

an arrangement precarious and doubtful, even should the terms have suited; but the Society is quite willing to encourage, individually through its members, and so far by itself, this useful periodical. Such is understood to be the opinion of the sister institution in Montreal; and indeed the proposed publication of a similar Journal in the Lower Province would preclude any farther movement in the matter for the present.

The Librarian's report contains among other interesting topics a reference to the Society of Northern Antiquarians; our society have resolved to become subscribers for the valuable researches and publications of that learned body, most interesting, as they must be, to the inhabitants of the Northern parts of the American Continent.

A carefully compiled report has also been received from the Treasurer, Capt. John McDougall, which is in every respect satisfactory, and will serve as a starting point of reference to future enquirers.

With regard to the Museum, a special report is appended by the curator. We may, however, remark that no additions of any moment could be made by the Society itself in *its uncertain position* during the year. But a great desire exists of removing from the Museum some of the most cumbrous and unnecessary specimens of Natural History; and of procuring, in their stead, a large addition of appropriate ones, illustrative of the peculiar and diversified animals indigenous to this portion of the world, famous above all others for its beautiful furs, valuable both in a commercial and scientific sense.

Our Geological and Mineralogical collections have only to be closely inspected to be fully appreciated. They have, perhaps of late, been too much neglected by the Society itself, to justify any remarks concerning the slight notice of strangers, or the neglect of paid authorities, who, in a late recommendation of "The Canadian Institute," appears to have forgotten that such a society exists. We think also that we may justly complain, that our treasures have not been lately enriched by those who are officially appointed in the permanent geological survey of the different parts of Canada. We cannot believe that these gentlemen are aware of the extent of our