

EIGHTH.—Rockcliffe was the point decided upon for investigation for the Sub-Excursion of 16th July. The heat was excessive, but over a dozen enthusiastic members turned up. As usual this locality produced much of interest. Here, curiously enough, is the only locality, yet discovered in this neighbourhood for the New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus Americanus*). Here too occur *Pinus resinosa* and *Woodsia Ilvensis*, both uncommon in the neighbourhood, and on the occasion of the Excursion it was discovered by Mr. A. J. Forward that the rare Ericaceous plant, *Pterospora andromedea*, also grew here. An address was delivered by Mr. Fletcher, leader in Botany and Entomology, upon those subjects. He spoke of the peculiar features of the Flora of the rocky point upon which they stood, and mentioned the plants which had been found. *Pterospora* was probably a parasite upon the roots of pines, the only other place that he knew of, where it could be found about Ottawa, was upon the Chelsea Road. *Comandra*, *Monotropa*, and other parasites were referred to. *Astragalus Canadensis* and *A. Cooperi* were exhibited, and it was shown how they might be known apart. The latter is a much earlier plant, the seed being ripe by the time the former is in flower. The fruit of *Prunus pumila* was exhibited. This shrub is quite rare at Ottawa, one bush only having been previously observed, which grows upon the Chaudiere Islands. In speaking of the insects collected, the different kinds of *Cicadae* were described, their "song" was treated of and their life-history was sketched. The different kinds of mosquitoes also formed an interesting topic which was simply explained. Notwithstanding the heat the Sub-Excursion was a great success and the members were well pleased.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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EXCURSION.—The fourth Excursion will be held on Saturday, 13th August, to Britannia on the Canadian Pacific Railway. The trains leave at 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. and the party will return by the 6.45 train in the evening. Return tickets: Members, 25 cents; non-members, 30 cents children, 15 cents.

SUB-EXCURSIONS.—August 6, Gatineau Point; August 20, Beechwood; August 27, Skead's Gravel Road.