

THE ANNUAL OUTING OF THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.



HE day set apart this year for this long-looked for event was May 14th. The object for investigation was Pellissier's Cave, a phenomenon of the Laurentian Mountains, situated about twenty miles north of Ottawa. Extensive preparations had been made by the executive of the society for the accomodation of the members, and everything bade promise of a pleasant outing.

The morning broke beautifully clear. At 6 a.m. a motely crowd of scientists issued from the college door in search of the Cave. The Director, Rev. Father Lajeunesse, told them to pile into three waggons standing in wait, but when these were filled some fragments remained. The latter, mostly proselytes, ordered a new rig while the three waggons lumbered on. Soon we were crossing the Interprovincial Bridge which, with the Parliament Building, the river and the park for surroundings, had a very fine effect in the serenity of the early morning. The next thing we knew we were passing out the back door of Hull, when the axle of one of the waggons broke. During the necessary delay the president went to a house near by and through the medium of of Macdonell as interpreter struck a bargain for getting cocoa made. In the interval also the ordinary members played "Duck on the Rock." With very little delay a sandwich-cocoa breakfast was served. Tobacco and pipes were handed out for dessert, and a much refreshed body of scientists resumed their seats in the waggons. The prophets who had arrived for breakfast gave their trim rig to a man with a large white hat and another man in black who with two bill-posters went ahead as advance agents to put gates where "bars" should be; the rest followed as fast as they could.

The trip along the Gatineau was delightful. By this time the sun had taken the chill from the air. The scenery was simply grand especially near the rapids, and what gave charm to everything was that it was new. The only effect it could have on the boys was to elicit mirth to overflow; Keeley's violin sounded like a siren's song;