

Many of the polyzoa have also been examined microscopically, and some of the most doubtful species have been sent to the Rev. A. M. Norman, who is one of the best European authorities on this group. About twenty of these molluscoids, whose specific relations were doubtful, have been now determined satisfactorily. Some of the St. Lawrence polyzoa have also been sent, by request, to Prof. A. E. Verrill, who is engaged on a new work on the invertebrata of Northern New England.

The Dominion Government has decided, for the present, to discontinue the dredging explorations, a determination which, it is hoped, will soon be reconsidered.

Through the zeal of Mr. Richardson and the liberality of the Director of the Geological Survey, the Society has recently received a valuable collection of natural history specimens and ethnological objects, from various parts of British Columbia. Among these are a collection of flowering plants of great interest, a large series of marine animals, some Indian skulls and other miscellaneous objects. The plants have been carefully determined by Mr. Barnston, and the marine shells by Dr. P. P. Carpenter. The land and fresh-water shells and the crustacea have also been examined and named, and the alcyonaria, echinodermata, polyzoa and cephalopoda have also been partially studied. As soon as the specific relations of these and the hydroids have been properly ascertained, my intention is to contribute an article on these interesting specimens to the Society's Journal. The Society is indebted to Mr. S. I. Smith, of Yale College, for the names of several crustaceans described in Dana's and Brandt's elaborate monographs, works which are entirely inaccessible in Canada.

By Mr. Selwyn's request, a specimen of the rare Pennatulid from Burrard's Inlet has been presented to the Museum of McGill University, and a second one will be shortly forwarded to the British Museum.

The Cabinet of Insects belonging to the Society has been partly re-organized during the past summer. All the old and dilapidated specimens have been removed and destroyed, and their place filled, as far as possible, with new and better ones. In every order, the insects obtained on the Island of Montreal, have been kept separate. Large collections have been made in the field, during the summer, and the specimens obtained have been properly mounted. Special attention has been paid to the cole-

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