

A Society of this kind should be sheltered and protected from and against the fluctuations periodically arising in its list of paying members, and as, for the future, it would be imprudent to rely on Government aid, your council is of the opinion that the citizens not only of Quebec, but of the whole Province, should help in the formation of an endowment fund, which would be safely invested and whose revenue or interest would help the Society in furthering its useful aims, we therefor make an appeal to all who are in a position to aid an institution which is of such great public utility.

It must not be lost sight of that the Literary and Historical Society is not only the oldest of Quebec literary associations but that it has for its objects in addition to those which are common to others, that of publishing historical documents which are of great use to the historiographer and which are exchanged for invaluable transactions and publications of the learned Societies all over the world. It is therefore of paramount interest that it should be put in a position to continue without interruption its valuable publications, as the suspension of its useful action would be little short of a public calamity. The report of the Treasurer will be shortly submitted to you, and will show in detail the monetary condition of our Society.

It has been a great pleasure for us all to hear the once familiar voice of a worthy friend of the Society in the person of Professor James Douglas, who kindly consented to act as the delegate of our Society in Spain, and who kindly consented to give an interesting account of his travels on the continent during the festivities organized to celebrate the discovery of the new world.

The Honorable Mr. Joly de Lotbinière was good enough to favor us with a very useful paper on the most rapid and economical way of growing forest trees, exhibiting to his audience specimens of black walnut and other trees the produce of his own experience on his manor property at Point-Platon. The Very Reverend Dr. Normau, Dean of Quebec's paper on Julius Cæsar was also very highly appreciated. We have to lament the removal by death of the following members of our Society: G. Colley (a life-member) Messrs. S. H. Holt, T. H. Jones, Commissary General M. Bell Irvine, C. M. G., and Messrs C. A. Scott and W. A. Ashe.

If the financial position of our Society is not what we would wish it to be, on the other hand, its importance in other respects is certainly growing as is evidenced by the