

make themselves familiar with its appearance, so as to avoid it themselves and warn others against its poisonous properties.

Mr. R. H. Cowley discovered new localities for the Walking Fern (*Camptosorus rhizophyllus*) and the Maiden hair Spleenwort (*Asplenium Trichomanes*). These were growing together on rocks to the west of the Beaver Meadow at Hull.

It will be noticed that no less than fifteen new plants have been added to the *Flora Ottawaensis* during the past season, and these were all found in localities which had been previously worked over. There are still several plants which should occur in this district, but which so far have not been discovered. The leaders would suggest the advisability of a special systematic search being made for these one by one in the most likely places.

A curious case of poisoning in the city of Hull, Province of Quebec, was traced up by the leaders to the rare introduced plant *Datura Tatula* or Purple-flowered Thorn-apple. This plant is of rare occurrence here; but when once introduced seems to be able to live and spread. This was the case in the streets of Stewarton some years ago. Specimens kindly procured for the leaders by a gentleman connected with the Ottawa DAILY CITIZEN were distinctly recognizable as this species by their purple stems. *Datura Stramonium* is not uncommon in waste places about the city, but *D. Tatula* is rare. There appears to have been a large patch growing on a piece of waste land in the city of Hull, and some five or six children ate the seeds, and all of them were made extremely ill, so that it was feared for some days that all would die. Ultimately, however, all recovered. The curious part of this case is that anyone, even children, should eat the seeds of this uninviting plant. Not only are the pods covered with sharp spines; but the whole plant has a most nauseous and sickening odour.

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