

The Council have learnt with the greatest satisfaction that no less than 600 pages of manuscript documents have lately been received from Paris, containing the official correspondence which took place between the Colonial Governors and Intendants of Canada and the Mother Country, during the period when this Colony was under the French dominion. These documents were obtained from the different public Archives in Paris, by Mr. Faribault, during his mission to Europe in 1851-2. They are a continuation of another series of documents of the same nature, copies of which were obtained in 1845, from the collection made in Paris by Mr. Broadhead, an American Agent, bound up in 17 folio volumes, and are now on the shelves of our Library. The newly acquired documents from Paris, now being bound, will form 11 large folio volumes ; and should the Legislature permit these also to be deposited in the custody of the Society, they will present a splendid and unique collection of 28 volumes, replete with the most valuable information on the early colonization of the country, the history of its wars with the aborigines and numerous thrilling events, affording an inexhaustible source of information to the future historian of Canada. In connexion with this subject, the Council would therefore earnestly recommend to the Committee on historical Documents, the propriety of making judicious selections from these most valuable records, for the purpose of having one or more volumes printed under the directions of the Society.

It now only remains for the Council, in rendering up the trust they have held during the past year, to solicit your favorable acceptance of their imperfect service, and your indulgent allowance for whatever may seem to you deficient or remiss in it ; and they express the earnest hope that they may be succeeded by those by whose zeal and labors, the objects of this Society, its interests, its prosperity and its honor may be ably and effectually promoted.

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