

party then examined the mineral baths and wells in the vicinity of the hotel, and some regaled themselves on the celebrated saline waters. Mr. Whyte then led the way to the vast peat bog known as the Mer Bleue. Some time was spent in visiting the gas spring and lighting the bubbles of gas as they rose to the surface of the water. The bog itself was very attractive; blueberries (*Vaccinium corymbosum* and its var. *atrocoecum* with black berries) were very abundant, and in even greater profusion were the not unpleasant berries of the Choke-berry (*Pyrus arbutifolia* var. *melanocarpa*). The most conspicuous object was the beautiful ruddy Cotton Rush (*Eriophorum Virginicum*), with here and there a patch of the white variety. The lovely White-fringed Orchis (*Habenaria blephariglottis*) was found in quantities, as well as many other peat-loving plants.

On reassembling at the railway station Mr. Whyte addressed those present in the happy and entertaining style now so well known to the members of the Club. He spoke of the plants gathered during the excursion. He was followed by Messrs. Fletcher and Kingston, who delivered addresses respectively upon insects and birds. Mr. Kingston's remarks upon the Chimney-swift were listened to with great interest.

EXCURSION No. 5, TO KIRK'S FERRY.—The last excursion of the season was to the above favourite locality and was well attended. At 9.30 on Saturday morning 6th September six large vans carried off a merry party of over 100 to the grand old Laurentian hills, now magnificent in their glorious autumn array of purple, green, bronze, and gold. The weather was all that could possibly be desired, clear, bright and hot; but tempered by a gentle breeze. A most enjoyable day was spent by all. Those who did not care to follow the energetic leaders sought out shady nooks amongst the rocks by the rapids or strolled quietly through the mountain woods. Prof. Macoun who had just returned from the Rocky Mountains was heartily welcomed by the members of the club.

An hour was well spent, before leaving for home, in listening to the leaders' addresses.

The acting President, Mr. R. B. Whyte, first called upon Prof. Macoun, who gave two most instructive addresses, the first upon the classification of Fungi and the way to distinguish between edible and