

3 The Canadian Institute, to whom has been committed the task of collecting and reporting on the Archæological remains of the Province, has succeeded in gathering together a splendid nucleus for a museum, but are unable, through lack of funds, to provide accommodation for its treasures.

4. No other organization appears to exist in the city able to carry on the work.

5. The Public Library Board alone has special powers granted by Act of Parliament, Vic. 45, chap. 22, for the organization and management of a Public Museum.

6. A museum which would be representative of this Province would contain a full collection of specimens of its metals and metallic ores, economic minerals, fossils, natural history including botany, archæology and antiquities, together with all remains of historical and sociological interest. It would also contain a certain number of specimens in all these departments from older countries, for the purpose of instruction and comparison.

7. As a safe place, under efficient management, it would become the centre towards which valuable relics, interesting for their historical associations, would gravitate from all parts of the Province.

8. A museum on these lines would be of great educational value to the young, of commercial value to all interested in our minerals, invaluable to the student and an unfailing object of interest to all residents and strangers in the city.

9. The upper portion of the present building would only require some repairs and slight alterations, to fit it as a very suitable and attractive place for such a purpose, and as all the leases expire on January 1st, 1892, it would seem an opportune time to consider the advisability of at once taking the necessary steps.

10. A sufficient number of specimens could be secured to fill the entire hall occupied by the Athenæum Club, so that no delay need take place in opening the museum to the general public.

11. The cost of carrying on a museum and of purchasing specimens need not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum, which amount would be covered by the saving on the late Brockton branch, together with the increased assessment, without going beyond the customary quarter of a mill.

12. As a museum which will not be local but provincial, the Government of Ontario may justly be asked to make an annual grant on its behalf.