

this Report. Of these we may specially mention a series of Vesuvian minerals and rocks from Prof. Guiscardi of Naples, fossils and minerals from the collections of the late George Barnston, Esq., F.R.S.C., and Upper Silurian fossils from Lieut.-Col. Grant of Hamilton, Ont.

Additional cases have been procured for the collections of fossils and rocks and for the Herbarium; and it is proposed, as soon as means permit, to provide suitable cases for collections of Canadian economic minerals, and for the proper display of the collection of woods, more especially for the large collection presented last year by Dr. Mohr, the specimens in which are now being cut and polished.

The fine skeleton of a gorilla presented by the Liverpool Free Museum has been admirably mounted by Messrs. Ward of Rochester, and is now in a suitable case; and a nearly complete skeleton of the American bison, collected by the Principal and Mr. J. H. R. Molson on the plains between Medicine Hat and Calgary, has also been mounted by Mr. Bailly of Montreal, and is now in the Museum.

Much work has been done by the Principal, Dr. Harrington and Prof. Penhallow in improving the arrangement of the specimens, and Mr. Currie has been diligently engaged in mounting and labelling, except for a short time in the autumn, when he was employed in collecting; and secured a large number of Silurian fossils, including some species not hitherto represented in the collections, and many duplicates for exchanges.

The Committee has purchased for the use of the Museum an oxyhydrogen lantern microscope of the best quality, made by Newton & Co. of London, also a small lathe for grinding and polishing, and a few of the excellent models of animal structures prepared by D'Azoux of Paris.

Should other work permit, it is hoped that in the course of the session a number of collections of duplicates will be made up for exchanges.

A new and enlarged edition of the "Guide to Visitors" has been prepared and printed.

On behalf of the Committee,

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