

mittee could find, under the circumstances, no apartments more appropriate than the accommodation proffered to them in the Union Buildings, the most central situation which it was possible to acquire.

The committee, after due reference to the Society, concluded an agreement with Messrs. Brousseau, lessees of the Government House, for the present spacious apartment in which the library is now arranged, and the remaining specimens of Natural History together with the Philosophical apparatus are deposited. An understanding was at the same time entered into with the same parties that additional accommodation should be afforded when required. The removal of the furniture, books, specimens and apparatus, was effected almost entirely under the immediate superintendence of the President, aided by the Assistant Secretary, in a very economical, effective, and satisfactory manner. And although the present arrangement cannot be considered adequate to the purposes of such a Society as the Literary and Historical Society is expected to be, still it is sufficient to impart respectability of appearance, and to prompt the members to renewed activity and increased energy, and to afford an improved opportunity of carrying out some of the chief objects of similar associations.

In last year's Report the Council recommended that the Society should take measures towards obtaining a building and premises of their own, whereby, in addition to other advantages, the trouble, damage and expense incurred by the repeated removals might in future be avoided, and rooms, expressly adapted for the library and a renovated museum secured in perpetuity. It is well known that the Canadian Institute of Toronto, and the Natural History Society of Montreal, have accomplished this important step, and have been liberally assisted by Government in their praiseworthy