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# Literary and Historical Society of Quebec.

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## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1875.

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The Council of the Literary and Historical Society have the honour to report to the members, that since the last Annual General Meeting held in their rooms, on the 13th of January, 1875, there has been the following change in, and addition to, the list of membership.

They have to announce with regret their loss by death of the following members:—J. B. Parkin, Esq., George Thomson, Esq., Edwin Trass, Esq., of Paris, and by resignation—nine members. On the other hand, they have great pleasure in announcing that twenty-three new members have been elected since the last Annual General Meeting. The number of members is now 345.

The following papers have been read:—

I. On the Aboriginal History of Great Britain, by Hon. W. C. Howells, Consul for the United States of America, read the 17th February, 1875.

II. On the Intellectual Progress of Canada since 1824, by the President, Professor James Douglas, Jr., read the 3rd March, 1875.

III. Recollections of a Summer Cruise in the Arctic Regions, fifty-six years ago, by James Douglas, Esq., M.D., read the 17th March, 1875.

IV. On Jerome Savonarola, by E. J. Fletcher, Esq., read the 7th April, 1875.

V. On some things belonging to the settlement of the Valley of Ohio, by Hon. W. C. Howells, Consul for the United States of America, read the 19th May, 1875.

VI. On the Roman Pandects, by R. S. M. Bouchette, Esq., Vice-President of the Society, read the 4th December, 1875.

The Council beg leave to inform the Society that a volume of the new series of the Transactions, Part II, has been published, and is now ready for distribution among the members.

It has also the pleasure to state that under the auspices of the Society the fourth series of manuscripts relating to the early history of Canada, has recently issued, containing four important MSS., viz:—

No. 1. A Journal of the Expedition up the River St. Lawrence, May 8, 1759,—the original MS. being the property of J. M. LeMoine, Esq.

No. 2. General Orders in Wolfe's Army during the expedition up the River St. Lawrence, 1759.

No. 3. Journal du Siége de Québec en 1759—par Jean Claude Panet, témoin oculaire.

No. 4. Journal of the siege and blockade of Quebec by the American Rebels in Autumn 1775 and winter 1776. (Hugh Finlay.)

In addition to these valuable Historical Documents, there is one which will prove interesting to the student of History appended to the article in the Transactions on Card Currency, viz:—"Convention for the liquidation of the Canada paper money between the King of Great Britain

and the King of France." The MS. is the property of Dr. H. H. Miles, author of the History of Canada, who kindly placed it at the service of the author of the article.

The Society, from its infancy, seems to have understood the important mission which its Charter imposed upon it, with regard to the publication of documents relating to the early times of our history. Many of its Patrons, Presidents and leading members specially favored this course. We may mention in 1838 the Earl of Durham—one of our ablest colonial administrators; the historian Garneau; the learned Abbé John Holmes, Director of the Quebec Seminary. One of our most laborious Presidents, the late G. B. Faribault, made it a life occupation and labor of love; and later on, circumstances alone prevented the Society from carrying out to its fullest extent, the publication of Champlain's voyages, which originated under another President, John Langton, Esquire. The first publication of magnitude was the printing in 1838 of "Mémoires sur le Canada, 1749—1760"—due chiefly to the efforts of the late G. B. Faribault. This most curious memoir, on the last years of French rule, was so much sought after that in a few years the edition was exhausted. It is one of the works we have lately thought proper to reprint. The re-printing and re-publication from Hackluyt of the *Voyages de Jacques Cartier* followed by the *Routier* of *Jean Alphonse de Xaintouge*, soon after attracted the notice of all students of Canadian History.

For some years the Society's zeal seemed to flag. In 1866 a Committee was formed to assist Mr. J. M. LeMoine in the selection of MSS. for publication; and from that time to the present of the MSS. printed save two, were selected and revised by him; this involved the correction of some thousands of pages of *proofs*.

