

FIELD EXCURSION TO CHELSEA, QUE.

PLACES VISITED—GEOLOGICAL, BOTANICAL AND OTHER
NOTES OF INTEREST—ADDRESSES BY THE LEADERS, DR.
FLETCHER AND DR. AMI, ALSO BY MESSRS. SINCLAIR,
CLERK, BLUE, HALKETT AND ATWOOD.

Amid the bright crimson and yellow tints of a clear autumn day, the third General Excursion of the season of 1896-97, under the auspices of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club was held on the 2nd October, when the district surrounding New and Old Chelsea was visited. There were one hundred and eight persons present, including a large contingent from the students of the Provincial Normal School. The excursionists left Ottawa *via* Ottawa and Gatineau Valley Railway at 1.45 p.m., reaching Chelsea Station at 2.20 p.m. Returning, the party left Chelsea at 8.04 p.m., arriving in Ottawa shortly after 8.30. Among those present were: Dr. James Fletcher, Mr. S. B. Sinclair, Dr. T. J. W. Burgess (Montreal), Mr. W. H. Harrington, Mr. Halkett, Dr. Ami, Mr. Atwood, Mr. Beddoe, Mr. Pollock (Aylmer). The weather was simply perfect and the "outing" thoroughly enjoyed by all. Botanical, geological and other parties having been formed on arrival at the station, each went in its special favourite direction. Rendez-vous was given at the station for 6 p.m., and by that time most of the excursionists had returned and compared notes on the finds made during the afternoon.

In the absence of Prof. Prince, our President, the Vice-President of the Club, called the Naturalists to order and asked the various "leaders" in the different branches of the Club's work to give some notes on the specimens collected. Mr. S. B. Sinclair, B.A., was first called upon. In a very neat and happy speech, he expressed the pleasure which such an outing afforded not only in the realm of science, but also in its suggestiveness on the ideal side. Mr. Sinclair then went on to show the relations which must exist between the scientific side of our nature and