

seen in ten years. The large *Planorbis*, usually called *trivolvis*, but which, in the opinion of the leaders, is quite a distinct species, was found in abundance in the Rideau River west of Billings Bridge. The shells are easily obtained in the month of May, when like all other *Planorbis*, they are very active. Observations on this shell from the egg through various stages of growth to the adult shell may be stated at some future time and a description ventured.

The trip to Meech's and Harrington Lakes, of which an account is given in number 7, vol. vii, of *THE OTTAWA NATURALIST*, although undertaken under adverse circumstances, was attended with very happy results. An excursion to Lake Bernard, in still more inclement weather, met with little success, as but few shells could be collected. The Gatineau River, owing to its rapidity and the few bays which it contains, is noted for the absence of molluscan life. At Farrelton, however, in September, when the water was very low, a surprisingly large number of shells were obtained. Our three Margaritanas were found in abundance, and several others of the Unioniadae. The Ottawa River was too high throughout the summer to admit of successful collecting. The famous shoals at Duck Island, on one occasion, however, yielded a number of shells which amply compensated for the long row up and down the river.

A remunerative method of collecting small shells was found to be the gathering of moss during the autumn from woods and swamps. This moss is then sifted during the winter. In this way no less than 14 species were collected in one bag of moss taken from the edge of the swamp to the south of the St. Louis Dam.

The leaders will be pleased at all times to assist members either with instructions as to the best methods and localities for collecting, or in the naming of species.

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EXCURSION No.

Will be held on Saturday, September 15th, to Galetta on the O. and P. S. Railway.

The Train leaves at 8 A.M. Tickets, 60 cts. and 50 cts.; Children half-price.