

## EXCURSION TO KING'S MERE.

On Saturday, the 21st of May, the first excursion for 1887 was held. The day dawned bright and warm, and at the appointed hour of 9 a.m. a large gathering of members and their friends assembled at the corner of Bank and Sparks streets, where the Club vans were to start from. A few minutes later six large covered vans were closely filled and took their departure for King's Mere. Across the Suspension Bridge they rolled, and their occupants had a good opportunity of seeing the Chaudiere Falls at the period of "high water" in the Ottawa. At Hull the main street was found to be impeded for its entire length with a trench blasted in the solid rock, for the laying of water pipes, and by the resulting mounds of stone, as well as some ridges of ice which had been protected by debris; a detour was thus necessitated and the party emerged through the C. P. R. station-yard on to the Chelsea Road. After the payment of somewhat exorbitant tolls, there was a stretch of several miles of macadamized road and then turning down through Old Chelsea the road ran through a pretty piece of woodland, containing some splendid butteraut and other hardwood trees. Pleasant as was the drive, everybody was delighted when the pretty little lake known as King's Mere was reached and the vans halted at its upper end. Several persons who had been unable to go in the vans arrived soon afterwards, and the total number of those present was found to reach 119, making the excursion the largest ever held by the club. As soon as the numerous baskets, collecting boxes, &c., had been removed from the vans, the President, Mr. R. B. Whyte, announced that at two o'clock those wishing to ascend the mountain were to gather, and that at 4.15 the entire party would re-assemble for the purpose of hearing the usual addresses, from the leaders of the several branches, on the collections and observations of the day. The party then broke up into numerous groups, which sought out shady places under the clumps of trees upon the mountain foot-slope, and proceeded to discuss with sharpened appetites the contents of numerous baskets, obtaining clear, cool and sparkling water from a spring near by. At the appointed hour the President headed the company, which desired to ascend the mountain, and the advance was made along an