

Biography of Henry G. Vennor

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With the close of ^{the year} 1869, another volume of 500 pages of the Canadian Naturalist and Geologist was completed. In these and more than in the preceding volumes there is no special reference to anything connected with the personality of young Vennor. We know however that he was still pursuing his studies at the McGill College that he read with careful attention the various articles of this Magazine, and that in his various excursions through the city, on the banks of the St. Lawrence, and into woods and fields, over the mountains or among the rocks and plains, his eyes and ears were ever open to see and hear even form of bird life that presented itself, or whose notes were wafted on the air, either in the summer sunshine, or when the chill blasts of winter were blowing around. Here he may pause and take a hurried glance at the different numbers on the subject of the Avifauna of Canada, whose names - up to this period - we have been able to collect from the Natural History publications of this country. The first information that we have of any person in Canada who wrote on the subject of its avifauna is furnished by Mr. St. Pierre of Quebec City, who states that a description of Canada birds was written in 1663, by Pierre Boucher, the Governor of Three Rivers.