

A committee of the Entomological Society having requested the loan of rare Canadian insects for exhibition at the Centennial, a series has been selected and forwarded for that purpose. As soon as Mr. Pettit has completed the naming of the Coleoptera, the whole will be returned. In the late Mr. Ritchie's catalogue of the Island of Montreal, the Curculionidæ are omitted, probably because at the time no specialists had worked at this particular group. For some years Mr. Caulfield, Mr. Passmore, and myself have endeavoured to collect as many local species of this order as we could, and last summer, knowing that Drs. Horn and Leconte were engaged in a monograph of the group, all our material was sent to the latter gentleman, who has kindly named and returned all the species.

The rather extensive series of beetles collected in British Columbia by Mr. Selwyn and Prof. Macoun in 1875, has also been packed and forwarded to Dr. Leconte, and a list of them has been published in the Report of Progress just issued. This catalogue is an important addition to our knowledge of the distribution of insect life in the Dominion.

In consequence of the cleaning of the museum and the tinting of the walls mentioned in the report of the Chairman of Council, it has been necessary to take down all the ethnological specimens which were hanging in the gallery. These have been re hung in their places, but the labels for them have to be re-written. The mammals, birds, reptiles and fishes have also all been taken out of the cases, and after the inside of the latter had been dusted and cleansed, their previous contents were re-placed.

Appended to this short report is a general summary of the condition of the collections, at the date of my resignation of the office of Curator of the Museum.

MINERALS.

These are arranged in four series as follows :

1. *The Holmes Collection.* This originally consisted of about 4000 specimens, principally from the United States and Europe. A written catalogue accompanies it, but many of the original specimens were missing before the erection of this building. Cardboard labels corresponding to those in the catalogue are affixed on or near to each specimen.