

2. *Canadian Rocks and Minerals.* A poor collection, of which a catalogue exists. It has been supplemented by some subsequent donations, but no special effort has been made to perfect it, in consequence of the presence in our midst of the fine and almost complete collection of the Survey. All the specimens are labelled like those last named, but both require going over, as some of the tickets may have become detached or misplaced.

3. *A fine series of the Volcanic Rocks and Minerals of Vesuvius and its neighbourhood.* All in good order and labelled, doubtful specimens having been kindly examined and determined by Dr. T. Sterry Hunt.

4. *Miscellaneous Rocks and Minerals.* All labelled, with the name of the species and the locality from which it was collected, when known.

FOSSILS.

The fossils in the museum are mostly from the United States and Europe, the intention being to supplement the Survey Collection as far as possible, and to illustrate such manuals as those of Lyell, Phillips, Jukes and Dana. All are named and labelled, but only a portion of the late Sir Duncan Gibb's donation has been incorporated into its place in the general series.

PLANTS.

A collection filling 21 portfolios of North American plants, arranged according to the Natural System. Although corrosive sublimate was mixed with the paste with which the plants are fastened to the papers, it has been recently noticed that a small beetle has been and is still making burrows through some of the fasciculi, and the matter requires immediate attention.

INSECTS.

Some additional species, mostly scarce Coleoptera, have been added during the year, which were collected by Mr. Passmore and myself. My reports for the past two years give a detailed account of the work done in this department. It was found during the summer that the larvæ of *Dermestes lardarius* had done some damage to a few Lepidoptera in one of the drawers, and the specimens affected were destroyed, and measures were taken to prevent further injuries from this source, but the cabinet will always require periodic inspection.