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ACCOUNT BOOKS,
OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS RULED & BOUND,
Conformable to any pattern,
Upon the Shortest notice & most reasonable prices,
By
E. S. TUTTLE,
St Paul Street,
MONTREAL.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

THE undersigned address themselves to the public generally, but more particularly to the **MASTER AND JOURNEYMEN MECHANICS** of the City, and request them to meet at the **SCHOOL ROOM** of Mr. BRUCE, opposite the Ottawa Hotel, in McGill Street, on **TUESDAY EVENING** next, at half past **SEVEN** o'clock, to take into consideration, the best means of re-organizing and re-establishing the **MECHANICS' INSTITUTE**, (formerly existing here,) with a view to benefitting Mechanics, whether Masters, Journeymen, or Apprentices,—by establishing an Institution that will improve their condition, socially and morally.

Punctual attendance is requested,—and information regarding the property and effects belonging to the former Mechanics' Institute, will be highly acceptable.

JOHN MATHEWSON,
JOSEPH FRASER,
JOHN THORNTON,
JOHN W. HEBERT,
JOSEPH N. HALL,
GEORGE SAVAGE,
S. S. WARD,
EBENEZER MUIR,
JOHN LOVELL,
ROBERT GRAHAM,
CHAS. SHRIMPTON.

Montreal, Feb. 7, 1849.

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MONTREAL
MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

SYLLABUS OF LECTURES for the Fourth Session of the **MECHANICS' INSTITUTE**, to be delivered at their **LECTURE ROOM**, over the News Room, St. Joseph Street:—

- Introductory Lecture on the Nature and Objects of Mechanics' Institutes. By Mr. W. M. MILLS.
- Iron as a Material for Ship Building. By Mr. W. M. MILLS.
- Philosophy of Machines. By Mr. W. M. MILLS.
- Natural Philosophy, a series. By F. C. T. ARNOLD, M. D.
- , a series. By ROBERT GONREY, Esq., M. D.
- Rise and Progress, Constitution, and Resources of the British Empire, a series. By the Rev. ROBT. COONEY.
- , a series. By the Rev. Dr. MATHIESON.
- Philosophy of Education. By H. DUNSCOLL, Esq., Q. C.
- , a series. By ARTHUR FISHER, Esq., M. D.
- A series on some subject of Chemical Science. By A. HALL, M. D.
- By the Rev. W. TAYLOR.
- Artificial Illumination, Warming and Ventilating Buildings. By Mr. GEO. GARTH.
- , series,—By the Rev. Dr. BLACK.
- Vegetable Poisons. By Mr. GEO. HOSE.
- History of Ancient Greece. By the Rev. G. F. SIMPSON.
- Savings' Banks. By Mr. JOHN SMITH.
- Life Insurance. By Mr. JOHN SMITH.
- The Rev. H. WILKES.

Several other Gentlemen have also engaged to Lecture during the Session, of which due notice will be given.

The **INTRODUCTORY LECTURE** will be delivered on **TUESDAY EVENING**, December 12, at **EIGHT** o'clock, which will be followed by two Lectures each week, at the same hour, during the Session.

Members will be required to produce their Tickets at the door.

Admittance for non-Members, 1s. 3d.
By order,

CHARLES WETH,
Rec. Secy. tem.

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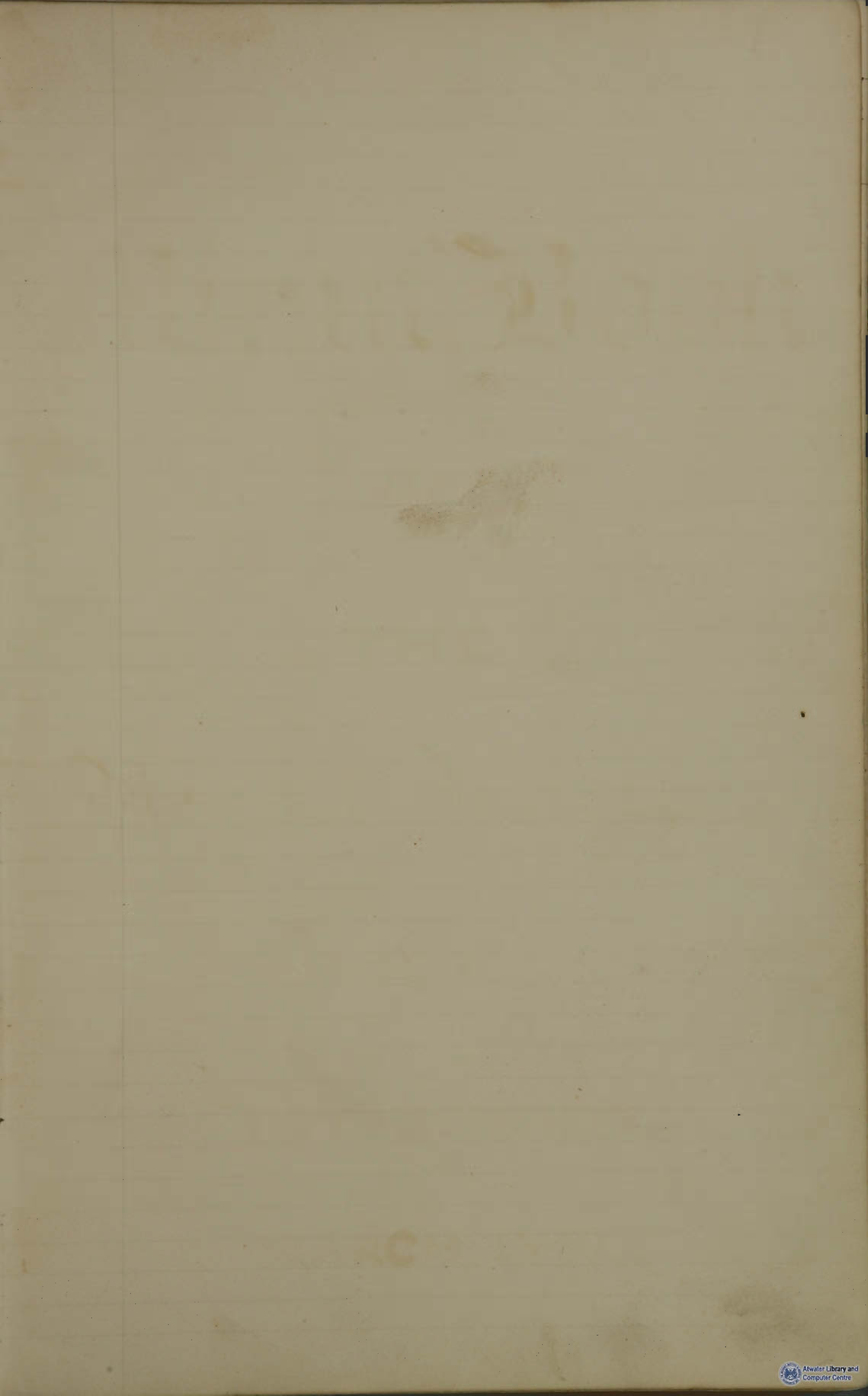
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Mechanics' Institute

The undersigned address themselves to the public generally, but more particularly to the Master and Journeymen Mechanics of the City, and request them to meet at the School Room of Mr Bruce, opposite the Ottawa Hotel, in McGill Street, on Tuesday Evening next, at half past seven o'clock, to take into consideration the best means of re-organizing and re-establishing the Mechanics' Institute, formerly existing here, with a view to benefiting Mechanics, whether Masters, Journeymen, or Apprentices, by establishing an Institution that will improve their condition, socially and morally.

Punctual attendance is requested, — and information regarding the property and effects belonging to the former Mechanics' Institute, will be highly acceptable.

- John Mathewson
- Joseph Fraser
- John Thornton
- John W. Herbert
- Joseph N. Hall
- George Savage
- J. J. Wood
- Ebenezer Mann
- John Lovell
- Robert Graham
- Chas. Thompson

Actual Signatures
 assured

Montreal Feb^{ry} 7th 1840

1846
July 11th

Minutes No 1

Pursuant to Public Notice, A Meeting was held in the School Room of Mr John Bruce, McGill Street to take into consideration the propriety of forming a Mechanics Institute; when John Redpath Esq was called to the Chair, and Mr Joseph Fraser appointed Secretary

After some brief remarks by the Chairman, explaining of the motives to exertion, to attain so desirable an object, as the formation on a solid & enduring basis, of a New Institution, the meeting was addressed by several Gentlemen, whose observations served to heighten the sense entertained by all present, of the benefit to be derived from a Mechanics Institute. Messrs J. A. Bechy, Dr Hall, B. Holmes, J. Smith, (St Pauls) A. Galtour, G. Shrimpton, & others, took part in the proceedings very interesting details of the advantages obtained in England and Scotland, from similar Institutions were given.

* It was most gratifying to perceive, that the Meeting was not of Mechanics solely, and that a very general interest seems to have been excited in favour of the object, throughout the Community. May this prove an augury of its success.

First— It was Resolved unanimously, that an Institute should be formed forthwith, and a Committee of twelve appointed to draught a Constitution & Rules, to be submitted at a subsequent Meeting; and that the following persons form the said Committee, viz Messrs Redpath Dr Hall, John Smith, Noah Laws, Robert Hadden Thomas, A. Bechy, S. S. Ward, J. H. Herbert, Thos. McGinn Arthur Dunbar, John Mathewson & Joseph Fraser
Moved by Mr J. P. Ashton
Seconded by Mr J. Mathewson

Secondly Resolved— That the said Committee be appointed to confer with the Committee of the ~~Committee~~ of the Old Institute, to ascertain the state of the Library, Apparatus, &c, and to make such arrangements, as may seem advisable for uniting the Institutions.

Signed {

Chairman
Secretary

1840
Feb. 25

No 2. On Tuesday the 25th February the second meeting of Mechanics & others was held in the school Room of Mr Bruce No 511st Street for the purpose of adopting measures for the forming of a Mechanics Institute & submitting the report of the Committee appointed at the last Meeting to Draught a Constitution & Rules & to confer with the Committee of the old Institution. The meeting was well attended & as at the previous meeting a general interest appeared to be excited & it appeared to be the desire of all present that an Institute should be formed with as little delay as possible John Redpath Esq was called to the Chair & Mr Joseph Fraser acted as Secretary.

1st The minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted

2nd Moved by Mr John Smith seconded by Mr Begly & Resolved that we do now join ourselves into an Institute to be called the Montreal Mechanics Institute

3rd Moved by Mr Hise seconded by Mr Fraser & Resolved That a provisional Committee be appointed to carry into operation the Institute just formed

4th The following Persons were then Nominated to form the said Committee J. Redpath, J. W. Herbert, J. Tweadie, G. Hise, J. Gibson, John Smith, John Mathewson, Joseph Fraser, Arthur Dunbar, Thomas, A. Begly, J. Mc Ginn, Robert Hadden.

5th The Committee appointed at the last meeting deliver their Report which was read by the Secretary & is as follows

Report of
Provisional
Committee

"The Committee appointed at a Meeting of Mechanics & other Inhabitants of Montreal Assembled at the School Room of Mr Bruce on the 11th Instant beg leave to Report"

"That according to an arrangement entered into by several Members of the late Mechanics Institute at the before named Meeting to meet your Committee & concert some means of incorporating the late Institution with the Institute now being formed on such a basis as might be advantageous to both Your Committee attended at the time & place appointed when they met Messrs

1840 J. Post. Cooper & White who stated that they did not attend in an official capacity but simply because they had agreed to do so consequently could not proceed to the discussion of any business therefore the Meeting adjourned without asking leave to sit again.

Your Committee further beg leave to Report That according to the Instructions contained in the second Resolution they have drawn up a Constitution & Rules for the Regulation of the Institute now intended to be formed which they now submit.

6th The Rules & Constitution being then read by the Secretary it was proposed by Mr. Fraser that they be left at his Store for public Inspection to be read & discussed at a subsequent Meeting which met with the approval of the Meeting generally.

7th Mr. Fraser having intimated his intention of Resigning It was Moved by Mr. J. Smith Seconded by Mr. Fraser & Resolved That Mr. E. Wetenhall be appointed Secretary ^{Pro tem} to the Institute just formed.

Signed

Chairman
Secretary

1840
March 5th No. 3. The Provisional Committee appointed at a Meeting of the Montreal Mechanics Institute held in Mr. Bruce's School Room Feb. 4. 25th met Tuesday 3rd March at the house of Mr. J. Smith St. Paul Street Mr. J. Smith in the Chair

1st. Mr. Fraser informed the meeting that he had received a letter from the Old Mechanics Institution which he read & is as follows

At a Meeting of the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday Even^g. the 25th Feb. 1840

After some discussion it was Resolved that a Com^{tee} of five Members be appointed to communicate with the Committee of the Institute now forming in this City for the purpose of ascertaining if any & what arrangement can be entered into so that the two Institutions may be merged into one and that the Committee now

Letter from
the Mechanics
Institution

1840 here undenamed do Report at a Meeting of this Institution to be held at the Victoria Hotel on Tuesday the 3rd of March next at 7 P.M.

Members of the Committee chosen } Mr. D. Cooper - Mr. J. Post
to attend to the foregoing resolve are } Mr. J. Allison - Mr. J. Woodhouse
 } & Mr. Alex^r. Stevenson

Mr. Fraser also stated that he had returned the following

Reply Montreal 3rd March 1840
Gentlemen

Letter to the
Mechanics Institution (Elected) of the New Mechanics Institute beg leave to state that they are only Provisional & cannot enter into any arrangements foreign to the Duties assigned them previous to the next General Meeting which will be held in the Free School Room (Corner of St. Joseph & St. Anne Streets) on Tuesday evening the 10th Inst

Should you deem it advisable to defer any further proceedings till after the Meeting alluded to we should be extremely desirous of receiving any proposition which would be likely to secure the cooperation of all those interested in the Prosperity of an undertaking having for its object the benefitting of our fellow Men

Very Respectfully

Thomas Post Cooper
Allison Woodhouse

Yours

Joseph Fraser

& Stevenson in behalf of the Provisional Committee

2nd It was resolved that a Sub-Committee be appointed to enquire for a suitable building for the use of the Institute and that the following Gentlemen form the said Committee Messrs J. Mathewson J. Smith J. W. Herbert

Signed

E. Watenhall

Chairman

Secretary

1840 No 4 According to Public Notice the Members
March 10 of the Mechanics Institute met on Tuesday Evening
10th March in the Free School Room St. Joseph Street
John Redpath Esq in the Chair after some preliminary
Remarks by the Chairman Mr. Fraser read the Consti-
tution & Rules for the ^{Discussion} of the Meeting

1st After much discussion it was Moved by Mr. McIntosh
Seconded by Mr. H. Taylor

That the blanks left in the Rule for the
Subscriptions of Annual Members be filled up with
fifteen Shillings & the Quarterly five Shillings

2nd The following Amendment was proposed by T. Beaghy Esq
& Seconded by Mr. R. Hall

Subscription
of Members
Last & Annual That the Annual Subscription be fifteen Shillings
& the Quarterly three Shillings & nine pence which
was carried by a large majority

3rd Moved by T. A. Beaghy Esq Sec by J. Matheson Esq
That the sum of five Pounds 0th in Cash or seven
Pounds ten Shillings 0th in Books or Philosophical
Apparatus to be approved of & valued by the Court
shall constitute a Life Member

4th The following Amendment was Proposed by
Mr. H. Taylor & Seconded by Mr. McIntosh
that the Subscription be either seven Pounds ten Shillings
Cash or ten pounds in books apparatus &c which
being put to the Meeting was lost - The original
Motion was put & Carried

5th Moved by Mr. Fraser Seconded by Mr. Herbert
Resolved That Sons & Apprentices of Members
between twelve & eighteen years of age be admitted
to all the privileges not specially reserved for Members
on payment of one Shilling & three Pence a Quarter
in advance on being recommended by a Member

1845 6th Moved by Mr. Smith Seconded by Mr. Herbert & Resolved That Persons to fill the various offices be now nominated & Elected at the next Meeting

7th The Meeting then proceeded to nominate the following Individuals for

President

John Redpath Esq	Mr. Rose
Benjamin Holmes Esq	Mr. Hayes
<u>Vice Presidents</u>	A. Arthur

Messrs John Smith	<u>Committee</u>
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Joseph Fraser	Mr. J. Roy
Benj ^m Holmes	H. Taylor
Dr. A. Hall	J. White
J. A. Begly	J. Hance
J. Mathewson	J. Fraser

Treasurer

J. Roy	J. Smith
W. Scott	W. Rose
J. Mathewson	A. Dunbar
	J. Tweedie

Secretaries

Corresp ^{ts} Mr. Rose	W. Hardie
Dr. A. Hall	J. W. Herbert
J. Smith	J. Mc Kider
Mr. Wattle	Mr. Miller
J. Lovell	J. Mathewson
	Dr. Cowan

Rec^{rs}

E. Wintonhall	J. Springle
J. Mc Sinner	W. Watson
J. Mc Kider	J. McGinn
J. Fraser	J. Gibson

Trustees

J. Redpath	W. Shaw
J. Mathewson	J. Spier
B. Holmes	J. Lovell
L. Ward	J. Fletcher
	W. Pullen

Auditors

J. A. Begly	W. Parkyn
J. Lovell	Robt. Addison
W. Carter	A. Sutherland
	W. Muir
	W. Carter
	A. Arthur
	R. Hall

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8th Moved by Mr. Smith Sec Mr. J. A. Bogle & Resolved that a Meeting of the Members be held on Monday the 16th inst for the Election of Officers & that Members pay their Subscriptions previous to voting.