The Society has long felt the want of a fire-proof chamber as a depository for the safe-keeping of valuable works,

manuscripts, and records, the destruction of which would prove an irreparable loss. For the preservation of such, the Governors of Morrin College have, with their usual liberality, placed at the disposal of the Society an arched chamber in the basement of the building, which has been rendered fire and burglar proof by the addition of iron doors and other improvements which were deemed necessary.

The Misses Neilson offered to entrust to the keeping of the Society the invaluable collection of books, including a complete fyle of the *Quebec Gazette* since 1764, made by the late Hon. John Neilson. The Council hope that their successors in office may soon be in a position to announce that this collection has been placed in safety, by the ladies referred to having availed themselves of the provision which has been made for the preservation of books and papers that are most rare.

The Library has been enriched by the addition of 312 volumes of the higher current literature. The Council trust that the selection of books which has been made may be considered judicious, and calculated to minister to the varied tastes of the members of the Society. The report on the Library gives full particulars of the purchases during the last year, to which the Council refer.

The report of the Curator of the Museum will be found interesting. The specimens of birds are in a state of good preservation, and the collection no doubt continues to prove serviceable and interesting to the student of ornithology. The Council cannot allude to the few Indian reliques in the Museum without expressing the hope that donations and additions may be made to that department, such as pipes, axes, hammer-stones, spears, and arrow-points. It is most desirable to increase the archæological collection. In this neighborhood, perhaps, more than in any other in

Canada, reliques and memorials elucidating Indian life in the past may be obtained in sufficient numbers to render the Museum more attractive and more interesting to the antiquary and the student of archæology than it is at present.

The Council cannot omit making mention of the commemoration in the rooms of the society, of the centennial anniversary of the successful defence of Quebec in 1775. The co-operation of the members generally rendered the celebration a marked success. Historical papers bearing on the subject were read on the occasion by Colonel Strange and J. M. LeMoine, Esq., which, together with an account of the proceedings of the evening, will be published in pamphlet form.

With regard to the financial affairs of the Society, the Council refer to the accompanying report on the state of the funds, submitted by the Treasurer. It will be readily seen that, unusual expenditures have been made of late, viz:—In publishing, and in the purchase of books for the library; in providing a place of safety for the property of the society; and in defraying the expenses connected with the commemoration. The balance, however, which would otherwise have appeared in the hands of the Treasurer is represented, in part, by well selected works now on the shelves of the library, by the printed transactions, historical manuscripts, and interchanges which have been made with kindred societies. There is no darkness but ignorance, and that we seek to dispel by diffusing knowledge, and by publishing interesting documents and information which may be useful to those who aim at improvement, and who labor for the advancement of art and science.

The Council announce with sincere regret the loss to the Society by the death of their Assistant-Secretary, Mr. William Judd, who for several years past had so efficiently

discharged the duties assigned to him. They have engaged the services of Mr. Macdonald, who, they trust, will prove no unworthy successor to the former occupant of the office.

They very much regret the absence of the President, Professor James Douglas, Jr., who has left this city to reside in the United States of America. The Council cannot express themselves in terms too laudatory of the great services he rendered during his long connection with this Society, in which he filled every important office demanding mental labor. On leaving his native for a new home, an address was read and presented to him, which, together with his answer, is on record in the minutes of proceedings. It is gratifying to the Council to be enabled to state that Mr. Douglas' connection with the Society will not be entirely severed, as he will continue to contribute to the "Transactions;" and some time during the current session he will visit Quebec and read the address which he has prepared for the year that has just ended.

JAMES STEVENSON,  
*Vice-President.*



# Literary and Historical Society of Quebec.

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## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1875.

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The Librarian, in rendering an account of the department under his care, would remark that the excellent Library on these shelves continues to be well appreciated, as is evinced by the large number of volumes taken out during the past year, viz :—2,912 against 2,653 of the year preceding. (Issues in 1873 2,108, in 1870 1,499.)

Eighty-three vols. have been added to the Library by donation or exchange. The benefactors have been H. S. Scott, Esq., M. Latour Huguet, the Governments of Quebec and Ontario, and many learned societies whose transactions have been forwarded to us. A detailed list of these donations is appended to this report.

