

resulted in not a little new information concerning the distribution of our local plants.

Dr. Cephas Guillet continued his field instruction to the boys attending his school. Over 500 species were noted in flower.

In addition to the general work recorded above, many individual members of the Club were active in field research.

One of the results of this renewed activity in botanical study has been the inauguration of bi-monthly meetings of the botanical section. Two meetings have been held this year, the first at the house of Dr. Fletcher, the second at Prof. Macoun's. The principal object of these meetings is to enable working botanists to keep in touch with one another and so make it possible for them to work with greater advantage to themselves and one another.

Dr. Fletcher is growing all the species of Canadian violets obtainable, and he now has all of the Ottawa species, most of which are thriving under cultivation. Plants of nearly all have been grown from seed.

April 19. A sub-excursion of 150 to Aylmer. *Epigaea repens* was collected in perfection of bloom. *Acer rubrum* was also in full flower and exceptionally bright in colour this year.

April 26 was too wet for a sub-excursion.

May 3. Sub-excursion to Beaver Meadow, Hull, which about 60 attended.

May 10. Sub-excursion to Rideau Park; 40 turned out. A severe frost the previous night (13 degrees) had spoiled nearly all flowers open at the time.

May 17. First excursion; 300 attended. A large botanical class of Normal School students.

May 26. Sub-excursion to Rockliffe. Violets in bloom; but, as a class, these plants were much injured this year by the frost of May 9-10.

May 31. There was a small sub-excursion to Dow's swamp.

The long autumn of 1902 with good collecting weather enabled the botanists to do a great deal of active field work; sub-excursions were held during September to Rockliffe, Aylmer, Chelsea and Hull.

The first severe frost was not till October 4. On September