

as did the collections concerned with Man. Are we to be content in the field of Natural History to perpetuate the ill-balanced character of the collections due to chance and individual idiosyncrasy? If not, what is to be the aim? It is, I venture to think, obvious. The presentation of Geology (Palaeontology and Mineralogy) should be broadened by the introduction of stratigraphical exhibits, primarily Canadian; the Zoological collections must be reconstructed on a broad basis; and place must be found for a Botanical Museum in which the flora of the Dominion, both from its systematic and its ecological sides, should be adequately illustrated. It is remarkable that no adequate Herbarium of native plants exists in the City of Montreal and that no attempt is being made in the University to develop the nucleus it possesses*.

17. Thus my scheme envisages a Museum in which the study of Man and his activities in Canada leads outwards to the study of Man and his activities in general, and in which the study of Man's environment in Canada (the rocks and minerals especially, and then the animals, the trees and flowers) leads outward to the study of the world environment of the human race.

18. I believe that sufficient financial support for such a concept, supported as it is by most valuable museum material which will go a long way towards its realization, will be found in the City of Montreal. It is not my province to make detailed recommendations concerning the Museum building, but I think that it should not be less than seven stories high—one each for the three natural sciences, one for Man in Canada, one for the history of Man in general, one in which Man as a record-keeper is studied, and one for administration. There should be reserve, storage, and study rooms on every floor. It should be linked by a covered passage with the Library if the site permits. It should be of the simplest architectural character externally, and interiorly free from all decorative detail, for attention should not be distracted from the exhibits. It should be well lit at night on the Sherbrooke Street facade, with its name and the hours of opening to the public. It should be fitted with dustproof exhibition cases.

19. The scheme that I have envisaged (or any scheme of unification) cannot be created or maintained without the provision of a competent whole-time officer in full control of the University Museum for which he is responsible and in a position personally to propose, explain and defend his policies before the appropriate executive body of the University. *The Director of University Museums* should have precisely the same privileges, salary and

*There is an excellent Herbarium in the University of Montreal which was not seen by Dr. Fox.