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#### PURCHASES AND EXPENDITURES.

In order to complete the collections in a manner worthy of the new building, and to make up for the loss sustained by the removal of the collections of the Geological Survey from Montreal, it has been necessary to make some purchases and to engage the services of collectors to supply certain deficiencies.

The collection of Devonian plants in the possession of the late Professor Hartt of Cornell University, at the time of his death, was purchased for \$250. It has afforded a few new species which have been described, several good museum specimens and materials for exchanges.

Casts of fossils, models of animals and specimens, have been purchased from the collections of Messrs. Ward and Howell of Rochester, for \$451.

A few valuable and rare birds, not in our other collections, have been purchased of Mr. Passmore of this city for \$55.

The sum of \$25 was expended in procuring a collection of the interesting silicified fossils of Paquette's Rapids, on the Ottawa.

A collection of fossil fishes from the Cretaceous of Mt. Lebanon, has been purchased for \$34.

From E. De Cew, Esq., of Cayuga, an important collection of Corniferous corals, including some specimens of unusual size and perfection, was purchased for \$50. Mr. De Cew also presented some other fossils of interest from his own collections.

The valuable services of James Richardson, Esq., late of the Geological Survey of the Dominion, were secured during the past summer, with the view of procuring specimens of some of the more rare and characteristic fossils of the Cambrian and Lower Silurian rocks. Mr. Richardson has engaged in this work without remuneration, and he was enabled to obtain a large number of valuable specimens at a very moderate expense.