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THE MONTREAL SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS.

Montreal is the summer gathering-place of American science this year, the convention of the American Association there baving been preceded by a Congress of Foresters, Little, of Columbus, section of Histology and Microscopy; August 21-23, and a meeting of the Association for the Pro- Professor Daniel Wilson, of Toronto, section of Anthromotion of Agriculture, August 21.

Undaunted by the ill-success of their first gathering at Cincinnati, four months before, the promoters of the

AMERICAN CONGRESS OF FORESTRY

came bravely forward to the number of two hundred or more, with many papers on subjects relating to the culture and conservation of forests. Among the members present were Dr. Franklin H. Hough, Chief of the Bureau of Forestry at Washington; Dr. Charles Mohr, of Mobile, Ala., of the Census Burean, who assisted in preparing the forestry statistics of the Gulf States for the Census Bureau; Dr. John A. Warder, of Ohio; S. J. Russel, Crown Timber Agent for the Dominion; C. E. Bell, Crown Timber Agent for the Province of Quebec; William Saunders, representing the Ontario Government; and Professor Albert S. Bickmore, of the American Museum of Natural History, in New York. The Committee on Forest Fires presented a report recommending, first, the reservation of all pine and spruce lands unfit for settlement for lumbering purposes exclusively; second, the prohibition of the burning of brush by settlers in the vicinity of fir trees during the months of May, June, September, and October: third, the division of the timber country into districts, and the appointment of police, under a superintendent with magisterial powers, whose duty it shall be to detect and punish offenders and provide for the extinguishment of fires; fourth, the cost of maintenance of this protection against fire might partially be met by the imposition of a moderate tax on those owning or leasing timber lands.

president.

THE AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION.

Agriculture is limited to forty, a number too small to admit Mason, of the Smithsonian Institution, presented "A Scheme of its becoming popular in the broader sense of the word; of Anthropology," and Professor Rau, of the same instituyet its contributions have usually been of high scientific tion, described a stone grave of a Kaskaskia Indian, the first value, so that the quality of its work may more than com- find of this form of burial among natives known to be modern. pensate for any lack in quantity. This was its third annual meeting. Mr. W. J. Beal, Professor of Botany and Agriculture in the Micbigan Agricultural College, Secretary of the American Pomological Society, and President of the Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science, occupied the chair. Among those present at the opening were C. Lewis Sturtevant, Director of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station, who officiates as Secretary of the Society; L. B. Arnold, Lecturer on Dairy Husbandry, of Cornell University; George H. Cook, Professor of Chemistry and Agriculture in Rutgers Scientific School, and State Geologist of New Jersey; B. D. Halsted, editor-in-chief of the American Agriculturist; Levi Stockbridge, President and Professor of Agriculture in the Massachusetts Agricultural results of bis instruction by Mr. Keely, as required by the College; W. W. Tracy, Professor of Botany and Entomology, Superintendent of Garden Mission University, Secretary of the Mississippi Valley Horticultural Society; John Dougall, and a number of others.

Four new members were elected: Major Alvord, of Houghton Farm; Dr. Dabney, Director of the North Carolina motive power. Experiment Station; Professor C. V. Riley, of Washington, Professor Arnold, on "The Origin of Butter Fats;" by Professor Tracy, on "Seed Testing and the Influence of Light character, differing essentially in many particulars from of the Agricultural College of Mississippi, on the Food machinery for its proper utilization." Value of Cotton Seed;" and by Dr. E. W. Hilgard, on the Mr. Boekel begs for more time for Mr. Keely to perfect "Absorption of Moisture by Soils." Among the other the utilization of his discovery, and for himself to enable others.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

The thirty first meeting of the American Association for should now order such application to be made." the Advancement of Science began August 23, with a large attendance of members and many prominent visitors. 5554 | Among those from Europe were Dr. Samuel Houghton, and Mr. Keely from the first, and has repeatedly given testi-

Trowbridge, of New Haven, section of Mechanical Science: Professor William H. Dall, of Washington, section of Biology on "The Biology of American Mollusks;" Professor A. H. pology, on "Some Physical Characteristics of Native Tribes of Canada;" and Professor B. Elliott, of Washington, section of Economic Science and Statistics. The address of Professor William Harkness, section of Mathematics and Astronomy, on the "Transit of Venus," was read by Professor Eastman. The paper of Professor E. T. Cox, of San Francisco, section of Geography and Geology, was given the next day.

