

SECOND AUTUMN SUB-EXCURSION.

The second autumn sub-excursion of the Club was made to Blueberry Point, near Aylmer, Que., on Saturday, Oct. 3. Between thirty and forty persons attended. Leaving the city by electric car at 2.20 p.m., the Point was reached shortly before three o'clock. The whole party went at once to the lake shore and there divided, part remaining near the water in order to examine the rocks of the Chazy formation, and to collect shells, many kinds of which were found in a small stream. The other part of the company resorted to the woods to study the trees and herbaceous plants and to search for insects. It was a delightful autumn afternoon, and the woods presented a beautiful appearance. The autumn tints of the maples, sumachs, white ashes, and oaks, were at their very best, and presented a gorgeous spectacle. The Red Maple is the commonest species at Blueberry Point, but the Silver Maple and the Sugar Maple also occur there abundantly. Fine large trees of the Silver Maple growing near the lake offered good subjects for comparison with the Red Maple. Nearly all the different kinds of evergreens which occur near Ottawa, are to be found at this spot, and these also afforded good material for study. Blueberry Point is one of the few places in the Ottawa district where the Banksian or Northern Scrub Pine is found, and quite a number of these trees were seen within two hundred yards of the car track, growing with the White and Red Pines. Among the herbaceous plants of interest found during the afternoon, mention may be made of the Closed Gentian (*Gentiana Andreosii*) with its large purple flowers, which was collected near the lake shore, together with the Hairy Germander (*Teucrium occidentale*, A. Gray), the Small Scull-cap (*Scutellaria parvula*, Mx.) with its curious seeds, the Yellow Water-Crowfoot (*Ranunculus delphinifolius*, Torr.) in flower and seed, and on the mud near a little stream the Water Starwort (*Callitriche palustris*, L.) was found. Up in the woods beneath the pines, *Viola subviscosa*, Greene, and *V. cardaminefolia*, Greene, rewarded a diligent search. At 4.45 p.m. the party re-assembled, and the specimens collected by the excursionists were examined by the Leaders and named for those who wished to have them identified. The President made a few remarks, congratulating those present on the success