

on the introduction and culture of plants of the most obvious utility congenial to the climate, and on its agriculture generally; on the important question of coal formations, and the probability of their detection in the country; on its mines generally; on the exploration of the yet unknown portions of its extensive territory, and on the all engrossing question, of facilitating the means of communication over its vast surface.

On the fisheries of its rivers, lakes and coasts; of the salmon; the sturgeon; the porpoise and the whale, more especially.

These subjects are of wide research, and if fully investigated would tend greatly to the increase of the productions of the colony; and would deter from fruitless exertions by giving a wholesome direction to them.

It is to be regretted that the Society has not received any communications which, in the opinion of the Council, authorise them to award the prizes upon any one of those subjects—a striking proof of the yet stagnant attention to objects of the highest interest to the advancement of the country, and equally so of the necessity that a Society like ours should persevere in arousing attention to them.

The failure of the first will but excite us to fresh exertions.

During the past year the Society has added largely to its list of Members of every class.

From the Reports of the Treasurer and acting Recording Secretary, it appears we have now upon our list

Ordinary Members, Associate, Corresponding, Honorary,

44. 88. 84. 41.

Having received an increase in the last year of

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