

Anderson, Jos. Marmette, Napoléon Legendre, Jos. Royal, Ernest Gagnon, Geo. M. Fairchild, jr., Marchand, Routhier, Casgrain, Dean Stanley, Howells, Kirby, Gilbert Parker, and ever so many more have spent pleasant hours or days "far from smoke of noisy town" amid that fairest of scenes with the kindest of hosts."

THE SPENCER GRANGE MUSEUM.

The Museum has been luminously described by the historian, Sulte, in the *Antiquarian Journal*. "One of the greatest attractions for us," says M. Sulte, "in visiting Spencer Grange, was its museum of Canadian birds, comprising two-thirds of the feathered tribe of the Dominion, with a fair sprinkling of foreign specimens, and a collection of bird's eggs. Each class of birds has its own corner, or judging by the label 'a habitation and a name.' The thrushes and flycatchers are particularly conspicuous from their bright tints and delicate arrow-shaped markings. The olive-grey cuckoo, a quaint and graceful minstrel in our green hedges in July, the oriole, blue jay, officer-bird, indigo-bird, and golden-winged wood-pecker, form a group of striking beauty. A succession of drawers contain the nests and eggs, scientifically labelled, of many Canadian species, as well as some of the songsters of France and England; pre-eminent among such being those of the European nightingale. Of some of the more curious of the specimens we naturally took special notice, of such as the tiny nest of a West Indian humming-bird, made out of a piece of sponge, and the cubiculum of the red-headed wood-pecker scooped out of the decayed heart of a silver-birch tree, with the eggs within, and the head peering from the orifice in the bark."

Among other oddities to be seen in this quaint spot, may be enumerated the legendary white robin of nursery rhymes, in actual fact—a specimen shot by Mr. Carl Sewell, at Deschambault; a white crow presented by W. Herring of Ravenswood; specimens of grouse, ptarmigan, and capercaillie sent from Scotland by the Hon. Adam Ferguson Blair; a Herring gull killed at Niagara Falls by W. McCallum; a Florida ibis, shot at Grondines; a splendid Bird of Paradise, a present from Spencer Wood; and a superb specimen of the great owl of the Pyrenees, *le Grand Duc*, by the French savant, Le Frère