

6 a large botanical excursion was held to Gilmour's Grove, Chelsea ; 150, including many of the Normal School students, attended. Violets in fine fruit were collected, and the differences between the species represented were explained by Dr. Fletcher,

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ANOTHER INSECT COLLECTOR.—Dr. Fletcher's note in the last number of THE NATURALIST calls to mind a similar interesting incident noted on the 8th June. In this case, however, it was a young Red Squirrel, which was busily engaged eating a June Beetle (*Lachnosterna*). These beetles, especially when they are as abundant as during the present year, doubtless furnish food for many of our small native mammals.

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#### SUB-EXCURSIONS.

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The fourth weekly outing of the Club was the second visit to a part of that division of the Ottawa district henceforth to be known as Quebec West. On the afternoon of Saturday, May 2nd, at least 120 members and friends rambled about the Beaver Meadow, collecting specimens in various branches of natural history.

The most striking characteristic of the amateur botanist of this season is a desire to acquire at least a nodding acquaintance with our native trees. So closely were the leaders pressed in the work of identifying twigs and sprigs that they fervently wished that either night or a professional botanist might come.

At 4.30 about one hundred persons assembled to hear the speakers. Dr. Sinclair presided. Mr. J. C. Spence gave the names of all the plants in flower that were submitted. Mr. A. E. Attwood said a few words on the principles observed in naming plants. Mr. S. E. O'Brien showed a fine specimen of the Walk-