Signed Chairman
E. Wottonhall Secretary

1840

12th March

No 5 The Provisional Committee of the Mechanics Institute met for the Transaction of Business Thursday Evening March 12th at the House of Mr. Herbert Place d'Armes Mr. Frasee in the Chair.

1st Moved by Mr. Smith Sec by Mr. Herbert & Resolved that Mr. Frasee & Mr. R. Scott be a Sub-committee to ascertain if the Gentlemen nominated at the last Meeting are willing to fill the Offices for which they are nominated in the event of their being elected & that they Report at the next Meeting

& the Meeting adjourned till Friday the 13th Inst

Signed Chairman
E. Wottonhall Secretary

No 6 According to pre-arrangement The Committee met March 13th at Mr. Herberts on Friday the 13th March Mr. Frasee being called to the Chair—

1st The Sub-Committee appointed at the last Meeting Reported that they had waited upon the persons nominated at a previous Meeting to fill the various Offices who with a few exceptions had expressed their willingness to serve should they be elected a ballot list was made out accordingly & ordered to be printed

2nd Moved by Mr. Herbert Sec by Mr. J. Smith & Resolved that a number of Members Tickets be immediately printed of various colours Annual 1st Price Quarterly 1st 2nd White 2nd — 3rd — 4th — which

1840 Shall be presented to members on payment of their Subscription & be considered a Receipt for the same it shall also admit him to the Reading Room Library &c

Signed Chairman
E. Wootenhall Secretary

16th March No 7 A General Meeting of the Mechanics Institute was (according to Public Notice) held on Monday Evening March the 16th At the Free School Room St. Josephs Street John Redpath Esq in the Chair

1st All who wished to become Members paid their Subscription to the Secretary & Received a Ticket & ballot List

Election of 2nd Officers. Messrs J. Redpath N. Mcintosh & Is. Bruce were appointed Scrutinizers of the Ballot at the time specified in the Rules the Ballot being closed the Scrutinizers proceeded to examine the Lists & after a short period handed the following names ^{over} to the Chairman declaring them to be the largest number of votes in which was read aloud by the Secretary & declared duly Elected they are in the following order. —

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| <u>President</u> | J. Redpath | <u>Committee</u> | H. Taylor |
| <u>Vice Pres^{ts}</u> | W. Holmes | J. Fry | J. Smith |
| | J. Fraser | J. Lovell | J. W. Herbert |
| <u>Treasurer</u> | W. Scott | D. Cowan | J. Mathewson |
| <u>Correspond^g Sec^y</u> | D. A. Hall | J. Dunbar | J. McVicker |
| <u>Rec^d Sec^y</u> | E. Wootenhall | J. Springle | J. Wilson |
| <u>Trustees</u> | G. G. Ward | | W. Hall |
| | W. Holmes | | |
| | J. Mathewson | | |
| | J. Redpath | | |
| <u>Auditors</u> | W. Carter | | |
| | M. J. Hayes | | |
| | A. Arthur | | |

1840 3rd Moved by Mr. Fraser Sec by Mr. Scott &
Resolved that Messrs Holmes & Redpath be appointed
a Sub Committee to consult the Commissioners of St. Ann's
Market to make an arrangement with them if possible
for a part of the rooms over St. Ann's Market
for the use of the Institute

Signed R. Redpath Chairman
E. Wetherhall Secretary

March 17th A meeting of the Committee was held March
17th at the house of Mr. J. Smith St. Paul Street
The following persons were present

Messrs D. Cowan	J. Roy
J. Smith	J. Wingle
W. Hall	J. McVider
J. Gibson	H. Taylor
J. W. Herbert	J. Fraser

Mr. J. Fraser in the Chair

1st The Minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted

2nd Moved by Mr. Herbert Sec by Mr. McVider &
Resolved that the following persons be appointed a
Sub Committee to revise the Constitution & Rules & submit
them at the next meeting following viz Messrs Gibson
D. Cowan, J. Smith, J. Roy, D. Dale & H. Taylor

Committee to 3rd Moved by Mr. J. Smith Sec by Mr. McVider &
be furnished
with tickets
for disposal
Resolved that each Member of the Committee be
furnished with a small number of Members
Tickets for disposal & that Members taking such
Tickets shall be responsible for the same

4th The Secretary was requested to give Public Notice that
Persons desirous of becoming Members may obtain
them Tickets at the Stores of Mr. Herbert Place & Messrs
W. Fraser Notre Dame Street Mr. J. Smith St. Paul St
Mr. Roy Notre Dame Street of the Sec^y or any Member
of the Committee.

1840 5th Moved by Mr. Herbert Sec by Mr. Taylor &
Committee Resolved that for the purpose of carrying out the
to obtain Life objects of the Institute it is expedient to appoint a
Members Donors Committee to solicit donations in aid of the funds
& the formation of a Library but more especially for
the obtaining of Life Members

The following persons compose the above named
Committee.

Messrs J. Mathewson	J. Lovell
J. A. Beagly	W. J. Hayes
J. Redpath	Dr. Hall
B. Holmes	J. White
Josh Fraser	A. Cowan
H. Carter	W. S. Hunter

6th Moved by Mr. Taylor Sec by Mr. Hall
Resolved that a deputation consisting of Mr. Fraser
& Mr. Herbert wait upon ^{and request} the Committee to ascertain
their willingness to act

The Meeting adjourned till Friday the 20th Inst.

Signed Chairman
E. Waterhouse Secretary

March 20th No 9 A General Meeting of the Committee was
held Friday March 20th at the house of Mr. Hall
the following persons being present.

Wm th Holmes	James Mc Nider
Rob th Scott	John Smith
John Gibson	Amos Taylor
James Roy	James P. Cowan
Rich th Hall	J. W. Herbert
Jas Spingale	John Lovell
Benjamin Holmes Esq in the Chair	

1st The minutes of the last meeting were read & accepted

2nd Resolved that a Minute book & Register be
procured to record the Transactions of the Institute

1840 3rd A letter from the Secretaries of the ballot for the late Election of Office Bearers was read Complaining that the list published in the Newspapers was incorrect The Secretary was requested to return an answer & furnish the Publishers of Newspapers with a correct list in the order of their Election.

4th Mr^r Herbert Reported that in consequence of the absence of Mr^r Fraser from Town he had not been able to discharge the duties assigned him It was Requested that Mr^r Herbert in conjunction with Mr^r Fraser would immediately act upon the 6th Resolution adopted at the last meeting

5th Mr^r Holmes Reported that Mr^r Redpath & himself had conferred with the Commissioners of St. Ann's Market & that the lowest Rent the North east Wing was offered at was £ 50 per Ann^o & that considerable expense would be necessary to make it Tenantable

6th Moved by G^o Brown Seconded by Mr^r Taylor & Resolved that Messrs Redpath, Smith & Herbert be appointed a Sub Committee for the purpose of visiting the building lately used as an ^{Printing} office for the Montreal Herald or any other places they may meet with in order to ^{be able to} recommend a suitable building for the use of the Institute

7th The Subcommittee appointed to revise the Constitution & Rules Reported that they had discharged the Duties assigned them

Mr^r Holmes requested Mr^r Smith to employ a Scribe to prepare 2 fair Copies at his Expenses

8th Mr^r Lovell having offered to print a number of blank notices gratis his offer was Thankfully accepted

1848 9th Moved by Mr. Smith Seconded by Mr. Herbert &
Resolved That the Secretary address a Letter to
the Committee of the Old Mechanics Institute
to inform them that a Sub-committee has been
appointed & were appointed to meet them for
the purpose of Amalgamation at such
time & Place as they may appoint

Committee to 10th Moved by Mr. Cowan Sec by Mr. J. Gibson &
confer with the Old
Mechanics Institute
Resolved That a Sub-committee consisting of
Messrs Redpath, Holmes, Smith & Taylor be appoin-
ted to confer with the Old Mechanics Institute
in accordance with Resolution 9th

11th The Committee appointed to Revise the Con-
stitution & Rules were Requested to draw up
a set of Rules ~~for~~ Regulations for the Society

12th Resolved that this Committee meet ag-
ain on Tuesday the 24th Inst. at Mr. Herberts
at 7 past 7 o'clock P.M.

Signed Chairman
E. Wintonhall Secretary

March 24th No 10. A Meeting of the Committee held Tuesday
24th March at Mr. Herberts the following persons being
present Messrs P. Holmes, J. M. Nider, J. Roy, J. Gibson,
W. Scott, J. Dunbar, A. Taylor, J. Smith, J. Lovell,
W. Hall, J. W. Herbert, J. Fraser, J. Springale & Mr. C. J.
J. Redpath Esq in the Chair

1st The Minutes of the Last Meeting were Read & Accepted

2nd Mr. Fraser reported that Mr. Herbert & himself had
waited upon the Gentlemen appointed to solicit Monthly
Subscriptions &c in behalf of the Institute who had
all expressed a willingness to enter upon the duties
assigned them

3rd

The Sub-committee appointed to examine the Herald Building to ascertain its fitness or unfitness for the use of the Institute. Reported that it was entirely unfit but they would recommend a part of Mr. Neullins' new Building situated in Commissioners Street which having examined the considered it as well adapted for the purpose as any place they had seen & might be had for a reasonable Rent.

4th A letter was read by the Chairman received by him from Mr. Neullins proposing to let rooms in his premises either in their present unfinished state for forty five pounds per Annum or when finished for fifty eight pounds per Annum.

5th after some discussion it was -
Moved by Mr. P. G. Smith Sec by Mr. S. W. Herbert &
Resolved that the Trustees be requested to hire Mr. Neullins' Building for a term of two or three years with the privilege of returning it for four if it can be had upon this condition.

6th Mr. G. Smith stated that he had employed a person who had transcribed two copies of the Constitution & Rules which on being submitted to the Meeting were generally approved.

7th The Secretary reported that he had written a letter to the Committee of the Mechanics Institution & was informed that an answer would be returned immediately after their next Meeting a copy of the letter was read & is as follows.

March 21st 1840

Sir
I am instructed to inform you that a Committee consisting of Messrs Woodpath Holmes Smith & Taylor has been appointed

to confer with you for the purpose of bringing about
an amalgamation of our respective Societies & in making
this communication I beg leave to state that the sole cause
of delay in not attending at an earlier Period to the com-
munication made by Mr. Poet to Mr. Fraser was the
want of a full & efficient organization of our Officers &
Committee prior to that Period —

This Committee will wait upon you at such Time
& Place as you may appoint —

I am Gentl

Yours

E. Wettenhall Sec^y M. M. I.

To Messrs Poet
Cooper
Allison
Stevenson —

8th Mr. Gibson having kindly offered to print
the Constitution & Rules in the Commercial Messen-
ger gratis his offer was thankfully accepted

9th Moved by Mr. Holmes Sec^y by Mr. Scott &
Resolved that the President be requested to trans-
mit to his Excellency the Governor General a copy
of the Constitution & Rules of the Institute with
a request after setting forth the necessity which exists
for its establishment in Montreal that his Excell^{ty}
will become & allow his name to appear as the first
Patron of the Montreal Mechanics Institute

11th Resolved that this Committee meet again
on Monday the 30th Inst at Mr. Roberts at 7 o'clock

Signed

E. Wettenhall. Secretary

Chairman

1840 No 11 At a Meeting of the Committee
held March 30th 1840 at the House of
Mr. Herbert Place de Armes Mr. Joseph
Fraser in the Chair members present
Messrs Smith H. Taylor
J. Kay J. W. Roberts
J. Gibson Dr. Hall
J. Munbar J. W. Stead
J. Springle
R. Hall
Lrd Curran

1st The minutes of the last meeting were
read and accepted.

Application 2nd The Secretary read Mr. Ledwith's report
for his Excellency in which he stated that according
Patronage to a resolution passed at the general
Committee at the last meeting he
made an application to his Excellency
the Governor General to become patron
of the Institute to which his Excellency
had been pleased to return a favourable
answer expressing his pleasure in
acceding to the wishes of the Members
to become patron of the Institute a
copy of Mr. Ledwith's letter to his
Excellency & his Excellency's reply was
then read Mr. Ledwith also reported
that agreeable to a resolution also
passed at the last meeting he called
upon Mr. Mullen's about his premises
& he Mr. Mullen would not consent
to lower the proposed rent by 5th but
would allow the Institute a small
piece of the Garret & also of the
cellar enough to hold two cords of
wood. Under these circumstances
he considered himself justified in
accepting his offer which he did in
writing a copy of which was then read

Mr. Mullen's
premises taken

1840 3rd The Subcommittee appointed to draw up Rules & Regulations for the Library submitted to the meeting a set of Rules &c which they had drawn up which were approved

4th It was resolved upon the motion of Mr H Taylor that a general meeting of the Institute be called for Friday the 11th Ap^r

5th Resolved that this Committee meet again on Thursday the 2nd of April at Mr Herberts.

Chairman
Secretary

No At a General Meeting of the Committee held March 2nd at the House of Mr Herbert, B. Holmes Esq^r in the Chair

Members of Committee present

Mr J. May	Mr Dunbar
Dr Hall	Mr Mathewson
J. Lovell	Scott
J. Smith	J. Frasier
J. W. Herbert	& Secretary
J. Gibson	

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & accepted

Report of 2nd The subcommittee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Old Mechanics Institution Reported that they met the gentlemen appointed to represent the old Institution on Wednesday Evening Ap^r the first and after much discussion succeeded in arranging the terms for a Union of the two Bodies which are as follows - That the property belong to the Old Institution shall be transferred to the Montreal Mechanics Institution at a Valuation to be determined by

1840

Resolved that they shall furnish also a list of the members who shall be supplied with Annual tickets for the Clerical Mechanics Institute providing the amount of the officers' property shall be equivalent to the tickets required to constitute them members for the current year.

3rd Resolved by Mr South Sec. Mr Hobbs and carried unanimously that in future no reports be received except delivered in writing.

4th Resolved that all meetings of the Committee five Committee Men exclusive of Officers shall form a Quorum
Quorum
moved by Mr Mathewson Sec. Mr Scott and carried unanimously.

5th Resolved the Secretary be directed to purchase Twelve Memorandum books for the use of the Gentlemen appointed to solicit donations &c which books are to be properly headed and signed and signed by the President and Secretary as authority. Carried Unanimously.

6th Moved by Dr Hall seconded by Mr Day & carried Unanimously. Resolved that some immediate steps be taken to Memorialize his Excellency the Governor General praying his aid in obtaining a grant in favour of the funds of the Institute and that Messrs Holmes Esq and Edgworth Esq be a Committee to carry the same into effect.
Request for aid from joint Council

7th That a Circular be prepared stating the objects of the Institute and calling upon the public for aid in

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Carrying out those objects to which Circular shall be appended the names of those Gentlemen appointed to receive donations &c. that Mr. Gibson & Dr. Hall be requested to prepare the same.

8th Moved by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Gibson. That it is highly expedient and necessary that a Lecture or address be delivered to the Members of the Institute and the Public generally setting forth the objects and advantages of the various Institutes in general and in this City in particular and urging upon the Inhabitants to give their assistance towards the advancement of these objects.
Carried Unanimously.

9th Moved by Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mr. Toy. That a Subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Smith and Lovell be requested to wait upon Mr. Mullar to solicit from him a Lecture in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

No 10. Moved by Mr. Scott seconded by Mr. Herbert. Resolved That Messrs. Smith, Toy, Springle & Wettenhall form a Subcommittee to prepare a Report of the proceedings of the Committee of Management to be submitted to the General Meeting of the Institute called for the 10th Inst.

11 Moved by Mr. J. Smith seconded by Mr. Mathewson. Resolved That Messrs. Redpath, Fraser & Herbert be a Subcommittee to superintend the fitting up the Rooms of the Institute.

1840 No. 12. Resolved that this Committee meet again on Thursday Apr. 9th at Mr. Herberts at 1/2 past 7 O'clock.

At a Meeting of the Committee held Thursday Evening Apr. 9th at Mr. Herberts. J. Medcroft in the Chair Members of the Committee present.

Chapman
E. J. Wentfall Secy

Rep^{rs} for Springle: M. Vider

H. Taylor J. Gibson

J. Smith The Corresponding

J. May J. Wooding Sec.

J. W. Robert

Dr Cowan

1st The minutes of the last Meeting were read and accepted.

2nd The corresponding Secretary announced the receipt of the following donation since the last Meeting of the Committee from George Wytheas Esq: 18 parts forming 9 Volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica Edited by Professor Napier.

3rd Dr Cowan announced a donation to the Institute of Jurgussons Lectures from Mr. David McKay.

4th Dr Hall & Mr. Gibson reported in conformity with a resolution adopted at the last meeting that they had prepared an Address to the Public which on being submitted to the Meeting was unanimously approved and ordered to be published in the Montreal Newspapers.

1840 5th Mr Smith Reported that Mr Miller
had been waited upon and gave his consent
to deliver an introductory Lecture at any
time the Committee might appoint.

6th Moved by Mr Roy, seconded by D. Cavan
Resolved that Mr Tedpath and Dr Hall
be appointed a Committee to procure a
convenient room for the Lecture.

Mr Millar 7th Resolved that the Lecture be deliv'd
Lecture on Wednesday Evening next at 1/2 past 7
O'clock if a suitable room can be obtained

At a general Meeting held Fri-
day April 10th in the Free School Room
St. Joseph St. B. Holmes Esq. in the Chair
The meeting was opened by some brief
but lively remarks from the Chair explain-
ing the cause of the Meeting being
called also that a report had been
prepared exhibiting the progress which
had been made in organizing the Society
it would be submitted for their approval

1st The report from the Managing Commis-
sioner was read and unanimously
accepted. — reads as follows

— Report —

Report of
Managing Comtee
Your Committee have called you
together because they conceived and in-
deed hoped that their Constituents would
feel anxious & desirous of information
as to the progress made towards
placing the Montreal Mechanic, Indi-
cator in efficient operation and also
because your Committee were desirous

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of Submitting to your consideration certain matters of importance which it is necessary should meet with your approval before they can be acted upon.

