

REPORT ON THE PETER REDPATH MUSEUM
OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

*Prepared for the first meeting of the Museum Committee,
March 11th, 1882.*

[In the terms of the gift of the Peter Redpath Museum to the University, it is provided that the immediate management of the Museum shall be entrusted to a "Standing Committee of the Corporation, to be called the Museum Committee, to consist of the Principal as Chairman, and three other members of the Corporation, with whom shall be associated the Logan Professor of Geology and the Professors of Mineralogy, Zoology and Botany, and of other departments of Natural History in the Faculties of Arts or Applied Science of McGill College, should there be such Professors. The Committee shall have power to appoint any of its members Honorary Curator or Curators of the Collections or of any part thereof, and to arrange the times at which different Professors and their classes may teach or study in the Museum."

A Museum Committee was accordingly appointed by the Corporation of the University, at its meeting in January, 1882, and consists of the following members: The Principal (*ex officio*), Peter Redpath, Esq., Hon. Mr. Justice McKay, Dr. G. W. Campbell, Dr. B. J. Harrington (*ex officio*). The following report was presented by the Principal to the first meeting, with the object of placing on record the steps taken by him up to that time in his capacity of Curator of the Museum, under the regulations of the University.]

The noble Museum, erected for the University by the munificence of Mr. Redpath, has now so far advanced toward completion, that it will probably be ready for the reception of specimens in May next, and it is extremely desirable that the collections to be contained in it shall be in as perfect a condition as possible at the time of the formal opening, which is intended to take place on the 24th of August, on occasion of the meeting of the American Association in Montreal. In view of these dates, it