

## VISITORS TO MUSEUM.

Visitors to Museum. The number of visitors to the Museum during the year 1898 has been 33,183, being an increase on that registered during any previous year.

## STAFF, APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURE AND CORRESPONDENCE.

Staff. The strength of the staff at present employed is forty-eight.  
During the year the following changes have taken place :—  
Mr. W. F. Ferrier, resigned.

Mr. James M. Macoun, appointed assistant naturalist.

Appropriation and expenditure. The funds available for the work and the expenditure of the Department during the fiscal year ending the 30th June, 1898, were :—

	Grant.		Expenditure.	
	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
Civil list appropriation.....	50,600	00		
Geological Survey appropriation.....	50,000	00		
Boring appropriation.....	7,000	00		
Civil list salaries.....			49,904	12
Exploration and survey.....			18,815	57
Wages of temporary employees.....			11,473	93
Boring operations.....			7,000	00
Printing and lithography.....			12,939	46
Purchase of books and instruments.....			2,095	75
" chemical apparatus.....			34	20
" specimens.....			540	50
Stationery, mapping materials and Queen's Printer.....			1,076	21
Incidental and other expenses.....			1,404	21
Advances to explorers on account of 1898-99.....			17,288	15
			122,572	10
Deduct—Paid in 1896-97 on account of 1897-98 \$16,250.00				
Less—Transferred to casual revenue..... 582.02				
			15,667	98
			106,904	12
Unexpended balance civil list appropriation.....			695	88
	107,600	00	107,600	00

The correspondence of the Department shows a total of 9241 letters sent, and 8896 received.

I have the honour to be, sir,  
Your obedient servant,

GEORGE M. DAWSON,  
*Deputy Head and Director.*