

Saturday, 19th May. Over eighty excursionists spent the afternoon at Hemlock Lake and vicinity. Two small colonies of *Columnaria Halli* were found in the upper strata of the Black River formation at Keefer's Bluff, and both fresh-water and marine shells were found in the Pleistocene deposits round Hemlock Lake. These and other specimens were described by the various leaders before the party returned to the city.

On 9th June a successful meeting was held at Britannia, and many summer flowers and insects were secured.

The first general excursion was held on May 26th to Gilmour's Grove at Chelsea and was, as is always the case, a delightful and instructive excursion. The weather was very fine and the attendance large. Many interesting specimens were collected in all branches of Natural History.

The second general excursion was to Cumberland by the steamer Victoria, in which over one hundred members left Ottawa at one o'clock and returned in the evening by the steamer Empress, after spending several pleasant hours at the beautiful village of Cumberland. This locality is a new field for investigation, and several discoveries were made. The entomologists were much pleased at securing a specimen of the larva of the Large Tortoise-shell Butterfly, *Grapta fulva*, which had been sought for unsuccessfully for many years. The geologists found several valuable species of fossils, and the botanists succeeded in collecting representatives of no less than sixteen species of ferns along the side of the cliff.

The third general excursion was to Kirk's Ferry on the 15th September, when about 150 were present. The day was a perfect type of our Canadian autumn weather, and many interesting specimens were collected and observed. An unusual feature was the large number of plants which were in bloom at this late season, and many of the party were able to regale themselves with ripe raspberries, which were growing in profusion along the railway embankments.

At all these excursions the members assembled and listened to addresses by the various leaders on the collections made during the day and on the natural features of the places visited.

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