

## MUSEUMS.

The Geological Museum, includes collections of minerals, rocks, and fossils. There is a large general collection of minerals classified in the usual manner, and intended for comparison and reference in advanced classes; but special attention is paid to the extensive collection of Ontario minerals, which, with few exceptions, contains all the species known in the province, and is particularly rich in examples of economic minerals. The Ontario collection is constantly being added to and is believed to be as complete as any in the Dominion.

Adjoining the mineral collection is a series of ores of all descriptions. Particular prominence is given to the gold and silver ores of Canada, especially the Ontario gold ores.

The rocks also are arranged in two collections, one a large general collection from foreign localities, containing massive, schistose and sedimentary rocks; the other, a set of Canadian rocks, especially complete in typical country rocks from important ore deposits. An extensive set of thin sections enables advanced students to study both rock collections microscopically.

The paleontological collection consists of fossils and casts, including the chief typical forms needed for determining the age of sedimentary rocks.

A number of wall cases have been prepared for a collection of specimens illustrating industrial chemistry, and a beginning made toward arranging the materials on hand.

In a separate room there is an interesting collection of dressed building and ornamental stones from various parts of Ontario, serving as illustrations in the architectural department.