

on the part of many of our members, to see some attention bestowed by the Society, on the subject of Scandinavian Archæology: a subject of special interest to all our British North American Provinces, when it is considered that the coasts of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia were visited by the Northmen nearly five centuries before Cabot or Columbus first saw the mainland of America. Your Librarian, therefore, respectfully recommends that such additions be made to the Library, in this department, as may appear likely to further the attainment of so desirable an end.

The whole humbly submitted.

E. T. FLETCHER,
Librarian.

Quebec, 12th January, 1853.

REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF MUSEUM.

The Curator of the Museum reports, that the donations to the Museum during the year 1852 have not been very numerous, whilst no additions whatever have been made at the expense of the Society. The Museum has, however, been moved and re-arranged in the room at present occupied by the Society. A Committee were appointed for the purpose of directing the arrangements of the several collections of Natural History, and under their superintendence a great improvement has been effected in the general appearance of the Museum.

The Curator regrets to state that during the time that the rooms were kept open in consequence of the alterations in progress in the Parliament Buildings, it is evident that many articles belonging to the Museum were purloined, and that others have been more or less seriously injured, by persons who were then enabled to gain admittance at all times of the day.

The Curator is also sorry to remark that the decayed state of many of the stuffed specimens of Natural History, (more especially of the larger animals) renders it desirable that such of them as cannot be effectually repaired should be removed from the Museum as soon as practicable. The Curator respectfully recommends that during the ensuing year as many of these specimens as possible may be replaced by new ones; and that a certain sum should be annually expended by the Society in improving and enlarging the Museum, in the several departments, to which additions may be thought desirable.

W. D. CAMPBELL,
Curator of Museum.

Quebec, 11th January, 1853.