

In concluding this paper, I venture to hope that some of the facts which it relates concerning the mines of Portage Lake will be found useful in detecting the presence of remunerative cupriferous beds on the Canadian shore of the lake. The existence of such there can scarcely be doubted, and it is equally certain that if the same energy, intelligence and capital were employed in their development as on those of Portage Lake, the north shore, now a wilderness, would soon become studded with towns as flourishing and populous as those which now ornament the south shore.

Acton Vale, C. E., January 3, 1866.

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## NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS.

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At the first monthly meeting convened at the rooms of the Society on Monday evening September 25, and at the second held Monday evening October 30, only routine business was done. The following donations were announced:—

#### TO THE LIBRARY.

The Statutes of Canada, for 1865: from the Provincial Government.

Journal of Education, L. C.; from the Superintendent.

United States Coast Survey Report; from the Superintendent.

Report of the Smithsonian Institute; from the Director.

Statistics of U. S. Commerce; from Secretary Chase.

Notes on *Selandria Cerasi*; from Prof. Winchell.

Report on the Geological Survey of the Province of Canterbury, by Julius Haast, F. G. S.; from the author.

Animals of N. A., by H. B. Small, (2 copies); from the author.

Journal of Prison Discipline, Philadelphia.

Diagnosis of new Gasteropods, by Dr. Stimpson; from the author.

Report of the Northern Home for friendless children, Philadelphia.

Calendar of the University of St. Andrews, Scotland.

Pre-Historic Man, by Dr. Wilson; from the author.

Descriptions of new fossils, by Prof. Winchell; from the author.

Pennsylvania School Report for 1865.