

Considerable inconvenience is now caused by the crowded state of the small room devoted to the work of this division. It arises from the accumulation of the large collections annually brought in, and it is hoped that the alterations that have been suggested, whereby this serious inconvenience would be in a measure obviated, will be speedily carried out.

The following notices from foreign journals indicate the estimation and appreciation of the botanical work of the division under Professor Macoun:

From "Zoe," (Vol. 1-9) a biographical journal published at San Francisco—
 "Catalogue of Canadian Plants, Part V. This part contains the ferns and fern allies and additions and corrections to Vol. I-IV, which are rather extensive, embracing a hundred pages and conforming to recent revisions. * * * The work in general has been carefully done, and reflects credit upon the Government of Canada and the botanists concerned in its production."

From "Botanical Gazette," Vol. XVI:—

"With the appearance of Part V, devoted to Pteridophytes, Prof. John Macoun's Catalogue of vascular Canadian Plants has been completed. It has been very handsomely done, and the painstaking care so evident through it all has made it a mine of information concerning the Canadian Flora. A large appendix brings together additions and corrections to Parts I-IV, the results of all monographic work done since the beginning of the catalogue being included. * * * The part is rounded out by a complete index to all the parts, and the five will make a very complete and compact volume."

MAPS.

Maps in course of Preparation and Published during 1890.

North-west Territory, 9 sheets, 20 to 26 inches long by 16 inches broad, showing waters followed by the members of the Yukon Expedition, 1887-88, and reaching from longitude 111° to 144° and latitude 59° to 68°, to accompany report by Mr. McConnell, will be ready for engraver in two months.....	8 miles=1 inch.	
Index map of the above now in the lithographer's hands.....	48 miles=1 inch.	
British Columbia, part of southern interior (Dr. Dawson), in draughtsman's hands, will be ready for engraver in April.....	4 miles=1 inch.	6,400
British Columbia, Kootanie district (Dr. Dawson), published 1890.....	8 miles=1 inch.	11,000
British Columbia, Shuswap district (Dr. Dawson), in draughtsman's hands.....	4 miles=1 inch.	6,400
Manitoba, map taking in the whole of Lake Winnipeg (Mr. Tyrrell) in the draughtsman's hands.....	do	48,600
Northern Manitoba, in manuscript (Mr. Tyrrell).....	2 miles=1 inch.	5,000
do in engraver's hands (Mr. Tyrrell).....	8 miles=1 inch.	20,000
Western Ontario, Lake of the Woods, sheet No. 2, in the engraver's hands.....	2 miles=1 inch.	2,000
Western Ontario, Hunters Island, sheet No. 7, (Dr. Lawson) in the engraver's hands.....	4 miles=1 inch.	1,450
Western Ontario, north of Hunters Island, sheet No. 6, in draughtsman's hands.....	do	3,456
Ontario, sheet No. 130, Sudbury Mining district (Dr. Bell), in hands of draughtsman; will be ready for engraver in a few weeks.....	do	3,456
Ontario, sheet No. 115, ready for draughtsman.....	do	3,456
do general map in progress.....	do	
Quebec, N.E. ¼ sheet (Eastern Townships map) in hands of engraver.....	do	4,500
do S.W. do in draughtsman's hands.....	do	4,500
do N.W. do in progress.....	do	4,500