

The fourth and last of the season, on September 15th, was our eighth trip to King's Mountain, visited this year for the first time in the autumn, and I think the general verdict was that the locality lost nothing by the change. If there was not such a profusion of flowers as in the spring, neither was there of mosquitoes, and the clear beautiful day made the view the finest on record.

Another excursion was advertised to Sulphur Springs, but owing to the continued wet weather, after being postponed two weeks, had to be dropped altogether.

You will no doubt have noticed in the July *NATURALIST* a brief account of the Montreal Natural History Society's excursion to Montebello. They kindly sent an invitation to any of our Club able to go to meet them there. Unfortunately we did not receive it in time to organize a party, and I very much regret that a business engagement prevented my being able to represent the Club; but I am glad to know that we were most efficiently represented by Messrs. Whiteaves and Ami, who gave a most glowing account of the kindly treatment they received from our Montreal friends.

I notice in the account given in the *NATURALIST* a feature that I have often thought we might adopt with great advantage at our own excursions, that is, the giving of prizes for the best collections made during the day. I well remember, on the two occasions when I had the pleasure of meeting our Montreal friends—at Calumet in 1879 and Montebello in 1881—the great interest taken in these competitions not only by the competitors and their friends but by everyone present. Prizes are given in botany, geology and entomology, for unnamed as well as named collections, thus making them interesting to the juniors and more advanced students alike. I would like to draw the attention of our lady members to the fact that at Montebello all the prizes in botany and geology were carried off by ladies, and that the large number of specimens collected show that the fair prize-winners deserved their honors. I have several times urged the advisability of giving prizes at our outings, but have not been able to persuade the Council to see the advantages of it as I do; but if I should be on the Council next season I will certainly try again, as the more I think over the matter the more convinced I am that the effects would be in every way beneficial,