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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY  
OF  
MONTREAL,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 18TH, 1858.

The Council of the Natural History Society have the honor to lay before the members, the following Report of the condition and proceedings of the Society during the past year, along with some suggestions for the consideration of their successors in office.

The Council have much pleasure in noting that the past year has been one of marked interest to the students of natural history in this city. In the month of August last, we had the honor and pleasure of giving a hearty welcome to "The American Association for the Advancement of Science," which met for the first time in this city and province. This meeting has been the most noteworthy event which has ever happened in the history of the Society. Mainly through the efforts of the Society was this meeting brought about. In conjunction with influential citizens of Montreal, you invited the Association to meet here in the year 1857. This invitation having been cordially accepted, your Council, co-operating with the Local Committee of the "Association," made every effort to provide suitable accommodation for its several meetings, and for the hospitable entertainment of its members. These efforts, the Council are happy to report, were eminently successful. In the most prompt and cordial manner the Court House, with its halls and rooms, so admirably adapted for the purposes of the "Association," was put at the disposal of the Local Committee. The City Council also freely granted the use of the City Hall to your Society, for the public entertainment of our guests.