

## Report of the Peter Redpath Museum of McGill University.

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The foundation stone of the Peter Redpath Museum was laid by His Excellency the Marquis of Lorne, in the presence of the Convocation of the University and a large number of the friends of education, on Tuesday, September 21st, 1880. The Museum Committee was appointed by the Corporation at its meeting in January, 1882, and a preliminary report was prepared by the Committee in March, stating the progress of the building and of the collections up to that time. The present is therefore the second report presented by the Museum Committee, though it is intended to be the first of the series of Annual Reports to be prepared for the January meetings of the Corporation.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Committee, approved by the Corporation, it was determined if possible to open the Museum to the public at the time of the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in August. This decision placed the opening at a season when the College is not in session and as the building was not completed till the beginning of June, it gave little time for the necessary arrangement of specimens; but it afforded an opportunity to open the Museum in presence of a large assembly of naturalists from all parts of North America, and of some eminent men from Europe.

The work of transferring the collections from the old building had to be pushed on with the greatest rapidity, and to secure this Principal Dawson and Dr. Harrington gave up the summer vacation to the work. The services of Mr Thomas Curry were secured, more especially for the Carpenter Collection, through the liberality of Mrs. J. H. R. Molson. Mr. Paul Kuetzing was employed to prepare and label the collection of birds and mam-