

poisonous varieties. At the request of the leaders in Ornithology, he also spoke at some length upon some western birds which were representative of eastern species.

Mr. R. B. Whyte spoke upon general botany as leader of the botanical section. One plant new to the locality, viz., *Monotropa hypopitys* had been found by Mr. T. J. MacLaughlin.

Mr. H. M. Ami in speaking of the Laurentian rocks amongst which the day had been spent, showed specimens which he had collected during the excursion and mentioned the economic minerals contained therein.

Mr. Fletcher as leader in Entomology spoke of galls and in a general way of the instinct of insects.

The party reached home at 8 o'clock thoroughly satisfied with the last outing of the most successful series of excursions ever held by the club.

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SUB-EXCURSIONS TO THE MUSEUM OF THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

Through the kindness of the Director and officers of the Geological Survey, the Excursion Committee of the club has been able to arrange a series of sub-excursions to the Museum on Sussex street. These excursions will be held at 2:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays in each month throughout the winter.

Three of these meetings have already been held, and were most successful. The first of them was of the Ornithological branch to the bird room.

They were met by Mr. J. F. Whiteaves, Paleontologist and Zoologist to the Survey, who delivered an instructive address upon the habits and noteworthy peculiarities of the birds exhibited as mounted specimens in the cases. Prof. Macoun also assisted in showing the specimens to the visitors, and afterwards took the party to the "large room," where he had arranged a large series of skins of western birds with their eastern representatives, he pointed out the gradual variation