

name of the donor, and that he and Dr. G. M. Dawson shall have access to them for purposes of study, and with reference to their safe keeping. The total number of specimens in the collection cannot as yet be definitely stated, but is estimated at from six thousand to ten thousand specimens, besides much material available for exchanges. It may be stated here that for the past twenty years the duplicates of this collection, and more especially of the new species described by Dr. Dawson, have been used in exchanges for the benefit of the Museum, and that a large part of the specimens now in the cases and drawers have been obtained in this way.

The following are among the more important of the other donations recently received :—

From the Director of the Geological Survey, about 500 specimens of fossils and minerals, and twenty-three casts of large and unique fossils.

From Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, a collection of thirty-two species of Canadian fishes, prepared by Mr. W. Couper, of Montreal.

From the heirs of the late Dr. McCulloch, the whole of his valuable collections of birds and mammals, including 170 species—a collection having an historical value, in connection with the labours of Dr. McCulloch and the revision of the nomenclature of the specimens by the late Prince Charles Lucien Bonaparte.

From George Barnston, Esq., a valuable collection of fossil fishes from the Devonian of Scotland.

From Lieutenant-Colonel Grant, of Hamilton, Ontario, a large number of fossils from the Niagara formation, some of them of great rarity and interest.

From the American Census Commissioners, a valuable collection of American woods.

From the New York Museum of Natural History, through Professor Whitfield, a collection of 700 specimens of fossils, named by Professor James Hall. In exchange for this a complete collection of the Devonian plants of Canada, from the collections of the Principal and of Professor Hartt, has been given to the New York Museum.

From Peter Redpath, Esq., the skull of a Greenland whale, with the baleen perfectly preserved.

From Dr. G. M. Dawson, specimens of mammals from the N.W. Territories.