The additions by purchase during the past year number 312 volumes, which may be classified as follows: History 22, Natural Science 19, Travels 56, Biography 16, and Modern Literature, &c. 199. The Society considering that its duty lay in specially collecting the works of native talent has devoted a compartment to Canadian authors, and many additions have been made thereto during the past year, the works added being principally in the French language.

The departure of Mr. Douglas has been felt in the Library, as at the time of his leaving Quebec he expected to procure large additions to the Library by personal selection during his travels, but he was prevented from carrying out

his intentions and thus the purchase of many useful works has been delayed, the procuring of which will devolve upon the Council for the ensuing year. Members are reminded of the Recommendation Book in which they may inscribe the titles of wished for works. These suggestions will always be thankfully received. The much regretted demise of the late acting librarian Mr. Judd, left a vacancy not easily filled, but his successor Mr. McDonald, when he will have had the personal knowledge of the books which time alone can give, will prove an efficient officer.

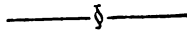
The chronic complaint of this, in common no doubt with all libraries, is that books are taken out and tardily returned, if returned at all. It is to be hoped, especially with regard to new books, that subscribers will pay more attention to the rule allowing fifteen days only for the detention of a volume. Books are sometimes lost completely, and sometimes though in the Library they can with difficulty be found. The latter trouble may be obviated by numbering the books and shelves, thus giving each volume its permanent place, and I would recommend that this should be done as soon as convenient, but the abstraction of books without the knowledge of the librarian can only be prevented by placing the books under lock and key or behind counters as is the case in most large libraries. However, the present system of open shelves is so much more convenient and pleasant to those members who frequent the room that a change cannot be recommended.

The reading room furnished with an increased number of periodicals continues to be largely used. The evening attendance up to date this winter is an improvement on previous seasons.

The whole respectfully submitted.

RODERICK McLEOD,  
*Librarian.*

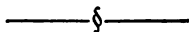
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DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR 1875.

New England Historical Geneological Society— Collections.....	36 Nos.
Harvard College—Memorial Biographies.....	2 Vols.
Essex Institute—Bulletin.....	1 “
Mercantile Library Association—Report .....	1 “
Royal United Service Institution—Journal.....	1 “
Boston Society of Natural History—Memoirs.....	4 “
Henry S. Scott. Esq.,—Jules Verne's Voyage autour du Monde.....	1 “
Do—Stadford's Map of Polar Regions.....	1 “
Academy of Science of St. Louis—Transactions ...	1 “
Quebec Government Statutes.....	2 “
Do Sessional Papers.....	2 “
American Academy—Proceedings.....	1 “
Philosophical Society of Glasgow—Proceedings...	1 “
American Antiquarian Society— do ...	1 “
Province of Quebec—Reports and Surveys.....	6 “
Province of Ontario—Journals Legislative Assem- bly.....	1 “
Knight Templars New Hampshire—Proceedings..	2 “
New Hampshire Historical Society— do ..	2 “
Public Library of Boston—Reports, &c.....	3 “
Royal Geological Society of Ireland—Reports, &c.	1 “
Through Smithsonian Institute—Sundry.....	10 “
Total.....	80 Vols.
M. Latour Huquet—Annales de Ville-Marie.....	3 “
	<hr/> 83 Vols.

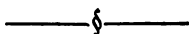
# Literary and Historical Society of Quebec.



## REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 1875.



The Museum of the Society is, comparatively speaking, of recent date. Two successive conflagrations, had swept the specimens of former years—less varied, and, in my opinion, less attractive than those we now possess. They were chiefly composed of ores, metals, some few birds, and last, though not least, the largest denizens of our forests.

A short retrospect of the past may not be out of place. Our seniors can yet recall to mind the Society's huge black bear, a colossal moose, some graceful red deers, together with the well known cariboo. The art of the taxidermist had made them loom out as large as life; we can remember well their stately gravity, in the vacant rooms of the Union Hotel, Place d'Armes, and subsequently amongst the cobwebs, in the attic of the old Parliament Buildings. Doubtless, that enthusiastic naturalist, Pierre Chasseur, himself the proprietor of a museum, had been employed to procure, and Mr. Kendall, a good taxidermist, to stuff these samples of Canadian game.

