

After which Mr. Whiteaves read the following

REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC CURATOR AND RECORDING SECRETARY.

During the past session, a large portion of the time has been spent in the active collection of new specimens. The additions to the Museum have been as follows:—

MAMMALIA.

Thirteen fine specimens of exotic mammals, new to the collection, have been added. These have been mounted, named, and placed temporarily in one of the large cases in the Museum. Two species have been added to our American series, a fine example each of the Water Mole (*Scalops aquaticus*), and of the Missouri pouched Rat (*Geomys bursarius*). Want of the necessary cases compels a temporary arrangement of many of the exotic mammals.

Several of the Canadian mammals are represented by very old and badly-preserved specimens, and these, as opportunity offers should be renewed.

BIRDS.

Efforts have been persistently made for some years past to make the series of Canadian birds as perfect as possible. Old specimens have been weeded out, and their places filled with fresh examples. During the past twelve months, twenty-two specimens have been added to our local collection. In the department of Foreign birds, great progress has been made. About 164 specimens have been added, all species of much interest, and some of considerable rarity. Among these latter may be noticed, three species of birds of Paradise, two species of the beautifully-coloured fruit pigeons (*Ptilinopus*), of the Indian Archipelago, Sonnerats' jungle fowl, three species of albatross, &c. The whole of the new birds have been skilfully mounted by Mr. Hunter, and are all named.