

auspices of the Society a report of the scientific works produced by the leading members or lecturers of the Association, from its inception. Among these were: Chief Justice J. Sewell, Dr. John Charlton Fisher, Admiral Bayfield, General Baddeley, R. E., George B. Faribault, Honorable William Shepherd, John Langton, Honorable T. D'Arcy McGee, Commander Ashe, R. N., James Douglas, Honorable P. J. O. Chauveau; the Historians Garneau, Casgrain, LeMoine, Miles, Turcotte; John Reade, F. R. S. E., General Noble, R. A., Lieutenant Colonel Strange, R. A., Andrew Stuart, Amable Berthelot, Dr. J. W. Anderson, Bishop Mountain, Revd. Dr. Wilkie, Dr. George Stewart, Honorable Hector Fabre, Alfred Sandham, E. A. Meredith, Professor Goldwin Smith, Dr. J. M. Harper, Fred. C. Würtele, Arch. Campbell and a host of others. On perusing the Society's transactions, disseminated now over the whole world, you will, the Council is sure, admit, that the Society has not been recreant to the useful scientific mission which its illustrious founder contemplated.

Leaving aside these creditable memories of a bright past, and descending to a progressive present, the frequenters of these rooms must have rejoiced in the many recent improvements carried out by successive councils such as the introduction of electric light, of registers to heat the room elegant book shelves and a choice selection of magazines and reviews, in addition to standard scientific works purchased.

But, gentlemen, this brilliant vision of the past, and its course of desired improvements of the present must now, we fear, come to an end, unless some means are devised to replenish our exchequer.

During the year just expired, your Council has had chiefly to study the financial position of your Society and its future prospects.

It has seriously considered the means which might be taken to find a substitute for the annual grant which the Provincial Government was wont of offer our Society in consideration of the valuable services which it rendered and of the aid which it afforded to the student of history particularly the history of our country and of this continent.

The subscriptions from members are not and have never been sufficient to meet the necessary expenses and needs of the Society and, unless the list of associate members be more than doubled, other means will have to be found to keep it in existence.