

## REPORT, &c.

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TO THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MONTREAL :

THE conclusion of another year in the operations of your Society having arrived, your Council beg to lay before you a sketch of them, at this, the Annual Meeting, not only as the last duty devolving upon them, but to evince to the Members of the Society that, though not marked with any peculiar features, they have been progressively instrumental in furthering their great object of extending and preserving in the public mind, the importance and the utility of the study of Natural History.

The free opening of your Museum on Holidays, has been found greatly conducive to this end, having been inspected by a great number of persons on such occasions, while some improvements in the arrangement of the specimens by your Curator, have enabled visitors to examine them with greater facility.

The crowded state of the rooms, however, has made this inspection at times inconvenient, and your Council have had their thoughts anxiously directed to an enquiry into the possibility of obtaining a larger and more commodious building in a more eligible situation. For this purpose, a Special Committee was formed, the result of whose labour was, however, after most diligent enquiry and very mature deliberation, on account of the advanced value of land, particularly in suitable central sites, to recommend to the Council for the present, to give up the project of a removal. Your Council were therefore reluctantly compelled to relinquish all further attempts to accomplish the scheme, or to recommend it to the Society, in the hope that a more favourable opportunity may be afforded to their successors, to realise what they have so earnestly desired, on account of its evident tendency to promote the interests of the Society.

Your Council regret their having to report the withdrawal during the year of the late President, Major R. Lachlan,