

efficiently discharging the functions of an employé in the Civil Service.

(Signature.)

(Address.)

(Date.)

(FORM B.)

Statement concerning Mr.

a Candidate for the Civil Service of the Province of Quebec :

1. Are you related to the Candidate and if so in what degree ?
2. Are you acquainted with the Candidate ?
3. Under what circumstances did you become acquainted with him ?
4. How long have you been acquainted with him ?
5. Is he strictly honest, sober and laborious ?
6. What do you know concerning his education and his mental capacity ?
7. In so far as you are able to judge of his character, is it such as to render him fit for public employment ?

(Signature.)

(Address.)

(Date.)

Quebec Literary and Historical Society.

On Wednesday, 12th inst., at 10 A.M., the annual meeting of this Society took place in their rooms, in Morrin College, the Rev. J. Douglas, President, in the chair.

The following is the report of the Council :

Report of the Council of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec.

The Council has the pleasure to report that the past year has been one of increased and uninterrupted prosperity ; the stated meetings have been well attended, the papers read were of general interest, and some of them, owing to their more immediate bearing on the objects which the Society was founded to promote, have been published in our transactions.

It has also the pleasure to state that the "Historical Documents," published under the auspices of the Society, have been sought after by kindred associations in other countries, and have led to the formation of pleasing connections with correspondents, both in the old and new worlds, with whom an interchange of publications has taken place.

Very valuable additions by purchase and donation have been made to the Museum, especially to the Ornithological Department, and about one hundred volumes of the higher current literature have been procured for the library, which, in the opinion of the Council, are calculated to meet the varied tastes and wants ; but being desirous of carrying out to the fullest extent the wishes of all their constituents, the Council recommends that they should avail themselves more freely of the "Recommendation Book."

The convenience and comfort of the present rooms have led to their being more frequented than formerly, and the variety and high standard of the periodicals on the table have no doubt together contributed to the large increase of members.

The rooms have been visited during the past year by many strangers, first among whom in rank and place, was His Royal Highness Prince Arthur. The arrangements made with Mr. Mathison as custodian of the rooms and sub librarian, have proved very satisfactory.

The expenditure has been large, but strictly within the revenue, and it is satisfactory to find that notwithstanding the large, yet necessary disbursements, there is yet a handsome balance on hand, and it ought now to be decided whether it would not be prudent to set aside annually a certain sum to form a reserve fund. The Treasurer's account shows :—

Revenue.....	\$2,585.09
Expenditure.....	1,952.21
Balance.....	\$ 632 88

The balance is apportioned as follows :—

Historical Fund.....	\$ 130.42
Life Members' Fund.....	54.65
General Fund.....	447.81

Last year's report showed that there were then 170 members entitled to full privileges, 130 of whom had paid all dues. During the past year the list of members swelled to 230, of whom 174 have paid all dues, and the Treasurer's list gives now 174 as entitled to full privileges.

On referring to the 126 names to whom the original charter of the Society was granted on the 5th of October, 1831, they will be found to comprise gentlemen of every nationality, and every religious denomination, in Quebec. On turning to our present list, we may not be able to show such an array of talent and influence, but we can point with confidence to many who are imbued with as ardent a love of literature, and who for years have been zealous and no unworthy successors of the distinguished founders of the Society ; and it is gratifying to see that it has maintained unimpaired a catholicity worthy of enlightened men in an enlightened age ; and the Council cannot conclude better than by repeating the hope expressed in last year's report, that the reciprocal advantages secured under the existing arrangement between the Society and Morrin College may be maintained, while each shall continue to retain its thorough individuality and independence.

J. DOUGLAS,
President.

The Council for the ensuing year was then elected :

Patron—Sir N. F. Belleau.

President—Dr. Anderson.

Vice-Presidents—Captain Ashe, Dr. Marsden, Adolphe Caron, Esq. ; H. S. Scott, Esq.

Treasurer—T. H. Grant, Esq.

Recording Secretary—Robert Cassels, Esq.

Corresponding Secretary—C. Wilkie, Esq.

Council Secretary—Wm. Hossack, Esq.

Librarian—Faucher de St. Maurice, Esq.

Curator of Museum—J. M. LeMoine, Esq.

Curator of Apparatus—J. F. Belleau, Esq.

Additional members of Council—Henry Fry, Esq. ; Rev. J. Douglas, N. H. Bowen, Esq. ; Rev. W. Powis.

The Museum.

In the absence of the Curator, Mr. McNaughton, the members of the Society applied for information to Mr. Le Moine who has taken a most active part for years past, in the formation of the collection. Mr. Le Moine who has resigned the office of first Vice-President to accept that of Curator of the Museum for 1870 expressed himself as follows :

The vote of the meeting will provide the Society with a new staff of office bearers, selected no doubt as formerly from amongst the most zealous and experienced members. I for one will cheerfully accept the post which a unanimous vote confers on me, decided to contribute, no matter how little, to the important results which the unprecedented prosperity of the Institution and the unusual influx of influential members promises for the year 1870. The principles which have so far guided the Society in the formation of a museum are, 1st, to procure every specimen of the Canadian *Fauna*. 2nd, Canadian birds and animals being complete, to obtain specimens of Foreign *Fauna*—American and European. About 100 new specimens of birds and eggs were added during the year 1869, purchased from, and mounted by, Mr. Alfred Lechevallier, a French Taxidermist, now residing in Montreal.

The unusual outlay for book shelves, for furnishing and carpeting the rooms, for gazeliers, binding and repairing the books in the Library, naturally absorbed large sums and reduced by so much what otherwise would have been appropriated for natural history specimens. But these sources of expenditure will not exist the ensuing year, and if the museum continues to increase even at its present rate, it will soon be necessary to find additional accommodation. Many think it strange that no representative of the lordly moose, the great elk, or fleet cariboo, and other large animals, are yet to be found in the collection. Certainly these denizens of our forests ought to have a habitation and a name in our rooms and on our catalogue ;—the society naturally look to some of the Nimrods, to be found amongst its members, for the presentation of such acceptable gifts. A rare chance of increasing our ornithological collection occurred last summer : a chance which possibly may never occur again : I allude to the generous act of a learned French Professor, Brother Ogérien, sent to America by