

trinsic value of the specimens. In numismatics the museum has been enriched by donations of one gold, 15 silver and 44 copper coins, the Society has also become purchasers of three medals granted to Indian Chiefs and others in commemoration of certain events in the history of Canada—in this view the Council deem it compatible with the designs of the Society that it should become the possessor of these medals rather than they should fall into the melting pot of the silversmith: the Council considers them valuable records.

In the Geological and Mineralogical branch of the museum, the Council regret that with the exception of a few specimens of iron pyrites from different localities in this neighbourhood, no addition has been made during the last year. In connection with this subject, the Council would strongly urge upon their successors the expediency of their representing to the Executive Government the value of the collections possessed by the Society in this department of science, as a reason for requesting that the superintendent of the Geological survey of this province should be instructed to deposit in the museum of this Society a series of the specimens collected by him during the survey. The Council conceive that in every point of view, this Society, the oldest now existing in British North America, and one which has always endeavoured to advance the cause of science in this country, particularly those branches which are the principal object of this survey, to elucidate, and whose museum is always open to the student of Natural History, as well as to the casual visitor, should possess a series of these specimens. To say nothing of the fact that in Quebec should be deposited a duplicate collection of the rocks, minerals, and organic remains collected at the expense of the province, the consideration of the dangers arising from fire to a solitary collection of these specimens, so valuable to the illustration of the Natural History of Canada, should induce the Government to agree to so reasonable a request, and from the well known liberality of the Executive so constantly shewn to us, Your Council feel assured that if the subject were brought under their notice they would without hesitation agree to it.