

in their habits, which were seen in great abundance around the trees in blossom, such as apple, cherry, hawthorn, &c. The President then made a short address, urging the claims of the Club to support from the members, and from all those who take an interest in science and education. The Club had endeavoured by the publishing monthly of the *Ottawa Naturalist*, and by excursions, classes, &c., to foster a love of nature and arouse and strengthen the faculties of observation in those it could reach, and, therefore, deserved encouragement. At 5.30 a start was made and the homeward trip was pleasantly made, conversation, instructive and interesting, with intervals of song enlivening the way, until the city was reached about 8 p.m. This, as already stated, was the most successful excursion of the Club, and all present were well satisfied and pleased with their holiday.

SUB-EXCURSIONS.

FIRST.—The Saturday afternoon "outings" commenced on the 7th May, when the attendance reached the very encouraging number of thirty-three, including a majority of the Council and many active workers, among whom were several ladies. Starting from the Post-Office at two o'clock the party proceeded to New Edinburgh by the street car. Here the Geological section separated temporarily from the Botanists and Entomologists, who proceeded to the woods beyond Rideau Hall, popularly known as McKay's Bush or Beechwood. Along the shaded road and under the cedars there were still heavy banks of snow, but in the open spaces and hardwood groves the ground was quite dry, and such flowers as *Claytonia* abundant. The list of plants collected in flower was, however, small, while insects were very scarce, only the species usually found about fungus, sappy stumps, &c., being taken. About 4.30 the party re-assembled near Rideau Hall, to listen to the "talks" upon the collections in the various branches. The President, Mr. R. B. Whyte, took up the plants and in an interesting manner explained the leading peculiarities and relations of the principal species. Of these the rarest were *Daphne mezereum* and *Viola Selkirkii*, for which the only locality recorded was that just visited. Mr. Whyte's remarks were listened to with much pleasure, especially by a number