

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY'S ROOMS.

Montreal, November 5th, 1860.

The Society held its usual monthly meeting. The President, the Lord Bishop of Montreal, in the Chair.

The Minutes of last meeting and the report of the Council were read and adopted, several new members were balloted for, and others proposed.

The following donations were presented:—

From Geo. Barnston, Esq., Michipicoton.

A pair of Black Ducks.—(*Anas obscura*).

An Eared Greel.—(*Podiceps auritus*).

A Marsh Harrier.—(*Circus cyaneus*).

A Wilson's Snipe.—(*Fringa Wilsonii*).

A Falcon.—(*Falco anatina*.)

From Mr. Cunninghame.

Specimens of Copper Ore from Acton.

From Mr. Blackwell.

A fine Bust of the late Dr. Buckland.

The thanks of the Society were voted to the donors.

Thereafter it was resolved, viz: That on occasion of the decease of the late Andrew F. Holmes, M.D., L.L.D., this society desires to record its high appreciation of his personal and scientific character, and its gratitude for his services as a pioneer of Natural Science in Canada, and more especially as one of the founders of this Society, a zealous promoter of its interests in its earlier years, and an important contributor to its collections.

And that in testimony of respect for the deceased and sympathy with his surviving relatives, a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the corresponding secretary to Mrs. Holmes.

The ordinary business having been finished, and a large number of members being assembled in the Library, the President called upon Principal Dawson to read a paper "On the recent Earthquake with notices of previous Earthquakes in Canada." This paper was of much interest, and will be found among the articles of this number of the *Naturalist*; it elicited an animated discussion.

From the report of the Committee on Lectures, and papers for the monthly meetings, it appears that this winter there will be a succession of scientific subjects of a novel and instructive kind brought before the Society.