

to the Minister of Agriculture, and to the Legislature.

#### NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Society was held at its Rooms, in Little St. James Street, on the 18th ultimo, and also by adjournment, on the 31st ultimo, at which a very large number of Members were present.

The Report of the Council of the affairs and proceedings of the Society, for the past twelve months, was read and adopted. The Reports of the Treasurer, Cabinet-keeper, and Librarian, were included in the Report of the Council and also adopted.

The following gentlemen were then elected Officers for the ensuing year—1852-53:—

S. C. Sewell, M. D., President.	
The Rev. A. DeSola, Vice President.	
B. Workman, Esq., second Vice President.	
A. H. David, M. D., third Vice President.	
Win. Sutherland, M. D., Corresponding Secretary.	
Joseph J. Dutton, Esq., Recording Secretary.	
G. D. Gibb, M. D., Cabinet-keeper and Librarian.	
L. A. H. Latour, Esq.,	} The Council.
John Ostell, Esq.,	
Frederick Neif, Esq.,	
A. F. Holmes, M. D.	
W. Fraser, M. D.	

From the Report of the Cabinet-keeper and Librarian, we learn that, agreeable to the determination of the Society, the whole of the Building is preparing for appropriation to its service; and that their valuable collection of specimens in Zoology, Entomology, Conchology and Antiquities, together with the valuable donations lately added to the Collection and the Library are being so arranged as to exhibit them to the Members, under the most favorable circumstances for studying their peculiarities, viewing their beauties, and appreciating their value.

We were glad to learn also, that it is in contemplation, when the arrangements are completed to open the Museum to the Public, on certain days, and under conditions which will be published. We consider this a very wise intention, and one eminently calculated, in connexion with Lectures on scientific subjects, to advance the interests of the Society, and raise it from that unjustly depressed condition into which it has fallen of late years;

much to the discredit of Montreal. The public exhibition of so valuable a collection of specimens in Natural History, is calculated to produce a favorable impression on the minds of strangers visiting our City, and disposing them to forward contributions which shall in the sequel raise it to a magnitude and importance that may do honor to the Province, and evince that, amidst all our hurried engagements in business and pursuit after wealth, the gratifications and demand of science are not forgotten; but that we fully recognize its power, at the present day, to discover and bring to the aid of the merchant and manufacturer substances, which, while they tend to ameliorate the condition and minister to the wants of mankind, happily promote that spirit of universal brotherhood which prevent national disputes, softens national asperities, removes national prejudices, and even mitigates the horrors of war.

We ardently hope that the anticipations of its conductors will be realized, their efforts crowned with success, and that it may long prosper under their management.

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The usual monthly Meeting was held at its Rooms, on Monday evening, the 31st.

The President, Dr. Sewell, in the Chair.

The Report of the proceedings of the Council was read and approved, and in it were announced the following valuable donations to the Museum and Library:—

From Dr. G. D. Gibb.—His collection of specimens illustrating comparative Anatomy and Natural History, viz:—

Mammalia. . . . .	60	specimens.
Birds. . . . .	33	"
Reptiles . . . . .	71	"
Fishes. . . . .	41	"
Couraceans. . . . .	28	"
Star Fishes, Sea Eggs, &c. .	51	"
Insects. . . . .	94	"
Other classes, as Corals, Sponges, Zoophytes, &c., &c. .	49	"

Total . . . . . 427 "

This collection comprises a large number preserved in spirits, many stuffed specimens, various skeletons and portions of the vertebrated series, 2 cases of insects, 1 beautiful