

have been carried on. Numerous and very rich ores had been recently added to the Museum, through the kindness of gentlemen interested in the development of the mineral resources of the townships. Those contributed by Mr. Pierce, of the Acton Mining Company, by Mr. Clark from the Belvidere and Sherbrooke Mines, by Mr. Brooks from the Carbuncle Mine in Orford, by Mr. Woodward and by Mr. Stanley of the Ascot Mining and Smelting Works, as well as the specimens from the Ascot Mine and the Murrington Mine in Ascot, and from mines opened in the Townships of Ham, and Wickham were particularly admired.

The gold was furnished in quantity by Mr. Hunter of Stanstead, and consisted of specimens procured in the Township of Ascot; one beautiful sample, containing about five ounces and three quarters of the precious metal, exhibited as the work of six men in three days.

The attention of their Excellencies was also attracted to the cabinet of Foreign Minerals and fossils, presented some years ago by Sir Wm. Logan, and to the case that contains a valuable donation to the Museum, by the venerated Founder of the College, the late Bishop Mountain of Quebec, containing various articles of Indian and Oriental workmanship, and a number of rare and curious objects.

In the miscellaneous part of the collection, there were specimens of encaustic Tile manufacture, as carried on in England, ornamental and stained glass, gutta serena, india rubber, silk, leather, cotton, flax, wool, mohair, &c., both raw and in different stages of manufacture, and samples of various kinds of local and foreign woods, fibres, leaves, seeds, and vegetable extracts. These were collected by Prof. Miles, Curator of the Museum in England in 1862. There were but few examples of birds, and animals, the most noticeable being a head and horns of the Caribou, presented by Col. Rhodes, and prepared by Couper of Quebec, a stuffed Otter, Loon, and a very beautiful pair of Snowy Owls, given to the College Museum by Mr. J. S. Hall, of Montreal. These birds being male and female, were shot near Montreal in December last, and were stuffed and mounted in a perfect manner by Mr. Hunter of that city.

Although the entire collection is not extensive, their Excellencies were pleased to express themselves approvingly, and appeared much gratified, it being explained that among the objects kept in view, in the arrangement and extension of the Museum, were, first, the purpose of illustrating. (in conjunction with other appliances) the teaching of the natural sciences, and Natural History in both departments of the College, and secondly to found a repository for the preservation and public exhibition of the natural and industrial products of the country, and of the works of art and industry of other countries, destined to contribute to the future education of our own people in knowledge and taste.