Your Committee has leave to report That the Rules as passed by the General Committee held on the 10th day of March have been revised & prepared for printing and two Copies thereof have been prepared, one Copy for record and the other to forward to his Excellency the Governor General the expense of engraving the two Copies was defrayed by your first Vice President.

Your Committee feel considerable reluctance to incur the expense of printing the Rules whilst certain negotiations hereafter to be mentioned were pending. Having at the same time deeply impressed with the necessity of the members having it in their power to obtain Copies with as little delay as possible. Mr. Gibson the Publisher of the Commercial Advertiser very kindly removed the difficulty under which the Committee felt themselves placed by offering to print the Rules in his Paper gratis, which offer your Committee gratefully accepted. This not only placed the Rules within the reach of the members but also at once bringing them prominently before the public.

Your Committee have also caused Rules to be prepared for the management of the Library and

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and reading rooms which will be submitted for your approval this Evening.

Your Committee after a Diligent & careful examination for Premises eligible for the purposes of the Institute, have leased from Mr. Mullen a part of his new Building opposite the Wharf for the Term of three Years at a Rent of Fifty Eight pounds per Year payable Quarterly. A Sub-Committee has been appointed to superintend the fitting of the rooms, and it is hoped they will be ready very early in May.

Under the direction of your Committee, the President applied by letter to his Excellency the Governor General O'Connell his Excellency to permit himself to be named the Patron of the Institute, to which application his Excellency was pleased to return an answer granting the request and also expressing himself as desirous of promoting the Interest of the Institute in every way in his power.

Your Committee were anxious that in endeavouring to carry out the objects of the Institute they should not be thwarted by any divisions of interest or feeling in the Community, they therefore embraced an early opportunity of opening a negotiation with parties connected with the Old Mechanics Institution in this City. A Sub-Committee was appointed to confer with the parties in question who met a deputation on Wednesday April the 5th and after considerable

1840 discussion arranged the terms of an
Union between the two bodies. The parties
connected with the Old union have not
as yet ratified the terms agreed upon in
a general meeting but they will be submitted
for your approval this Meeting.

Your address to the Public
has been prepared under the direction of
your Committee stating the objects &
claims of the Institute & the following
Gentlemen have been appointed to receive
donations. - viz

Mess ^{rs} J. Redpath, Mr. J. Hays	
" W. Holmes	Dr. Hall
" J. Fraser	J. White
" T. B. Bely	Dr. Cawson
" J. Mathewson	J. Hunter
" W. Carter	J. Lovell

Your Committee have
proposed upon one of your members
to deliver an introductory lecture to
the the Public on Wednesday Evening
the 15th Inst^l at 7 O'clock and they have
obtained the use of the British and
Canadian School Room for the purpose

Your Committee feel it
to be their duty to bring under the notice
of the members, the Public spirit and
kindness of those proprietors of News-
papers in this City who have advocated
the interests of the Institute in their
respective papers.

Your Committee have
great pleasure in communication to
the Members that the subscribers to the
news room have by an unanimous vote

1840 granted a part of their Periodicals
and such newspapers as their Committee
consider can be spared to the Mechanics
Institute.

Your Committee have also
great pleasure in reporting a Donation
of Eighteen parts of the latest Edition to
the Encyclopaedia Britannica from George
Plym's Esq. and also a Copy of Fergusson's
Lectures from Mr. David M. Kay.

Your Committee cannot
conclude this Report without endeavouring
to impress upon the Members the absolute
necessity for individual exertion in the
cause of the Institute. A Mechanics Insti-
tute having for its Locality the Commer-
cial Metropolis of the Canadas ought to
occupy a position of extensive usefulness
of acknowledged importance and of com-
manding influence. We have the "Local
habitation and the name" but to attain
the position we may and ought to aim at
will require the united intelligence, energy,
and Zeal, of every Member to be in a con-
tinuous operation and then success
is certain. And when it is considered that
success involves not only immense indi-
vidual advantage to the Members them-
selves, but also an incalculable amount
of Public good.

Your Committee feel assur-
ed that the call for Individual exertion
will be promptly responded to and
they confidently look forward to the
Montreal Mechanics Institute becoming
an honour to the City and that its Benefits
will be felt throughout the length & breadth of the
Land.

By order
G. T. Wetmore Secy

1840. 2nd The Secretary read a set of rules and Regulations which had been drawn up by the Committee for the Management of the Library and Reading Room - after having been read separately, and discussed they were put to the Meeting and passed unanimously

3rd Moved by Mr. McIntosh seconded by Mr. Bogle and resolved that for an immediate establishment of a Library the Committee have the full power to purchase such books as they may deem necessary for the Institute until the month of January 1841 when the whole of the first in the preamble shall come in force

4th Moved by Mr. Fraser seconded by Mr. Smith & resolved that the thanks of this Meeting be presented to the Committee of the Montreal News Room for the very liberal donation of a number of Periodicals & News Papers to the Institute.

5th Moved by Mr. V. Scott seconded by Mr. Lovell and resolved, That Members be permitted to introduce to the Reading Room of the Institute Non Resident Friends to have access to the news of the Institute for a period not exceeding six days. Members to have the privilege of introducing one person only each week.

6th Moved by Mr. Lovell and seconded by Mr. Toy and resolved that the thanks of this meeting be presented to Mr. George Thynne and

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Mr. David McKay for their valuable donations to the Mechanics Institute and that Mr. Thomas be elected a life Member of the Institute and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the Secretary to each of these Gentlemen

7th Resolved - that the names of any members having procured new members to the Institute be read at the next at Meeting following, announcing the members the same have procured
Moved by Mr. Bejly seconded by Mr. Fraser

8th Moved by Mr. Bejly seconded by Mr. Smith and resolved - that the thanks of the Meeting be voted to the Proprietors & Editors of such of the papers as have advocated the Institute especially those who have gratuitously inserted in their papers & journals the necessary advertisements and the copy of the rules & regulations of the Institute.

9th Moved by Mr. Mcintosh seconded by Mr. Tweedy and resolved that the thanks of this Meeting be voted to the Committee of Management for their services since the last Meeting.

10th The thanks of the Meeting were voted to W. Holmes Esq. for his able conduct in the Chair and the Meeting adjourned.

E. J. W. Mitchell Secy

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No. 12. Minutes of a Meeting held
by the Committee on Monday April 13th
at Mr Herberts. W. H. Taylor in the Chair
Members of Committee present

Messrs J. Gibson, J. Smith
" W. Hall, J. M. Herbert
" J. Lovell, Corresponding
" J. Dunbar, Recording
" J. Springle, Secretary

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting
were read and accepted.

2nd The Subcommittee appointed to
procure a suitable room for a Lecture
reported. — That they had obtained
the use of the British and Canadian
School room.

3rd Moved by Mr Gibson seconded
by Mr W. Hall. Resolved, that Messrs
Smith & Lovell be appointed a Sub-
Committee to superintend the arrange-
ments necessary for the proposed
Lecture on Wednesday Evening next.

4th The Secretary read a communi-
cation from the Superintendent of
the News Room respecting the Donation
of Periodicals &c to the Institute

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1840, 5th Mr. Smith stated that the Committee of the News Room wishing to dispose of the four Quarterly Reviews after they had remained on the Table a short time had offered them to the Institute at the rate of two Pounds per Annum or for the four which was ordered to remain over till the next Meeting in order to ascertain the original prices of the aforesaid periodicals.

7th Moved by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Lovell that the following Gentlemen be appointed a Sub. Committee for the Management of the Library & Reading Room
 Viz Mess^{rs} J. Gibson
 " " Dr. Hall
 " " J. May
 after which the Meeting adjourned

Signed _____ Chairman
 E. H. W. Stenhall Secretary

At a Meeting of the Committee held Monday April 20th at Mr. Herberts, B. Holmes Esq in the Chair. present

- Mess^{rs} Dr. Cowan. J. Gibson
- " H. Taylor. Dr. Hall
- " J. McVicker. J. W. Herbert
- " J. May. J. Smith
- " J. Lovell. _____

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and accepted.

2nd A communication was read from a sub. Committee of the Montreal Mechanics Institution appointed to confer with this Institute.

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For the Object of Amalgamating the two Societies) Stating that the plan agreed upon at the Meeting of the Sub-Committee had been brought before two General Meetings put to the vote and passed Unanimously. —

3rd Mr J. Smith was appointed to communicate with the Mechanics Institution. —

4th Mr Herbert announced a contribution of Books and Philosophical Apparatus from Mr Stand for the purpose of constituting him a life Member which being approved of by the Committee the Secretary was directed to acknowledge. —

5th Mr Herbert announced a donation of Penclain's Correspondence from Mr Walton which the Secretary was directed to acknowledge. —

6th Mr Redpath reported by Letter the Memorial to his Excellency praying aid had been sent in. —

7th Mr Fraser through Mr Smith, announced that an Offer had been made by Mr Christopher Dunbar to deliver a Gratuitous Lecture on the opening of the Course of the Institute and requested the Committee would furnish him with a Subject for the said Lecture. —

8th Moved by Mr Taylor Seconded by Mr Lovell and resolved — That the Thanks of the Committee be presented

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to Mr. Lankin for his kind offer to deliver a gratuitous Lecture to the Members of the Institute and that the Committee request the subject of his Lecture might be Self-Improvement and the Education of the Working Classes, The Secretary directed to Communicate.

9th A donation was presented to the Institute by Mr. J. Smith of a framed Lithograph illustrating the necessity of punctuality.

10th Moved by Dr. Cowan seconded by Mr. Herbert and Resolved That the Secretary notify the Sub-Committee for receiving donations to meet on Wednesday Evening the 22^d current at half past seven O'clock at Mr. Herberts place de. ans for the purpose of arranging the mode of procedure in soliciting donations &c

11th Mr. Smith reported that an offer had been made by Mr. Griffiths to write a Sign Board for the Institute which offer was thankfully accepted.

12th Moved by Mr. Gibson seconded by Mr. Herbert and Resolved That the thanks of this Committee be voted to Mr. J. Miller for his Lecture on the merits, Objects, and uses of mechanics Institutions, delivered on the Evening of Wednesday the 15th Inst. which the Secretary was directed to communicate.

14 The Meeting Adjourned till Monday the 2^d Inst.

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No. 14. At a meeting of the Committee held Monday 27th April at Mr. Chamberks. J. Medhurst Esq. in the chair present.

	Chair
	E. F. Mottrell Sec ^y
Mr Messrs	J. A. Dunbar. J. Lovell
	J. McKean. J. W. Smith
"	Dr. Cowan. H. Taylor
"	J. W. Herbert J.
"	H. P. Scott Recording
"	J. Gibson J.
"	J. May Corresponding
"	J. Spungle Secretaries

1st The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

2nd Mr. Treasurer through the Secretary announced a donation from Mr. Gibson, consisting of Harvard's works on Prisons in two Quarto Volumes which the Secretary was directed to acknowledge and present to Mr. Gibson the thanks of the Committee.

3rd Mr. Smith reported that in pursuance of a resolution of the last Meeting he had addressed a Committee to the Sub. Committee of the Mechanics Institution appointed to confer with this Institute on the subject of amalgamating the two Societies to which he received but a verbal acknowledgement a copy of Mr. Smith's letter was then read and approved of.

Mr. Dunkin's 4th Lecture Resolved that as Tuesday 12th May is the most convenient time for Mr. Dunkin to deliver his Lecture to this Institute on Self

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Instruction and the Education of the Working Classes that the Secretary give public notice accordingly.

5th Resolved that a note be addressed to those Gentlemen who have become Life Members inviting them to attend the Lecture of the 12th Proximo.

6th Mr. Redpath reported a donation of Books from J. Dougall Esq. consisting of 7 double Volumes of the Penny Cyclopaedia & Chambers's Journal.

7th That the thanks of this Committee be presented to John Dougall Esq. for his valuable donation to the Institute of 7 double Volumes of the penny Cyclopaedia & several Volumes of Chambers Edinburgh Journal and in consideration of which that he be elected a life Member of the Institute.

8th Mr. Redpath reported that he had received a donation of Ten Pounds in aid of the Institute from his Excellency C. P. Thompson, Gov. General.

9th Mr. Smith requested that as he expected to be absent from Montreal for a short time some one might be appointed to supply his place in the Sub. Committee in Conference with the Montreal Mechanics Institution, Upon which it was resolved that Mr. May be added to the aforesaid Sub-Committee.

10th Moved by Mr. Taylor seconded

1840 by Mr. J. Smith and resolved.

That the following persons be appointed subcommittee to prepare a report of the proceedings of the Institute for the Quarterly Meeting viz,

Messrs Dr. Cavan J. Springle
J. Dunbar & the Secretary

11th Moved by Mr. Day seconded by Application Mr. Smith and resolved that the Corres- to Lords Dukes & pending Secretary be instructed to Com- Russell & Dr. Kirkbeck communicate with Lord Durham Lord Brougham Dr. Birkbeck and such others as he may judge proper praying their aid in advancement of the interests of the Institute.

12th The Meeting adjourned till Monday May 11th.

No 16 At a meeting of the ^{Executive} Committee held Monday 4th May at Mr. Herberts Mr. H. Taylor in the Chair, Present

Messrs T. Hall J. Lovell
" J. M. Herbert &
" Dr. Cavan Recording
" J. Springle Secretary

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and accepted.

2nd The Sub. Committee appointed at the 27th ultimo to prepare a report of the last Quarters proceedings, to be read at the Quarterly Meeting call for the 3rd inst presented their report which being read by the Secretary and some trifling alterations made was unanimously adopted.

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The first Quarterly Meeting of the Institute was held Tuesday 5th May in the Free School Room St. Joseph Street Mr. Joseph Fraser in the Chair.

1st After the meeting had been called to order the Chair was call'd upon to order the secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting which being done were approved of.

2nd The report of the Committee of Management was read by Secy. & is as follows.

— Report —

Report of Com^{tee} of Management
Owing to the very recent period of our last General Meeting, your Committee consider it was unnecessary to report concerning the progress of the Institute previous to that time, and would now submit for your approval a Report of their proceedings subsequent to the General Meeting of April 10th.

Your Committee feel happy to observe that the Public Lecture delivered on Wednesday the 15th April was by Mr. Miller a Member of this Institute when the advantages of Scientific Knowledge were so ably set forth and illustrated that your Committee feel confident of its having made a lasting impression on the Public mind and would entertain the hope that this would be but the commencement of a Course of Lectures from the same Talented Gentleman.

In reference to the proposed

arrangement for an Union between this
Institute and the Montreal Mechanics
Institution. Your Committee are not yet
prepared to report a final settlement after
waiting the result of two General Meetings
of the above Institution. They were officially
informed of the unanimous consent of
its Members to unite with this Institute on
the conditions set forth at our last General
meeting on the receipt of which your Com-
mittee lost no time in soliciting an
interview and a letter to that effect was
immediately forwarded to the Secretary
of the Mechanics Institution inquiring the
propriety of a speedy arrangement. To
this communication an answer has
been received stating that as soon as a
Schedule of their property and a list of
Members could be made out the amal-
-gamation would take place which
Schedule and list are expected to be ready
in a few days.

Feeling the necessity of the
Institute going into active operation &
of the insufficiency of the present funds
your Committee took immediate steps
to present a Memorial to his Excellency
the Governor General, praying his aid in
obtaining a grant in favour of the funds
of the Institute since which his Excel-
-lency has been pleased to forward his
private donation of Ten Pounds, but
the result of our Memorial has not been
made known.

Your Committee have
caused the address calling upon the Com-
mittee for aid to be published in several
of the City Papers and feel much pleasure

in stating that the Gentlemen appointed to collect Donations &c have met and divided the City into districts and from the vigorous and systematic manner in which they have commenced operations they cannot in the opinion of your Committee fail of success.

The rooms leased of Mr Mullens for use of the Institute, and are also nearly finished and will be opened on Tuesday the 2^d Inst. with a Gratefultious Lecture by Mr Dunkin on Self Improvement and the Education of ~~the~~ working classes the notice of which will be given in the Public Prints.

Your Committee being anxious to take advantage of every means that would conduce to the benefit of the Institute, have instructed your Corresponding Secretary to communicate with Lord Brougham Lord Durham and also with Mr Birkbeck President of the London Mechanics Institute and to such others as he may judge proper praying their aid in the advancement of the interests of this Institute and from the interests which those illustrious individuals have ever taken in the instructions of the working classes your Committee feel confident the call will not be made in vain.

The following valuable donations have also been received since the last General Meeting. Viz,

1st A donation of Books and Chemical apparatus from Mr. Shand in consideration

1840 of which he was constituted a life Mem-
ber. —

2nd A Donation from Mr. Walton of
London's correspondence in two Volumes.

3rd A Donation from Mr. In South of
a printed lithograph illustration of
Fermat's Last Theorem.

