

The Lecture-Room was rented, during the winter, to the Montreal Branch of the Entomological Society of Ontario, also to Mr. W. Muir, and the proceeds of such rental—amounting to \$202—will be found credited by the Treasurer in his accounts to be submitted this evening.

Your Council have also to report an addition of seventeen ordinary members, as having been elected during the past year.

The number of visitors to the Museum has increased somewhat there having been about 1200 in the session which closes this evening.

The Sommerville Course of Free Lectures has been duly delivered, a list of which, with the Lecturers' names, will be found in the Society's Proceedings.

The annual grant of \$750 from the Legislature of the Province of Quebec has also been duly received.

Your Council recommend that application be again made to the Local Government for an increase of this grant to \$1000.

Finally, your Council would again urge on the incoming Officers the desirability of trying to make the Library, which is now incomplete, more useful to its members, and to the students of Natural History generally.

The subjoined report of the Scientific Curator and Rec. Secretary was then read by Mr. Whiteaves:

REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC CURATOR.

Since the last annual meeting, considerable time has been devoted to the study of some of the most difficult marine animals obtained in four late dredging expeditions to the Gulf of St. Lawrence. So many specimens were collected on these occasions, that it will be probably some years before the whole of them are correctly determined.

The Foraminifera have been exhaustively examined, and some of the more critical forms have been sent to Dr. Parker. With the exception of a solitary species, the entire series has been now identified. The microscopic crustacea, such as the entomostraca and copepods, have been forwarded to Messrs. Robertson and Brady, who have kindly named all but a few still doubtful forms, which are believed to be new to science.

All the amphipods of the Gulf have been submitted to Prof. S. J. Smith, of Yale College, New Haven, the only authority on this subject in the United States, who has just communicated to me the results of his latest studies on these difficult crustacea.