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The principal object of this Museum is the lead tomb with remains of the wooden coffin in which reposed for nearly two centuries the precious remains of Venerable François de Laval, first Bishop of Canada, and founder of the Quebec Seminary.

In this hall also have been gathered some pious mementos of late popes Pius IX, Leo XIII and others. Many other souvenirs of Canadian Bishops and Quebec Seminary priests may be seen in this Museum.

INVERTEBRATE MUSEUM

The museum in composed of several distinct collections:

Entomological Museum.—The collection numbers over 18,000 specimens of insects from all parts of the world. It comprises several samples, the types of new species, classified by the first entomologists of the United States and Europe. The orders of the coleoptera, hemiptera and lepidoptera are really remarkable for their number and the brilliancy of their colors.

The entomological collection, being very delicate and fragile, is kept in closed drawers and can be viewed only for study's sake. To comply with the legitimate curiosity of the visitors, a certain number of duplicates with names, is exhibited in cases which represent the various orders of insects.

One can see with interest a complete collection showing the history of the principal silk-worms and of the honey-bee with its enemies; also remarkable specimens of the architecture of insects and of their metamorphoses.