

for the Meetings of the Society, the Council judged it more suitable to the convenience and respectability of the Institution, to sacrifice a small outlay of funds for dividing off this portion of the large apartment of the Museum. In the yet limited state of your collections in Natural History the space can well be spared without inconvenience.

The Council are here naturally led to the mention of the condition of the Museum. The principal feature in the Curator's Report, (Appendix A.) is the increase of the several departments of Natural History, and of Numismatics; partly by purchase, partly by liberal donations of Members and others taking an interest in the increase of the collections. Among the contributors it would be improper to pass over in silence our scientific Honorary Member, Capt. Bayfield, R. N., who, with his young brother Officer, Mr. Bowen, have made donations of numerous specimens illustrating the Geological formation of the north coast of Belle Isle Straits, and of other parts of Canada. To the scientific gentlemen engaged in the Nautical Survey of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, you have had repeated occasions of being under obligation. To the liberality of Dr. Osborne, of Dublin, you are indebted for a collection of dried Plants, collected by him in Europe. Master Henry Russel liberally added to your Museum a stuffed specimen of Rein Deer. William Lampson, Esq. presented that singular South American animal the Sloth. And a numerous collection of Shells has been added to your Cabinet of Conchology, by Mrs. Montizambert.

The additions to your collection in Numismatics have been many and valuable: herein you are particularly indebted to the Venerable Archdeacon Mountain; to C. Gethings, Esq.; to R. S. M. Bouchette, Esq.; to Charles