

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, 1892-93.

The Session of 1891-2, which closes with this meeting, has been an interesting and eventful one to the Society. Your Council has held seven meetings, and there have been six monthly meetings of the Society, at which interesting and instructive papers have been read. Eight new members were elected during the year. As stated in my last report, the Royal Society of Canada had received and accepted the invitation of this Society to hold its meeting in Montreal on the 27th of May, 1891, the first ever held outside of Ottawa. The members assembled in large numbers from all parts of Canada, and also from the United States. The different committees appointed to carry out the programme for the meeting, and for the comfort and enjoyment of the members and invited guests, were eminently successful, and we desire to tender to them the thanks of the Society. We are likewise indebted to the Governors of McGill College for granting the use of the building for the meetings of the Royal Society. Your Society have to record the loss by death of Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, an eminent scientist and an original thinker, who held at one time the positions of President and Vice-President of the Society, and labored long and faithfully in its interests. His death is a great loss to the scientific world, and also to the Natural History Society. We have also to mourn the loss by death of another earnest worker, Mr. F. B. Caulfield, who labored constantly to promote the interests of the Society. It will be difficult to find one to replace him in his department of the Society's work.

There is every probability of the grant for the "Record of Science" being continued by the present Government. Your Chairman has been in communication with the Treasurer of the Province for some time past. The building of the Natural History Society is in good order, and the Hall has been leased for 1892-3 to the same occupants as before. I may mention here that the Hall will require to be re-seated at an early date, and we commend this work to our successors in office.

The Membership Committee has not met once this season, and, in consequence, the membership of the Society has fallen off this year very much. We recommend that this Committee should meet once a month and give their attention to new members, and prevent, if possible, the withdrawing of others from the Society.

The Hon. Curator will report on the museum, which has been well patronized during the year. The library has received considerable attention and shows improvement. An effort is being made to render it more useful to the members and students, as