

connected with our moral relations, the advancement of mental philosophy, the investigation of that of language, or the powers of analysis he displays in the developement of the intellectual processes—powers which he has proved himself to possess in no ordinary degree. Other Members have contributed their full share to a knowledge of the early history and historians of the country, and the proceedings of its first explorers; or have contributed to the arts as applied to obviate the inconveniences resulting from its severe climate, or have extended its geology—and as connected with the latter, the discovery of one of our Members, Captain Baddeley, R. E., that the schistose rock of Cape Diamond is convertible to a firm cement, is likely hereafter to become one of great utility to the Province.

During the past year a third part of the third volume of the Transactions of the Society has been published, containing original papers, which will bear no unfavorable comparison with the previous ones; and which had certainly given to its proceedings a character in Europe, quite equal to every reasonable expectation of its friends.

The Council have endeavoured in the same period to quicken enquiries, by proffered prizes, into various subjects bearing on the antiquities, the history, and the statistics of the country; on the Aborigines, their traditions, their languages, their affinities to other races, particularly the Asiatic; on their progressive distribution through the continent, and on the means of effecting their civilisation.

Other questions have been submitted for elucidation—on the arts as applied to the Canadas; on the natural history of the country, as applicable to the arts; on its botany; its indigenous nutritious vegetables, and the means of increasing the proportion of nutritious deposit in them;