

individuals, but so far very little has been bestowed upon them.

As all such subjects are rather out of my own line, I should greatly wish to see some intelligent persons take the matter up, and make as complete collections as possible, which when arranged and classified, should find a place in our Museum.

My own time, as you are aware, has been devoted chiefly to inanimate Nature, Geology and Mineralogy have been my chief lines of study, but I have also given much attention to the Zoology and Ornithology of our island. These have ever possessed a great attraction for me, though I could never devote to them the time necessary to make complete collections of all our animals and birds.

I therefore, make no pretense of knowing all there is to be learned about those most interesting subjects, yet, I have nevertheless acquired sufficient knowledge of them as far as Newfoundland is concerned, to be looked upon as an authority in such matters.

That branch especially which treats of the Ethnology of our country; the study of the manners, habits, customs, implements, ornaments, etc., of the aboriginal inhabitants, the ill-fated Beothucks, or Red Indians, has ever possessed an absorbing interest for me. During a long series of years, I have been collecting all possible information about this mysterious tribe of human beings, and the result of my investigations has been embodied in a book, now in the hands of the Cambridge University Press for publication. I will not anticipate this work by entering more fully into the subject now. Those who take an interest in these poor ill-treated Red Men, will have an opportunity of learning all we know about them ere long. The work will be profusely illustrated throughout, and I hope to have it on sale during the coming summer.