

the winter. These, together with the previous donations and the specimens already on hand, will make our collection the most complete in Canadian species of any college herbarium in the country.

"An enumeration of specimens shows that all the important departments of Phaenograms are well represented, while in Cryptogams there are important collections of ferns and mosses, and also fair collections of marine *Algæ* and the *Characeæ*. We find that the specimens now actually in the cases number 9,676, and allowing 1,000 for duplicates not otherwise accounted for, there are probably 6,362 distinct species. We have yet to add for specimens at present unmounted, and those to be received from Prof. Macoun, fully 700 specimens, so that we may place the total number at about 10,300 specimens from various parts of the world, representing about 6,800 distinct species."

We have to thank Mr. Peter Redpath for the continuance of his annual donation of \$1,000 for maintenance, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. R. Molson for their kind contributions for the salary of the Assistant Curator and the purchase of specimens.

We mention with deep sorrow the death of the Hon. Judge Mackay, a member of this Committee since its institution, and who attended its meetings regularly and aided zealously in the progress of the Museum. Though devoted more especially to literature and art, he had a keen appreciation of natural objects and took much interest in all the additions to the collections. George Hague, Esq., has been appointed in his room as a member of the Committee.

The Peter Redpath Museum, in its collections, as now so admirably arranged, and in the facilities for laboratory work and class teaching, ranks as the leading school for Natural History and Geology in this country, besides being of essential service to the public generally, and to scientific travellers who may visit our city.

On behalf of the Committee.

B. J. HARRINGTON,

Honorary Curator.

MCGILL COLLEGE,

Montreal, Jan. 23, 1889.