

together with an account of their geographical range or prevalence in the several Provinces, and special localities for the rarer species."

The author has adopted names for some of the genera and species which will be unfamiliar to our botanists who have worked with Gray's manual ; but it is probable that in most instances these will be accepted, it seems a great pity, however, that the synonyms were not given for at least those species which appear in the Manual under other names. A little more information on the part of the author with regard to some of the localities, particularly those of this district, would decidedly have made the work more useful. These, however, are small defects which will probably be remedied in a future edition. On the whole Dr. Lawson's little book is a welcome addition to the works upon our Canadian flora.

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EXCURSION TO LACHUTE.

An invitation has been received from the Natural History Society of Montreal for the members of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club to join them upon their annual spring excursion.

The excursion this year is to be on Saturday, 7th June, to Lachute, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, a beautiful spot about 45 miles from Montreal, which experience has shown presents many attractions for students in every branch of natural history. Addresses will be delivered by Sir William Dawson, Prof. Penhallow, and other eminent naturalists.

Through the courtesy of Mr. W. C. VanHorne, President of the Can. Pac. Ry., tickets will be issued to members of our club and their friends at the low rate of \$1.50 for the return trip. These tickets will be issued by the railway authorities, at the railway station or at the Sparks St. office, upon presentation of our club excursion tickets ; these can be obtained from any member of the council (the names of all of whom appear on the cover of the Naturalist). As large a delegation as possible to represent the club is of course desirable.

The train leaves the Union Station at 7 o'clock A.M.