

such parsimonious and invidious treatment at the hand of the Legislature or Government, the whole grant for the year being reduced in 1858 to the sum of thirty-five pounds. The claims of the Society on Government for the total loss of their magnificent Museum by the conflagration of the Parliament Buildings still remains unsettled. The Council strongly urge the propriety of once more petitioning the Legislature for some indemnification for the great loss on the occasion alluded to, as well as for such a grant towards procuring a fixed locality as has already been assigned to the kindred institutions in Toronto and Montreal. And in order to draw due attention to the subject, the Council would suggest that the members of the Society should individually and collectively solicit for so laudable a purpose the influence of such of our legislators as feel an interest in the promotion of science and literature, and in the success of such institutions.

During the past year, owing to the absence of some active members of the Society, and several other circumstances, the management of affairs devolved on a limited number of members, and at the monthly meetings during the summer months it was occasionally difficult to secure a quorum. The removal also from the late apartments to the present tended to interrupt the regular proceedings of the Society; but, notwithstanding all obstructions and discouragements, the Council feels satisfaction in saying that the present condition of the Society presents a sound basis for future operations, and warrants the cherished hope of a brighter future and of ultimate success. In the anticipated advent of the Government and Legislature to this city, during the course of the current year, the Society will probably have to welcome the return of many of its old friends and useful members; and an impulse would undoubtedly thereby be given to the exertions and progression of the Society in its various departments.

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