

Speaking of the geological features of the district, Mr. Wilson said that only a few outcrops of rock were to be seen. These exposures were Chazy shale, and this formation is known to underlie the banks of the Ottawa on both sides of the river for a considerable distance. No fossils were found. He pointed out the relation of the Chazy beds to the Trenton and Utica formations as seen on the former excursions to Rockcliffe and Billing's Bridge.

Mr. J. W. Gibson, with specimens in hand, called attention to the fact that three species of pine were growing together naturally in the vicinity, as nowhere else around Ottawa. These were the White, Red, and Jack or Banksian pines, the differences between which he pointed out. The latter occurs only here, and the second in but one or two other places near Ottawa.

The writer showed specimens of three *Amelanchiers* or Juneberries, all in blossom. The species *canadensis*, and its variety *Botryapium*, which differs in being pubescent, were advanced in bloom, while the other species, *spicata*, was more recently open. He also spoke of a fine example of "witches' broom" which had been found on a balsam nearby, and explained that it was due to a fungus of the *Exoascus* group, which lives from year to year within the wood.

Some specimens of *Antennaria canadensis*, which had been deformed into rosettes of leaves lying close upon the ground, by the attacks of a Cecidomyid insect, were discovered by Miss Matthews; and the larvæ causing the injury, have since been identified by Dr. Felt, of Albany, N.Y., as probably those of *Rhopalomyia antennariæ*.

Others called upon were Mr. Brown, who briefly referred to some of the plants collected, and Mr. Kingston, who gave a list of the birds met with, and made some interesting observations on the habits of some of the species. Owing to a rather strong wind, not so many birds were seen as otherwise might have been, but the following were observed: Phæbe, Bronze Grackle, Red-winged Blackbird, Meadow Lark, White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Chipping Sparrow, Purple Finch, Ruby-crowned Kinglet (in full song), and Catbird.

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MCKAY'S LAKE.—The excursion to McKay's Lake was held on Saturday, May 28th. The weather was delightful, and in spite of the fact that very few were able to be present, the afternoon proved to be an exceptionally profitable one. In the absence of the President, Mr. Kingston was in charge of the party, which assembled at the Bridge at 3 p.m. Two delightful