

pus cristatus); two bay seals, (*phoca vitulina*); one gray or horse-head seal, young, (*halichoerus grypus*).

## ORNITHOLOGICAL.

One wild dove, (*Zenaidura Carolinensis?*). One red-headed linnet, (*agelothus linaria*). One pine grosbeak, (*pinicola emuleator*). Two cross beaks, (*loxia curvirostra americana*). Several snow bunting; (*plectrophanes nivalis*). Two shore larks, (*ceremophila alpestris*). One clapper rail, (*rallus longirostris crepitans*). One American coot, (*fulica americana*). Bittern, (*botaurus mugitans*). Mud hen, (*gallinula galenta*). Chicken hawk, (*accipiter cooperi*). Great horned owl, (*bubo virginianus*). Snowy owl, (*nyctea scandiaca*). Hawk owl, (*surnia funerea*). Canada jay, (*perisoreus canadensis*).

Two pair deer's antlers locked together, were brought home last season, and a deer skin canoe, such as is generally used by the Micmacs of the Island.

I hope to obtain those specimens of our prinnipedæ, or seals, required to complete that portion of the collection, during the present season.

A little assistance from those interested in the fisheries would enable me, in a short time also, to complete the ichthyological section, which is still very much behind hand. It is to be regretted that these, our great staple industries, should not, up to the present, be represented in the Museum in such a manner as their importance demands.

Were the Museum fully equipped and arranged in all its sections, I have reason to believe the Government and country at large might well feel proud of it; while to strangers visiting our shores it would afford a most interesting and attractive spectacle.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES P. HOWLEY.