4th A Donation from Mr. W. Gibson of
Haward's works in two Volumes. —

5th A Donation from Mr. In. Fougall
of 7 double Volumes of the penny Cyc-
lopaedia and several Volumes of Cham-
ber's Edinburgh Journal in consideration
of which Mr. Fougall was constituted a
life member of the Institute. —

Many other valuable donations
have also come to the knowledge of
your Committee but have not yet been
reported by the Collectors. —

They also submit for your in-
formation a list of the Periodicals and
Newspapers given by the Exchange News
Room, By. Blackwoods & Metropolitan
Magazines, Bantley's Miscellany, The
London Morning Herald, British Jour-
nal, The Dublin Evening Mail, The
Glasgow Herald, the Liverpool Chronicle
Bell's Life in London, and the New York
Albion. —

Your Committee in concluding
this Report would beg to offer a few
remarks on the progress and present
condition of this Institute and also make

1840 a suggestion or two respecting the conduct of its Members at this important period of its existence, During the three months we have passed since this Institute was formed much has transpired of a gratifying nature, we have received the countenance and support of many of the most influential of our Citizens and every day we might also say every hour has witnessed an accession to its strength and respectability such a flattering prospect of success it is hoped will stimulate its members to increase its Members and exertions for its perpetuity, for in regard to its future prosperity very much will depend upon the active exertion of the Members individually, and your Committee are the most urgent on this point, from the fact that many of our Members will be obliged to withdraw their attention during the summer months, in consequence of it it will mainly depend on those who are engaged in Mechanical pursuits to keep the Institute in efficient operation, and in view of this the necessity of having the Library in immediate operation must be obvious to every one and notwithstanding the many Valuable Donations of Books which have been made we are far from having sufficient to commence with.

Your Committee would therefore suggest the prospect of each member endeavouring to furnish a Volume himself by which with the present available funds of the Institute the Library would be placed in a very efficient position.

Your Committee not having

1840 sufficient means at present for
engaging instructors in the various
branches of Science, and and would re-
commend the formation of Classes, for
mutual instruction, this has been adop-
ted in many of the largest Institutes
in Great Britain and found to be pro-
ductive of much good.

Trusting that these sugges-
tions will meet with due consideration
your Committee close their report by
observing that since the formation of
this Institute, many others have arose
which, till then had been in a state of
lethargy, and they trust the Mechanics
Institute in the Metropolis of the
Canadas will be left to set an evil
example, before the many kindred
Societies which are now formed or
forming in various parts of this
Country.

By Order
4th Moved by Mr. White. Seco-
nded by Mr. Kevall & Resolved,
That the report may read be accepted &
entered upon the minutes of the Me-
eting.

Moved by Mr. White. Seconded
by Mr. Taylor and Resolved - That
Loans of Books, apparatus &c be
received by the Institute to be re-
turned to the owner at his request.

5th Moved by Dr. Cavan. Sec-
onded by Mr. Taylor & Resolved - That the
Thanks of this Meeting be voted to
the Committee of the British &
Canadian School for the use of their

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School Room for the delivery of a
Lecture to the Members of the Institute
if that the Secretary be requested to noti-
fy the same by card.

6th Moved by Mr Lovell seconded
by Mr Rich Hall & resolved - That the
Thanks of this Meeting be voted to the
Committee of the American Free School
Society for their kindness in allowing the
Members of the Institute to hold their
Meetings in the School Room belonging
to that Society.

After which the Meeting dissolved.

Signed Chairman
E. H. Whitwell Secretary

At an ordinary Meeting of
the Committee held in the Rooms of the
Institute Thursday 14th May 1840 Mr H.
Taylor in the Chair Members of Committee
Present -

Messrs J. Smith - J. Dunbar
" J. W. Herbert J. Springle
" Dr Cowan
J. Mathewson Recording Sec.

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting
were read and accepted.

2nd A Copy of a letter sent by the
Secretary to the Mechanics Institution
was read, informing them that the
Committee and Members Generally
of the Mechanics Institute approved of
the terms agreed upon by the Sub-
Committee of the Institute and the
Sub-Committee of the Mechanics Institution

1840. 3rd The Secretary announced that the Committee of the Temperance Society had kindly offered to furnish the Institute with their interesting periodical, The Temperance Advocate which was thankfully accepted.

4th Mr Cowan reported a donation of a handsome Microscope from Jas. Jackson Esq^r.

5th Moved by Mr. Cowan seconded by Mr. Mathewson and Resolved - That in consideration of Mr. Jackson's valuable donation, he be elected a Life Member of the Institute.

6th Moved by Mr. J. Smith seconded by Mr. Herbert and Resolved - That the Secretary be instructed to notify the Sub. Committee appointed to obtain Life Members donations &c to meet the General Committee on Thursday next 20th Inst. to deliver in their report.

7th Moved by Mr. Herbert Sec, by Mr. J. Smith. Resolved - That the Secretary be instructed to notify the Members of the Committee not yet to meet on Thursday Mar 21st Inst. for the purpose of paying over to the Treasurer the amt. for tickets disposed of by them, & such as remain unsold.

8th Moved by Mr. Herbert Sec, by Mr. Laull & Resolved - That Messrs Taylor, Smith & Springle be added to the Sub. Committee appointed to superintend the fitting up of the rooms of the Institute.

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Moved by Dr. Cavan seconded by Mr. Robert & Resolved, That the Thanks of the Committee be voted to Mr. Dunbar for his kindness in delivering a Lecture on the Evening of the 12th Inst. Which was in their opinion fraught with such usefulness & Eloquence as will not soon be forgotten by all that were present

10th The Secretary announced that an offer had been made by Mr. Springle to teach a Class in Descriptive Geometry

11th Moved by Mr. Lovell & seconded by Dr. Cavan - That the Thanks of this Meeting be given to Mr. Springle for his liberal offer to instruct a Class in Descriptive Geometry, And that the Secretary give notice to the Members of Mr. Springles intention.

After which the Meeting adjourned till Thursday the 21st Inst.

No At an ordinary meeting of the Committee held at the Rooms of the Institute Thursday 21st May, Mr. R. Taylor in the Chair, Members of Committee Present.

Chairman
Messrs J. May C. F. W. H. Springle Secy
" W. Smith R. Hall
" J. G. Gibson The
" J. W. Herbert Treasurer
" J. Dunbar &
" J. W. Miller Secretary

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & accepted.

1840 - 2nd A letter from Dr. Hall was read containing a list of donations received by him on behalf of the Institute among which was an Electric Spring Machine from Mr. John Farnie & one volume from E. W. Fitzgibbon and a volume of "Nelson's Voyage round the World" from Mr. Sewell also that according to a resolution passed at a previous meeting he had written to Lord Brougham, Durham & Dr. Buckle

Amount received
from Collectors

As many of the Sub-Commissioners appointed to receive donations & obtain Members & the General Committee who had taken tickets for disposal paid over the amount received by them to the Secretary which amounted to £45.3.9.

4th A letter from Dr. Cowan was read stating that the number of tickets sold by Mrs. Hunter, Carter & Cowan amounted to nineteen & that he had also eleven himself and would pay the amount into the hands of the Treasurer.

5th Moved by Mr. Herbert Sec. by Mr. A. Smith & resolved - That the sum of Twenty Pounds be paid to Mr. W. Pullar, on acc^t for Carpentry work done by him for the Institute.

6th Moved by Mr. Herbert Sec. by Mr. Dunbar & resolved. That Mr. Hoy & Mr. Gibson be deputed to confer with Mr. Furd later on the subject of delivering a lecture to the Members of the Institute and to report at the next meeting.

1840. 7th Moved by Mr. Smith. Sec.
by Mr. Herbert & Resolved, That in
calling the next Meeting the Secretary
be instructed to add to the usual no-
tice that a Librarian will be appointed
at the next Meeting.

8th Mr. McVicker and Mr. White
offered to wait upon the Sub. Committee
authorised to receive subscriptions who
had not reported, to ascertain the
number of Tickets disposed of and
what amount of funds they have on
hand - The Committee accepted of
their services & requested them to report
at the next Meeting.

9th Moved by Mr. Herbert and
seconded by Mr. Vay & Resolved that a
Subcommittee consisting of Messrs Taylor
& Spruile be appointed to confer with
the Sub. Committee of the Mechanics
Institution to impress upon them the
necessity of their property being valued
before the next Meeting, that the Reading
Room Library Room be open for the use
of the members with as little delay as
possible.

10th The Secretary presented an
account for a Minute Book, Register, Station-
ery &c amounting to £. 2. 10

11th Moved by Mr. Vay Seconded by
Mr. Smith and Resolved, That
the Treasurer be authorised to pay the
account presented by the Secretary for
Stationery &c.

1845-12th The Secretary paid into the hands of the Treasurer the sum of £45. 3. 9 Received from different members of the Inst. & Sub-Committee for members tickets sold on behalf of the Institute

After which the meeting adjourned till Monday the 25th inst.

Chairman
C. F. Wintzell Secretary

N^o 19. At an Ordinary Meeting of the Committee held at the Rooms of the Institute Monday Evening 25th May. Present. 4.

Messrs. H. Taylor & J. Springle
" J. Roy & J. Gibson
J. Smith & The
J. W. Herbert Corresponding
Dr Cavan and
J. W. Vider Reading Sec-

1st The minutes of the last Meeting were read and accepted.

2nd A Letter from the Mechanics Institution was read signed by Mr. J. P. Ashton Secretary certifying that the said Institution at eighty were here as Subscribers.

3rd Messrs Taylor and Springle the subcommittee appointed to wait upon the subcommittee of the Institution to hasten the valuation of their property reported that Arbitrators had been appointed and the property valued. The

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Arbitrators on the part of the Institute were Messrs J. Clarke & W. Carr, on the part of the Institution Messrs J. P. Lippincott, Taylor & Dr. McCulloch was called in as Umpire to place a value upon the Minerals &c

Report of 4th Arbitrators - The Report delivered by the Arbitrators was read certifying that the gross amount of the value of property submitted to their inspection including minerals Fossils &c - is \$44,000.00

5th Moved by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Day and Resolved - That the report of the Arbitrators be accepted and the Sub-Committee authorized to close the negotiation and that the Secretary transmit to the Sub-Committee of the Institution a copy of this resolution, with a copy of the Arbitrators Report.

6th Mr. Fundation Lecturer - Messrs. Day & Gibson the Sub-Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Fundation reported that they called upon that Gentleman and had since received a note from him expressing his willingness to comply with the request of the Committee and proposing for a subject "Geometry and its application to Mechanics."

7th Moved by Dr. Cowan and seconded by Mr. McKider & Resolved - That the Committee approve of the subject proposed by Mr. Fundation & that Wednesday the 4th of June be appointed for the delivery of the said Lecture that the Secretary in notifying

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Mr. Findlater request that it may be made as popular as possible and give notice in all the Montreal Newspapers.

9th Mr. Mc Nider & Mr. White reported that they had waited upon those Gentlemen of the Committee authorized to sell tickets and receive donations, who had not reported whom informed them that they would report as soon as they had completed their tour.

10th As it was reported at the Appointment last Meeting that a Librarian should be elected and that the Recording Sec, having applied for the Situation he was requested to make a proposition to the Committee which he did of which the following is a Copy.

The Secretary begs to submit the following proposition to the Committee of the Mechanics Institute viz he would be willing to serve in the capacity of Librarian to the Institute for the sum of £35 per Annum his engagement to be for the Term of one Year.

G. A. Wettenhall
Secretary

Moved by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Gibson and resolved that Mr. Wettenhall's proposition be accepted for the year ending on the first Tuesday in May 1841

Signed by Thomas Taylor President

11 Moved by Mr. Hulbert seconded by Mr. Smith and Resolved that Messrs. Springle, Gibson, Day, Mr. Nider and Dunbar be

1841 appointed a Sub-Committee for the super-
intendance of the Library and to assist in
arranging it.

After which the meeting adjourned
till June 1st.

Chairman
G. F. Potterhall Secy

- May 27th 1840 -

No 20 At the request of Messrs
Jno. Smith, Herbert & Fraser the
Secretary call'd a special Meeting of
the Committee at which Meeting there
were present of the Committee

Messrs H. Taylor, J. Gibson
" " Smith, K. Ball
J. W. Herbert &
J. W. Niden the Recording
J. Springle Secretary

Mr. Fraser in the Chair
When it was Moved by
Mr. Jno. Smith seconded by Mr. W. Niden
and resolved that the Secretary be instruc-
-ted to write to Mr. Allison in his Ca-
-pacity of Secretary to the Mechanics
-institution requesting him to furnish
this Committee with the approval or
disapproval of the Valuation of the
property belonging to the said Insti-
-tution and to intimate that the Com-
-mittee in justice to themselves and to
the duty they owe to their Members and to
the Public cannot admit of further
delay the affair must be closed by
Monday Evening next or the Property
removed.

After which the meeting adjourned.
Chairman
G. F. Potterhall Secy

1840 21. At a meeting of the Committee held Monday 1st June at the Rooms of the Institute & Present

Messrs J. M. Dixon
" J. Spingale
" J. Gillson
" N. Ball
" G. Secretary
" H. Taylor

As soon as the Chair had been taken by Mr Taylor a Deputation arrived from the Mechanical Institution consisting of—

Messrs James Post
" J. Cooper
" Ald. Stephenson
" J. Allison &
" Mr Woodhouse

for the purpose of closing the negotiation so long pending between the two Bodies when after much discussion they succeeded in making the following arrangement—

Union of Articles of Agreement entered into the Institute between the Mutual Mechanics with the Institute and the Mutual Mechanics Institute this first day of June 1840—

That the ^{said} Committee acting between the said parties and on the behalf of the two societies do hereby agree to the award of the Arbitrator appointed by both societies to award the property belonging to the Mechanics Institution which property according to the said award amounts to Forty four pounds, sixteen shillings,

1840 — and Sixpence. 6d and that the
Committee of the Mechanics Insti-
-tute will instruct their Secretary
to issue Annual Tickets for the
Current Year to the Members of the
Mechanics Institution to the said
Amount of Forty four Pounds Six-
teen Shillings and Sixpence Currency.

The above specified sum
shall not be understood to include
any Property excepted or not named
in the Catalogue furnished by
Mr Stephenson.

The Sub-Committee on
behalf of the Mechanics Institution
do hereby vest all Powers or Claims
hitherto held by them in the Com-
mittee of the Montreal Mechanics

*which was signed by James Pat Jackson
in behalf of the Mechanics Institution & by Honourable
John Herbert & James Spry in behalf of the Institute*

Alex. Stephenson & J. Allison

Resolved that the Rooms of
the Institute be opened for the use
of the Members on Saturday the
6th Instant and that the Secretary
give notice in the Public Papers
Chairman

Ed. Wetmore Secretary

No 22 — At a Special Meeting of
the Committee held Wednesday 12th
June at the Rooms of the Institute
Members of the Committee Present.

- Mr J. H. Corbett Dr Gowan
- J. Roy J. Spry
- J. Smith J. Durlan
- W. McKider J. Gibson
- W. Hall Sec. Secretary
- Mr C. Taylor in the Chair.

1840 - 1st The Chairman informed the Meeting that the object in calling the Members together was to ascertain what amount of funds could be spared for the purpose of Books and to adopt some steps for introducing into the Library only the most valuable works.

2nd The Secretary read the following statement from the Treasurer of Receipts and Disbursements.

Amount received for
Subscriptions Mr Cow ¹¹³ 16 3
Paid for Books — 4 10 —
" Mr Pallan — 20 —
" Mr. Metcalf 27 10 22 12 10
Bal at Cr. Inst. in Mon. 4th £ 91 3 5
" Deposit Bank

3rd Moved by Mr Smith seconded by Mr Springle & Resolved that the sum of £50 0⁰ be voted for the purpose of increasing the Library.

4th A large number of useful Books were nominated for admission from catalogues furnished for the purpose. The meeting adjourned to Friday 12th Inst.

No 23. At a Special Meeting held at the rooms of the Institute Friday 12th of June for the purpose of Voting for Books. Mr H. Taylor in the Chair. Members present.

Miss J. May J. Dumbat
S. Smith J. W. Nider
J. W. Herbert J. Springle
The Cor. & Sec. Secretaries

1840-1st The Minutes of the last Special Meeting were read and accepted.

2nd Moved by Mr. McNeider seconded by Mr. Roy & Resolved - That Messrs Smith Springle & Herbert be appointed to purchase the Books just listed in.

3rd The following donations were reported from Mr. Walton Lord. Haines's Elements of Botany from Mr. Horse. - Shakespears Select Plays 4 Volumes & The World in 4 Volumes. Mr. Mapwell 2 specimens of Lead ore & two of Spar. Mr. Perry 1 Vol. Hungarian Tales Dr. Cowan 6 Hawk Shells and one of Coral. Mr. Gibson. Mr. Lovell Literary Garland. Statistical Almanack & L. Ann. L. People Dr. Hall Mavens complete Gardener. Ocean of Science. - and the meeting adjourned

No. 24 - A general meeting of the Committee held Monday 22nd June at the Rooms of the Institute.

Present -

Messrs J. Fraser, J. Smith
J. W. Herbert, J. Roy
J. Springle, J. Gibson
S. Hall, E. Wetherhall

Mr. J. Fraser in the Chair

1st The Subcommittee appointed to purchase Books listed in at a former meeting, reported that they had procured as many of them as could be had in Town which together amounted to Seventeen Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Eight Pence Cy.

2nd Moved by Mr. Herbert and sec,

1840 - by Mr. J. Smith & resolved - That
a draft be made on the Treasurer for
the said amount of £. 11. 8. 0.

3rd A large number of Books were
voted in & ordered to be purchased by
the Sub. Committee appointed for that
purpose at the last Meeting.

4th The Recording Secretary requested
an order to have printed Tickets for the
Admission of Apprentices which was
granted accordingly.

5th Mr Gibson informed the Meeting
that Dr. Hall had offered to deliver a
Course of Lectures to the Institute on
Experimental Chemistry if the Commi-
tee would ~~ascertain~~ ^{ascertain} the expense of
Apparatus which would cost from 5 to
£10 - After some discussion it was or-
dered to remain over till the next Meetg.

