

insects, and rocks, given as the objects were found in the open field.

In the way of botanical specimens, we have to mention a large collection of interesting violets. Along the river, the silver maple (*Acer dasycarpum*) was found growing quite abundantly among the red maples. The former was easily distinguished from the latter by its more deeply cut leaves. The green alder (*Alnus viridis*), which is not found in many places about Ottawa, was common near the river bank.

Seventeen different kinds of butterflies were collected, the rarest species of which was *Thecla niphon*, taken by Mr. Arthur Gibson and also by Mr. A. E. Richard. Other species found by Mr. Richard were *Nisoniades juvenalis*, *N. icelus*, and *Brentis bellona*. Dr. Fletcher secured a specimen of a rare longicorn beetle, *Anthrophylax attenuatus*.

Numerous Batrachians were obtained in a shaded ravine beside a spring, such as the Wood Frog (*Rana silvatica*), the American Toad (*Bufo americana*); and Miss Wilson, of the Ladies' College, at this place, discovered a specimen of Tree Frog, of the species known as *Hyla pickeringii*, which species is of a fawn colour, and singularly marked on the back with an oblique cross. All the specimens of Batrachians were small. A specimen of Grass Snake (*Liopeltis vernalis*) was also captured by a boy and held up for inspection at the time when the addresses were given at the grove.

Leaders who attended the excursion were Mr. W. T. Macoun, the President of the Club, Prof. Macoun, Dr. Fletcher, Dr. Sinclair, Mr. A. E. Attwood, Mr. Arthur Gibson, Mr. Wilson, Dr. Guillet, and Mr. Andrew Halkett. When assembled in the pine grove, before returning to the city, the President called upon Mr. Wilson, Dr. Fletcher, and Mr. Halkett to address the assemblage concerning respectively the fossils, batrachians, and plants which had been found. The excursionists then returned to Ottawa, and numbers of the members and others have since been seeking to study out in closer detail the structure of special objects. All look back to that afternoon in the shaded woods and open field as a promising incentive in connection with the future work of the Club.

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