

to the Society, if those among its Members, who have the opportunity, would occasionally supply such specimens as might fall in their way, either in following their sport or otherwise. Such donations would prove of great value to the Society, at the same time that they would entail neither expense nor trouble upon the donor. A little cotton wool stuffed into the mouth of the specimen, and the precaution of placing it in a clean pocket, to preserve the feathers from being soiled, is all the care or trouble that is requisite. Those who feel disposed to go further might strip off the skin, and anoint it with the preparation called "Arsenical Soap,"* used to prevent decay and attacks of insects.—Skins thus prepared may be sent any distance and preserved any length of time, and being flat take up little or no room in packing. By these means the Society would be supplied with specimens, not only from the immediate vicinity of Quebec, but from the most remote districts visited by their Members. The Corresponding Members of the Society might contribute materially to the increase of the Museum in this way.

In the same manner Quadrupeds, Fish, Reptiles and Insects might be supplied. It should be remembered that no object in Natural History, however it may appear to those not interested in the study, is in reality insignificant

* The Arsenical Soap is composed as follows :—

Arsenic	-	-	-	-	4 ounces,
Camphor	-	-	-	-	½ "
White Soap	-	-	-	-	4 "
Salt of Tartar	-	-	-	-	1½ "
Powdered Lime	-	-	-	-	1½ "

N. B.—The above should be kept as close as possible, and used with caution, as it is a *deadly poison*.