

MUSEUM WORK AT THE CAPITAL OF CANADA

Museum work at Ottawa, the capital of Canada, has recently received a renewed impetus from the completion of the new Victoria Memorial Museum building, and from the number of men interested in museum work who have been added to the staff of the Geological Survey. While the authorities of the Museum of the Department of Marine and Fisheries contemplate greater activity in the near future; while the National Art Gallery is pressing for a new building; and while the Ottawa College maintains a small museum, yet the greatest development centers in the Museum of the Geological Survey, which is naturally taking the lead in the museum work of the whole Dominion. Its policy of giving due attention to research, education, and recreation, without sacrificing any one of them, gives it a sound foundation on which to build.

The Museum is a division of the Geological Survey, which is a branch of the Department of Mines, and is thus supported by the Canadian Government. It dates from the foundation of the Geological Survey of Canada in 1843, and devotes its energies chiefly to the geology, mineralogy, paleontology, zoology, botany, and anthropology of Canada. In 1880 the Survey was moved from Montreal to the building in Sussex Street, Ottawa, and in 1911 to the present Victoria Memorial building.

The chief officer of the Geological Survey is the director, under whom are technical officers whose training especially qualifies them for museum work. They form the museum staff and from them an advisory committee has been appointed to take the initiative in all