

during the autumn months adding several species to the local lists.

A critical study of the acaulescent violets of the vicinity was made by Mr. J. M. Macoun, and six species were found to have been included in what has been generally known as *Viola cucullata*. Of these, three are new to science, and two had not been before recorded from this region.

What has been commonly known as *Antennaria plantaginifolia* has also been separated into many species by specialists and three of these have been found in the vicinity of Ottawa.

Several rare local species were again noted this year by members of the Club. Some of these are now nearly extinct in this district and for that reason it is thought well to draw attention to them.

Mention may be made of *Aralia quinquefolia* found at Beechwood and *Claytonia Virginica* near the outlet of Dow's Swamp. Two of the rarest plants in this vicinity were again seen—*Listera australis* at Mer Bleue and *Aspidium spinulosum* var. *Braunii* at Chelsea. *Botrychium Lunaria* a very rare fern was found by Mr. J. M. Macoun to be locally abundant on the railway embankment near Stittsville and is an addition to the local list.

Our botanists do not sufficiently appreciate the usefulness and value of the National Herbarium housed in the Geological Survey Museum. This herbarium now contains between 80,000 and 90,000 sheets of specimens which are available for study and reference by any one who cares to utilize them.

The Normal School collection of plants has been considerably enriched during the year by donations from members of the Club. Prof. Macoun has presented 100 sheets of Cryptogams and smaller collections have been presented by Drs. Ami and Fletcher. Members of the botanical section are requested to send in to the leaders any specimens of which they have duplicates so that this collection may be as complete as possible in