

having been revised by the Printing Committee, a new volume will shortly be ready for the public. The Library is now correctly classified, and a catalogue has been framed by Mr. Gooch (who ably performed a similar duty for Trinity College library at Dublin), under the efficient superintendence of your active Librarian, Mr. Fletcher, now, unfortunately for us, resident at Toronto. For the prizes offered by the Society, there have been few competitors. In the department of Science and Art, a silver medal has been adjudged to Mr. Walker, for an Essay upon Architecture; but it is to be regretted that so much apathy exists as to compel your Council to the reluctant avowal that not one essay upon the Aboriginal History of Canada—no poetical effort—no works of literature, have been sent in for competition. It will be for our successors to endeavor to find the cause of such unwillingness on the part of the public to enter the lists of literature, and to remedy the defect. Your Council have to regret the departure of the Government for Toronto, by which they have lost the co-operation of many valuable members and officers of the Society—their late President, Mr. Meredith, included. It is satisfactory to know that nearly all who have left us thus compulsorily, retain their names upon the lists of members, and, though absent, entertain for the Society that interest in its welfare which characterized them while resident among us. An application to the Board of Ordnance for a grant of land, has been unsuccessful, the reply being to the effect that this was not advisable, as the Head Quarters were to be removed here. Your Council, would urge on their successors to renew this application to the War Office (the Board of Ordnance being abolished) on the ground that it is not now intended to make Quebec the Head Quarters Station.