

ARCHÆOLOGICAL REPORT.

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To the President and Members of the Canadian Institute:—

GENTLEMEN,—Our year's work has been successful, and I am able to announce augmented interest in archæological matters, beyond the limits of the Institute. The increase of correspondence alone has been considerable and has occupied an unusually large portion of time. Many of the letters received are from farmers and young people; from the former, generally, with regard to features observed on the farm, and from the latter, asking for information about specimens they have found, and where they may procure books that will lend them assistance in prosecuting the study of archæology. In a large number of cases correspondents ask for copies of our reports, but these, I am sorry to say, we cannot always send, as the issue is too small to supply the increasing demand.

During no other period since the commencement of this work have so many requests and invitations been received to go here and there for the purpose of examining this or that locality. Only want of time and means has prevented this being done in many cases. It is hoped, however, that much of such work may be overtaken during the next year, especially in some of the newer parts of the country, where the conditions for investigation are superior to those of the old settlements.

With the increase of interest manifested in this study, two types of individual are particularly noticeable. First, there is the man of true scientific instinct, who says, in effect, "I am glad this work is going on, and it is my intention to help it in every way I can," and, secondly, there is the sordid, mercenary man, who says in effect also, "I am glad this work is going on, and it is my intention to help it in every way I can, *so long as I can make anything out of it.*" We have to thank both for much valuable assistance rendered during the year.

Again also, we are indebted to the Legislature of the province for the aid extended to our work. Without it, absolutely nothing could have been done, except in a very perfunctory sort of way.

Up to the present time, one of the chief drawbacks to the museum has been its undesirable situation on a third storey. It is hoped that the new arrangements entered into will render it more attractive to the general public. Hereafter, with the approval of the Minister of Education, the Museum will find accommodation in the building of the Toronto Public Library, where it will be open