

and himself in the production of a new "Ottawa Flora" and expressed the hope that the Botanical Branch would co-operate in seeking to perfect this work. He believed that each member of the Branch could assist very materially by specializing on a certain genus and in this way bring together information which might be of great value in connection with this work. He also thought that excursions of the Branch might be held to advantage. These excursions were not to take the place of the ordinary excursions of the Club, but would rather be supplementary to these. Excursions by a few persons desiring to do exact work would, in his opinion, contribute most to our present knowledge of the flora of the Ottawa district. The ordinary excursions of the Club are concluded just at a time when special work can be done to best advantage so that there should be no difficulty in arranging for this extra work.

Mr. Macoun offered an excellent suggestion to the effect that the meetings of the Botanical Branch should continue until the excursions are finished, a meeting being held on each evening of the Saturday on which the excursion took place. By this arrangement there would be an inducement for members of the Branch to attend the excursions for the purpose of collecting specimens which might be used as a basis for discussion at the evening meeting. As a beginning in this direction Dr. Malte agreed to discuss "The Plants of the Season" at a meeting of the Club on Saturday evening, May 3rd, an excursion of the O.F.N.C. being held on that day.

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Held at the home of Mr. R. B. Whyte, Saturday evening, May 3rd, the following being present: Messrs. Whyte, Carter, Attwood, Dwight, R. Campbell, Dymond, Malte, J. M. Macoun, Newman.

An account of the different species and forms of violets growing in the vicinity of Ottawa was on this occasion given by Messrs. Macoun and Malte. The study of the wild violets to which this spring much attention has been paid by the said gentlemen has proven to be extremely interesting from many a point of view. At the meeting of the Club the members present were given an opportunity to study the characters of the different species on living specimens collected in the field and by the obliging kindness of Mr. R. B. Whyte, kept in pots for the meeting.

The discussion was opened by Mr. Macoun, who explained that many species are now recognized which had at first been lumped under one species or variety known as *V. cucullata* or