

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

I have to acknowledge the very useful and intelligent help I have received from Mr. Griffin, the Superintendent, which is always so readily and cheerfully given, and without which the work done could not have been accomplished.

There is little to report concerning the Library, as the whole time the Librarian has had for the work has been spent in receiving and acknowledging the exchanges and in completing the arrangement of the books in the cases, and making a list of the books as they stand on the shelves. A copy of this list has been placed in each of the cases. When these are arranged alphabetically an important step will have been taken in the preparation of the general catalogue. A large number of volumes are ready for the binder, but as the glass cases are full and the closets under them filled with works in Russian, Spanish, Italian and Swedish languages, there will be no room for the accumulating volumes. It will, therefore, be the work of the Committee for the ensuing year to provide additional shelving.

It is encouraging to find that the library has been more frequented by members than formerly.

I have to acknowledge the donation of a copy of the Geological Atlas of the United States from the United States Geological Survey, also a copy of Wental's History of Birds of Montreal from Mr. Drysdale, the publisher.

Fears were entertained that the tariff proposed by Mr. Laurier's Government would interfere with the receiving of the exchanges from foreign countries. The Council of the Society, therefore, petitioned the Finance Minister on the subject, and it is hoped that the changes made in the tariff will allow these books to come to us free of duty.

Respectfully submitted.

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Hon. Librarian.