6th A Quantity of Books from Mr.
William Gregg sent in for the purpose of
constituting him a Life Member were
brought before the Meeting for Inspec-
tion which upon Examination were
ordered to be of the Value of £. 10 Mr.
Gregg was therefore constituted a Life
Member of the Institute.

7th The Recording Secretary an-
nounced the Receipt of the following
donations

from Mr. Holaday the Messiah &c
Mr. Ben. O'Connell
Mr. Sanyal several parcels of useful
Periodicals.

Chairman -
E. F. Wottonhall Esq.

1840 — The Ordinary Meeting of the Com-
mittee of the Institute was held at their Rooms,
Tuesday July 7th Present

Messrs. T. Brown E. P. Brown
" W. Taylor J. W. Nida
" J. Roy J. Springle
" J. Smith J. Johnson
" J. W. Herbert H. Hall
S. Recording Secretary
Mr. Taylor in the Chair

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting
were read and Accepted.

2nd The Sub-Committee appointed to
purchase books for the Institute presented
several accounts & also of Books purchased
since the last Meeting amounting to £25. 13. 6
By and an Order was given for a draft on
the Treasurer for the said amount of £25. 13. 6

3rd The Secretary presented an acc^t from
Mr. Pullan with a request that an order
should be given for the Balance amount-
ing to £13. 14. 6 which was granted ac-
cordingly.

4th The Committee directed the
Secretary to give Mr. Stark an Order to
print Twenty five Tickets for Life
Members to be embossed colour'd Cards
the price not to exceed 1/3 each.

5th The sub-Committee for purchas-
ing Books were directed to order the
numbers wanting to complete the
Volumes of the Library of useful know-
ledge at present in the Library.

1840 - 6th Moved by Mr Smith seconded
by Mr. Ray & Resolved That the
Insurance Trustee be instructed to effect an In-
surance of the property of the Institute
in the Equa Insurance office to the
Amount of One Hundred and fifty pounds
£ 150.

7th Moved by Mr. Ray. Seconded by
Mr. Springle & Resolved That -

Mr. Smith & the
" J. Gibson - Recording
" R. Hall - Secretary
be appointed a Sub-committee to
draw up a report of the proceedings
of the Committee to be submitted to
the Anniversary Meeting in August.

8th The following valuable donation
was reported by the hands of Mr -
Herbert from Mr. Tappin, Richardson
Virtuarius Britannicus in two Vol-
umes Imperial Folio & Nicholsons
Architectural Dictionary in two Vol-
umes Quarto. From Mr. Whynas
The Nova Scotia to be furnished required.

9th Mr. Smith suggested the
propriety of allowing Members Cards
to be hung up in the reading room
by all persons desirous of so doing
which being put to the Meeting was
unanimously approved of.

After which the Meeting ad-
-journed till Tuesday the 20th Inst.

W. H. Mitchell Secretary.

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At a General Meeting of the
Committee held Thursday July 30th at
the Rooms of the Institute, Present

Messrs H. Taylor J. H. Herbert
 J. Smith J. Gibson
 J. Roy & Recording Secretary
 M. H. Taylor in the Chair

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting were
read and adopted.

2nd The sub-Committee for purchasing
Books presented the accounts & receipts
for Books bought by them for the Insti-
tute and for which a draft upon the
Treasurer was granted at the last meeting.

3rd Moved by Mr Roy Seconded by
Mr Gibson and resolved that the sub-
Committee for drawing up the Semi-
Annual Report be instructed to apply to
the Collectors who have not yet made their
returns and in the name of the General
Committee state that unless a correct
return be made that the Default and
name of Defaulter must appear in the
Report.

After which the Meeting adjourned
till Monday the 13th of August.

At a Meeting of the ^{Chairman} Committee
was held Monday Evening 13th August
Mr H. Taylor in the Chair. Present

Messrs L. S. Hall J. Matheson
 H. Taylor J. Dunbar
 J. Smith W. McVicar
 J. H. Herbert J. Gibson
 & Recording Secretary

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The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

2nd The Chairman stated that the Individuals who had charge of Members Tickets for sale on being notified by the Secretary had made their returns to the Treasurer.

3rd The Sub-Committee appointed to prepare a Report of the proceedings of the Committee to be submitted at the Semi Annual Meeting presents the report which was read by Mr. J. Smith

4 Moved by Mr. Mathewson seconded by Mr. Ball & Resolved That the report now read be accepted after which the Meeting separated.

The first Semiannual Meeting was held at their Rooms Tuesday 4th Aug^r 1840 Mr. H. Taylor in the chair

Semi-
Annual
Meeting

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

2nd The Semiannual Report of the Committee was read by the Secretary & is as follows.

At the conclusion of this the first semiannual period of the existence of the Wombourgh Mechanics Institute, it becomes the duty of your Committee to lay before you their constituents a detailed account of their proceedings. Before entering however upon the performance of this duty, your Committee beg leave to congratulate you upon the

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Report

Rapidity with which the Institute has attained a position from which may flow benefits the most valuable to its Members individually, and from which a most powerful and most favourable influence may be exercised upon the community.

Since your Committee last met the Honours of reporting to you Gentleman, Members of the Institute have been empowered to collect donations and Subscriptions in aid of the funds. Those Gentlemen have furnished your Committee with a statement of their proceedings by which they appear to have met with various success. The aggregate result of their labours is, however gratifying, the gross amount thus obtained being £55.

Your Committee have great pleasure in reporting that your Society consists of Two Hundred and Seventeen Members, and six Apprentices of which number there are.

Life Members	11
Annual do	172
Quarterly do	34
Total	217
Of the Apprentices Annual	1
Quarterly	2
Total	7

Of the above stated number of Annual Members twenty four have been admitted in virtue of an arrangement (hereinafter explained) which your Committee have entered into with the Members of the Mechanics Institute hitherto formerly in operation in this City.

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Your Committee have been enabled to procure, since their last report two eminently useful Lectures: the first on the 14th day of May was delivered by Mr. Dunham, the subject "Self Instruction and the Education of the Working Classes." The second on the 3rd day of June, by the Rev. Mr. Fildes, the Subject "Geometry - and its application to Mechanics." The Matter & Manner of both of which Lectures, your Committee believe was well calculated to give to the audience a clear perception of the Value of Scientific Knowledge and general education. The only regret being that they were not respectively followed up by the same Gentlemen with a series of Lectures on the same or similar Subjects. These Gentlemen, these Gentlemen with the lecture on the objects, Merits and uses of Mechanics Institutes, with Mr. Thomas Mellor so highly and justly commended in your last report, are all that your Committee have as yet been enabled to procure. Your Committee have however reason to hope that a succession of lectures will be delivered during the approaching fall, the first of which will probably be a course on popular Chemistry to be commenced as soon as arrangements can be completed.

Your Committee, in their last Report, recommended the formation of Classes for mutual instruction and have much gratification in observing that their recommendation has met with approval.

Notices for the formation of Classes for the Study of

1840 Descriptive Geometry," of "Grammar & English Composition," and of "Elocution" have been placed in the Rooms.

To these and similar classes Report as a most important and valuable branch of your means of doing good, your Committee solicit your serious attention.

Your Committee having every confidence in the Integrity, assiduity, and attention of your Recording Secretary, have appointed him to the situation of Librarian of the Institute, at a Salary of £5 per annum, with the use of part of the Rooms as a Residence. The appointment is, however, subject to your approval, which approval your Committee most respectfully solicit.

Your Committee come now to a part of their proceedings to which they attach much importance, your Committee have already reported that Negotiations had been opened between themselves and the Gentlemen forming the Mechanics Institution, formerly existing in this City, for the Union of the two Bodies, your Committee were anxiously desirous of preventing the evils arising from any rivalry and consequent dissension likely to be produced by the operation of two similar but separate bodies, occupying the same sphere of action. They also felt the great importance of obtaining, in the outset, as great an accession of members as possible, that by united efforts they might be enabled to effect a greater amount of general good than could possibly be achieved by the most strenuous, if divided

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1840 mentions, Your Committee having been met in a similar spirit, and with similar motives to those which influenced themselves, it was arranged that the pro-Report-perty of the Institution should be valued by disinterested arbitrators, and that Tickets for the current year, entitling the holders of the Rights of Memberships in the Institute, should be issued to the amount of the Value so awarded, four Gentlemen were appointed - two respect-ably by the two separate bodies, who after unanimously calling to their assistance a Gentleman well qualified with the cur-ent value of Minerals, and of such prop-erty generally as was possessed by the In-stitution, reported the amount on Grays to be equal to the sum of £ 144. 11. 8. -

The award having been ap-proved by the Representatives of each do- - each your Committee have given Instruc-tions to your Secretary to issue Tickets, to the Gentlemen connected with the In- - stitution, to the specified amount,

Your Committee, congrat-ulate themselves and the Members of the now united bodies upon the successful termination of the negotiation and fer- - vently hope every cause of rivalry being now removed save the rivalry of well doing, Report that the joint labours of the united, - bodies will contribute much to the am-elioration of the condition, physical & intellectual, of the Mechanics, and other of this flourishing City. -

Your Committee, congrat-ulate themselves that on a careful examination

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of the Means and prospects of the Institute have felt justified in appropriating the sum of fifty Pounds currency, for the purchase of Books and after much discussion, and the examination several extensive catalogues, the placed in the hands of the Pub. Committee for purchase a list of Valuable Works. The amount of could not be all supplied in Town but orders for the remainder of the amount of the same specific have been given: the fulfilment of which is daily expected.

Your Committee respectfully report that your Library consists of three hundred and ninety five Volumes & about two hundred copies of periodicals such as Reviews, Magazines, &c. of which there are;

	Columns
In the Circulating Library	365
In the Reference do	30
	<u>395</u>
Of this number there have been	
purchased by your Committee	156
Donations from various Persons	56
Obtained in virtue of the arrangement with the Institution	136
Deposits	47
	<u>395</u>

In addition to the above fifty Volumes of Harper's family Library have been ordered from New York which when received with the two hundred Reviews, &c. will make a Grand Total of six hundred and forty five Books in the Library of the Institute.

Your Committee having completed the necessary arrangements, opened the rooms of the Institute for the

1840 use of the Institute on the 6th of June last, since which time they rejoice to state that many have availed themselves of the different sources of intellectual amusement and instruction which the limited but rapidly increasing means of the Institute are able to afford.

Your Committee now beg leave to submit to your notice the Financial affairs of the Institute in an abstract of the Treasurers Account.

Dr		L. S. D	
Treasurer in account with the Montreal Mechanics Institute.	£		
6 Life Members Tickets at 5,		30	0 0
148 Annual do at 15/-		111	0 0
34 Quarterly do at 3/9-		6	7 6
Apprentices 4 Annual at 5/-		1	0 0
Donation from the H. Colliery 2 Quarterly at 1/3			2 6
The Governor.		10	0 0
Total	£	158	10 0

Cr		L. S. D	
To Cash paid R. Graham			
for Stationary		10	0 0
To W. Pallari Carpentery		20	0 0
do E. Wetenhall Sundrys		2	2 10
do J. Smith Books		25	3 6
do W. Pallari Carpentery		13	4 8
do Esna Office Insurance		1	5 0
Error in favour of Treasurer		5	0 0
Balance in Bank of Montreal		4	10 0
Total	£	158	10 0

In answer from a Memorial presented by your Committee to his Excellency the Governor General and the Special Council, your Committee gratefully acknowledge a grant for

1840 a sum of Fifty Pounds (Currency) in aid of the funds of the Institute, making the account stand thus

Report Grant from the Special Council ————— £ s c
50. 0. 0
To which add the before stated balance of ————— 78. 4. 10

Gives an available Bal. of 128. 4. 10

Your Committee, desirous as far as may be of securing your property against accidents, have instructed the Trustees to effect an Insurance against fire upon the property already accumulated which has been done to the amount of One hundred and Fifty Pounds.

Your Committee conceive it to be their duty to bring prominently under your notice the cheerful alacrity which has been displayed on the part of the community in aiding the establishment of your Institute. The liberality in judging, the generosity in assisting and the general sympathy of feeling, which has been extended towards the Infant Society, demand our warmest thanks.

Report To His Excellency the Governor General,
To the Honourable the Special Council

And to those Gentlemen whose magnificent donations have warranted your Committee in constituting them Life Members, as well as contributors and subscribers generally, the gratitude of members is in a special manner due.

Your Committee believe that

1840 - of the errors committed by individuals,
and by societies, and consequently of the
difficulties which accompany their pro-
-gress, much very much may be fairly
Report attributed to an incorrect perception
of the position which they occupy and
entire want of appreciation of the in-
fluence which they ought to exercise in
the great social compact. -

If this be so - would it not
be well were every member of the Mon-
-teal Mechanics Institute to endeavour
to obtain a clear knowledge of the posi-
-tion occupied by that Society in par-
-ticular, and of the influence which it ou-
-ght to exercise; and to do so, what are
the means to be employed? Must we not
endeavour to appreciate the benefits to
obtained by its means, and endeavour,
also, to realize them for himself. It is
not by the mere existence of a Library
however numerous or varied its contents
or of apparatus, however ingenious or
valuable, or of a Museum, however -
curious or instructive, that any per-
-sonal advantage can be obtained or
any general good be effected, but it is
only by that only which every individual
member makes of those things for his
own individual advantage. -

Let every member of this
Society realize for himself, all the
benefits which his establishment
holds out to him and then indeed will
the collective influence exercised be powe-
-ful - in its effects and most valuable
in its consequences.

Let us all endeavour to

1840 - create a feeling of honest pride in the success of this establishment; let us say to each other - "This is ours and for us," and your Committee feel confident that a long and prosperous career is before us. All which is respectfully submitted.

By Order of the Committee

E. T. Mitchell Secretary.

3rd Moved by Mr. White seconded by Mr. Bealy and

Resolved that the report just read be accepted and entered on the minutes of the Society.

4th Moved by Mr. Hoase seconded by Mr. Bealy and

Resolved that the Committee be instructed to get the report now read printed either gratis or at the expence of the Institute.

5th Moved by Mr. White seconded by Mr. Bealy and

Resolved the appointment of Librarian by the Committee of Management be confirmed by the Members.

6th Moved by Mr. Hoase seconded by Mr. T. Hall and

Resolved that the Committee be instructed to get the Constitution and Rules of the Society printed for the use of the Members.

Instruction
to print the
report

Instruction
to Committee
to print the
rules &c

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Suggestion of
alteration of
Rooms

7th Mr. Cose suggested for the
consideration of the Committee the
propriety of having the Lecture Room
used for a Reading Room and the room
now used for that purpose be divided
for the use of classes.
after which the meeting dissolved

W. Griffiths Chairman
G. J. Witenhall Secretary

At a Meeting held of the Committee
Tuesday August 14th at the Rooms of
the Institute There being present -

Mr. H. Taylor J. W. Robert
J. Key J. Dunbar
J. Smith N. Hoell
& the Recording Secretary

Mr. H. Taylor in the Chair

1st The Minutes of the last Meet-
ing were read and approved.

2nd The Secretary presented ac-
counts from the following persons
Mr. John Griffiths for Charist 5. 7. 7
Mr. J. B. Baird for Bookbinding 2. 1. 3
Mr. C. Bryson for Stationary 3. 11. 1 1/2
Mr. Witenhall sundries in sending a
Quarter's Salary 11. 2. 6. Mr. J.
Mullins for a Quarter's rent for the
use of Rooms 14. 10. -

presentation
of a/c.

3rd Moved by Mr. John Smith
seconded by Dr. Cavan &
Resolved, that the Secretary be in-
structed to issue Drafts on the
Treasurer for the payment of the
accounts just presented.

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Communication
from Mr White

1st The Secretary read a Letter
received from Mr J. White with his An-
-nual Subscription, also stating his
desire that the Institute would accept
as a donation several Valuable Books
hitherto held by the Institute as Depos-
-it.

5th Moved by Dr Cowan Seccon-
-ded by Mr Roy &
Resolved that the Thanks of the
Meeting be voted to Mr John White for
his Valuable Donation to the Institute
consisting of several Volumes of Valua-
-ble Books together with One Year's Sub-
-scription, he being entitled to an An-
-nual Ticket Free of Charge in virtue
of the Union of the two Societies.

6th Moved by Mr N. Hall Sec-
-conded by Mr Roy and
Resolved that the Thanks of the
Committee are in an especial Man-
-ner due to Mr S. Smith for his kind-
-ness in preparing the Semi Annual
Report which in the opinion of the
Committee is both comprehensive &
Eloquent and being fraught with so
much good feeling to all parties is
calculated to do much good among
the Members Generally

Thanks of the
Committee to
Mr Smith

7th Resolved that this Committee
meet again on Tuesday the 18th Inst
after which the Meeting Dissolved

Chairman
C. F. Wetenhall Secretary

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At a Special Meeting of the Committee ^{convened} in consequence of a proposal made by Mr. A. Young to deliver a course of Lectures To the Institute on Phonology - Present

Mr. J. Fraser	Mr. Smith
Dr. Hall	J. W. Conant
E. Witherhall	Dr. Cowan
Mr. Taylor	J. Mathewson
J. Roy	J. Dunbar
J. W. Rider	N. Hall

Mr. Fraser in the Chair.

The Secretary informed the Meeting that Mr. Young had offered to deliver a course of four Lectures on Phonology for the sum of £12. 10. 0

Offer of Lectures from Mr Young

1st Moved: by Dr. Cowan seconded by Mr. Taylor and Resolved that the Committee decline Mr. Youngs Offer to deliver a course of Lectures

2nd Moved by Mr. Taylor seconded by Mr. N. Hall & Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to order the Old Countryman newspaper for the use of the Institute.

