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ARTICLE I.—*Things to be observed in Canada, and especially in Montreal and its vicinity.* The introductory Lecture of the Popular Course of the Montreal Natural History Society, winter of 1857-8.—By the President.

There are in all places some things which every one sees, and other things which, though equally or more interesting, very few see. Every visitor to Montreal is likely to know something of our public works and buildings, our mountain and its scenery, our rapids, and many other prominent objects, interesting to naturalists no doubt, but equally so to other men. It is not necessary to refer to such things as these; and I propose this evening to direct your attention to some more obscure and less noteworthy objects, deserving attention from those among us who love the study of nature.

In order to receive much pleasure and some advantage from the study of natural history, it is not necessary to be a great naturalist. In this subject we do not repel the tyro with the harsh warning, drink deep or taste not. We hail every young inquirer as an aid, and are glad to have the smallest contributions which are the result of earnest and well directed inquiry. In truth a large proportion of the new facts added to natural science, are collected by local naturalists, whose reputation never becomes very extensive, but who are yet quoted by larger workers, and