

which was shown by species obtained at the extreme limits of their habitats.

The second sub-excursion was of the Zoological branch. The club was again indebted to the kindness of Mr. Whiteaves for a most pleasant afternoon. The collection of stuffed animals was made the subject for a most entertaining object lesson.

The third sub-excursion was of the Botanical branch. Prof. Macoun met the party at the door with characteristic geniality and led them to the "long room," where he had laid out a large number of mounted specimens of Canadian plants and upon which he delivered an address which was eagerly listened to and highly appreciated. Some time was also spent in examining and comparing the specimens exhibited. Great interest was shown in the complete and handsome collection of Canadian woods, the economic values and distribution of which were described.

The next meeting will be held on Dec. 13th, when Dr. G. M. Dawson will give a description of some of the more interesting objects contained in the extensive collection of Indian relics and curiosities, in the gathering together of which he has taken such an active part. The subjects to be explained at their meetings in the Museum will be announced from time to time in the OTTAWA NATURALIST. Mr. Ferrier has promised two lectures upon Mineralogy and Lithology. The Director, Dr. Selwyn, and other officers of the Survey Staff will take charge of the other meetings of the course.

The thanks of the Club are due to the Director and Staff of the Geological Survey for this opportunity of examining the collections in the National Museum under these very advantageous circumstances, and we trust that the sub-excursions will be largely attended.

Those who had the good fortune to attend the three first meetings are very grateful for the courtesy shown them on those occasions by Mr. Whiteaves and Prof. Macoun.