

way; Mr. John Martin, one grenadier fish; Mr. W. W. Bonny, C. E., several interesting coins; Mr. Golder, Harbor Grace, a fine sturgeon; Hon. James Pitts, one porcupine fish; Mr. Eugene Forsey, Grand Bank, a young crab in the shell of a *Lunatia heros*; Mr. John Burke, Little Placentia, head of an ore, *Delphinus orca*; Mr. Jas. Murray, M.H.A., one golden-winged wood-pecker, *Colaptes auratus*; Mr. Studdy, M.H.A., some eggs of the same bird; Mr. McNeil, some bird's eggs from Labrador; Captain Delaney, an Esquimaux stone pot, from Labrador; Mr. Gibson, Canada, a splendid specimen of Canadian asbestos; Mr. Brockington, several articles of manufactured asbestos, by Chalmers, Spence & Co., of Boston, from specimens of Newfoundland mineral. A case of stuffed native birds; also one young horned owl, *Bubo virginianus*; one shrike, *Lanius borealis*; one Canada jay, *Perisoreus Canadensis*; one rusty grackle, *Selecophagus ferrugineus*, and one walrus skull, *Trichechus Rosmarus*, were purchased, besides two beautiful models, in alabaster, (selenite or crystalized gypsum) of an Italian gun-boat and steamer.

Having been supplied during the past season, in the field, with a camera and photographic outfit, I was enabled to obtain several very interesting views of the scenery in the interior, which are now on exhibition in the museum. This mode of illustrating the scenic and economic resources of the country is a great acquisition, and had I been placed in the same position years ago, I should now have had an exceedingly interesting and valuable collection of photographs of native scenery. There can be no doubt that such a means of exhibiting the internal resources of the Island to the public generally, would have conveyed a more adequate idea of what these resources really are, than all that has hitherto been written or published in the way of reports, &c.

In conclusion, I would again respectfully beg to draw your attention to the necessity of effecting some insurance upon this now very valuable collection.

Hoping this suggestion will meet with favorable consideration,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES P. HOWLEY.