

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
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IN presenting the Annual Report of the Literary and Historical Society, your Council have the pleasure of being able to state that, notwithstanding many difficulties and drawbacks, a review of the past year presents much that is cheering and satisfactory. Many new members have joined the Society, several papers have been read, some of them valuable and highly practical, and the average attendance at the stated and monthly meetings has been such as to give evidence of the value and efficacy of the Society, the public consideration it meets with, and the healthy vitality with which it is endowed. During the past year a new volume of the Transactions has been published, comprising—so far as local matters are concerned—a most valuable paper upon the island of Anticosti and its resources, by Mr. Roche, and Meteorological Observations, taken with great accuracy and regularity at Quebec, by Captain Noble, of the Royal Artillery, and Mr. Campbell. Of the papers laid before the meetings during the past year, several are now in course of publication, and, the proof sheets