

is organized recognized the value of such an institution, as a valuable educational adjunct to the Library, and the Board in carrying it into effect feel that the work is in harmony with the wishes of the citizens and the requirements of the city.

Owing to the necessity of providing a more suitable entrance to the Library building, and the fact that the Library Board decided to exercise their powers granted by Statute to create a Museum, and the rooms necessary for such an undertaking being at the disposal of the Board, a small outlay has been made in preparing the same for Museum purposes.

I may be permitted to express the hope that these special expenditures being now over, that the Museum will become a source from which able and energetic naturalists will go forth to increase and extend our knowledge, especially of the natural history and resources of Canada, and that it will serve the purpose of instruction, by guiding the mind of many a student to an appreciation of the still higher beauties of nature, and furnish food for the student of the animate and inanimate world as the Library does for the reader.

The month of July was marked by the closing of the North-Western Branch, at Brockton. The success of the larger and more attractive Reading-room and Branch on Dundas street had convinced the Board that the creation of small Branch Libraries was neither satisfactory to the citizens in the vicinity, advantageous to the Main Library, or, in the best interests of the city, and they therefore closed the North-Western Branch and transferred the ticket-holders to the Dundas street Branch.

Among the more important books added to the Library during the past year are the following:—

Sargent's *Silva of North America*, vols. 1-3; *Analectic Magazine*, 14 vols., 1813-1819; *Gibb and Skelton's Relics of the Royal House of Stuart*; *Macgibbon and Ross's Architecture of Scotland*, 3 vols.; *Foster's Alumni Oxonienses*; *Foster's Index Ecclesiasticus*; *Sander's Reichenbachia*, 2 vols.; *Latrie's Trésor Chronologie*; *Seeborn's History of British Birds*, 4 vols.; *Billing's Antiquities of Scotland*, 4 vols.; *Racinet's l'Ornement Polychrome*, 2 vols.; *Streitenfeld's Reiche Sitz-*

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