About 1854, and again about 1860, the fiery scourge, which has so often devastated Quebec, devoured these treasures of art and nature. A fresh collection was then commenced, in the rooms occupied at that date in the Masonic Hall, St. Louis street. Our institution having engaged

an assistant Librarian, Custodian and Taxidermist, Wm. Couper, late of Toronto, a new impetus was communicated, especially to Ornithology and Zoology. Being at that time engaged in compiling the history of the Birds of Canada, I was asked to superintend the selection and formation of the new museum. To the Birds, eggs and specimens procured and stuffed by Mr. Couper, large additions were made, some by gift—some by purchase—others by exchange. It became a pleasant task to carry out a scheme which every successive Board of Directors seemed to have so much at heart. Our collection of birds and animals now comprises nearly the two-thirds of our Fauna, and the birds, eggs, contributed by gift and purchase, form a most valuable selection.

About three years back, the specimens requiring more space, the Society on the recommendation of the Curator incurred the expense of the handsome center square case in glass and mahogany in which, the ducks, grouse and some wild animals are seen to so much advantage.

Other departments of the sciences soon claimed our notice, especially archæology and numismatics.

Dr. Marsden, then Vice-President, was instrumental in obtaining for the Society, on reasonable terms, a most beautiful and complete sett of United States Medals—Presidential—Army and Navy—this is not the only debt of gratitude the museum owes to this old and valuable member. Mr. Alfred Sandham, Numismatist of Montreal, may also be considered one of the principal benefactors to this department. Another Branch which it has been my good fortune to see much increased was that relating to the Canadian and foreign woods. The latter was a gift from a member, Dr. H. Miles, the historian.

Our archæological collection, our Indian curiosities, we

owe to the untiring energy and to the generosity of a regretted late President, Dr. W. J. Anderson.

Want of space has compelled us to leave comparatively in abeyance the Ichthyology and Flora of Canada. A herbarium of lovely flowers is the source of too pure pleasure to the lover of nature to be long forgotten.

Our Vice-President has dwelt at sufficient length on other wants of the Museum ; it is unnecessary for me to enlarge on them. Let us hope that, with a continuance of the prosperity which hitherto has lit up our path, ere-long, the Museum will be worthy of the enlightened Society which now claims it as its own.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. LEMOINE,  
*Curator.*

# Literary and Historical Society

## OF QUEBEC.

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### DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM—1875.

- P. Poulin, Esq. :—Horns of Chamois ; Rosary from Jerusalem.
- G. Vogt, Esq. :—Silver coin of Chili ; Italian coin of Napoleon ; 1 Russian coin.
- Mrs. Algernon Sewell :—Knife from India.
- J. S. Budden, Esq. :—Grape shot found on the Plains of Abraham.
- J. C. Cattanach, Esq. :—Silver coin of the Republic of Haiti.
- A. Graham, Esq. :—Medal of George I.
- H. Dinning, Esq. :—Model of the "Royal William," first steamship that crossed the Atlantic.
- R. Craig, Esq. :—French silver coin found in the ruins of a house at St. Foye.
- Rev. C. W. Rawson :—Two copies re-prints of the "Times."
- Col. J. F. Turnbull :—Reprints of the first copy of the "Times" and other newspapers.
- Prof. J. Douglas :—Tablet with Cuneiform characters.

