

has told us that in hearing him he believed he listened to the great Linnæus.

Pierre Boucher, of Boucherville, who was Governor of Three Rivers, was equally remarkable for his integrity and magnanimity. He was in the country 30 years, when he was deputed to go to Louis the Fourteenth. He informs us that the great King was delighted by his frank answers. He had been ennobled, however, before that period. In 1663 he published a True Natural History of New France (Canada). Charlevoix said that that work was superficial, yet people like to read it, because it informs them of matters not now known.

Honourable Mr. CHAUVEAU, in conclusion, tendered his personal congratulations to the Society for the success which had attended their efforts, as particularly marked in the inauguration of the building. He resumed his seat loudly applauded.

The PRESIDENT said it was matter for congratulation that they had with them on this occasion some of the earlier members who had to do with the origination of the Natural History Society. He would now call upon Dr. Holmes, as one of those early members, to address the meeting. (Applause.)

Dr. HOLMES said that modesty was a quality which met with, general approbation, and after what they had heard this evening he thought Canada possessed a considerable stock of it. They had been living here for years past under the impression that they had been little known to the rest of the world, and that they had been doing very little to make themselves worthy of being known. But this evening they had the gratification and pride of hearing that they were in several points of view in advance of the whole world. (Cheers and laughter.) He accepted with great pleasure and gratification the statements which Professor Hall had made in regard to this point, and he was sure it had afforded them all great pleasure to hear that the labors of the scientific men of this country were appreciated at a distance in the manner they appeared to be. Dr. Holmes then proceeded to sketch the progress of the Natural History Society from its origin to the present day. It dated back, he said, to about the period when Professor Hall was being taught that Canada produced nothing but lumber and furs. At that time, though they did not make any very great noise externally, he was aware there were a number of men in Canada, who, though placed in unfavorable circumstances for their cultivation, nevertheless fully appreciated