Among those present were Sir William Dawson, president; Mr. J. S. Shearer, Prof. Penhallow, Dr. J. Baker Edwards, Messrs. Alf. H. Masson, A. Holden, Hollis Shorey, W. T. Costigan, J. H. R. Molson, James Slessor, J. A. Robertson, J. Beattie, J. Gowdie, Chas. Gibb, Messrs. Rolland, De Bellefeuille, Dunlop, Archambault, S. C. Dawson, Walter Drake, Rev. J. H. Evans, T. B. Caulfield, R. White, and others.

Under the able management of Conductor Dickson, the excursionists were all on board punctually to time, and the train steamed steadily and rapidly away.

Drawing up at the platform of St. Jerome depot, the naturalists were met by Mr. LeClaire (mayor), Mr. Rolland (*fils*), Mr. T. Davis and Mr. Scott, who welcomed them to the town, and informed them that the various works and mills of the neighborhood would be freely open to the inspection of the party. The beautiful park belonging to the manor, known as the "Domain," was also placed at the disposal of the excursionists. Sir William Dawson then sketched out a programme for the day, as follows:—

Geologists, under the direction of Sir William, to walk to the river and study the geology of the district. Botanists, under command of Prof. Penhallow, assisted in the geological department by Mr. Evans, to ride to the Cascades and there search for specimens. Entomologists to hunt up the Domain. As soon as the above programme was mapped out, the different parties proceeded at once to their assigned hunting grounds. Those for the Cascades (including three-fourths of the party) were provided with buggies, carts, omnibuses, hacks, etc., and, in fact, no two vehicles were