

however, these have sustained such injury from damp during the passage that only 59 specimens could be saved.

The Rev. Dr. Grestorex, of London (England), has presented us with a specimen of the Yellow-billed Albatross. During the past twelve months 109 new specimens of birds have been added to the collection. Two large new cases have been erected in the Museum, one of which is devoted to the reception of Canadian birds, and the other to that of British and foreign species. The whole collection has been re-mounted upon separate stands, each of which has been made on the premises. The Canadian birds have been re-grouped, classified and named in exact conformity with Prof. Baird's Monograph on the Birds of North America. This part of the collection is now in perfect order, and the whole of the series is carefully labelled. The Exotic species have been re-grouped and partly named, but the classification of this part is not yet finished.

To give an idea of the work entailed by this new and improved system of classification some details may not be out of place. The following is an estimate of the number of specimens of birds in our collection up to the present date.

Canadian Birds.....	373
United States Birds.....	23
British Birds.....	100
Exotic Birds.....	338
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How much progress has been made in this important branch of Natural History may be inferred from the fact that during the past year we have added 109 new specimens, and in the preceding session 120, giving an average of over 100 specimens per year.

Amongst the Reptiles several new specimens have been added, one of them a frog (*Rana sylvatica*) which has not heretofore been catalogued as inhabiting Lower Canada, also several critical species of the native genera *Salamandra* and *Plethodon*, and some others in addition, including three exotic forms.

Nine species have been added to our series of Canadian fishes; among the more interesting of these are *Raia lævis* from the

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