

fragments of the fronds from *Nematophyton* is a view that has received much strength from the more recent investigations, although in the absence of definite data connecting the line, must be regarded as largely hypothetical. The resin-like substance occurs in thin flakes, and is shown to be in many cases composed of a substance which presents many of the peculiarities belonging to the laminated fossil, of which it may be a more highly altered form. Attention was drawn to the desirability of a more careful examination of the beds of Gaspé Basin, with a view to collecting more representative specimens of these fossils than have yet been submitted to examination.

ANNUAL FIELD DAY.

Saturday morning, June 8th, 1889, at 9.15, a special train left the Dalhousie depot, containing a large number of members and friends of the Natural History Society, who that day celebrated their annual picnic at St. Eustache. Among those who were present were: Sir J. W. Dawson, president; John S. Shearer, vice-president; Prof. Penhallow, Dr. Blackader, Messrs. J. H. R. Molson, Albert Holden, J. S. Brown, C. Gibb, Graham, Dunlop, Hollis Shorey, F. B. Benjamin, J. A. Robertson, W. D. Lighthall. Mrs. Molson, Miss Dawson, Miss Hill, Mrs. Holden, Miss Mercier, Mrs. Garth, Misses Morgan, Miss Van Horne and others. The visit of the society's members had evidently been looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by the inhabitants of St. Eustache. The village was decorated with flags and bunting, and huge streamers were stretched across the streets bearing the words: "Honour to Science," "Be they welcome," "Welcome Natural History Society," etc. On the arrival of the train the depot was crowded with villagers to welcome the visitors. Mayor Paquin and J. D. Daoust, M. P., made short speeches in which they expressed their pleasure at seeing so large a number of Montrealers paying their village a visit. Waggons and carriages were waiting to convey the visitors to the different points of interest. Three classes were