

ZOOLOGICAL MUSEUM

The following collection of vertebrates is already remarkable :

Amongst the most important of the Canadian mammals are the caribou, the moose, the bear, the raccoon, the otter, the beaver, and an american skunk with yellow fur. There are also several foreign mammals, among which are many species of monkeys, a large wolf from the forests of Ardennes, a gigantic bat from Oceania ; two kangaroos, a tatou, a duck-bill or *platypus*, etc.

The ichthyological and herpetological collections contain many specimens worthy of notice : as the enormous sword-fish, a trasher shark, a mackerel-shark, several rays of a large size, and a gigantic halibut.

Among the reptiles are a crocodile bought from Senegal, a large alligator from Florida ; also several snakes, with different kinds of tortoises.

A great number of fishes and reptiles in alcohol, representing types of different countries, have been received from the *Museum d'Histoire Naturelle*, of Paris, France.

The ornithological collection comprises about 1000 species represented by over 1300 specimens from every part of the world. Specimens of almost all the birds of Canada are here, and the fauna of different parts of the world is widely represented by rare species. The order of shore-birds includes a great number of varieties remarkable for their form, size and rarity.

The species of water birds are often represented by individuals of different ages, and seasons, and