

road in splendid condition, in a beautifully clean car, and with polite officials who seemed to do everything in their power to make the journey agreeable.

On arriving, the President, Mr. R. B. Whyte, addressed the members, giving out the programme to be followed during the afternoon. First of all the various springs of mineral water and gas were examined. The proprietor had kindly thrown open the springs and the picturesque grounds surrounding them, so that those who desired to taste the medicinal waters or to rest in the shade, were enabled to do so. A party was then formed to visit the Mer Bleue, a very extensive and interesting peat bog. This lies about a mile distant. Owing to the excessive drought, which has now lasted for nearly two years, the ladies and children were all able to go any where over the bog without wetting their feet. The gas spring was first visited, where *Utricularia corallata*, Mx., *Triglochin maritimum*, L. var. *elatum*, Nutt., and the two beautiful little sundews (*D. rotundifolia*, L., and *D. longifolia*, Mx.), as well as several grasses and sedges, were collected by the eager botanists. After investigating thoroughly the treasures of the gas spring, small parties branched off in different directions over the swamp. One party visited the gravel ridge or island running down the middle of the bog, a few even going beyond.

The soft, elastic covering of Sphagnum moss, with which the whole surface of the Mer Bleue is covered, made walking pleasant for a short way, but it soon became very tiring, and at 4.30, the time for returning to the Springs, all were ready to start.

At 5 p.m. the party re-assembled at the Springs, and having partaken of the contents of their baskets, met together for the usual addresses.

The President first called upon Mr. James Fletcher, the leader in Entomology, to address the meeting. Mr. Fletcher spoke of the interest which attaches itself to the study of the science with which he was particularly connected, and showed what great advantages might be derived from these investigations. He described the captures which had been made during the day in such a manner as to interest those who were present. Some of the most convenient forms of collecting apparatus were described, and taking from his bottle some specimens they were exhibited and their habits given. Beneficial predaceous beetles, protective mimicry amongst spiders, and wood-boring beetles were treated of.

Dr. Bapic was then invited by the President to speak on "Natural Gas," a subject occupying the public mind at Ottawa very much just now. The speaker entered into the origin, formation, composition and mode of occurrence of gas, pointing out some of the results which had already been accomplished. He spoke also of the possibility of finding gas about Ottawa, and held that the fact could only be ascertained by boring.