

Early in February, the library and museum were removed to this building. During this removal, Mr. D'Urbain, the sub-curator, rendered efficient service, and in the subsequent arrangement of the specimens and library, much assistance was rendered by our President, Principal Dawson, Mr. D'Urbain, and other gentlemen, who gave considerable time towards that desired end.

Since the occupancy of this building, the Society have secured the valuable services of Mr. William Hunter, who has, since his appointment, opened all the cases of birds and animals, thoroughly cleansed the specimens, and re-arranged many of them. He has also set up between 90 and 100 new specimens which have been added to our collection.

The Curator further draws attention to the many duplicate specimens of birds, both American and foreign, fossils, minerals, &c., which, by judicious exchange, would secure many objects which are not in our collection.

The accommodation afforded in the spacious hall of this building is, for the present, more than sufficient, there being room for a much larger collection than we at present possess.

It is to be hoped that members interested in the welfare of this Society will not neglect any opportunity of sending specimens for preservation, so as to render, as far as possible, the collection in the various branches of Natural History complete.

These views would be more fully carried out were the members of this Society to form themselves into sub-branches, each being devoted to some special department of Natural History. This would tend to augment our collection and increase the usefulness of the Society as a whole.

REPORT OF THE EDITING COMMITTEE.

The third volume (1858) of "The Canadian Naturalist; and proceedings of the Natural History Society of Montreal," the editing of which was entrusted to this Committee, has been completed. It has been published in numbers every two month's with much regularity. It contains twenty-five original articles, presented to the Society by its members or correspondents, and prepared expressly for the magazine. These articles, for the most part, per-