In the evening, the retiring President, Professor George J. Brush, delivered the customary address. His subject was "The Progress of American Mineralogy."

The next morning, Dr. Carpenter, of London, gave, in the section of Histology and Microscopy, a lecture on "Angular Aperture in Relation to Biological Investigations," taking the ground that a dissolving lens of wide angle is not so good for general biological work as a lens of more moderate angle and higher defining power. During the day papers were read by Professor Samuel Lockwood, of Freehold, N. J., on "The Mastodon in New Jersey;" Professor Meehan, on "The Fertilization of Yucca;" Professor Elliott, on "International Time;" Professor Brewer, on "The Apparent Size of Magni fied Objects;" W. L. Stevens, on "Vision by Electric Spark;" Joseph Letoile, of Ottawa, "A Review on Subjects of Atmospheric Currents, Electricity, and Gases, with a view to Practical Aerial Navigation by Balloons;" and Professor Mupan, on "Variations in Nature." A paper on, "How Physical Law should be Taught," was read by Vice-President Mendenhall. Professor Trowbridge, of Harvard University, delivered an address on "The Importance of Expe-Dr. Loring, of the Agricultural Department, was elected rimental Research in Mechanical Science." Vice-President Cox, of San Francisco, read a paper on "Geography and Geology: Topography of the Rockies and Sierras." Profess-The membership of the Society for the Promotion of or Hall read an address on "Shells of America." Professor

> This day, August 24, was also marked by an assembly of the ONTARIO ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY,

> An address was delivered by the President, William Saunders, editor of the Canadian Journal of Entomology. Many prominent entomologists from the United States were present, including Professor C. V. Riley, of Washington; Dr. Hagan, of Cambridge; Dr. J. Lintner, New York State Entomologist; Dr. J. H. Comstock, of Ithaca; and B. Pickman, of Maine.

THE KEELY MOTOR DECEPTION.

Mr. William Boekel, mechanician, bas reported the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, and the stockbolders of the Company are as wise as they were before.

The report was filed August 23, and runs in part as follows:

"First-That Mr. Keely has discovered a new force or

"Second-That the force or substance evolved by him and Dr. Ormsby, of the Storis Agricultural School, making through the instrumentality of his structure, designated by the total membership thirty-eight. Papers were read by him under the varying nomenclature of 'vaporic force,'. 'etheric force,' and approximate designations, possesses fessor Caldwell, on the "Maintenance Ration;" by Pro- properties peculiar to itself, and wholly phenomenal in and Air on the Germination of Seeds;" by Professor Gully, those of compressed air or other gases, and requiring special

Mr. Boekel begs for more time for Mr. Keely to perfect papers contributed were "Mineral Constituents in Plant him to master the subject so as to be able to give such a Growth;" "The Yellows in Peaches;" "Non-albuminoid technical description of the motor as the law requires before Nitrogen in Timothy in Different Stages of its Growth," by the issuance of a patent. Though Mr. Keely, he thinks, Professor W. H. Jordon; on "Vaccination," by D. E. Sal- has so far perfected his invention as to entitle him to Letters mon, Veterinarian of the Department of Agriculture, and Patent, yet be (Mr. Boekel) does not yet "possess that intimate degree of knowledge of the entire subject to make it expedient, in his judgment, to recommend that the Court

> Those who have followed the bistory of this deception will remember that Mr. Boekel bas been associated with

ureRestoration of the skeleton of Gastornis EdwardsiiCom-	lin; John Rae, of London; Dr. Gilbert, President of the	one of the signers of the report of tests, on the strength of
parative sizes of tibias of gasternis and swan		which the first stockholders were led to put money into the
nut.—Madeira nut.—Hickory.—PecanSweet chestnut.—Spanish chestnut.—Almond	London: Professor Ernest Cook, of Bristol: Dr. Kowalesky,	enterprise. In 1875 he wrote a letter (printed in this paper
Melons and Cucumbers in the Same Hot House1 figureRe- markable growths on overhead trellises	of Moscow; Dr. Szabo, of Hungary; Dr. Koenig, of Paris;	July 17, 1875), in which the correctness of Mr. Keely's
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IV. ELECTRICITY, ETC.—Progress Made in Secondary Piles	scopist, from London.	timate knowledge of the construction of the machine and its
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ure.—Pneumatic sewage apparatus	addresses were as follows:	appear. But it is pretty certain that somebody pulled wool
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