# Literary and Historical Society

## OF QUEBEC.

### ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1875.

*Quebec Literary and Historical Society in account with the  
Treasurer.*

<b>Dr.</b>	
1875.—To balance on hand.....	\$ 603 76
“ Government Grant for 1874.....	750 00
“ “ “ “ 1875.....	750 00
“ Interest on deposits in Savings' Bank...	42 94
“ Sale of Transactions, &c.....	12 75
“ Subscriptions from Members.....	1052 25
	<b>\$3211 70</b>
<b>Cr.</b>	
1875.—By paid Rent.....	\$ 200 00
“ “ Books, periodicals, printing and advertising .....	1638 26
“ “ Salaries.....	258 30
“ “ Gas and fuel .....	156 74
“ “ Insurance.....	52 75
“ “ Commission on collections.....	73 80
“ “ Iron doors for vault and mason work.....	180 87
“ “ Window blinds.....	28 00
“ “ Incidental expenses.....	203 54
<b>BALANCE.</b>	
1876.	
Jan. 1.—Historical Document Fund...	\$152 17
Life Members' Fund....	54 65
General Fund.....	212 62
	419 44
	<b>\$3211 70</b>

WM. HOSSACK,  
*Treasurer.*



# Literary and Historical Society OF QUEBEC.

## OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 1876.

*President*.....JAMES STEVENSON.

*Vice-Presidents*.....

{	LT.-COL. T. B. STRANGE, R.A.
{	R. S. M. BOUCHETTE, Advocate.
{	H. S. SCOTT,
{	WM. BOSWELL, M.D.

*Treasurer*..... Wm. HOSSACK.

*Librarian*..... R. MCLEOD,

*Recording Secretary*..... C. TESSIER, Notary.

*Corresponding Secretary*..... WM. CLINT.

*Council Secretary*..... ALEX. ROBERTSON, Advocate.

*Curator of the Museum*..... J. M. LEMOINE, Advocate,  
Ex-President.

*Curator of Apparatus*..... COMMANDER ASHE, R.N.,  
F.R.S., Ex-President.

*Additional Members of Council.* {

{	REV. H. D. POWIS,
{	J. WHITEHEAD,
{	J. F. BELLEAU,
{	E. POPE.

# Literary and Historical Society

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## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

FOR THE

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The Council of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec have the honour to report to the members of the Society that, since the last annual general meeting, there has been the following change in, and addition to, the members of the Society.

They have to announce with regret their loss by death of two members: J. G. Colston, Esq., B. A., LL. M., advocate; and Colonel B. C. A. Gugy, whose name cannot be mentioned without evoking associations with the Military and Political History of the Colony.

By resignation they have lost one member.

On the other hand, four Honorary Members, and three Corresponding Members—all men of distinguished merit—have been elected, and thirty-four new names have been added to the list of associate members.

The following papers have been read:

I. "On Presidential Elections," by Hon. W. C. Howells, Consul for the United States of America.

II. "On the Winter Navigation of the St. Lawrence," by E. Sewell, Esq.

Since the last annual general meeting, the Library has been increased by the addition of two hundred and one volumes of the higher current literature. The selection of the books has been made with care, and with due regard to the varied tastes of the members of the Society. The report of the Librarian, which will be read with interest, gives full particulars of the purchases and donations of books during the last year; in addition to which, several blanks in the files of the *Quebec Gazette* have been supplied by the purchase of volumes which were wanting. The Council hope soon to announce that they have succeeded in completing this valuable record.

For the convenience of members, an arrangement has recently been entered into with the Assistant Librarian, whereby his attendance at the rooms extends from ten A. M., till six P.M., daily, (Sundays and Holidays excepted,) and further, from seven P.M., till ten P.M., during the winter session. This service has entailed considerable expense upon the Society, but it is gratifying to learn that it has not been incurred in vain,—the rooms of the Society never were more frequented than they are now; nor has the usefulness of the Institution ever been more extended than it is at the present time.

The report of the Curator of the Museum will be found most satisfactory. The valuable specimens of the Fauna of the country are in a state of excellent preservation; and although few additions have been made to the department of Natural History, other departments have been enriched by numerous donations.

The Treasurer will have pleasure in submitting his report on the state of the funds of the Society, which, it will be at once perceived, are in a satisfactory state.

The rooms which you now occupy are, no doubt, in

many respects convenient and commodious; and the relations of the Society with its landlord, the Morrin College, are of the most friendly and agreeable character; but the want of space for the additions which are made, from time to time, to the Library and Museum, is very evident; and has suggested the idea that a site, or city lot, might be acquired, upon which, at no distant day, a building, in all respects suitable and adapted to the wants of the Society, may be erected. The Council would therefore respectfully recommend that some action should be taken towards attaining that object, by affording an opportunity to members, or others, who feel interested in the undertaking, of contributing or making bequests to, what may be designated, "a Building Fund."

