

sible. There are so many advantages that we can offer to the public, and such facilities afforded for studying Natural History in the city and its vicinity, that we believe the Society requires to be more generally known than it is at present. There are many inhabitants of Montreal who never saw the inside of the museum; and it might be worth while to consider how far it could be thrown open to the public on certain occasions, free of charge, as is done in kindred institutions in Great Britain.

They are also, in conclusion, glad to find that more enlightened views are prevalent with regard to the protection of small birds; this is partly owing to the representations made by our Society, and in part to the efforts of the Fish and Game Protection Club, with whom we cannot too cordially co-operate.

Mr. Whiteaves then read an account of the work done in the Museum during the past year, and made a short report on the state of the Library, both of which are subjoined.

REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC CURATOR AND SUB-LIBRARIAN

FOR THE SESSION 1864-65.

The most important work of the past summer has been the formation of a good entomological collection. Nearly all the old Canadian specimens which had become injured, and faded by exposure, have been replaced by fresh examples. By the exertions of friends our local collections have more than doubled lately; not only have we filled the twenty-six drawers of our cabinet, but we have four cases full over and above these. As much has been done in the way of naming and classifying our specimens as the present state of our knowledge of Canadian insects warrants. The Coleoptera and the diurnal Lepidoptera are for the most part named. Many of the nocturnal Lepidoptera and most of the Hymenoptera, Diptera, Neuroptera, Orthoptera, and Hemiptera of this country have yet to be determined. It is hoped that with the assistance of the Entomological branch of our Society, some steps may be taken in this direction. The large and interesting collection of minerals contained in the museum has occupied a considerable portion of

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