

The collection of minerals is a good one and contains fine examples of the Nova Scotian zeolites and quartz minerals, and will add many species to those which the society previously possessed. The general collection of fossils and rocks also has many European and United States examples which will serve to extend our series of such objects.

In the Gesner museum is the collection of rocks, minerals and fossils made by Dr. Gesner when employed on the Geological Survey of New Brunswick. These are of historical interest, and with them in hand the reader of Dr. Gesner's reports will be able to understand what he meant by the terms serpentine,* and grauwacke, trap and other obsolete terms of geological literature.

A good and useful piece of work for some member of this Society would be the study of this collection of Dr. Gesner's, to determine what are the modern names for his rocks. It should be remembered that Dr. Gesner's survey was made when geology was in its infancy, and was the first undertaken by a provincial government in Canada; or, so far as I know, in any British colony.

With the collections of this old survey, the society has acquired Dr. Gesner's geological map of New Brunswick, which never was published, but which is necessary to the full understanding of his reports.

In the Natural History part of the museum the society has received a considerable number of native mammals, which, though not all creditable as specimens of the taxidermist's art, are useful to show the wild animals of our country to those who cannot visit them in their native haunts.

Among the birds are a few groups of foreign birds which are a welcome addition to our museum and also some native species, but most of the native birds are duplicates of those already in the society's collection.

There are quite a number of reptiles and fishes, including some foreign species, and several small cases of European and Asiatic insects, some of them much faded, but the cases con-

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