

founded 1844, previous to which the French had not a single library in the city, nor a place where they could read, or meet together. It was incorporated in 1852.

There are several other public libraries in Montreal, as follows: Advocate's Library and Library of the Bar, founded 1827; Canadian Mechanics' Institute, founded 1857; Grand Trunk Reading Room and Library; Institut Canadien Français; Œuvre des Bons Livres, founded in 1844.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY'S MUSEUM

is situated on University Street, and is built of white brick. On the ground floor is the lecture-room, library, committee-room, and residence of the keeper. The second story, which is about 36 feet in height, contains the museum, which is surrounded by a gallery, and lighted by skylights. Around the sides of the principal hall are cases containing birds, reptiles and quadrupeds. The centre is occupied by cases of mineralogical and geological specimens. In the galleries are specimens of shell fish, corals and shells, of which a large collection of fine specimens are exhibited. The walls are hung with paintings,