

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 Survey for 1855; 4to., cloth, } Geo. F. Houghton, Vermont.