

to exhibit as prominently as possible everything which might tend to illustrate Canadian Natural History, and to arrange the specimens in such a manner as would give a clear idea of their scientific classification. The shortness of the time allotted me, the number of subjects to be attended to, and the small means at my disposal, will I trust be taken into consideration and admitted as some excuse that these objects have not been carried out as successfully as could have been wished; and I am glad that I can report the collections in, at least, tolerable order and good preservation.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM STEWART M. D'URBAN,
Sub-Curator.

Montreal, May 10th, 1858.

The Curator may observe here, that a considerable number of Birds, some of our smaller Mammalia, as well as numerous Reptiles, Insects, Mollusks, &c., have been added to the Museum during the past year, besides the articles contained in the subjoined list of donations; a portion of which were presented by the Sub-Curator, and the remainder acquired by purchase.

The following list of Donations to the Museum and to the Library, is respectfully submitted.

JAMES BARNSTON, M.D.,
Librarian and Curator.

Montreal, 18th May, 1858.

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DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY, 1857-58.

- Statutes of Canada, 1857; in French and English; 8vo., half-calf; two copies.
- Journal of the Legislative Assembly, with Appendices; 10 vols., 8vo., half-calf.
- Maps appended to Report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, 4to., half-calf.
- Table des Statuts Provinciaux en force dans le Bas Canada, 1857; 8vo., half-calf; 2 copies.
- Report of the Canada Geological Survey for the years 1853-54-55-56; 8vo., cloth; 2 copies.
- Journal and Transactions of the Board of Agriculture of U. C.; No. 4, Vol. 1.
- Report of the Commissioners of Crown Lands of Canada for 1856, 8vo.
- Bombay Magnetical and Meteorological Observations,  
1854-55, 4to., bd., ..... H. E. I C.
- Report of the Superintendent of the U. S. Coast Sur- } Geo. F. Hough-  
vey for 1855; 4to., cloth, } ton, Vermont.