

REPORT.

AT the conclusion of the ninth year of the Society's existence, the Council appointed at the last annual meeting, in compliance with the usual custom, beg leave to lay before the Society a brief recapitulation of the circumstances which have occurred during the last twelve months.

As the most important object of the Society's care, the progress and state of the Cabinet may first be noticed, and here the Council have the satisfaction of stating that valuable accessions have been made both by donation and by purchase. Among the latter may be enumerated, as first in value, the specimen of the white grampus or *delphinapterus*, which was taken last summer in the river near this city, the skin of which has been carefully prepared and exhibits a faithful outline of that rare aquatic animal. The Council have to regret that the confined space of the Society's rooms has not allowed its being placed in them, and consequently prevented the completion of the preparation, so as to exhibit a lively representation of the animal when alive.

The Council have pleasure in noticing a number of valuable donations made to the museum. One of the most valuable is that of James Keith, Esq. of the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company, consisting of a live porcupine and two large sea-gulls, a box of stuffed skins of fish from Labrador, and a pair of horns of the moose deer. A second valuable dona-