

"among those who- to put it mildly—feel otherwise. Let those who  
 "will spend their days killing, dissecting and classifying; I chose rather  
 "to give my time to the study of life, and to doing my small best toward  
 "preserving the tribes of the air from the utter extinction with which  
 "they are threatened. \* \* \* \* \*

## ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.

The thirteenth annual Meeting opened in the Convocation Hall of the Normal School on Tuesday, 22nd May. Dr. G. M. Dawson, President, occupied the chair, and a large number of the Fellows were in attendance, with numerous ladies and gentlemen also interested in literature and science. Their Excellencies the Governor General and the Countess of Aberdeen were present, and an address of welcome was read by the President. His Excellency responded in appropriate terms, and warmly congratulated the society on the success which had accompanied its labours. The voluminous Report of the Council was then read by the Hon.-Sec., Dr. Bourinot, after which the sections organized and proceeded to the reading and discussion of papers.

In the evening Dr. Dawson delivered his President's address, the chair being taken by the Hon.-President, His Excellency the Governor General. The large audience included Lady Aberdeen and many distinguished persons, who greatly appreciated the President's able address upon "The Progress and Trend of Scientific Investigations in Canada," which gave a comprehensive survey of the work conducted by various departments of the government, and by the leading scientific societies. On the conclusion of the address His Excellency made some eulogistic remarks, and tendered to the learned lecturer the thanks of the audience. Many of those present then attended a delightful reception given by Mrs. Bourinot in her charming house on Cooper Street.

Wednesday was devoted entirely to the reading of papers in the sections; an adjournment being made at 5 p.m., so that the members might attend an "At Home" given by Dr. Sandford Fleming. A very interesting public meeting was held in the evening by the French Literature Section: the programme including a lecture by the Hon. Mr. Marchand, M.L.A., of Quebec, entitled "Un Tour de France durant la Seconde République."