

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING,

MAY 18TH, 1881.

The Annual Meeting for the Session 1880-81 was held on Wednesday evening, May 18th, 1881. The President, Principal Dawson, occupied the chair. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and sustained.

Having presented Major Latour with the Society's Bronze Medal for his many important services to the Society, the President delivered his

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in the course of which he said that the year just closed had been distinguished more for the improvements made in the Museum of the Society and in its financial position than for extent of scientific work, though the latter had not been inconsiderable. The Society had sustained a great loss by the removal to Ottawa of several very efficient members connected with the Geological Survey and it was the more important on this account that it should endeavour to increase its membership and more particularly to attach to itself young men who take an interest in science. He referred to the discoveries resulting from the labors of Mr. Ellis, Mr. Whiteaves, Mr. Foord and Mr. Weston in the upper part of Baie des Chaleurs. The remarkable association in that locality, within a very limited space, of Upper Silurian, Devonian and Lower Carboniferous rocks, was in itself of much interest, and the remarkable group of Upper Devonian fishes worked out by Mr. Whiteaves, and described by him at one of their meetings, completed a link of connection between the fossils of this country and of Great Britain. The plant remains of this locality also, connecting as they did the Gaspé sandstones with the Perry beds and with the Catskill series of New York, were of the highest interest. A communication received latter in the session, from