

No admission fee is charged. The Museum is open to the public from nine to five on week days except Christmas. The impressions of childhood are so easily made that every possible effort is made to attract the children. It is hoped that even greater attractions may be offered to working people and children as public opinion develops and the Museum gains in facilities. Normal school classes frequently study in the exhibition halls under the direction of their teachers, and these students, who are soon to be teachers themselves in the scattered schools of our country, may spread far and wide the truths learned at the Museum. All classes, from the most humble peasant to the Governor-general are amongst the visitors. It is unfortunate that the hours when the Museum is open coincide so closely with the hours of labor as to give only those who have wealth or leisure the greatest opportunities to visit the Museum. It is really the people who are unable to travel, or perhaps to buy books and pictures, who need the services of the institution more than any other class.

Among other facilities of our Museum may be mentioned the library of the Geological Survey, containing over twenty thousand volumes on natural science, which is at the disposal of the staff and constantly receiving additions especially chosen for their use. The library naturally suggests a tie between the Museum and other educational institutions, making it one with the schoolhouse, the library, and the research laboratory. Newly acquired books are placed in a special book case, as are the recent magazines.

A lecture hall forms part of the equipment of the Victoria Memorial Museum building, and this year's estimates include funds for furnishing this hall with the necessary seats and with projection apparatus. Here will be held lectures for scientists, teachers and their classes, and for those who wish general entertainment along the lines of our work. Even now short informal talks by members of the staff, sometimes illustrated with lantern pictures or by specimens in exhibition halls, offices, and shops are given when desired.

Space in the lecture hall and other parts of the building will undoubtedly be used soon for the meetings of scientific societies and other organizations carrying on related work so that the Museum may be expected to become a center for the scientific activities of the country. Space may also be given, from time to time, for temporary exhibitions which may find a place in the Museum without disturbing the regular work. The National Art Gallery of Canada is even now occupying