

## TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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At the Annual General Meeting of the NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY, held in the Museum on Monday May 19th, 1856, Present, — The Lord Bishop of Montreal, President of the Society in the Chair; Rev. A. D. Campbell, Rev. A. Kemp, Drs. Fraser, Workman, Wright, Scott, McCallum, Jones, Kingdom, Hingston, Barnston, Fenwick, Principal Dawson, Messrs. Davis, Latour, Rennie, Dutton, Commissary General Ibbetson, Brown, Hims-worth.

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read over and confirmed.

And after the transaction of some routine business the following Report from the Council was read by Dr. Hingston, and submitted for approval:—

### TO THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

THE COUNCIL of the Natural History Society of Montreal, in obedience to custom and constitutional requirement, respectfully submit to the Members, their Report of the progress of the Institution, during the past year.

In this Report, your Council will state such facts as may appear to be necessary to a connected history of the Institution, and offer such suggestions as may seem important to its future management.

In the first place, however, they deem it advisable to give a short and general *résumé* of the history of the Society since its foundation, so as to prove of interest to the members generally — more especially to those who have lately joined the Society; and for this purpose, they avail themselves largely of the industry of a former President of this Society — Major Lachlan.

The Natural History Society was founded in the year 1827, — its first patron being the Earl of Dalhousie, and its first president, Stephen Sewell, Esq.

It was incorporated by an Act of the Provincial Parliament, (12 Will. IV. c. 15.) in 1832, which received the Royal Sanction in February, 1833.