

Librarians, one Editor, one Chief of Correspondence and Documents, and one Chief of Buildings.

The main purposes of the National Museum are these :
1. Exhibition of Collections. 2. Access to reserve collections for specialists. 3. Identification of specimens. 4. Library. 5. Donation of specimens to educational institutions. 6. Donation of publications. 7. Lecture Course during the year. 8. Correspondence and Information.

In looking over these figures and reports it appears to indicate clearly the line in which it is confidently expected that at no distant date our politicians will see to it that a National Museum will be established at Ottawa and properly maintained. It is an urgent necessity that a Central Bureau exist, where not only information on all kinds of subjects can be obtained from specialists, but a record may be kept of the information gathered from the result of studies made in connection with the resources of our great Dominion, sent from all directions. The incalculable value to the United States of the National Museum has been recognized by Congress, and it is hoped that our Canadian statesmen will see that before long a suitable building shall be erected and a thoroughly equipped staff established, so that we can take our place and properly exhibit and illustrate those wonderful natural resources which we possess in our own country, Canada.

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TO OUR READERS.

Although there is actually no time of the year when *nothing* can be seen or collected by the naturalist, the collecting season in most branches of natural history study is now practically over ; there is, however, much good work for our members yet to do. All collections should be put in order for exhibition and notes revised for presentation at the winter soirees. All should realise that what has interested or seemed new and strange to them in their out-door observations will also be of interest to many others. Short, concise notes, with specimens if possible, are what we particularly want at our evening meetings. These will give a live character to the meetings and make the Club more and more useful and attractive.—J. F., Act'g Editor.