

Our Saturday afternoon sub-excursions were not nearly so numerous as last year, owing to the very large number of wet Saturdays in the early part of the season, and in the latter part to the absence from the city of the leaders who take charge of these outings; but though few in number, they included two of the most successful yet held by the Club. One, that to the Beaver Meadow, Hull, though not very largely attended, was in every other way so satisfactory that it might be taken as a model of what the Council aim at in their Saturday afternoon trips, therefore a brief sketch of it will not be out of place here.

The meadow, a favorite resort of our botanists, is about a mile from the street car terminus north of the Aylmer Road. The party of about 25 explored the north side without much success, but on crossing over to the south side we beheld the most magnificent display of spring flowers I ever saw—Bellworts, Trilliums, Squirrel corn, and many others in the greatest profusion—a sight well worth the walk to see. After making large collections the party reassembled to hear the usual addresses. The most notable plants collected were exhibited and their principal characteristics and properties explained as simply as possible by your President, special attention being directed to the Cruciferae. Prof. Macoun, by special request, gave a most admirable address on the willows, many of which were then in flower, explaining the different groups into which this most difficult order is divided, and the best way to collect and study them. Mosses and allied forms were also referred to. Mr. Fletcher, on behalf of the entomological leaders, spoke of the principal insects captured, with special reference to gall formation, and also gave some valuable advice on how to begin the study of insect life, what apparatus was necessary, and where it could be procured. Prof. Macoun then gave a short address on some birds he had observed, illustrating his remarks with specimens he had collected for the museum, and by others flying overhead, making altogether a combination of pleasure and instruction that ought to be attractive not only to students of natural history but to every thinking person who desires to become acquainted with the beauties of the world around him.

The other excursion referred to was that to the Experimental Farm on July 14, which was the largest sub-excursion on record, over 60 members taking part in it. As a full account of it was published in