Old Countryman's Newspaper

E. F. Witherhall ^{Chairman} Secretary

An Ordinary Meeting of the Committee was held at the Rooms of the Institute on Saturday September 19th - Present

Mr. J. Roy	J. Dunbar
Dr. Hall	J. W. Rider
J. Smith	J. Gibson
J. Lovell	E. Witherhall N. S.

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At an Ordinary Meeting
of the Committee held Monday Aug 30th
Present

Mess^{rs} J. Fraser, J. W. Herbert

J. Smith, Dr. Hall

J. Roy, J. Mc Nider

Dr. Cowan, J. Taylor

Mr. Fraser in the Chair

1st The minutes of the last Meeting were
read and approved

2nd The Secretary reported a donation from
Mr. J. Smith. Consisting of the following articles
A Map of Quebec & Montreal, Philosophical
Chart, Books of the Church 2 Vols Nicholsons 5th
Order of Architecture & regular Numbers of four
Quarterly Reviews to be supplied for a year

Donation
from Mr J^{nr}
Smith

3rd Moved by Mr. Herbert Sec. by Dr. Hall
Resolved that the thanks of the Meeting be given
to Mr. Smith for his very liberal donation & that
in consideration for it he be Elected a life
Member of the Institute.

4th The Secretary reported a donation from
Mr. & Mrs. Nider of an Oil painting of Jas. Wat

5th Moved by Mr. Taylor seconded by Mr.
Mc Nider & Smith and Resolved - That the thanks of

Donation this Meeting be voted to Mr. & Mrs. Nider for
his valuable & appropriate donation to the
Institute of an Oil painting of James Wat

6th The Secretary reported a donation of
an Electrifying Machine from Mr. Tassie
he was desired to acknowledge (by card) &
present to Mr. Tassie the thanks of the Com^{tee}

Donation of
Electrifying
Machine

7th The Secretary reported a donation
from Mr. Mcintosh of Cornwall U.C. of a
Model of Wheels for increasing the speed of
Machinery with a request that the Com^{tee}
would furnish Mr. Mcintosh with the
views as to its Utility.

Donation of
Wheels

8th Moved by Mr. Roy Sec. by Mr. Smith &
Resolved that Mr. Lumber and Mr. Mc Nider

To Do - be constituted a sub-committee
to examine & report upon Mr. M. P. P. M. Model
9th The Secretary reported that in accordance to
directions received at the last meeting of Com-
mittee he had made enquiry & ascertained that
the expense of fitting up the rooms for lighting
with Gas would be \$150.00 - After some dis-
cussion it was considered that the committee
would not be justified in incurring the expense
at the time present.

10th The Librarian requested permission to get
a Water Closet fixed at the expense of the
Committee and states that the cost would
be from 12 to 14 dollars after some dis-
cussion it was considered necessary and
that for convenience of the Institute a Clock
be fixed and permission was granted accordingly

11th The Secretary read a recommendation sig-
ned by Dr. Hall and Mr. J. Loy proposing Mr. William
McBean of St. Helene de Louville as a corre-
sponding member of the Institute.

12th Resolved that in accordance with the clause
in the rules for the admission of Members
that Mr. McBean be admitted a corresponding
member forthwith.

14th Accounts were presented from the Morning
Courier office 6 months cause advertising &
amounting to 3.24 & from the Proprietor
of the Old Countryman News Paper for 12 mo
Subscription to that paper 15/- for which the Secy
has been ordered to issue drafts.

15th Moved by Mr. Taylor Sec. by Mr. Herbert &
Resolved - That the Committee accept of
Dr. Hall's kind offer to deliver a course of
lectures to the Institute on Chemistry and
that any necessary expense incurred to elucidate
such lectures be defrayed by the Institute

16 Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to order
to be printed tickets for admission of non members
to Dr. Hall's lectures the price for the course to be 5/-
single lectures 1/3

17 Resolved that the Committee meet on Monday 9th

Mr Roy in the Chair.

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

2nd The Subcommittee appointed to wait upon Mr Buckingham reported. That in accordance with the instructions received at a Meeting of Committee of August 25th they took an early opportunity of seeing Mr Buckingham to engage his services if possible to deliver a course of Lectures to the Institute, when Mr Buckingham informed them that in consequence of his present engagements he was unable to comply with the request of the Committee but kindly presented them with 200 Tickets for his first Lecture gratis and placed in their hands Tickets for subsequent subsequent Lectures for members of the Institute at half price.

Mr Buckingham's Lectures

3rd Resolved that in order to carry into effect the resolution passed at a Meeting of the Members of the Institute held after Dr. Hall's Lecture of the 17th Inst^o That Mr John Smith be appointed Marshall to superintend the arrangements for the anticipated Procession to greet his Excellency.

Mr Smith
Superintendent
the procession

4th Moved by Mr Scott seconded by Mr Lowell
Resolved that Messrs Gibson & Holme be appointed to prepare an address to be presented to his Excellency the Governor General on his arrival.

Address
to the
Gov Genl

5th The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr Francis had offered.

God

1840 - To introduce the Gas and lay the fittings at his own expense for the heat of which he would charge The Institute 20/-
Mr. Munro and the annual expense of the Gas would be

6th Resolved that Mr. Mc Nider be instructed to see Mr. Furniss and if possible obtain a reduction of the Prices named in the estimate and that Mr. Mc Nider be also empowered to close the bargain.

Gas

7th The following Donations were reported by the Secretary from Mr. Fisher 7 Columns, Life of Sir W. Scott - From Mr. Hay 10 Columns of Sundries Dr. Hay 19 Columns Sundries Mr. Herbert 2 Vol England and the English Mr. Bryson 1 Vol

Donations

8th The Secretary was ordered to issue drafts on the Secretary for the payment of Mr. Starkie's ac^t for printing life members tickets 7/6 Mr. Miller for Binding Books £2.3-

Payment
of
Accounts

C. F. Nettleton Secretary

At a Special Meeting of the Committee to take into consideration the propriety of meeting Mr. Buckingham to deliver a series of Lectures to the Members of the Institute.

Present

Mr. J. Smith	J. Dunbar
J. W. Herbert	Dr. Cowan
D. Hull	B. Holmes
J. Mc Nider	Mr. Gibson
C. Ray	J. Mathewson
C. Taylor	
Mr. Taylor in the Chair	

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Committee
to wait
upon Mr
Buckingham

That a Committee be appointed
to wait upon Mr. Buckingham consisting
of B. Holmes & J. Mathewson.

At a special Meeting of the
Committee held on the Evening of Friday
the 4th September after Dr. Hall's Lecture
at the Rooms of the Institute.

Present

Alfred D. Redpath	J. W. Viner
J. Roy	J. Dunbar
J. Howell	J. W. Herbert
J. Smith	E. Wetherhall

John Redpath Esq. in the Chair

1st Moved by Mr. Roy seconded by
Mr. Herbert

Publishing
Mr. Buckingham's
Lecture

Resolved - That the proceeds of the
Lecture delivered by Mr. Buckingham in
advocating of the objects and interests
of Mechanics Institutes in conjunction
with the cause of Temperance be appropri-
ated to the publishing of the said Lecture.

2nd Moved by Mr. Roy
Resolved - That the sum of Twelve
Pounds be appropriated to the purpose
of purchasing Books.

Books

Chambers
G. H. Wetherhall Secretary

At a Meeting of the In-
stitute held Thursday 7th September
Mr. Mathewson in the Chair

The following Resolution pro-
posed by Mr. Mathewson seconded by
Mr. C. Hall & Unanimously Resolved

Resolution
for meeting
the Genl

That the Institute do join out
as a Body with the other Citizens
to meet his Excellency the Governor

1840 - General on his return to Montreal
as a public demonstration in his
favour and that the Committee be
instructed to prepare such an address
as they consider appropriate on the
occasion.

No. An Ordinary Meeting of the
Committee was held at the Room
of the Institute on Saturday Sep-
tember 19th.

Present
Messrs J. Roy J. Dunbar
Dr Hall J. McVicker
J. Smith J. Gibson
J. Lovell E. Wetherhall Esq
Mr Roy in the Chair

1st The Minutes of last Meeting
were read and approved.

2nd The sub-committee appointed
to wait on Mr Buckingham repor-
ted - That in accordance with the
instructions received at a Meeting of
Committee of August the 25th they
took -

No. At a Special Meeting of the
Committee on the 5th October
Mr J. W. Redpath in the Chair on
a motion of Mr Roy seconded by
Mr Lovell it was

Resolved That the address of
the Mechanics Institute to His
Excellency the Governor General
with his Excellency's Reply be
published in the different news-
papers of the City.

Publication
of Address
to the Patron

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An Ordinary meeting of the
Committee held Oct 7th

Present

Messrs	J. Roy	J. W. Herbert
"	R. Taylor	J. Smith
"	R. Hall	J. Fraser
	Mr J. Fraser in the Chair	

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

2nd The Secretary informed the Committee that he had received a note from Mr. Garth stating that Mr. Furniss had requested him to inform the Committee that he was willing to deduct from the estimate rendered for fitting up the Gas the heat for the use of the fittings amounting to £1. 7^s. 6^d. which he wished to be considered a donation

Gas

3rd Mr. Herbert presented an account amounting to £ 5. 12. 6 for Books purchased by him on acc^t of the £12 voted at a previous meeting for the purpose of purchasing Books and paid into his hands.

acc for Books

4th The following donations were reported by the Secretary from Mr. Gibson Scott's Prose works 6 Vols Mr. Shand 1 Vol.

5th Moved by Mr. Herbert seconded by Mr. Smith & resolved that Messrs Fraser and R. Hall be appointed a Sub. Committee to purchase Stoves and Wood for the Rooms.

Stove Committee

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1st The Secretary informed the Committee that in consequence of other engagements he was unable to discharge the duties of either Secretary or Librarian and begged leave to tender his resignation which was accepted accordingly. The committee requested that the Secretary would post a notice in the room for a person to take charge of the Library.

Resignation
of Mr E F
Wetenhale
as Librarian
& Secretary

4th Moved by Mr Smith seconded by Mr Hookbert and resolved that the sum of £4 proceeds of Lecture inclusive be presented to Captain Wilson as a small remuneration for his kindness in delivering a course of lectures on astronomy to the Members of the Institute.

Capt Wilson's
Lectures

8th Mr J. Smith informed the committee that he had made arrangements with a person in his employ to teach a drawing class gratis also that he had employed him to provide copies for the use of the class the expense of which amounted to 7th 6 The Committee presented Mr Smith their thanks and requested their Secretary to issue a draft for payment of the same.

Drawing Class

9th Resolved that in all cases where a member of Committee is concerned with a class he shall assume the superintendance of that class & when such is not the case a member of the Committee of Management shall be appointed for that purpose.

Superintendance
of Classes

10th Resolved that Messrs Treasurer & Roy be appointed a subcommittee to prepare the Quarterly Report.

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An Ordinary meeting of the Committee of the Mechanics Institute held on the Evening of Monday Oct: 12th.

Present

- Messrs J. Redpath J. Smith
 - " B. Holmes J. W. Herbert
 - J. Fraser H. Taylor
 - D. Hall J. Gibson
 - P. Hall J. Roy
- Mr Redpath in the Chair

Letter from Capt Wilson

1st - A Letter from Captain Wilson was read by the Chairman which it was resolved that the Resolution passed at the last Meeting of the Committee awarding the sum of £4 inclusive of proceeds of Lectures to Captain Wilson be rescinded in consequence of the nonfulfilment of his Engagements.

After which the Committee adjourned till Tuesday the 20th Inst.

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Committee held Tuesday Oct: 20th

Present

- Messrs J. Fraser J. Smith
 - J. W. Herbert H. Taylor
 - Dr Cowan J. Gibson
 - P. Hall J. Roy
- Mr Fraser in the Chair.

1st The Secretary presented the names of Applicants for the Situation of Librarian to the Institute after which it was resolved that Messrs Smith & Herbert be appointed a Sub. Committee for the purpose of enquiring of persons referred to

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by Mr. J. Dickinson as References respecting his Qualifications and Character to fill the office of Librarian to the Institute to report at the next Meeting.

After which the Committee adjourned till Thursday 22nd Inst.

Chairman
Secretary

At an adjourned meeting of the Committee held Thursday the 22nd August October

Present
Messrs. J. Ray J. Mathewson
J. Gibson J. W. Roberts
J. Smith W. Ball
J. Lovell

Mr James Ray in the Chair

1st The Report of Sub. Committee appointed to enquire into the Qualifications of Mr James Dickinson for the Office of Secretary and Librarian having been received and found satisfactory it was -

Report on Candidates for the Office of Librarian

Resolved on the Motion of Mr Mathewson seconded by J. Lovell that Mr Dickinson be elected Secretary and Librarian to the Institute.

Donations

2nd The following donations were reported as received since last Meeting, from Mr Cameron 2 Vol Republications of Polite Literature from B. Holmes Esq. Micholsons Encyclopaedia 12 Volumes

1840 - 3rd The following Persons were proposed in the usual Manner to be admitted Members of the Institute Samuel Hodge & Phelps Dodge. W^m Quill. The recommendation being satisfactory they were admitted accordingly - After which the Committee dissolved.

Chairman
Secretary

Montreal Nov^r 3rd 1840

The 2nd Quarterly Meeting was held this evening in their rooms Mr Redpath in the Chair and Mr A McPowan acted as Secretary. The Minutes of the Semi-Annual Meeting were read, after which, the Chairman, in the absence of the Secretary read the report for the Quarter just ended -

Report

Your Committee in presenting you with a report of their proceedings during the past Quarter, would beg to congratulate you on the degree of success which has been already attained and would express a hope, that a greater prosperity will attend the Institute during the ensuing winter.

We are happy to state that your means for realizing the advantages proposed by your Institute have been greatly enlarged during the past Quarter your Library having been increased by the following Donations

From Mr Fisher	Life of Sir W Scott 7 vols
" " Hooy	10 Vols (Summaries)
" Dr Steer	19 " "
" Mr Herbert	England & the English 2 vols
" " Bryson	1 Vol

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From Mr Gibson	Scotts Poese Works 6 vols
" " Sand	1 vol
" " Cameron	2 " on Polite Literature
" " Holmes	Nicholsons Encyclopaedia
" " McRider	An Oil painting, a Portrait of James Watt, an appropriate donation, the execution of which is highly creditable to the Artist
" " Jassie	An Electrifying Machine
" " Smith	A Map of Quebec on Rollers A Map of Montreal on Do A Phrenological Chart Nicholson's Six orders of Architecture One Year's Number of the ^{2 vols} Quarterly Reviews
" " Macintosh (Cornwall U.C.)	a Model of Wheels for increasing the speed of Machinery -
From Mr Watson	25 numbers of the Athenaeum.
" " Hodge	Geological Specimens

Report

Your Committee would particularly notice the liberal donations of Mr J White, that Gent^l having made donations to the Institute of several valuable vols hitherto held in deposit, also having paid his Annual Subscription, notwithstanding his being entitled to a Ticket by virtue of the arrangement with the Old Mechanics Institution, together with a Donation in Cash of 13/9.

There has been added, also to the Library by purchase the following.

Gibbon's Decline & Fall 4 vols.	Leyel's Geology 4 vol.
Malthus on Population 2 vols	Scotland & the Scotch 1 vol
Scotland and the Scotch 1 vol	Smith's Select Lectures 1 vol

Report

which together with about 50 vols of Harper's Family Library daily expected, will make your Library amount in all, to upwards of 700 vols -

Your Committee would congratulate you, in this early stage of your existence on.

Report
Having such an efficient Organ on so respectable
a footing, it is with unmingled satisfaction we have to
state that a considerable portion of the Members
avail themselves of such a source of pleasure & profit
there not being less than Ninety to One hundred Vols
in constant circulation, it would be impossible
to estimate the amount of good that may result
to Society from such a portion of Readers, in some
minds a spirit of enquiry needs but to be awakened
to ensure a continued progression to a maturity of
usefulness and greatness -

Your Committee are fully impressed
with the importance of the Library and will
devote to it their utmost attention and as much
of the funds, as is consistent with the other re-
quirements of the Institute

Report
Your Committee are happy to state that
a variety of Lectures have been delivered to
the Members, during the past Quarter. We
would especially point attention to a Course of
Ten Lectures on Chemistry tendered gratuitously
by Dr Hall - The manner in which that Gentleman
discharged his self-imposed task must be fresh in
the recollection of all of you - The judicious method
of imparting a knowledge of his subject by numerous
practical illustrations - The care, and anxiety requisite
to prepare so many materials for the performance of
such a variety of delicate and highly interesting
experiments and the patience with which they
were conducted before an auditory, merits the
highest applause, and entails upon the Institute
a lasting debt of gratitude - Let us entertain
a hope that a farther course of Lectures may
be had on so universally interesting a Science as
Chemistry, and that an engagement with the
same talented gentleman may be effected at
a future time

On the appearance of Mr Buckingham in

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Report Montreal, Your Committee appointed two of their number to wait upon him to endeavour to procure from him a course of Lectures; but he stated that his stay was so limited and his engagements such, that, it was out of his power to comply with their request: but expressed himself warmly in favor of Mechanics Institutions, and with a generous liberality handed over 200 Tickets of Admission, to the first of a Course of six Lectures on Egypt and Palestine, to be distributed to the Members gratis, also, putting at the disposal of Your Secretary Tickets for the remainder of the course at half price, for which we think the thanks of the Members are especially due

The same Gentleman also delivered a Lecture in the Wesleyan Chapel, on the great importance to Society of a universal diffusion of Knowledge with a particular reference to Mechanics Institutions, as an efficient means in conjunction with the cause of Temperance, a Lecture of overpowering eloquence, replete with enlightened sentiment and principle, which will long be remembered by all who had the pleasure of hearing it. The net proceeds arising from the sale of Tickets of admission to the Lecture were devoted to the publishing it in Pamphlet form - It was also published in the several Newspapers in the City

Report An arrangement was effected with Capt. Wilson to deliver a course of four Lectures on Astronomy, two only of which were delivered, that Gentleman having failed in the performance of his agreement.

