

and the run was made in a little more than two hours. About half a mile south of Gracefield the train stopped, a walk of another half mile through woods and meadows brought the excursionists to a pine grove, where lunch was dispatched with much relish. In the afternoon all formed one party and walked to the Gatineau river, then down that river to where the Pickanock empties into it, and up the Pickanock for a half mile or more ; when under the shadow of the trees by the river's bank a short rest was taken, and addresses given by Mr. W. B. Sinclair, Vice-Principal, Normal School ; Dr. A. Lehmann ; Mr. Whitley, of London, Eng., and Mr. W. T. Macoun. After ascending a neighboring hill, where a magnificent view was obtained of the surrounding country, Gracefield was reached, and leaving there shortly before six p.m., the train arrived in Ottawa at 8.35. Everyone seemed pleased with the day's outing.

While the district visited abounds in beautiful scenery, it did not at that season offer a good field for the botanist or ornithologist. Very few birds were seen and no plants of especial interest noted. The wooded land was stony and the growth not very luxuriant. An interesting object on the hillsides was the moose-wood (*Dirca palustris*), large clumps of this shrub being very prominent there.

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EXCURSION.—As very many of the members of the Club are this month out of town and satisfactory arrangements cannot be made with the railways or steamboats for a small party, the Excursion Committee has decided to postpone for the present the "Outing" announced in the last issue.