

7 Cases British Lepidoptera, containing upwards of 400 species, named and arranged.	} W. S. M. D'Ur- ban.
"Pepper-pot" Bowl used by Natives of Demerara.	
A valuable collection of Rocks and Minerals from the volcanic regions of Italy	} Geo. Platt, Esq.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Special Committee appointed to report on the Finance operations of the Society for the year ending 18th May, 1858; beg to state that they have examined the Treasurer's Book and vouchers, (a recapitulation of which will be found annexed), and find that the general statement is much larger than usual, owing to the government grant and disbursements on account of the meeting of the American Association in this city in August of last year.

The amount received from subscribers during the past year is somewhat larger than the previous one, but not near so much as your Committee think ought to be obtained from our citizens, if a right appreciation of the great benefits the Society does and will confer was more generally felt, and they recommend renewed exertions on the part of the Society to bring its claims before the public, and especially do they desire to express their hope that this Society will be placed on the same footing as regards Parliamentary aid as its respected "younger sister" in Toronto, which is enabled to place its periodical in the hands of every one of its members in return for their subscription to the Society. If your Society could obtain similar favor from the Government, and be thus enabled to place its "bi-monthly Canadian Naturalist" in the hands of each of its members, it is not too much to expect that their number might readily be trebled, its efficiency very largely increased, and the Society placed on a footing which its antecedents and present prospects, justify your Committee in predicting would be alike honorable to the city, and greatly conducive to the promotion of the objects for which it was instituted.

Your Committee would draw attention to the very large amount paid for advertising and printing, and recommend rigid retrenchment in those items.

Your Committee believe that with an increased revenue for the coming year, arising from additional membership, as well as an additional grant from Government, with greater economy in advertising, &c., the fiscal affairs of your Society will continue to improve, and cease to be a source of anxiety to your officers, and permit them to avail themselves of purchases for its legitimate objects, which they regret to learn have, in some cases, been impracticable for want of necessary funds.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.

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