

the announcement of the melancholy event, expressive of sympathetic regret, and most deservedly complimentary to the memory of the deceased. The Society still retains many interesting contributions made by Mr. Symes to the Museum, part of his own ornaments when he was initiated as an Indian Chief, as well as several Indian and Canadian antiquities of national interest.

With regard to the financial condition of the Society, the Treasurer will, according to custom, present his Annual Statement ; and although our funds may not be in so flourishing a condition as might be desirable, still it is consolatory as well as creditable that, in these times of depression, the Society has been able, not only to keep its head above water, but to keep out of debt and to pay its way. We must, however, regret the want of funds requisite to carry out one of the principal objects of the Society, the publication of original documents connected with the History of Canada. It is now a long time since any help has been received from Government for the purpose, although the numerous publications of the Society of this kind entitled it to national gratitude and support. At the present moment the Historical Documents Committee have peculiar cause to regret the empty state of their exchequer ; in as much as our respected President, Mr. Faribault has in his possession two manuscripts, copied from the Archives in Paris, on points of Canadian History, of the highest importance, which he wishes to see published under the auspices of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec. One of these manuscripts, most beautifully transcribed from the Original by a Serjeant in the Imperial Guard at Paris, has reference to the surrender of Quebec, and contains a plain matter of fact vindication of the Chevalier DeRamezay,