

REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF MUSEUM.

Your Curator of Museum in presenting his Annual Report, has the pleasure of being able to inform your Society that, through the liberality of some of your Members, many valuable additions have been made to your Museum during the past year: a list is now presented. The very munificent donation of specimens of Minerals, Shells, Fossils, Volcanic Lava, and Petrifications, with a catalogue in Italian, from Henry Atkinson, Esquire, deserves special notice.

The unsuitableness of the premises, which, owing to adverse circumstances, your Society have been compelled to occupy since the calamitous burning of the Parliament Buildings, when your Society suffered such heavy loss in the total destruction by fire of your very valuable Museum, has prevented your Curator from attempting a regular classified arrangement of the specimens under his charge, as he did not feel justified in recommending any outlay either for cabinets or cases to receive the accumulating specimens in your Museum, or for the purchase of other specimens, but he hopes that the efforts now making by your Council to secure suitable and permanent accommodation will be attended with success. and your Curator, judging from the former liberality of your Society, has no doubt, that then, the same liberal spirit will be continued, and your Society will have the proud boast of again possessing the most complete and valuable collection of objects in the different departments of Natural History, Mechanical Arts, Manufactures, Inventions, and Natural and Artificial Curiosities, in Canada.

Your Curator regrets that the Society has lost the services of Serjeant Spence, of the Royal Artillery, as guardian of its Rooms, whose increased military duties compelled him to resign the office he held, during two years, with so much satisfaction to your Society. His tried integrity, his obliging disposition and respectful manners, rendered his services particularly valuable, the more especially as all the articles in the Museum are wholly confided to the care of the Guardian. The whole respectfully submitted.

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