

The "Canadian Naturalist" is now a good vehicle for the publication of investigations and discoveries in the Natural History of Canada. It has a wide circulation in Canada, the United States and Europe. The Committee are therefore in a position to invite communications from those engaged in scientific pursuits, Short statements of interesting facts will be equally acceptable to the Editors as more elaborate papers.

The Committee beg to draw the Society's particular attention to the fact, that this Journal of admitted value to science, although edited by its members, is not published at the cost or risk of the Society; but is entirely supported by its own subscribers, and issued at the risk of the publisher. The members of the Society have therefore no special privilege in regard to it, and can only obtain it on payment of the full subscription price, over and above their annual subscription to the Society. This is a state of things which your Committee cannot regard as satisfactory. The Committee are decidedly of opinion that it would be most beneficial to the Society, were each member to receive a copy of the Journal gratuitously, on the payment of his annual subscription. Nothing they conceive would more materially promote the interests of the Society or the advancement of that department of science with which it is identified than this. They therefore deeply regret that the Society's funds will not admit of such a desirable object being immediately carried into effect. They cannot help comparing their condition, in this respect, with that of the Canadian Institute of Toronto. That Society has been able, by a liberal annual parliamentary grant, to give its Journal gratuitously to its members and to circulate it widely among the scientific institutions of America and Europe; whereas our Society, older, and equally devoted to the advancement of Canadian science, has hitherto been all but left to its own resources. It is therefore to be hoped that the Legislative aid for which we have again applied, will this year be granted, so that we may be able to assume our just position as a Canadian Scientific Institution. The publication of our Journal for circulation among our members, and for distribution as a vehicle of scientific research among learned societies, is one of the chief objects, on account of which we have again urged our petition upon the Legislature. Your Council are of opinion that this is a step of the utmost importance to the future welfare of the Society, and would recommend that it be prosecuted with perseverance and energy by their successors.