

In the light of these facts I would beg to recommend the transmission to the Board of a proposal to establish a museum in January, 1892.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

October 5th, 1891.

JAMES BAIN, JR., *Chief Librarian.*

At the meeting held upon the same day the principle of this report was adopted, and it was referred to your Committee to make all necessary investigations in regard to obtaining the collections mentioned, and to consider what space is available and what alterations may be desirable in establishing the said Museum in the building; the Committee to report to the Board as early as possible.

Your Committee have looked into the statute respecting the establishment of Public Libraries, and are satisfied their proceedings are according to law in reference to this matter.

Your Committee have given this matter most careful consideration, and met on numerous occasions to discuss it. They found it advisable, after numerous consultations, to forward the following report to the Board:

BOARD ROOM, Nov. 30, 1891.

Your Committee beg to report that although the Board unanimously adopted the principle of establishing a Public Museum in this building your Committee are of opinion that it is highly desirable that some information should be obtained from similar Institutions before finally coming to more definite conclusions. The annual expense, the kind of building, the mode of heating and lighting, the collections which are popular, the general management, etc., etc., are all matters that should be thoroughly inquired into, and your Committees have been informed by the Managers of similar Institutions in the United States that the only way to ascertain these particulars satisfactorily would be by visiting them and they have offered to assist in every way in their power.

The Board therefore recommended that the Museum Committee be instructed to visit similar institutions in some of the large cities in the United States and Canada.

On the last week of November your Committee visited the Geological and Natural History Museum, Ottawa; the Redpath