

previous year, the walls of the premises have been tinted, and the ceilings whitewashed; the contents of the cases in the museum have been taken out, and both the specimens and the interior of the cases have been dusted and cleaned.

In October last the use of the rooms was granted free of charge to the Protestant Teachers' Association of the Province of Quebec.

No further action has been taken in the matter of the Fraser Institute.

Finally your Council have to report that the name of Mr. J. Fraser Torrance has been associated with that of Dr. Harrington in the editorship of the *Canadian Naturalist*.

The report of the Scientific Curator and Rec. Secretary was then read by Mr. Whiteaves, as under:

REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC CURATOR AND REC. SECRETARY.

The report of the work done in the museum since the last annual meeting embraces only a period of three months, and during this time two days a week were spent at the Geological Survey, by special permission of the Society.

The critical examination of the Marine Polyzoa of the River and Gulf of the St. Lawrence has been almost completed; the Cyclotomata are quite finished, and the Cheilostomata and Ctenostomata nearly so. In the naming of difficult species much assistance has been rendered by the Rev. A. M. Norman, one of the best authorities in Europe on this group, to whom a number of specimens have been sent for comparison, which have been subsequently returned. Mr. Norman has also presented to the Society a large number of named British types.

The fine and interesting collections of marine invertebrates made by Mr. Richardson in 1875 on the west coast of America, have also been carefully studied, and critical forms of molluscs, hydroids, and crustaceans have been sent respectively to Messrs. Dall, Verrill and Smith, which have also been returned. The whole series has now been named, with the exception of the Polyzoa, and a report on the whole is in process of preparation.

Some progress has also been made in the naming and mounting of the shells from the Andamans, presented by Col. Bulger.