

REPORT OF PETER REDPATH MUSEUM OF MCGILL  
UNIVERSITY, FOR THE YEAR 1886.

The Museum has continued, as heretofore, to afford accommodation for the work of the classes in Geology, Mineralogy, Zoology and Botany, including in all, 186 students, and the number of visitors recorded in the visitors' book has been 1650. In addition to this, classes from schools have often visited the building and examined the collections, and it is proposed, by request of the Committee of the Carnival, to issue tickets through the Committee, to strangers visiting the city on the occasion.

The collections continue to increase by donation, exchange and purchase, and the work of cataloguing and mounting, by Mr. Currie, the Assistant Curator, has been making steady progress. Mr. Bailly has also been employed in mounting skeletons and repairing specimens presented, and the Janitor, Edward Ardley, has done much good work in preparing stands, shelves, &c., and in mounting and cleaning specimens.

Some progress has been made by Dr. Harrington, with the aid of his senior students, in the arrangement of the Miller Collection of Minerals, and Prof. Penhallow has been occupied at intervals with the mounting and arrangement of the valuable collections of economic vegetable productions presented by the Royal Gardens at Kew.

The donations are noticed in detail in the list appended to this Report. Special mention may be made of those already noticed from Kew, and of specimens of the "Challenger" dredgings presented by J. Murray, Esq., of the "Challenger" expedition.

A skeleton of the lesser Rorqual (*Balænoptera rostrata*) has been obtained through the kind agency of Dr. Sutherland, and has been skilfully mounted by Mr. Bailly. It is from a young individual, 16 feet in length, captured in the St. Lawrence, near Montreal, and exhibited for some time in this city. We have also obtained, by the agency of Dr. Harrington, a complete skeleton of the Beluga and another of the common Porpoise. A case is now being prepared to contain these