

geological and mineral resources of Canada; and your Council would suggest that the present time seems a very appropriate one, on the occasion of the publication of his general work on Canadian Geology.

Some defects in the chimneys (caused by the method of warming the rooms of the Society) gave rise to some necessary repairs (which were stated to be of frequent occurrence); and it was deemed advisable to consult with Messrs. Prowse & McFarlane as to the cheapest and best way of keeping the rooms warm during the winter months. It was thought desirable to erect a hot-air furnace; but action in this matter was not taken until somewhat late in the season, which consequently incurred a somewhat large expenditure for coal, which will be obviated in future, by purchasing it at an earlier period. A contract was entered into with Messrs. Prowse & McFarlane, who, in a most generous and liberal spirit, offered to give a long credit if required, for the cost of its erection. Your Council fully believe that in the end it will effect a considerable saving. Double windows are also required, at a cost of about \$100. Your Council would respectfully urge this on the attention of their successors.

New cases have been made for the reception of the mammals, and also a cabinet for the collection of insects. Some new cases have been set up for the reception of specimens of Canadian fishes, also four or five additional cases for birds. Much remains to be done in this department, and a still greater want of proper cases and cabinets for the reception of the numerous specimens already classified.

Your Council would beg to tender to Mr. Ferrier, the treasurer, the thanks of the Society for the liberality with which he has at all time made advances for the purposes of liquidating the more urgent demands of the current expenses of the Society. Your Council would also bear a willing testimony to the efficiency of Mr. Hunter, who has discharged his duties with satisfaction: and it is pleasing to be able to testify to his obliging and kind manner on all occasions, and also to make mention of many specimens of fishes and birds furnished by him to the Museum.

The Council would also report that they have received a grant of money (though of smaller amount than in any previous year) from the Government for the past year; and would also further state with regret, that no action has at present been taken to discharge the debt still due by the Society.