

Lower St. Lawrence, a very large specimen of *Corvina Richardsonii*, 3 species of *Catostomus*, *Labrax notatus* Richardson; also specimens of *Anguilla acutirostris*, and examples of the Canadian Herring and Mackerel.

During the past summer dredging operations were carried on in Gaspé Bay with considerable success. Twenty-one species of Mollusca, one of Echinodermata, and one of Alcyonidæ, new to the Canadian fauna, were procured, and specimens of most of these have been placed in the Museum. An interesting series of invertebrates, dredged by Mr. Packard in Labrador, have been presented by that gentleman to the Society. The collection of Crustacea and Echinodermata has been carefully gone through and re-classified.

The large herbarium of the Society has occupied a considerable portion of the time of the past year. The whole collection has been gone through, the loose plants have been fastened, and the whole of the valuable series of North American plants has been grouped in accordance with the classification adopted in Prof. A. Gray's Manual. Mr. D. A. P. Watt has kindly arranged the ferns, and has added many species that were wanting in this department. The collection of N. American plants now fills 24 large portfolios.

In the departments of ethnology and archæology several interesting specimens have been added.

Considerable attention has been paid to the Library; the periodicals are systematically arranged, and 31 vols. of the proceedings of American and English scientific societies have been bound. About 56 vols. of the proceedings of European societies, however, still want binding.

The Library is in great want of new books illustrative of the Natural History of N. America, no additions in this direction having been made for years. It is to be hoped that efforts will be made to supply this much to be regretted deficiency. Hardly any of the best monographs in the various departments of Natural History (books which are absolutely essential in the study of Canadian zoology, botany or geology) are to be found on our