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*THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUMS OF
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IN proportion to the population and total number of educational institutions, British Columbia has an unusual number of natural history museums. These are exceptionally well administered, considering their isolation from other scientific institutions.

The Provincial Museum at Victoria is by far the most important one in the Province. It is located in the east wing of the Parliament Building, thus having the facilities of the Parliamentary Library. The staff consists of the curator, Mr. John Fannin, a taxidermist and two floor attendants. The Museum was originated some years ago by the government, at the suggestion of Mr. Fannin, whose private collection formed the nucleus of the Museum, after having been the stimulus for its foundation.

As Mr. Fannin's special interest lies in the fauna of the Province, to the knowledge of which he has made important contributions, the trend of the Museum is in this direction, although the other departments of natural history are by no means neglected.

Special attention is now being given to the building of groups of birds and mammals represented in their natural environments. The interest of the people in this work may be gauged from the fact that Mr. Fannin was sent to the great museums of England