

Throughout the season of 1891, I kept my eyes open wherever I chanced to be on the island, in the prosecution of duty or in pursuit of recreation, and I succeeded in securing specimens of the following plants, which I have mounted and presented to the museum of the Natural History Society. After I had entered on my voluntary task, the Botanical Club of Canada was formed, during the sitting of the Royal Society in this city in 1891, and it has mapped out the Dominion for Botanical purposes, assigning each county or group of counties to certain well known naturalists who are asked to take the oversight of the botanical research in their respective districts, securing the co-operation of local workers in this department, cheering them on and directing their enthusiasm. Anything I can do in connection with this joint movement, I shall be glad to attempt, and if the results I reach can be utilized by the Botanical Club, I put them entirely at its disposal. On the other hand, as one person cannot be expected to fall upon everything that grows on the island, I crave the help of every botanist in the district in the effort to secure as complete a catalogue as possible of our local flora. A well assorted cabinet of the plants growing around the city, placed in the museum of the Natural History Society, and thus put within reach of all among our citizens that are interested in this delightful science, would be a great boon; and the wonder is that an attempt to secure it has not been long ago made.

I am not overlooking the Holmes' collection, nor am I unmindful of its great scientific value. But it should not be forgotten that seventy years have elapsed since it was made, and very great and important changes must have come over the flora of the district in the interval. Besides, Dr. Holmes' Herbarium did not profess to be solely a Montreal island collection, much less did it claim to present a complete catalogue of the plant-life of the island. The bulk of the specimens which he preserved for the instruction of later generations, as might be expected, were indeed gathered in the neighborhood of the city, picked up, many