

Department also carries out wood and metal work and electrical work, for case-fitting, frames, case-lighting, etc.

#### 16. THE BIOLOGICAL MUSEUM, MACDONALD COLLEGE.

The only Museum in the College is in the Biological Buildings and is controlled by Dr. Brittain, entomologist. The Museum room (of good size and well lighted) was furnished with steel-framed cases designed by the architect in 1907, when the College was built, but it has never been developed as a Museum. There is no Museum grant. The Museum, such as it is, is a teaching collection not open to the public. The room is only partly occupied. It contains:—1. An American Herbarium in good cabinets. The material covers the whole continent, and is in process of being organized. Number of sheets not known. 2. A Collection of Insects. All the Orders that occur in the Canadian Faunal Zone are represented and properly set up in cabinets. The majority is named. 3. A few (German) models of Fungi, Mosses, Ferns, Flowering Plants.

Dr. Brittain has important teaching collections in his laboratories which I do not regard as part of the museum material.

### IV THE CONTROL OF THE MUSEUMS

As will have been inferred from Section Three of this Report, the individual Museums are practically self-governing. Even the Peter Redpath Museum, in which unified control would seem inevitable, houses four independent organizations. Movement towards centralization has, however, begun. A General Museum Committee was appointed two years ago, under the Chairmanship of the Principal, in order to deal with matters of common interest and to make plans for effective co-ordination. As a step in this direction, Mr. E. L. Judah, who was in charge of the Museum Laboratory, has been appointed Curator of Museums. This title, however, is found on examination to be misleading. The Curator's relations to the Museums varies within the widest limits. In one (Ethnology) he is in full control as Curator; in others he is welcomed, but as a technical adviser, not curator; in a third he hardly dares to set (an official) foot. That Mr. Judah should have accomplished what he has done, placed in such an impossible situation, seems to an outside observer to be a tribute to his tact, good temper, and technical competence.\*

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\*In justice to Mr. Judah, I ought to say that my estimate of the situation is the result of my own observations, no complaint regarding his office having been made to me by him.