

foregoing very interesting and instructive reports are appended those of Messrs. Blair, Bedford, MacKay and Sharp, Superintendents of the respective Branch Farms at Nappan, N. S., Brandon, Man., Indian Head, Assa., and Agassiz, B. C.—ED.

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SIR RICHARD OWEN.

By the death of Sir Richard Owen, of the British Museum, not only has England lost one of its ablest scholars in the realms of science, but the world mourns a prince amongst naturalists. Of genial temperament and generous heart, ever ready and willing to assist in the furtherance of science and scientific research, Sir Richard earned for himself a reputation and a name which place him for ever among the fathers of vertebrate palaeontology. On "Fossil Mammalia" "Fossil Reptilia," "Dinosauria," "Cetacea" and numerous orders of vertebrata, he wrote works which will remain as monuments to his scholarly attainments and natural abilities. In the field of Canadian paleontological literature he has left interesting memoirs. The earliest of these was an elaborate paper, beautifully illustrated with large folding lithographic plates, published in the Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society of London. This dealt with the tracks or trails of marine animals in the Potsdam Formation of Canada. The specimens from Beauharnois and other localities which Sir William Logan placed in his hands were admirably described and now adorn the walls of the National Museum on Sussex street, with the names which Sir Richard gave them. These "foot prints" or 'ichnites' have been greatly admired and are much sought after by collectors and museums. His other papers were on the Reptiles of Eastern Canada. His descriptions are clear and the facts well defined and presented. Britain owes a great debt of gratitude to the departed naturalist and it is gratifying to see that at a meeting presided over by H. R. H. the Prince of Wales it was agreed to erect to his memory a monument to be placed in the spacious Entrance Hall of the British Museum. His Royal Highness paid a personal and high tribute to his deceased friend, and Lord Kelvin, (Sir Wm. Thomson), Thomas Huxley, Sir Wm. Flower, and many others spoke at length on the loss which science had sustained.

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