

MONTREAL NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

Ordinary Monthly Meeting—March, 1856.

L. A. H. LATOUR, Esq., First Vice-President, in the chair.

The following donations were laid on the table, and ordered to be acknowledged with thanks. viz.—From the *Minister des Colonies Françaises*, through Mr. A. Perry; one pair of sandales du Sénégal, one cartouchiere du Sénégal, and four birds—From W. H. Boulton, Esq., through Mr. Perry, one minie rifle bullet, and a piece of shell gathered on the heights of Sebastopol—From Mr. Perry, a few French coins—From E. Crisp, M. D., (the author) a copy of his work on “Structure and Use of the Spleen”—From L. A. H. Latour, Esq., a copper coin of Ferdinand III. king of Spain, with eleven other copper coins, and five Reports published by order of the Legislature—From Col. Stone, of Plattsburgh, through Mr. Rennie, some bullets taken from old houses on each side of the River Saranac, and an account of the celebration of the Battle of Plattsburg—From Mr. D. Browne, a specimen of soap-stone. The thanks of the Society were unanimously voted to Mr. A. Perry, for his exertions to advance the interests of the Natural History Society while in Paris. Mr. Perry acknowledged the compliment that had been paid him, regretting that he had been able to do so little for a Society which deserved so well at the hands of the public. It was want of time, however, that prevented him, not want of will. He made many applications for specimens, and, as might be expected, got many refusals. He hoped at the next World's Fair, the Society would make arrangements to have itself specially represented there. He had several other specimens on their way to Montreal for the Society, and hoped they would reach safely. Mr. Perry having also stated to the Society that M. Milner, the Director of the Jardin des Plantes, in Paris, was anxious to put himself into communication with the Society, to obtain possession of specimens of living animals peculiar to this country, it was ordered that the Corresponding Secretary write to M. Milner, offering in the name of the Society to do all in its power to forward his views, and assist him in carrying them out. Dr. Barnston was also requested to open a correspondence with Sir William Hooker, of Kew Gardens, respecting the plants and roots he wishes to procure. Messrs. Dutton and Perry were named a Committee to prepare a paper on the subject of fish-breeding in our river, and bring it before the Society at its next ordinary meeting. The meeting then proceeded to ballot, when T. M. Taylor, Esq., James Taylor, Esq., and F. F. Mullins, Esq., were unanimously elected ordinary members.

A. N. RENNIE, *Secretary.*

E R R A T A .

Page 35—The sentence in the third line of note to description of *Necrophila affinis* should read thus:—*N. Canadensis* is evidently the ♀ (Venus) of *Americana*.

Page 38—♂ (Mars, sig. male) should be at the beginning of the description of *O. Bicornis*; and the second paragraph thus:—♀ same color as ♂.