

in thickness. Specimens of *Saxicava rugosa* and *Macoma Balthica* were found in the clay and sand on Saturday, and on former visits a few specimens of *Leda (Portlandica) Arctica* and *Balanus crenatus* were collected. These four species live only in salt water and their presence proves that these deposits were laid down in the sea or on its shore, and therefore the relative height of the land at Chelsea has changed at least four hundred feet since their deposition.

On returning to the station, Mr. Attwood called on Mr. R. H. Campbell, who addressed the gathering, giving much useful information regarding tree plantation and the need of better preservation of certain coniferous trees whose reproduction is slow owing to the seeds requiring two or three years to mature. He also drew attention to the wonderful attraction exercised by the sun upon the leaves, and to the fact, that when the leaves of a tree happen to be small, there is always a greater number of them to make up the requisite leaf surface.

Mr. Eifrig followed, speaking on the migration of birds and their habits. He stated that they were moved by two impulses, food supply and the propagation of their species, that the latter was the stronger, leading many of them to the far north, where they were reared, from regions as far south as Bolivia and Peru. Referring to the comparatively few birds seen during the afternoon, he attributed it to two reasons, viz., the nesting season and the depressing state of the weather, which always exerts a quieting effect upon birds whose organisms are delicately balanced. However, the following birds were seen:—Chimney Swift, King Bird, Alder Flycatcher, Meadowlark, Blackbird, House Wren, Goldfinches, Junco, Bank and Barn Swallows, Ovenbird, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Hermit Thrush, Chickadee, Black-throated Warbler, many Song, White-throated and Clipping Sparrows, Blackpoll and Chestnut-sided Warblers, and the Vesper Sparrow, who sang his loud and musical song as the train started for Ottawa, thus concluding one of the most enjoyable revels that the writer has ever had with Dame Nature.

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CARP, ONT.

The excursion to Carp on May 29th was not so largely attended as was expected owing to the uncertainty of the weather, and yet there was a goodly number on board when the train left the Central Station at 11.50 a.m. On arriving at Carp the party proceeded to the school house and was received there by the teaching staff, who did all in their power to make the afternoon an agreeable and profitable one. The school building is a fine one, and stands on an eminence which commands a splendid