

were well repaid, as thanks to a never failing supply of water from the leaky slide, the vegetation was very rich and luxuriant. Among the trophies they brought back were some Indian turnips with corms that almost rivaled the edible turnip in size, some of them being four inches in diameter. Our entomologists also were jubilant over the capture of many rare insects, amongst them being a female of the rare northern butterfly *Colias Interior*.

On August 13th we visited Britannia, and though nothing of marked interest was discovered a very enjoyable day was spent along the river bank. Above the station, near the lighthouse, were found large quantities of the handsome heads of the button-bush and the gorgeous spikes of the Cardinal flower.

On Sept. 17th was held the fifth and last excursion of the season to Kirk's Ferry and Falls on the Gatineau, four miles beyond Chelsea. The perfect weather, charming drive, and the many attractions of the locality visited all contributed to make it one of the most successful excursions ever held by the Club, and many wishes were expressed that the committee would hold our first excursion next season to the same place. It being our first visit our ever active botanists were diligent in searching for new species, and several additions were made to our list, the most notable being a new blueberry (*V. coespitosum*), a golden rod (*Solidago arguta*) and the curious grass (*Andropogon scoparius*). It was also an unusually interesting day for our Mineralogists, for in that great mineral reservoir the Laurentian formation, Phosphate, Plumbago, Mica, Iron Pyrites, Hornblende, &c., were abundant, especially in the cliffs along the river banks.

The sub-excursions, at which a large proportion of our work is done, have been more numerous and better attended than in past years. From the first week in May till late in the fall, when the weather permitted, these working parties, of which there were 21, left the Post Office at 2 P.M. every Saturday in charge of one or more of the leaders for convenient places in the vicinity of the city; some of them rivaling our general excursions in the numbers that attended.

In the beginning of the season I suggested to the leaders that it would add greatly to the interest and value of these tramps if they