

do the nature of the most luxurious quarters they must have been forced to leave, we cannot blame the young ones for going so reluctantly from it. Again when we note with what determination the parent weasels persisted in placing their young ones in safety we can here at least find in this ever alert lover of blood so much dreaded by other wild and innocent creatures, at least one characteristic worthy of our admiration.

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EXCURSIONS.

The second excursion of the season was held on the afternoon of Saturday, 23rd April, at Britannia. The day was beautiful, and there was a fairly good attendance of members and their friends. Mr. W. T. Macoun and Mr. Groh were the leaders of the Botanical Branch, Mr. Wilson of the Geological Branch and Mr. Halkett of the Zoological Branch. The observations and addresses at the close of the outing were of a general nature. Mr. H. T. Gussow was called on to speak and made some remarks chiefly on fungi, and Mr. Wilson showed some conglomerates. Toads were seen in their spawning beds, and some of their eggs shown. Among the pools were observed forms such as *Physa* and *Limnaea stagnalis* of pulmonate mollusks; phyllopods; water arachnids; and larvæ of caddis-flies, the tubes of these being made of bits of twigs instead of grains of quartz as were some of those of a species found in the creek at Rockcliffe at the excursion on the previous Saturday.

Those who attended the excursion expressed themselves as having enjoyed the outing thoroughly.

A. H.

On Saturday afternoon, April 30th, the excursion was held to Billings' Bridge and the district south of the Rideau River. Here a very pretty stream winds between high banks, the east side of the ravine being heavily wooded for some distance. The afternoon, although not very promising at first, turned out very fine, and although the attendance was not large all seemed to agree that the excursion was a most enjoyable one.

After having explored the district on all sides the various parties assembled at a beautiful spot on the bank of the stream. The president, Mr. Halkett, showed some Crayfish (*Cambarus*) which he found in the stream and its adjacent pools. At a previous excursion to Britannia he had shown a phyllopod with eggs attached to the abdominal somites and had referred to the way the lobster and the crayfish carry their eggs attached to