

ABSTRACT OF MR. POOLE'S PAPER.

MR. HENRY POOLE read a paper on the Advantages to be derived from the Establishment of Museums for the Collection of Specimens in Practical Geology, and suggested that there should be one in every Court House throughout the Province, showing the mineralogical and geological specimens to be found in each County, and that there should be a central museum in Halifax, where duplicates from all the County museums might be grouped according to their geological positions.

He considered the present time favourable for bringing the subject under public notice, as the minerals of Nova Scotia had lately been thrown open to public enterprise; and also as a new Court House was being built, it would afford an opportunity for the appropriation of one of the rooms in the Province Building, and if his scheme were carried out he believed it would be the most attractive place in Halifax for visitors, and especially strangers, to resort to.

A small Provincial grant would cover all the expenses, and then it might be opened *free*, for a certain number of hours daily.

Every person presenting minerals should have his name recorded in the book containing the list of contributions, not only to verify the locality from which the specimen was obtained, but also to gratify people by a public acknowledgment of their labors, and thus stimulate other persons to send in specimens.

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