In conclusion, the Council beg leave to inform the Members of the Society that the printing of the new series of "The Transactions" is now far advanced, and that copies of the same will shortly be ready for distribution. They also propose to edit a selection of unpublished manuscripts and historical documents relating to the war of 1812, which will be issued before the next annual general meeting of the Society.

JAMES STEVENSON,  
*President.*

## Literary and Historical Society

OF QUEBEC.

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## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 1876.

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In rendering an account of his department for the past year, the Librarian would, in the first place, remark the continued appreciation of the library by the members, as shewn by the large number of issues during the year, viz. : 6,470. This, which is more than double the circulation of any previous year, not only indicates a growing taste for edifying reading, but also shews that on the whole, the additions made to the library, lately, have been approved by the members. As in this institution, contrary to the custom of most other libraries, the Librarian has no special authority as such to select purchases; this remark may be made without risking any imputation of self-laudation. As a library of reference, the works on the shelves have been increasingly used, and as the books are not confined in cases or behind a counter as in most large libraries, many books are consulted and at once returned to the shelves, to the convenience of the members, and thus avoiding many entries in the issue book.

The additions by purchase during the past year have been 201 vols., which may be classed as follows: History, 32; Biography, 30; Poetry, 11; Modern Literature and Science, 62; Classical Translations, 18; *Quebec Gazette*, 16; and bound periodicals, 32. The file of the *Quebec Gazette*

is yet incomplete, but it is hoped that the applications by advertisement and otherwise, for the volumes still required, may meet the eye of persons possessing them, and who may be induced to donate or sell to the Society.

The donations during the past year number 193. The donors have been J. J. Foote, to whom we are indebted for 21 volumes of the *Morning Chronicle*, Jas. Stevenson, J. M. LeMoine, H. S. Scott, R. H. Smith, L. P. Turcotte, G. Baldwin, Esqs., Prof. Jas. Douglas, the Governments of Quebec and Ontario, and many learned Societies of Great Britain and the United States of America. The need of sufficient room for the steadily increasing library is being felt, but by careful utilizing of the shelves at our disposal, we can manage for the present, but not very far in the future additional space must be found. The very efficient and able manner in which Mr. Macdonald performs his duties as Acting Librarian cannot be unobserved by the members of the Society, and is deserving of all praise. A new recommendation book has been placed on the table, and it is hoped that members of the Society will freely avail themselves of its columns for their own advantage, and thus afford the Council at the same time the benefit of their suggestions. The Librarian cannot close without remarking on the importance and value of a good library as an educator of the highest rank, silent in its operations, but most potent and durable in its effects, and trusts that the Society will in the future devote an increasing share of its funds in keeping up its efficiency and attractiveness by frequent additions of the standard works of current literature.

RODERICK McLEOD,  
*Librarian.*

# Donations to the Library

FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1876.

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Catalogues of Exhibits—Centennial Exhibition. From Professor J. Douglas.

Catalogues and other books relating to Exhibits—Centennial Exhibition. From Hon. P. Garneau.

Financial Statement of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, P. Q.

The Gospel of St. Matthew in the Mic-Mac Language.

Sessional Papers 2-3, 1875, 1-2-3-4, 1876.

Statutes of Canada, Vols. I-II., 1876.

Journals of the House of Commons, Canada, vol. 10, 1876.

Journals of the Senate, Canada, Vol. 10, 1876.

Statuts de Québec, 39 Victoria, 1875.

Biographies—Sir G. E. Cartier; Hist. de L'Isle D'Orléans, by the author, L. P. Turcotte.

Third Supplement to the Alphabetical Catalogue of the Library of the Legislature, Province of Quebec.

Annuaire de L'Université Laval, 1876-77.

Mélanges D'Histoire et de Littérature.