Your Committee have great satisfaction in announcing that they have been fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. Driscoll who will deliver a Lecture on Jurisprudence on Thursday the 12th Inst due notice of which will be given. Mr. Dunkin also has generously offered to deliver

a course of Lecture on Phrenology which will also be publicly advertised -

Report A simultaneous feeling having persuaded the Community of giving a Public reception to His Ex^{ty} the Governor General on his return from a visit to the distant Provinces - it was noticed at the close of Dr Hall's Lecture of the 17th August, that the Members of the Institute turn out as a body and join the other Societies to meet his Excellency, the Committee was requested to prepare an address and arrange the procession, but as you are all aware, His Excellency in consequence of indisposition declined the honor -

Report Your Committee took an early opportunity to wait upon His Excellency with the address then prepared, which his Excellency graciously received and answered: copies of which, together with the address, were published in the several Newspapers of the City. His Excellency in conversing with the Members of Committee evinced a warm interest in the prosperity of your Institute. In answer to some enquiries as to what class of Society our Members chiefly belonged, our facility in procuring Lecturers &c. &c. It was suggested by a Member of Committee that if the hours of business, of clerks, Salesmen & others were shortened, it would greatly add to our sphere of usefulness - it was strongly urged by His Excellency that we should endeavour to bring about so desirable an object. It is gratifying to observe that the young men of that class have by their energy accomplish'd so laudable a purpose, it is to be hoped that the means of improvement which your Institute holds out will be taken advantage of: which will greatly tend to render such an arrangement beneficial, we would again reiterate our recommendations to Masters to encourage their Apprentices & others in their employ to avail them-

1840 selves of the easy terms of admission of such into
your Institute.

Your Committee have also to state that an
arrangement has been effected with the Gas Co:
Report to Light the Rooms, the Lecture room to be
lighted twice a week on an average through the
year, for the sum of £14. The rent of the fittings
up given as a donation by Mr Furniss

It is with the deepest regret your Committee
have to report the resignation of your Librarian
and Secretary, Mr E Waterhall. The gratuitous
office of Secretary which he has held during the
most important period of your existence, has
entailed upon him very great labour - your
Committee can bear ample testimony to the able
manner in which he has discharged the duties
of that office, as also that of Librarian. His
indefatigable zeal, has greatly contributed
to the arrangement & comfort which we flatter
ourselves have been secured. We cordially
recommend him to the respect and esteem of each
Member of the Institute

Your Committee in appointing a Successor
to Mr Waterhall affixed a notice on the walls
of the Reading Room, inviting qualified Candidates
to apply, of three who did so, your Committee
after due deliberation and investigation as to
Character & chose Mr Dickinson as being the
person in their opinion best qualified to fill
the important office of Librarian, conditions
of Salary &c same as formerly

Your Committee have further to state that Classes
for Mutual improvement in Drawing, Writing and Arith-
-metic, Reading and Elocution, Grammar & Composition
have been organized, some of which are now in operation
It is much to be wished that the Members generally

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would evince greater zeal and exert in an active
Cooperation in furthering their usefulness. It is
our opinion that if they were once fully established
the good resulting from them will secure their
Report permanency. It is but bare justice to state
that it is mainly owing to the zeal and assiduity
of Mr John Smith that these Classes have been
established -

Your Committee would beg to state that
the reason why the Rules & Regulations &c are not yet
printed is that a wish had been expressed by
many of having some material alterations made
which can only be done by being proposed at a
Quarterly meeting and finally adopted at the
next after.

There has been received during the past
Quarter 43 Members in all, viz. 1 Life 37 Annual
21 Quarterly and 14 Apprentices.

Your Committee in concluding their report
would beg most respectfully to warn you against
the existence of a spirit of apathy, if it once invades
our minds it will most effectually cramp our energies
and destroy all chance of usefulness, it has
Report been with regret observed that the Lectures
highly interesting though they were, have not been
so well attended for some time past, as might
have been expected, also the attendance at the
Reading Room has been rather on the wane, but we will
entertain a hope that, it will be otherwise during the
coming winter - It would be well if each felt a
certain degree of responsibility attaching to himself
as a Member of the Institute, and constantly keep in
view the purpose for which we associated ourselves
together, namely, to unite in the diffusion of knowledge
and intelligence, to aim by such means at raising
the tone of Society, to help in forming what is
called a sound and healthy public opinion.

1870
3rd Party
Report
What is it that amidst the turmoil of nations and
the continual disorder incident to the best Society
which makes us look with confidence to our native
land, it is our knowledge of the existence of a
sound moral-public opinion which pervades
the large mass of the middle classes, broadly based
upon Education & Knowledge, and let us ever
remember that the best & greatest portion of
this class have been recently recruited from
the ranks of the Mechanic and Artizan:--

It was moved by Mr J White and seconded
by Mr John Holland and

Resolved 1st That the Report just read be approved
and entered on the minutes -

On Motion of Mr J Holland seconded by Mr
J A Begly carried.

Resolved 2nd That this Meeting approves of the conduct
of the Committee with respect to the rules of
the Institute not having been printed -

On Motion of Mr J^r Fraser seconded by Mr
Geo White, it was

Resolved 3rd That the cordial thanks of the Meeting
be tendered to J Buckingham Esq for his liberality
towards the Members of the Institute respecting his
Lectures on Palestine & as also for the very
interesting Lecture delivered to them in conjunction
with the Montreal Temperance Society -

Moved by Mr J A Begly seconded by Mr J^r Fraser
& was

Resolved 4th - That the thanks of the Institute are
justly due and are hereby given to Dr Hale for his
kindness in delivering a course of Lectures on

1840 Popular Chemistry to the Members of the Mechanics Institute.

On the Motion of Mr Hase seconded by Mr J W Herbert, it was

Resolved 5th That a vote of thanks be given to Mr E Metenhall for his excellent services, while Secretary to the Institute.

On the Motion of Mr J A Bely seconded by Mr J Devins

Resolved 6th That the Committee be empowered to appoint a Secretary pro tem until a Secretary can be appointed according to the Rules of the Institute.

After which the Meeting dissolved

Chairman
Secretary

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Committee held at the rooms of the Institute on the 5th Nov 1840 present Mess Holmes, Herbert, Roy, Gibson, Taylor Cowan & Smith, Mr Holmes in the Chair, Mr Smith Sec^y pro tem

On Motion of Mr Roy seconded by J W Herbert

Resolved 1st That Mr Hase be appointed Secretary to the Institution until the time when the office can be legally filled

Secretary

On Motion of Mr John Smith seconded by Mr Taylor

Sub Com to Resolved that a Sub Committee be appointed to receive receive papers and examine the Books, Funds &c in the possession Books from of the late Secretary Mr E Metenhall and upon Mr Metenhall finding it correct, that they be empowered to grant

1840 the balance of his ap & that Dr Bowan and
Mr Herbert compose the Committee

Moved by Mr Smith seconded by Mr Taylor
and

Resolved 3rd That the Financial Year of the
Institute shall end on the last Tuesday in
of the Financial January in each year - and that the Members
Year shall be required to renew their Tickets -
before that period - The Members on renewing
their Tickets as above shall be allowed the
unexpired time for which their Tickets
were originally issued - No fraction of a Month shall
be allowed -

Moved by Mr Smith seconded by Mr Taylor
and

Resolved 4th For the guidance of the Secy - The
Committee authorizing the Issue of Annual Tickets
at the following rates - during the Months of Feb^r
March & April 15/- May, June & July, 11/3. August
Sept^r & October 7/6 and during the remainder of the
Year 3/9 -

The following persons were admitted members
of the Institute

Wm Finlch

Wm Spooner

J R Dick M D

Robt Roy

John Johnson

Moved by Mr Smith seconded by Mr Roy
and

Resolved 5th That, the second Monday in every
Ordinary Com^{tee} Month be an ordinary Committee meeting
meetings

Joseph Brown Chairman

Joseph Secy
pro tem

1840 Montreal Monday Nov 9th

The following members of Committee were in attendance, but there not being a Quorum no business was transacted

Mess^{rs} Herbert

" Smith

" Soule

" Roy

J. Rose Secy

pro. tem.

Montreal Nov 12th 1840

At an Ordinary Meeting of Committee held this day at the Rooms of the Institute, present Mess^{rs} Fraser Roy, Soule, Smith, Mac Nider & Herbert, J. Fraser in the Chair

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

Papers & 2nd The Sub Committee appointed to receive the books, papers
Books &c from Mr Waterhall, reported them correct and
from Mr Waterhall laid them on the table,

3rd The Secretary rec^d 17/4th proceed from Mr Driscoll's Lecture

4th Mr Fraser reported having seen Mr Dunkin
Mr Dunkin who has kindly consented to commence a Course
of Lectures on Phrenology, commencing on Tuesday
next. & ~~1/2~~ recommended 10/- as the price of a ticket
Phrenology for the Course and 1/3 for the single Lecture

5th The following persons were admitted Members

Sas Cilleland

Wm Mahony

Rob Mc Kenzie

Wm Carmichael

Sas Charles

Robt Stewart

Gordon Peas

Ed Morgan

1840 5th On application of J Young Esq for the use of the
Lecture Room, it was moved by Mr Herbert Secy
Application by Mr Lovell, that the room be granted upon
for the use of the room. Payment of 20/- the amount of expenses in
of the room. An amendment was moved by Mr Smith
from J Young Esq by Mr Roy that 15/- be the sum paid.

On a division there appeared for the amendment
three against 3, the Chairman gave the casting vote
in favour of the Amendment.

7th The following communication was laid on
the table by the Secretary.

Communication
from Nat Hist Society of the scheme which brought him to the province
The President requests the favor of the company of
the Officers and Council of the Mechanics Institute
on an occasion which must prove of mutual ad-
vantage to both societies
Montreal Nov 13th 1840

8th The Secretary was desired to give notice to the
Committee

9th It was moved by Mr Herbert Secy by Mr Smith

Resolved, that the bye law No 4 of March 2nd
of March 2nd be rescinded and that the Members of Committee
of Officers compose part of the Quorum the number
rescinded Remaining the same.

After which the Committee dissolved.

J. Rose Secy

1840 Montreal Nov 13th 1840

Pursuant to ^{notice} a Meeting called for this day at the Rooms of the Nat Hist Society the following Members were present Messrs Holmes Redpath Cowan, Fraser Smith, Douell Roy & Herbert

1st The Object of the Meeting was explained & read by Dr Holmes Chairman of the Nat Hist Society and after the Meeting, the Members of the Mechanics Institute in Committee

Resolved, That a Special Meeting of the Committee be called for Nov 14th at 12 o'clock.

Wm Redpath Secy

Montreal Nov 14th 1840

At a Meeting held this day in the Rooms of the Institute, present Messrs Redpath, Taylor Roy, Smith, Matheson & all Douell & Dr Cowan & Mr Redpath in the Chair, Dr Cowan, Secy

The purpose of the Meeting was to take into consideration the propriety of joining the Nat Hist Society & others to advance the plan proposed by Mr Dattemare for a Public Institution and after due deliberation it was moved by Mr Matheson and seconded by Mr Taylor and

Resolved, That a special General Meeting be

To call called on Tuesday the 24th Inst to be held in a Special the Rooms of the Institute, at 7 o'clock Meeting for P. M. for the above purpose & that in the the consideration 5 Members of the Committee be appointed of Mr Dattemare's Messrs Redpath, Holmes, Smith, Roy & Gibson
Plan To meet with the Members of the other Societies and to draw up a report to be submitted to the

1840 General Committee previous to the special
General Meeting

J. Rose Secy
Joseph Fryer
Chairman

Montreal Nov 18th 1840

At a Meeting (held this day) of the Committee present
Messrs Fraser Hall Herbert Dunbar Taylor Lowell
Smith McHider & J. Cowan - Mr Fraser in the Chair

1st The Minutes were read & approved

2nd The following persons were admitted Members

Wm. Monach	W. Auld
Alex Mc Donald	Doctor Munro
Jas Playfair	Dr Sewell
Jas Mc Donough	

3rd Mr Herbert laid a letter on the Table from the
Canada Times proprietors of the Canada Times, offering that
publication to the acceptance of the Mechanics
Institute

4th The Secy was ordered to reply with thanks

5th Moved by Mr Smith & seconded by Mr Herbert -
J. C. Bagg That, in consequence of the receipt of five pounds
Life Members a donation to the Institute from J. C. Bagg Esq
that a Life Members Ticket be issued to that Gent^l

6th Moved by Mr Herbert seconded by Mr Smith - That
the Secretary place 20 whole Tickets at the disposal
of C. Dunbar Esq

7th Mr Smith reported that Mr Driscoll notified
to him, that he was at the service of the Institute
to deliver either a single or a course of Lectures

on the Jurisprudence of Canada, which offer was
thankfully rec^d & the Secy ordered to reply

8th On Motion of Mr Smith seconded by Mr Cowan
and it was

Vote of Unanimity, That the Thanks of the Committee
be given to Mr Driscoll Esq for his kindness in
Mr Driscoll delivering a Lecture on the Jurisprudence of
Canada

9th Mr Herbert reported having deposited
51 vols of Harper's Family Library with the
Librarian

10th The Secy was ordered to call a meeting on
Monday next

Joseph Fourn Chairman J. Rose Secy

Montreal Nov^r 23rd 1840

At a Special Meeting of the Committee held at
the rooms of the Institute, present Mess^{rs} Fraser
Herbert, Gibson, Smith, Roy, Cowan & Hall - Mr
Fraser in the Chair

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & approved

2nd The following persons were admitted members

Alex Murray	Ed Houston
Do B Sabine	Louis Bellevue
Ed Holmes Jun ^r	Thos Donoghue
W Butchers	Alex Sabine
Rich Blake	Sam ^l Pomeroy
W Creelman	Holland

3rd Moved by the Secy^{Holland} and sec^y by Mr Herbert &

Resolved, that no Quarterly Members be rec^d
or admitted previous to the next ordinary meeting
of the Committee

th The SubCommittee appointed to confer with
Mr Battenware laid the following report
upon the table which was read by the Secy

Report

Your Committee report on communicating
with the Committees appointed by the other
Report of Societies, they learnt, that the said Committees had
the Sub Com^t appointed two from each to meet and confer with
in Conference Mr Battenware - Your Committee therefore requested
with the Nat. M^{rs} Redpath and Holmes to act on behalf of the
Hist Society Institute - These Gent^{men} have presented a Report
on Mr Battenware as of the Joint Committee, which Report, your
Proposition Committee have much pleasure in submitting
for your Approval

At a Meeting held, Nov 17th 1840 at which
Sub Committees from the Nat. Hist Society, the Montreal
Library, and the Mechanics Institute were present
The subject taken into consideration was the
proper means to be taken to insure the junction
of the three societies on the plan of Mr Battenware and
the further means to be adopted for the promotion
of the Object

Mr McCord presented a report of the
Conditions suggested by the Committee of the
Nat Hist Society, upon which that Society would
consent to make over their property to the proposed
Institute, which was as follows

1st The Incorporation of the intended association
or Institute, by Law or Charter, so as to insure
its existence and efficiency

2nd The erection of a suitable edifice in a central
part of the City, capable of affording accommodation

for a Museum of Nat. Hist. an extensive Library
a Gallery of Paintings, Sculpture, and Models, and the
various other apartments which an Institution of this
extent would require

3^d The Encowment of the said Institute, with at least
a sufficient sum of Money, the Capital thereof being
funded, the interest or Revenue shall be sufficient
to pay the Salaries of the Curators, this annual amount
in the first instance not to be less than £200

4th The Management of the Institute to be vested in a board
of Governors to be annually elected by the contributors
to the Institute in proportion to their several con-
tributions,

5th The new Institute shall be bound to assume the
responsibilities of the Nat Hist Society towards the
Vendor of the premises now occupied by the
Society for the balance of the purchase money
of the said premises -

After a consultation the following were agreed to viz

The Committee of the Mechanic's Institute will
assent to the propositions of the Natural Hist Soc^y
provided their wishes are supported hereafter by
their Society with the following additions viz
That the Library proposed to be formed shall,
as far as is compatible with its proper reservation
and under the regulations necessary therefor, be allowed
to circulate among those who shall pay the sum
now paid by the Members of the Mechanic's Institute

The Montreal Library agree
It was then further unanimously Resolved

1st That it is advisable that the Direction of the
proposed Institute should be vested in the persons
who shall have contributed a sum of not less than £25

1840 2nd That the Votes of the Directors shall be in proportion to the amount of their donation and in the following ratio viz.

1 Vote to \$ 25
2 Votes to 50
3 Votes to 100
4 Votes to 300
5 Votes to 500 or more

3rd That the management of the Institute shall be vested under the regulation made annually by the Governors in a Committee of Superintendants chosen from among themselves, which Committee shall have power to nominate any assistants or sub-superintendants from whom no qualification but fitness shall be required.

