

botanical collecting cases and Trowels of Messrs. H. Meadows & Co.

Before leaving for home the President requested Prof. Macoun to speak about some of the spring birds. This he did, making this always interesting topic more charming by the manner in which he described the habits of some of the specimens he had collected. He urged the members never to kill one they did not actually require for study, and pointed out how much pleasure and knowledge might be acquired without this destruction, although occasionally it was essentially necessary for scientific accuracy.

No. 3 (19th May).—Only a few members appeared at the Post Office on this occasion, as the weather was excessively hot. The botanists, led by Mr. Whyte, and entomologists, led by Mr. MacLaghlin, visited the north shore of the Ottawa west of Hull, Que., and obtained some interesting specimens. The geological party, led by Mr. Ami, went to the "Siphonotreta bed," opposite the Rideau Rifle Range, and interesting forms were obtained.

No. 4, May 26th (Geological Section).—The geological measures which crop out at and below the mouth of the Rideau River along the Ottawa River front, forming so conspicuous a physical feature in the delineation of the shores of that river were examined as far as the Lower Gatineau ferry. Two great dislocations were noticed; the first and westerly one affecting the measures of the Trenton, bringing what appear to be the lower beds of that formation in contact with the uppermost strata of the same. The second and more easterly, a fault of more importance, which causes the Chazy formation to abut against the lower Trenton beds last mentioned. The district visited was particularly interesting, and fossils were collected at all the localities. Specimens of *Rusichnites* (Dawson) were detected in the lower measures of the Chazy near the ferry wharf, and fine specimens of *Modiolopsis parviuscula* (Billings) obtained in a calcareous band in the upper beds exposed along with *Rhynchonella plena* (Hall), &c. Notes on the leading stratigraphical and palæontological features observed were taken for future use and reference by one of the leaders.

(Botanical Section.)—A small party led by the President visited Rockcliffe. The plants specially studied were the Liliaceæ. The threatening appearance of the weather made it advisable to return home sooner than would otherwise have been the case; but some collections were made and the time of opening of many kinds of flowers was recorded.