

Province, as affording evidence of an increasing taste for intellectual pursuits and for the cultivation of literature and science ; the Council have, therefore, great gratification in noticing the formation last winter of a Literary Association at Three Rivers which appears to be supported with a zeal and effect affording much promise for the future.

And the Society have very recently been made aware of the establishment near Amherstburgh, in Upper Canada, of the Western District Literary, Philosophical and Agricultural Association, the by-laws of which have been transmitted to the Society, accompanied by a printed copy of an interesting discourse delivered before that Association by the President in September last, in which the excellent objects of the Institution are fully set forth and ably enforced.

The Society have lately also received from the New York Historical Society the first volume of a new series of its Transactions, and from the Philosophical Society, at Philadelphia, a complete series of the Bulletins of its proceedings since 1838, in one of which the attention of this Society is invited to a Manuscript Vocabulary of the Montagnais language, received by the Philosophical Society from the coast of Labrador, which is recommended to us as worthy of translation and publication. The Council here only notice the suggestion as well worthy of the consideration of their successors in office.

An interesting communication has also been received within a few days from a gentlemen in Paris, proposing to obtain for the Society copies of documents relating to the early history of Canada, both before and after the period comprized in the work of Charlevoix, which are to be found to the extent of many thousand folios, in the archives of the *Bureau de la Marine* and the *Ministère de la guerre*, at Paris. An impression has long existed that those departments contained valuable documents of this description, in the reports which the Governors Intendants and Military Officers made from time to time to the French Government, upon the internal condition of the colony, but the former attempts made by the Society's Committee, on Historical Documents, to obtain access to these Archives had been frustrated by the strict rules of the French official departments above mentioned, and by