Palæontology of the Province of Ontario.

Biographical sketch of Major-General Richard Montgomery, of the Continental Army.

Annuaire de L'Institut Canadien de Québec, 1876, No. 3.

Major-General Philip Schuyler and the Burgoyne Campaign, in the summer of 1777. By Gen. J. Watts de Peyster.

The Life of Count Rumford, presented by G. R. Baldwin, Esq., Quebec.

Quebec Past and Present. J. M. LeMoine, Advocate.

Dictionnaire et Grammaire de La Langue des Cris.

Report of the General Elections, 1875.

Report of the Minister of Public Instruction for the Province of Quebec, 1873-74, and part of 1875.

Proceedings of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, May, 1875 to May, 1876.

Transactions of the Academy of Science, St. Louis, vol. 3.

Transactions of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, Vol. 3.

Cudmore's Constitutional History of the United States of America.

Report of the Commissioner of Fisheries, 1875.

Geological Survey of Canada. Report of Progress, 1874-75.

Proceedings of the Philosophical Society of Glasgow, 1875-76.

Proceedings and Transactions of the Nova-Scotian Institute of Natural Science, Halifax.

Royal Colonial Institute, Report of Proceedings, 1875-76.

Journal of the Royal United Society of Edinburgh, 1874-75.

Proceedings of the Davenport Academy of Nat. Science, Vol. I., 1867 to 1876.

Proceedings of the Historical Society of Mass., 1875-76.

Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History, Vol. 13.

Boletin de la Sociedad Geografica de Madrid, 1876.

Report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Province of Quebec.

Public Libraries of the United States. Their History.

Biographical sketch of Wm. Penn, Historical Society, Penn.

Heckewelder's Indian Nations, Hist. Society, Penn.

Hist. of the St. Albans' Raid. Annual Address, Vermont Historical Society.

Early Maps of Ohio and the West. C. C. Baldwin, Esq., Cleveland, Ohio.

87th Regent's Report of the University of the State of New York.



New York State Museum of Nat: History.

Boundaries of the State of New York, from the State Library, Albany, New York.

Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, October 21st, 1875.

21 Vols. *Morning Chronicle* of Quebec, 1847 to 1866. Donation from the Editor, J. J. Foote, Esq.

Buffalo Historical Society, Certificate of Incorporation, &c.

Several Pamphlets from the Smithsonian Institution.

Report of the City Engineer of Quebec on the proposed improvements in the River St. Charles.

Annuaire de Ville-Marie—Origine, Utilité et Progrès des Institutions Catholiques de Montréal.

Conférences de Notre-Dame de Québec—par l'Abbé Jean Holmes.

Invasion du Canada et Siège de Québec en 1775-6, par L. P. Turcotte.

Free Trade and the European Treaties of Commerce from the Cobden Club.

Annual Report of the Department of the Interior for the year ended 30th June, 1875.

Annuaire de Ville-Marie, supplément à l'édition de 1864.

Catalogue of Authors, McGill College Library.

Canada as a Military Power—from the author.

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### REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 1876.

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There are but few additions to the ornithological department by purchase for the year just expired. A list of the donations is herewith subjoined.

Though the present Museum is comparatively recent in creation, it having succeeded to the two collections in past years destroyed by fire, it has now attained dimensions such as to require a new *locale* whenever the larger specimens of our Fauna—such as elk, deer, bears, wolves—are acquired. It may be comprised under the following heads:—

- 1st. The Birds of Canada and a few foreign species.
- 2nd. An extensive collection of birds' eggs—Canadian.
- 3rd. The smaller Animals of Canada.
- 4th. A valuable selection of Canadian and United States medals.
- 5th. The Fishes in the Canadian waters. (This department is very incomplete.)
- 6th. A collection of Indian trophies, dresses, utensils, arms, &c.
- 7th. A collection of the Woods of Canada and some foreign Woods.
- 8th. A collection of Minerals, Ores, &c.
- 9th. A collection of archæological and other relics.

