

## REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF MUSEUM.

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Hitherto it has been the pleasing duty of your Curator of Museum and his predecessors, annually to report the well ordered condition of, together with the numerous additions, by donations and purchases, made to your Museum, of objects in the different departments of Natural History, Mechanical Arts, Manufactures, Inventions, Natural and Artificial Curiosities, all of which were unfortunately consumed in the calamitous, fire by which the Parliament Buildings in this City were laid in ruins ; notwithstanding the most strenuous and praiseworthy efforts by many of your Members and others to save them. Their exertions were ineffectual from the rapid progress of the flames, owing to the neglect of any prudent precautions in the construction of that building to arrest the progress of fire in the event of such an accident, as well as from the inconvenient and almost inaccessible portion of the building allotted to your Society for your Museum, which was in the uppermost story.

Where so, many articles, the careful collection of thirty years, commencing with the foundation of your Society, have been lost ; and many of them, being very rare, can never be replaced ; while others, being the donations of many deservedly esteemed Members now no more, affording as they did, the most substantial evidence of their zeal for the encouragement of the laudable and beneficial objects of your Institution, from which so much public benefit may be expected, possessed an intrinsic value that cannot be represented by a money rate, and served as worthy incitements for their successors to imitate :—

Your Curator has considered it his duty to lay before you in this report the following estimate of the value of the property