

to Ottawa and a museum was established, which to-day does honour both to its curators and the Canadian people. Owing to the immense collection of minerals and fossils brought from Montreal and gathered since, geology and mineralogy almost monopolize the limited space, and Natural History is left to take care of itself. At present a small room is devoted to mammals and birds, while the insects and plants of the Dominion are placed in the halls, there being no room for them elsewhere. At South Kensington we had a collection of mammals, birds, fishes and woods which did credit to the country, and yet here in our own Capital we have not room for a tenth of what was there exhibited. These collections are, at least in part, on their way here, and the question naturally arises, what will be done with them? This question is to be answered, and the public should speak and the citizens of Ottawa take action. Instead of having separate collections of minerals, fossils, vegetables, birds, fishes, mammals, etc., we should have one grand museum that would include every branch of Natural History and economic science, archæology, ethnology and geology; and were the proper representations made to the Government, we should see rising in some conspicuous part of our city a building designed for a museum, which would be the crowning glory of the greatest man Canada has yet seen or may see for a century—Sir John A. Macdonald—whose name since I was a boy has been a household word in Canada for progress in every direction. And now let him in his declining years give us a building for Canadian science which will be a credit to our city and a lasting monument to his enlightened statesmanship. I cannot here enumerate the many advantages which would necessarily be derived by the city and the country at large, through the establishment of such a museum, and can only refer to the vast benefits it would confer upon students and the citizens generally. In conclusion I would urge upon the Club the necessity of increased energy and activity. The desire and aim of the Club have ever been to encourage and enlighten the youth of the city on scientific subjects, and whatever position it may take on the question of amalgamation with the Literary and Scientific Society my warmest sympathies are with those who feel that they are both able and willing to take an independent stand and to shoulder the responsibilities such action may entail.