Each branch will soon require a separate room. I may add that the want of space has been the main obstacle this year to the acquisition of new specimens. The Museum has attained such dimensions that, in my opinion, the time is come when its contents ought to be carefully catalogued and a list published with our annual Transactions.

In order not to be taken unawares, as has once occurred, the Curator respectfully recommends that a certain sum be set aside each year, as it has been done for some time, so that the taxidermist of the Society may be enabled to purchase, for the purpose of exchanges with other institutions having a museum, some of the most common Canadian birds, shot round Quebec, which he will make up in skins and lay aside. It will yet be in the recollection of many members that, in 1867, an eminent French naturalist, connected with some of the Public Museums of France, actually sent to our rooms a large collection of European birds in skins, to exchange with us for Canadian specimens. Unfortunately we were not then prepared as we are now, and the two-thirds of this invaluable collection had to go to Montreal and New York to be exchanged, our Society retaining but a limited number. Several dozen of such duplicates, costing us from fifty cents to one dollar, according to size, are now available for purposes of exchange.

Several rare medals, commemorative of Canadian and American events—through the agency of an associate member, C. Tessier, Esq., of numismatic tastes—have been acquired for us, this autumn, at the sales in New York of an amateur's cabinet of medals; so that, between purchases and gifts, our numismata are beginning to make a fair display.

Our Society, by the purchase of an exquisitely illustrated and elaborately compiled work, "THE BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA," at the price of \$60, and by subscribing to several

publications connected with natural history, has shown the deep interest its members attach to a pursuit in itself so beautiful and so ennobling in its aim as the study of nature.

Each day brings practical proof of the usefulness of our natural history collection. Not only does it attract the attention of many travellers of note, anxious to know something about our Fauna, but it has become a place of resort—a species of consulting library, where every Quebec school-boy, budding sportsman or naturalist resorts to, in order to identify a bird, a fish, an animal, an insect captured in his daily rambles.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. LEMOINE,  
*Curator.*

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### DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1876.

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- Rev. H. D. Powis :—Two specimens of Herpetology.
- Prof. A. N. Macquarrie :—Copper Coin of 1781.
- H. N. Jones, Esq. :—Copy of the "Times," 1805.
- Prof J. Douglas :—Massachusetts Spy, (newspaper), 1776.
- A. Wheeler, Esq. :—Specimen of Ichthyology.
- R. S. M. Bouchette, Advocate :—Twenty specimens or *fac similes* of Confederate paper currency in circulation in the early part of the late war, United States.
- W. A. Holwell, Esq. :—Fruit of the Monkey Tamarind.
- " " " :—Section of Lace-bark-tree.
- " " " :—Two pieces of Chewstick, Powder of Chewstick, (in bottle.)
- " " " :—Basket and Strainer made from the Wild Cucumber ; Circassian, Beans ; Job's Tears.
- " " " :—Also a descriptive Catalogue of the exhibits sent from the Island of Jamaica, to the Centennial Exhibition, 1876.

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## ABSTRACT OF THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1876.

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<b>Dr.</b>	
Jan. 1, 1876.	
To Balance on hand.....	\$ 419 44
“ Government grant. ....	750 00
“ Interest on deposit in Savings' Bank.....	31 00
“ Sale of transactions, &c.....	3 00
“ Subscription from Members.....	1111 25
	<u>\$2314 69</u>
<b>Cr.</b>	
1876.	
By paid Rent.....	\$ 200 00
“ “ Salaries.....	264 29
“ “ Books, periodicals, printing and advertising.....	606 52
“ “ Gas and fuel.....	212 06
“ “ Museum.....	5 95
“ Commission on collection.....	85 51
“ Insurance.....	58 10
“ Incidental expenses.....	110 00
“ Centennial Celebration.....	107 55
	<u>\$1649 98</u>
Jan. 1, 1877.	
By Balance Historical Document Fund..	\$155 17
“ Life Members' Fund.....	54 75
“ General Fund.....	454 79
	<u>664 71</u>
	<u>\$2,314 69</u>

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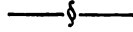
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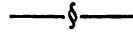
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