

MOLLUSCA AND MARINE INVERTEBRATA.

This part of the collection is in tolerable order, but the nomenclature of the species requires some revision.

FISHES AND REPTILES.

The stuffed specimens are in fair condition, though some improvement can be made in the labelling of the Canadian fishes, which were identified only in a provisional kind of way several years ago. A commencement has been made of a new collection of alcoholic preparations, which are temporarily placed in the vestibule, but this part of the work was stopped for want of a supply of good glass stoppered bottles and of alcohol.

BIRDS AND MAMMALS.

The series, especially of native species, badly wants replenishing with new and fresh specimens; but those we have, though though mostly old and often in very poor condition, are all carefully named. The Society's collection of the eggs of North American birds, is very good, and could be made of much value to students at a very trifling expense.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A number of objects of interest, such as Indian antiquities and modern ethnological objects, have been temporarily arranged in the best manner the cases at my disposal would admit. Quite a large number are contained in drawers, &c., there being no cases available for their proper exhibition.

THE GULF DREDGINGS.

The history of these investigations may be briefly summed up as follows: In 1867 and 1869 dredgings in the Gaspé district were carried on at my sole expense in the summer months, and these require no further comment. In 1871 the Government gave me, as the Society's representative, a passage and some opportunities for dredging on government vessels. The cost of the necessary outfit and travelling expenses, amounting to about \$120 or \$130 were shared by the Society and myself, the Society paying about \$90, and myself between \$30 and \$40. In 1872 and 1873 the Government defrayed all the expenses, but the Society paid my salary during the time of my absence.