

The Committee has felt for some time that the increase of the Museum and its improvement, to keep pace with the educational and scientific demands made upon it, should not be dependent on donations and private gifts as at present, but should be recognized as a permanent department of University expenditure. With the object of securing this, a memorandum was prepared last autumn and submitted to the Board of Governors, who it is hoped may be able to supply this urgent need, or, if unable to do so, to secure an endowment available for the purpose. One such endowment already exists, the William Molson Museum fund of \$2000, but a much larger sum is required. In connection with this it is specially desirable that the museum should be in the best possible order on account of the probable visit of members of the British Association to Montreal on invitation of the University.

The additions to the Herbarium during the past year amount to about nine hundred species, comprising, chiefly, plants from the Sandwich Islands and an important collection of South American plants from the Orinoco region.

The collection of woods has been enlarged by the addition of a number of type specimens obtained by Professor Penhallow in connection with special studies concerning certain of our native species.

To the Zoological collections were added a mounted head of Walrus and tusk of the Narwhal from Greenland; also several specimens to fill blanks in the collection of Canadian mammals and birds.

A small amount was expended in securing some desiderata for the collection of Canadian minerals.

The whole respectfully submitted.

(Signed),

B. J. HARRINGTON,

Hon. Curator,

On behalf of the Committee.

SPECIMENS PREPARED BY MR. BAILLY.

Skeletons re-mounted:—Canada Lynx, Pine Marten, Fisher, Fox, small Otter, common Otter, Mink, Mole, Turtle. *New specimens mounted*:—Acquired by purchase, Woodchuck, Barred Owl, Opossum, Fish Hawk, Wild Goose, Guinea Hen, Raccoon, Black Squirrel. Presented by J. F. D. Bailly, Gray Parrot, Ermine, common Rabbit, common Mouse; by E. Warren, Gopher; by Dr. Shepherd, *Menobranchius lateralis*; by Dr. Harrington, Star-nosed Mole, Angler Fish.