

Europe; it may, therefore, hereafter become a great value to the Province, as an article of commerce.

In the hope of adding to the efficiency of the Society, measures were taken by the Council early in the year, to collect information on all natural and public events occurring within these Provinces, in order to their being recorded. A Committee of five Members, to be called the Committee of Record was appointed to carry out this measure. These Records may hereafter prove of use to the future historian of Canada.

There have been admitted into the Society, during the past year, one Honorary, twelve Corresponding, and five Associate Members.

The Reports of the Curators of the Museum, and of the Apparatus, are upon the table: by these we are informed that the Museum has been increased, re-arranged, and much improved in appearance. The visitors to the Museum have been very numerous during the past year. The Apparatus, although requiring some slight repairs, is in general good order and fit for use.

The Librarian reports the acquisition of many useful and valuable books to the Library, which continues to augment yearly, principally by the liberal donations of Members and friends of the Society — by purchase, 32 volumes — by donation, 43 volumes, and 41 pamphlets. It is, however, matter of great regret, that a continuation of the Literary and Scientific Periodicals is wanting for the past year. These are considered quite essential to the efficiency of the Society, without which the Members and Students cannot keep up with the progress made in Europe and America in general knowledge.

The Treasurer's Report is also before you. It is cause of much anxiety to the Council, that the funds are not in a more flourishing condition: to this cause may be assigned the deficiency alluded to in the Report of the Librarian. Many Members are in arrear, but measures are about to be taken for the recovery of the outstanding dues, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of about £300; some portion of this claim on the Members, it is hoped, will be forthcoming.

And now, gentlemen, that you are about to exercise your privilege of electing Officers for the ensuing year, the Council venture the recommendation, that you will select from amongst yourselves, persons to fill the different offices whom you shall judge to be the most active, influential and effective in their respective stations; leaders who, cordially taking the prosperity of the Society to heart, will give it a fresh impetus, and whom you will yourselves actively second in their endeavours to further its grand objects.