

three of the large halls of the building. It is expected that the Gallery will in the near future require a building of its own, and that the Museum will need the space now occupied by the Gallery.

The photographic division of the Survey is perhaps as well equipped as any in North America. It maintains a vast store of negatives taken on expeditions and in the Museum, and it makes lantern slides. The negatives form a national historical archive, which will be of increasing value as time passes. It affords illustrations for the publications of the Museum and the Survey and for scientific and educational works. They may also be used in the popular press and many will serve educational purposes through encyclopedias, text-books, magazines, and newspapers. The lantern slides may be used eventually throughout Canada, as well as in the lecture hall, for educational purposes.

In order to extend more widely the knowledge of the Museum, publishers are encouraged to make postcards from photographs furnished and carefully labeled by the Museum. One of these, for example, not only shows a picture of the Museum building, but informs the reader that the Museum belongs to the whole country, houses various natural history collections, carries on expeditions and research, prepares exhibits for the scientist, the teacher, and the pupil, and issues publications which are widely distributed. These postcards are handled through the regular trade and entirely without expense to the Museum.

In order to carry the Museum to the people of the country who cannot visit it in person, the Geological Survey for many years has made a practice of sending cabinets of minerals throughout the Dominion. A cabinet containing five trays of minerals with a book describing them is sent to certain of the higher schools throughout Canada, while a smaller collection in an exhibition tray is sent to lower schools. Other departments of the Museum will take up this extension work as soon as possible for the purpose of making the collections helpful to all the people of the country. This idea is in full harmony with the work of university extension, traveling libraries, and branch banks. Probably the Museum will become eventually a clearing house for all the museums of the Dominion. Material may be either loaned or given to the smaller museums, of which there are over thirty, most of them in the larger cities or college towns of the east. It would cause no loss to the people of Canada who support the Museum to give specimens to these other museums as there they would be accessible to more people and housed without cost to the government.