Birds (Plectrophanes nivalis) first seen 10th of November-Crows did not winter here.

Plum tree in flower 11th of May; Lilac in full leaf 14th of May; Dandelion in flower 12th May; Wild Strawberry in flower 25th May, matured 24th June; Gooseberry in leaf 8th May; Currant in leaf 18th May.

The potato rot, which was but partial this year, commenced on the 8th of August. St. Martin's, Isle Jesus, 1st Feb., 1860.

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EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING—11th February, 1860.

Prof. Wilson, LL.D., President, in the Chair.

I. The following Gentlemen were elected Members:
CHARLES M. FULLER, Esq., Lithographer, Toronto.
S. H. Strong, Esq., Barrister, Toronto.
WILLIAM CANNIFF, M.D., M.R.C.S., Toronto.
THOMAS GRIFFITH, Junt., Toronto (Junior Member.)

II. The following Papers were read:

- 1. By the Rev. Prof. W. Hincks, F.L.S.:
- "On some Questions in relation to the theory of the structure of Plants of the Orders Brassicaceæ and Primulaceæ."
- 2. By Prof. Kingston, M.A.:
 - "On the Meteorological Phenomena of 1859."

NINTH ORDINARY MEETING-18th February, 1860.

Prof. Wilson, LL.D., President, in the Chair.

I. The following Gentleman was elected a Member:
CALEB E. ENGLISH, M.A., Barrister, Toronto.

II. The following donations for the Library were announced, and the thanks of the Institute voted to the donors:

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