

Such a statement ought to awaken the attention and consideration of our legislators.

I am led to understand that the Canadian Institute has distributed a copy of Mr. Walker's most valuable memoir to each member of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada,

In face of the statements made, of their strict accuracy, and of the great necessity of a new building, it is earnestly hoped that the Government will see its way clear to place a sum in the estimates for a National Museum, wherein to properly house the invaluable national collections in geology and natural history. Such a building would enable the department to carry on its work in a much more efficient manner.—H. M. A.

A PRIZE FOR MOSQUITOES.

In view of the important bearing mosquitoes are now known to have upon the spread of certain diseases among human beings, a more complete knowledge of these little-studied insects is thought to be very desirable. The subject was vividly brought before a large Ottawa audience by Dr L. O. Howard, the United States Entomologist, at the recent meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, and the Council of the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club have decided to offer a prize to the member of the club who makes during the present season the largest collection of species of mosquitoes. These collections are to be exhibited on the Entomological evening in next winter's lecture course and may be made in any part of Canada.

The specimens must be pinned and each one labelled with the locality and date of capture.