

Early in the year, the Council were called upon to carry into effect your orders for the engraving of a Diploma, the making of a pair of Steel Dies for Medals, and the construction of a Common Seal for the use of the Corporation. London was selected as the most eligible place for procuring these articles; and the Council have to report that through the zeal and care of a very useful Officer,* then about to visit Britain, the several articles have been executed, and are now in the Society's possession. You are also indebted to the kind Offices in London of an active Corresponding Member† for advice and services, readily and gratuitously rendered in the accomplishment of this object.

The Diplomas have been in a state of preparation during some time, but owing to untoward and unforeseen circumstances, at the head of which may be ranked the recurrence of that dreadful scourge the Cholera Morbus, their issue has been retarded. All difficulties, however, now seem to have disappeared, and the Council feel themselves warranted in reporting, that the Diplomas will be ready for delivery without further loss of time.

On the arrival of the Medals ordered to be struck off, the Council took immediate steps to redeem your pledge made so long ago as 1831, to the successful candidate of a Prize Paper, entitled, "On the localities of Metallic Minerals in Canada." In a General Meeting the awarded Medal, with an appropriate inscription, was bestowed on our esteemed Member,‡ the firmest support of our rising edifice of Science. Your Council can desire no more for the Society than that your future prizes may be as worthily bestowed.

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