

air. *Viola affinis* grew in the crevices of the rocks beside the river. In a creek bottom *V. cucullata* was very beautiful. *V. prionosepala* was also collected at the edge of the woods as well as *V. Dicksoni*. *Corylus Americana* was added to the flora of the district, by Prof. Macoun. Dr. Fletcher found an interesting hybrid between *Osmunda claytoniana* and *Osmunda cinnamomea* growing in a clearing where both of these ferns were very abundant. The strawberry blossoms (*Fragaria Virginiana*) presented a strange appearance in one place; the petals were modified so as to bear anthers at their tips, and could be seen in all stages of transition from petals to anthers. Although spring only began on the 1st of May, this season's growth has been very rapid.

The Ostrich Ferns in the alluvial soil of the river bottom were fully five feet in height, and so dense as to resemble a picture of tropical vegetation. *Phlox divaricata* was found; but the splendid beds of this beautiful flower which formerly occurred on the south bank of the river have been almost destroyed by the forest fires—On the north bank clumps of *Rudbeckia laciniata* were found in one spot. The only land shell of interest was *Helix Sayi*.

The SECOND GENERAL EXCURSION was held on May 28th to Gilmour's Grove, Chelsea. Through the kindness of Messrs. Gilmour and Hughson, the beautiful grove overlooking the grand rapids on the Gatineau River was thrown open to the club, and about 200 members and their friends took the opportunity of again investigating this rich locality. The day was simply perfect for such an outing, and many interesting specimens rewarded the collectors. Mr. Arthur Gibson and Mr. D. A. Campbell captured many insects of interest; among these, *Thecla niphon*, *Amblyscirtes samoset* and *Nisus juvenalis* may be mentioned. The botanical treasures as usual were most numerous among the collections. *Cypripedium acaule* was found in small numbers; other orchids exhibited at the end of the day were *Orchis spectabilis* with the whole flower purple, and *Habenaria Hookeri*; *Viola prionosepala* carpeted the woods in one place. A prize offered for competition by Miss Cowan for the largest number of species observed, was won by Miss Constance Anderson. Several ferns were collected, and Miss K. Lee exhibited fine plants of *Woodsia ilvensis*, and *Asplenium Trichomanes*. Dr. Fletcher showed a specimen of *Botrychium matricariaefolium*, of species which had only once before been found in the district, at Casselman, many years ago.