

SUB-EXCURSIONS.

Saturday, May 5th, was an exceptionally fine day for the excursion to Rockcliffe Park, a goodly number attended, and the presence of Dr. Whiteaves was very much appreciated, as he is an enthusiast in his work which Canada is only too slow to take note of.

Rockcliffe, under the magic wand of the Improvement Commission is breaking out into more than its usual beauty, or rather the beauties are being brought to light. Glimpses of hill and stream never guessed before, burst into view, at every point. The different sections brought back their hoards to the meeting place in the grove near the Pavillion, and short talks were given by Pastor Eifrig, who has the German love of nature in his heart, on birds. Those seen and heard were :—

Hermit Thrush,	Bronzed Grackle,	Purple Martin,
Gold Finch,	Kentucky Warbler,	Barn Swallow,
Song Sparrow,	White-throated	Tree Swallow,
Junco,	Sparrow,	Red-winged Black-
Purple Finch,	Chipping Sparrow,	bird,
Robins,	Herring Gull,	Phoebe,
Kinglet,	Meadow Lark,	Kingfisher.

Dr. Ami who unfortunately is still on crutches from the accident to his limb drove down in order to be on the spot, and gave a talk on the stones and fossils found at Governor's Bay.

Mr. Andrew Halkett who is never so happy as when his pockets are bulging out with every creeping and crawling insect he can find, discoursed on the

1. Leopard frog (*Rana virescens*). Found by the edge of the Ottawa River.
2. American toad (*Bufo Americanus*). Found by Mr. Newman.
3. Numerous slaters or wood-lice—isopods of the family Oniscidae—found under stones.
4. Egg capsules of spiders filled with eggs.
5. A few centipedes, millipedes, insects, slugs, etc.

Mr. McNeil, of the Fruit Division, is a recent acquisition to the Club, and promises to be a most helpful one. He spoke on the "Foundation of things," or the first things in geology.

"Governor's Bay," where so many of the geological specimens were found, is rich in material from a scientific standpoint. Some years ago an Indian mound was discovered here, and many Indian relics, showing that it was a place treasured by the aborigines, who generally made the most of the beautiful spots in the country.

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