

that purpose with success. It was for the same reason that the word **HISTORICAL** has been considered an essential portion of the name the Society bears. It is the history of the country, and not general history to which that portion of our name refers.

To enable us to pursue with greater effect this leading object of our institution, the Council came to the resolution of importing a very considerable and appropriate selection of works, which had been agreed upon, relating to this very subject. These works were procured in London, through the zeal and judgment of one of our members, the Honourable A. W. Cochran. This important addition to our sources of information has been obtained at comparatively an extremely small outlay; and competent judges have declared, that they could not have anticipated obtaining so valuable an acquisition for less than double the actual cost. It consists of rare and unique maps and atlases, of books of travels and voyages to America, descriptions of the manners of the natives; the proceedings, wars and sufferings of the first Colonies that settled on this continent, and histories of various subsequent periods.

The volumes procured in continuation of those already obtained will be found important; such as, the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, the *Philosophical Journal*, the *American Journal of Science*, the *Journal of the Geographical Society*, and *Cuvier's Natural History*, now completed.

With the additions made to the library, must be mentioned two very valuable donations: The *Nautical Magazine*, in six volumes, presented by Dr. W. Kelly, R. N., and several works on military tactics, on geodetic operations, on mechanics, and some other subjects, presented by Major Wright, R. E.

Large additions have been made to our files of *Quebec Newspapers*. Six volumes of the *Gazette* have been procured or obtained as donations. Eighteen volumes of the *Mercury* have been collected.

The Councillor Macedo, Secretary to the Royal Academy of Lisbon, has transmitted to us a publication of his own, containing some learned researches concerning the navigation of the Atlantic Ocean at remote periods.

A large addition to the records of Great Britain and Ireland has been obligingly transmitted to us by the Record Commission.