

to the Laurentian hills of St. Jerome, and he hoped that this and all its other operations for the ensuing session would be eminently successful, and would be characterized by the same harmony and earnest spirit which had prevailed in the past year.

Mr. John S. Shearer next submitted his report as Chairman of the Council.

#### REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL.

The Council of the Natural History Society, in submitting for the consideration of the members of this institution, the Annual Report of the work transacted since the last annual meeting, are pleased to be able to state, that the session just closed has been one of the most successful and instructive in the annals of the Society. Not only has it been one of much valuable research and study, but several features introduced into the proceedings during the course of the year, have tended to give it a popular character that cannot fail in commending it more generally to the public and resulting ultimately in benefit to the Society.

The usual amount of routine business has been regularly performed during the year. The Council has held its monthly meetings to the number of eleven, and there have been six regular meetings of the Society, at which valuable and instructive papers were read.

The progress of the Society, as far as membership is concerned, has been on the whole satisfactory, seventeen new members having been elected during the year.

The Museum has been well patronized, having been visited by a total of eighteen hundred persons. During carnival week, it was thrown open free to visitors, when five hundred and eighty-two availed themselves of the privilege.

The Library has received considerable attention during the year and is in a satisfactory condition. The society suffered the loss of an earnest worker in this connection by the death of Mr. Chas. Robb, who devoted much time to arranging the books with Mr. Beaudry, the chairman. The Council is pleased to be able to acknowledge a donation of