

This pamphlet, together with the first part of the fourth volume of Transactions, has been distributed amongst the public authorities and institutions within these Provinces; and copies have been sent to such Literary and Scientific institutions, as exchange their transactions or proceedings with this Society, and also to corresponding members in actual intercourse with the Society.

It may be proper in this place to state, that the sum of £300 granted to this Society in 1832, by the Legislature of Lower Canada, having being nearly expended—principally in the search for, and copying Historical Documents in London and Paris, and in their publication here—the Council during the late Session of the Legislature took occasion to bring under the notice of His Excellency the Governor General, and the other Legislative Bodies, the exhausted state of this fund, detailing the mode of its expenditure, and praying for a further aid in prosecution of the same object: but the Council have reason to apprehend, that in consequence of the untimely closing of the Session, the application was unavoidably passed over for the present. In connexion with this subject, it will here be proper to report to the Society, that the Council have for some time past been in correspondence with Mr. Margry, a literary gentleman in Paris, who offers his services in the selection and transcription of historical papers, to which he has access in the public Archives of France: and the Council would willingly have availed themselves of the favorable opportunity to procure papers illustrative of the early history of Canada, had they the necessary funds to defray the expense; but the offer of Mr. Margry must necessarily await the decision of the Government and Legislature, upon the application of the Council, for further funds to prosecute their researches.

The Council also applied for a continuation of the customary yearly grant, and to be reimbursed in the sum of £31 10s. expended in putting Chasseur's Museum in a condition of being preserved to the Province: but the result of these applications is not yet known to the Council, though they have reason to believe, that the yearly grant was included in the general estimates submitted by Government to the Legislature.

At the termination of the Society's engagement with Mr. Kendall, on the first of May last, as Assistant Secretary, and contributor to the Museum, the usual measures were resorted to in order to the selection of a competent person to succeed him. The choice of the Council fell on Mr. Charles Roger, and he immediately entered into office.

The Council have much satisfaction in bringing under the notice of the Society in this place, a Report of the Class of Science, to which was referred specimens of Slate raised by Mr. Quigly, from quarries in the township of Frampton, near Quebec. The Report of the Class states this Slate to be fit for the purposes to which the article is usually applied in