

ment of the British Museum, to effect exchanges of specimens as soon as we were in a position here to do so. This would be a great means of enhancing our collection, and I have had several similar offers from other persons, especially in the United States and Canada, but as yet I have but few duplicates to spare, and the expenses attending such exchanges would, for our limited means, be rather heavy.

Amongst the many contributors to the Museum during the past year, besides their Excellencies Sir Henry and Lady Blake, to whom we are indebted for several beautiful chonological, entomological, and other specimens; I may mention the following: Mr. T. R. Smith, a preserved cuplin, also an Eskimo stone lamp; Rev. Mr. Johnson, a miniature bone Eskimo kayak and hunting gear; Mr. Wm. Slater, several Eskimo carved ornaments; Rev. W. Pilot, some Beothuck stone implements; Mr. Walter Clouston, a handsome collection of polished woods, and some curious Chinese nicknacks; Hon. P. Cleary, a section of floor-timber (oak), from the remains of the American privateer *George*, dredged up while excavating for the graving dock *Riverhead*; Capt. Laurie, several beautiful West India birds and snakes; the Municipal Council, the plate and coins from the foundation-stone of the old *Riverhead Hospital*; Mr. A. Bradshaw, mud from the *Grand Bank*; Mr. S. P. Parsons, one Bay Lynx (*Lynx rufus*); Mr. Earle of Fogo, an angler or fishing-frog (*Iophis piscatorius*). Many smaller donations, especially of coins, were also received from various sources too numerous to specify.

There have been acquired by purchase, two cases of foreign birds, two most interesting skeletons with ornaments, of the aboriginal Beothucks, exhibiting the mortuary customs of the tribe in a very complete manner, and the following natural history specimens pertaining to the Island only:

ZOOLOGICAL.

Three woodland caribou deer, stag, doe and fawn, (*Capreolus Terra Novae*); three beaver, (castor fiber) one otter, (*Lutra canadensis*); two black bear cubs, (*Ursus americana*); one brown weasel, (*putorius*—?); one marmot or whistler, (*arctomys prinosus*), from Labrador; two hooded seals, female and young, (*Stenmatio-*