It was further resolved

That, as the Literary and Scientific Institutions have now agreed to support Mr Battenware in his endeavours to establish the proposed Institute it is now necessary to engage the cooperation of other influential gentlemen not connected with these societies, and that for this purpose Mr Battenware be requested to procure a Meeting of such, with the view of arranging measures for calling a public meeting of the whole community

5th It was moved by Dr Cowan Sec^y by Mr Herbert
& Resolved, that the Report now read be received & approved

The Meeting dissolved

Joseph Frew Ch^m
G. Rose Sec^y

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Montreal Nov 24 1840

At a Special Meeting of the Members of the Montreal Mechanics Institute held this day - John Redpath Esq in the Chair

1st The Chairman stated the object of the Meeting for to be for the purpose of taking the opinion of the Members, as to the propriety of furthering the plan of Mr Battenares proposed by Mr Battenares for the establishment of a grand Institute for the promotion of Literature Science & the Arts, by a junction of the Nat Hist Society & Montreal Library with the Institute

2nd The Secretary read from the Montreal Gazette a report of a Meeting held at Baltimore for the above purpose & also the report (entered in the minutes of the Committee of Nov 23rd) of the subcommittee appointed to meet the subcommittees appointed by the other Societies

3rd After a long discussion it was moved by Mr Fraser sec by Mr McHilder and

Resolved 1st That, amid the turmoil of deteriorating influences, of conflicting passions, and of opposing interests, which agitate and distract mankind, and which fearfully neutralize the efforts of the wise and good, to improve the intellectual and moral condition of their fellow men, every plan professing for its object to draw closer the bands that unite the great social compact and to open up a sphere of action where the kinder feelings of our nature may have wider and higher scope for growth and cultivation, deserves the respectful attention of every enlightened philanthropist

4th Moved by Mr Smith seconded by Mr Roy and

Resolved 2nd That the plan developed and recommended by Mr Alex Battenares for the establishment of

National & Local Institutions, where the accumulated treasures of Literature, of Science and of Art, may be deposited, and, from whence they may freely circulate appears to this Meeting to be a plan, which being founded upon a great acknowledged truth, simple in its means, and powerful and universal in its operation, is preeminently calculated (in practice) to confer lasting and rapidly increasing benefits upon all classes, by opening up a field of enlightened and benevolent action, where, without distinction of name or sect, or party, all men may unite to promote the general amelioration of the intellectual and moral condition of their race

5th Moved by Mr Holland sec by Mr Peckham &

Resolved 3rd That the avowed object of the Montreal Mechanics' Institute, being the improvement of its Members in Science and Literature, it is their duty, to embrace every offer, and concur in every plan which tends to promote that object that, therefore we, individually and collectively promise to assist in carrying out the benevolent design laid down by Mr Cattemare, in as far as that design has been submitted to and approved of by the Committee appointed by the Nat Hist Society, the Montreal Library and the Mechanics Institute, and, that, when the proposal of transferring the property of the Institute to the New Institution, shall be brought forward in accordance with its Constitution it shall receive our cordial support.

6th Moved by Mr Rose sec by Mr Lovell and

Resolved 4th That to further the general object declared in the foregoing resolutions, a Committee of five Members of the Institute be appointed to act with the Committee appointed by the Natural Hist Society & the Montreal Library, in this matter which

1840 shall consist of Mess^{rs} Holmes, Smith, Mathewson
Fraser & Redpath

On taking a Show of Hands upon the third Resolution
there appeared four against the adoption of that
Resolution

After which the Meeting separated

Chairman

George Secy pro tem.

Montreal Dec^r 7. 1840

At a Meeting of the Committee held this
day at the rooms of the Institute present Mess^{rs}
Fraser (Chairman) Smith, Gibson, Herbert,
Dunbar & Hoag,

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting were read
and approved

2nd The following persons were admitted Members

Thos Meikle	John Bethune
Jos Coffels	Goodman Castle
Wm Francis	Jno Fraser
Genl Osborne	Solomon Solomons
Jos B Hall	Jno McCoy
Jos Jollyman	A. F. A. McArthur
— please	David Milligan
Jos Brynes	Wm McDonough
Thos Rawitt	Wm Cornell

3rd The Secy reported having seen Dr Sewell who
Dr Sewell's engaged to give a Course of Lectures on Human
Lectures Physiology commencing on Tuesday Dec 8
Physiology which was accepted with the stipulation that

1840 The Members of the Nat Hist Society be admitted free.

4th The Secy was instructed to place at the disposal of Dr Bewell 6 more Course Tickets.

5th The Secy was desired to confer with Mr Driscoll as to the time to be named for the commencement Lectures of his promised course of Lectures, & to place at his disposal 12 Tickets for the Course.

6th Moved by Mr Roy & sec by Mr Herbert, that a Sub Com^{tee} be appointed, consisting of Messrs Mr Smith and Mr Gibson with power to add to their (Constitution Number) to revise the Constitution.

7th The Meeting was adjourned to Monday Dec 14th

Joseph Froux Chairman

Joseph Secy pro tem.

Montreal Dec 14th 1840

At an adjourned Meeting of the Committee held this day present Messrs Fraser, Springle, Herbert, Smith, Roy & Gibson
Mr Fraser in the Chair

1st The following persons were admitted Members

John Safford
Wm Parsons
Thos McKay
Jno H Evans
Wm Murray
Jno Doyse
Jno Wright

Ally Gundlach
Wm McDonald
Geo Dillon
Wm Cormack
Jas Ferrier
Wm Miles

2nd The Secy reported having seen Mr Driscoll.

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who has promised to commence his Lectures on Jurisprudence on Tuesday the 15th Dec & to continue every alternate Tuesday

3rd Mr Smith reported in the name of Mr Holmes the receipt of five pounds by from Mr Molson Secy as a donation to the Institute.

4th It was moved by Mr Smith & sec'd by Mr Herbert - & resolved that a Life Members Ticket be issued to Mr J^r Molson -

5th Motion moved by Mr Herbert sec'd by Mr Dwell & resolved - That Mr Fraser be requested to arrange the conveyances of Mr Dunkin to and from the Lectures -

6th On Motion of Mr Gibson sec'd by Mr Smith it was resolved. - That the subcommittee appointed for internal improvements, be empowered to erect a partition in the reading room so as to form a room for the meeting of the Classes

7th It was resolved that the Committee meet again on Monday Dec 28th 1840

J. M. Herbert. Chairman
G. Rose Secy, pro tem

Montreal Dec 28th 1840

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Committee held at the Rooms - Present Messrs Herbert Springle Hall McVicker & Smith, in the absence of the Secy. - Mr Smith acting Secy. Mr Herbert in the Chair -

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved -

1840 2nd The following persons were admitted members

Dan ^r Buttes	Sam Doug
Chas McAllister	Jas Samuel
Arch ^d McFarlane	Francis Coulson
John Bonner	Geo D Gibb
A Kennedy	Geo Wright
J ^r Thompson	Jas Thompson
Wm Thompson	William Harper
Jas Turner	Walter Lawrie
J B Cameron	E Thompson
Rich Woods	F O. Shedd
John Waller	M M Kinley
Jas Bradbury	

3rd Mr Smith handed in a packet containing nominations rec^d from the Secretary of which the following is the list

For President	J. Redpath	8 votes
"	B Holmes	5 "
For V President	John Smith	8 "
	B Holmes	7 "
	Sam White	3 "
	J. A. Bely	3 "
	A. Fraser	2 "
	Wm Speir	1 "
	Jas Roy	1 "
For Secretary	Jas Roy	14 "
	A Cowan	3 "
	B Holmes	1 "
	J Dougall	1 "
	Wm Roy	1 "
Recording Secy	Jas Stringle	7 "
	J H Jackson	3 "
Corresponding Secy	G. H. H. H.	8 "
	Edw Hall	7 "

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4th Moved by Mr McIndeer sec by Mr Hall & resolved that Mess Smith & Lowell be appointed to wait upon the person nominated to fill the respective offices of the Institute to ascertain whether they will stand the Ballot — and the following list was given them

For President	J. Redpath
	W. Holmes
" V President	W. Holmes
	J. White
	J. Fraser
	J. A. Beely
	W. Spiers
Treasurer	A. Dougal
	W. Holmes
	W. Ross
	A. Cowan
Rec ^d Secy	J. Springle
	J. H. Gaeson
Corresp ^d Secy	Dr Hall
	G. Rose

5th Accounts presented from Mr McIndeer for Drawing were ordered to be paid

6th A Donation from Mr Stephens Esq of eight Nos of the Colonial Magazine was reported and instructions given the Secy to return thanks

7th Mr Springle as one of the Sub Committee appointed for the purchase of Books reported having purchased Thomson's Organic Chemistry & Thomson's Heat & Electricity

8th The meeting dissolved

Joseph Frazer Chairman

G. Rose Secy J. S. T. J.

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At the request of Messrs. Lovell, Gibson & Rose a Special Meeting of the Committee was called for Jan^y 11th but owing to the rising of the Water no Meeting took place

George Secy

Montreal Jan^y 11th 1841

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Committee at the rooms of the Institute. present Messrs. Redpath (Chair) McPicken Smith, Gibson, Taylor, Herbert & Fraser —

1st The Minutes were read and approved

2nd Mr Smith reported that Mr Holmes had refused to stand the Ballot for President — Mr Spier for Vice President — Mr Holmes & W. Roy for Treasurer & Dr Hall for Corresponding Secy —

3rd The following persons were admitted Members

Thos Bulmer	Chas Brent
Jas Greener	Mr Duncan
Ed W Crearer	Jas Puffe
Jas Keiller	C. P. Shaw
W Rice	Jas D. O'Keefe
Jas Shand	Geo Lynham

4th The Secy laid on a table for Books and printing on the table which were ordered to be paid —

5th Moved by Mr Gibson Sec by the Secy. That the names of Messrs. Smith & Roy be added to the list given to Messrs. Smith & Lovell, of nomination for the Office of Vice President —

After a great deal of discussion the motion was put by the president when there appeared for the Motion Messrs. Gibson & Rose —

1840 against the motion Mess McRider, Herbert & Taylor
Motion lost

6th It was moved by Mr Gibson sec by Mr Smith
& resolved - That a sub-committee be appointed
consisting of Mess Taylor, Cowan, & Hoy, to draw
up the annual report

7th The meeting dissolved

Mr Taylor President
Hose Secy

Montreal July 26th 1841

At a meeting of the Committee held at the Rooms
of the Institute present Mess McRider Herbert
Taylor, Smith, Cowan, Lovell, Springle, Hall &
Redpath - Mr Taylor in the Chair

1st The Minutes were read & approved

2nd Several a/c's were laid on the table, passed & ordered
to be paid

3rd Mr Smith reported a donation of five pounds
from Mr J Hays Esq

4th Mr Hose reported a donation of five pounds
from J^r Ferrier Esq -

5th The following persons were admitted Members

Mr Austin Mrs Archell
- Cochran

6th The meeting dissolved

Redpathy Pres^t
Hose Secy

Montreal Jan^y 21st

A Meeting of the Institute being constituted, after the 9th Lecture on Chronology by Mr Dunham, the President explained the object ^{of the Meeting} and read the Petition of the Corporation of this City to his Excellency the Gov^l General after which the

1st on Motion of Mr C Dunham sec^d by Mr J^r White & resolved

That fully assured of the benefits which must result to the inhabitants of this City from the establishment of an Institution, on the plan recommended by Mr Battineau the design of which, we have seen with pleasure, has been unanimously recommended to his Excellency the Gov^l General, by the Municipal Council, we cordially return our thanks to that body for its hearty agreement with and co-operation in the philanthropic project, and for the active measures which have been so promptly taken to bring it into the earliest possible operation -

2^d On Motion of B Holmes Sec^d by Mr J^r White & resolved

That, viewing with admiration the character of the distinguished philanthropist, to whose labors reference is made in the foregoing resolutions we respectfully tender to that Gentleman our approbation of and gratitude for his labors and sacrifices in our behalf,

3^d on Motion of Mr Fraser Sec^d by Mr Roy & resolved -

That with feelings of unfeigned pleasure this Meeting learn that their French Canadian Fellow subjects will assemble on Friday evening for the purpose of testifying their sense of the importance, and lending their influence in aid of the accomplishment of the objects now under the consideration of this Meeting. That this Meeting will at all times be anxious to cooperate with them in devising measures calculated not only to promote the object in view but all others of common benefit and they beg to express their hope that the unanimity

1841 displayed on the present occasion may be productive of reciprocal and lasting regard & esteem, - - -

4th Moved by Mr Lowell sec^y by Mr Rose & resolved

That a Copy of the above Resolutions be forwarded by the Chairman of this Meeting to his Excellency the Governor General in support of the petition presented by the City Council for his Lordship's consideration - - -

5th Moved by Mr Smith sec^y by Mr White & resolved

That a Committee consisting of Mess^{rs} Redpath, Holmes Frazer Smith, & Herbert be requested to represent the Mechanics Institute, at the Public Meeting about to be held for the consideration of the subject contemplated in these resolutions - - -

Redpath President
Rose Sec^y

Montreal Jan^y 26th 1841

At a meeting of the Institute for the Election of Officers for the ensuing year, Mr Redpath in the Chair

- 1st The rule calling the meeting was read
- 2nd The Minutes of the last Election was read & approved
- 3rd The following Protest was read by the president

Protest - J. M. Gibson, & G. Rose Member of the Montreal Mechanics Institute against the forthcoming Election of Office Bearers, for the several reasons hereafter set forth.

1st Because the list of Candidates is incomplete

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2nd Because the names of Mess^{rs} Roy & Smith have been struck out of the List of Nominations by Members handed the Committee by the Secretary

3rd Because the Committee has no power conferred by the Constitution or otherwise to strike out any name from the List of Nominations, should the number of Persons who will stand the Ballot be found not to exceed six for the office of Vice Presidents

4th Because the second clause of Rule 9 Section Two of the Constitution relates merely to Committee men not being qualified for re-election as Committee men and not at all restrictive as regards the Election of Oppositemen to higher Offices

5th Because the assumption of such power by the Committee is in direct contravention of the fundamental principles of the Constitution and as such it becomes the duty of every member to record his sentiments against it and thus we tender this our most solemn protest against such proceeding as being unconstitutional

To the president
M. D. S.

signed John Gibson
Rose

4th It was moved by J. H. Clark, sec^y by Mr McMillan that the decision of the Committee in relation to the nomination of Mess^{rs} Roy & Smith is correct and that this meeting considers that there exists no just grounds for the protest entered by Mess^{rs} Gibson & Rose, in reference to that decision

As an Amendment it was moved by Mr Holmes sec^y by Mr White, that it is the opinion of this Meeting that the names of Mess^{rs} Smith & Roy be reinserted in the Ballot List

1841 On the Amendment being put it was carried by a large majority

5th The Chairman appointed Mess^{rs} Holland, Bagg & Cummins. Scrutineers of the Ballot -

6th The Ballot box was closed and handed to the Scrutineers with instruction to report the persons elected on the next Thursday evening

7th The Meeting was adjourned to Thursday 28th Jan^y

J. Redpath Pres^t
G. Rose Sec^y

At an adjourned Meeting of the Institute held Jan^y 28th 1841 Mr Redpath in the Chair

1st The Scrutineers handed in the following list of officers, elected for the ensuing year -

President	Mr Redpath
1 st Vice P.	B Holmes
2 nd " "	Mr Smith
Treasurer	Mr Dougall
Sec ^y	Mr Springle
Corres ^{pond} Sec ^y	Geo Rose

Members of
Committee

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N. McIntosh
J. White
Mr Tweedie
W. Gibbon
J. White
J. A. Begly
Mr Holland

2nd The meeting dissolved

J. Redpath Pres^t

G. Rose Sec^y

Montreal Feb 1st 1841

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At a Meeting of the Committee held this day present
Messrs Redpath, Holmes, Fraser, Taylor, Hoy, Smith &
Springle - Mr Redpath in the Chair

1st The minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

2nd The following members were admitted

Matthew Johnson	Mr Armstrong
Galbraith Ward	David Glen
James Melis	Duncan McGregor
John Brough	

3rd Several a/c's were laid on the table, examined
and ordered to be paid -

4th The sub Committee appointed to draw up the
Annual Report, read their report -

5th The meeting dissolved

W. Redpath, Chairman
Rose, Secy

Montreal Feb 2nd 1841.

The first annual Meeting was held this
evening in their rooms the president in the
chair. The Minutes of the Semi Annual
Meeting were read after which the Sec
retary read the Report of the Committee
for the year just ended.

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Report

Your Committee in presenting you with the first Annual Report of the Society, are naturally led to look back to the period of its formation.

At the requisition of a number of our respected citizens, a public meeting was convened in Mr Bruce's School Room, on the 11th Feb. 1841, John Redpath Esq. in the chair and Mr J Fraser acting as Secretary, to take into consideration the propriety of forming a Mechanics Institute, in Montreal. The proposition was entertained by the meeting with enthusiasm, and discussed with zeal and ability.

The Institute was forthwith formed, and a provisional Committee appointed, who were directed to draft a Constitution, and transact other preliminary business, and whose labours finally resulted in the election by ballot of your Committee, at a Meeting of the Society, held in the Free School on the 16th of March.

Your Committee ^{have} had the honour to present to you in accordance with the rules of your Society, their first Quarterly, Semi-annual, and their Quarterly Reports, so that it will only be necessary to give a cursory glance, at what has already been reported.

Your Committee commenced its sittings on the 17th day of March, Their attention was immediately turned to the preparing and submitting for your approbation, a Constitution, and Bylaws, which were in one form adopted, and immediately, by the liberality of Mr Gibson proprietor of the Commercial Messenger, printed, for the information of the public, and the use of the Members in the columns of that paper, but which, for various reasons, have not yet been printed in pamphlet form. They will be however, so soon as some proposed alterations which will be submitted to you to night, are sanctioned or rejected,

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One of the most important objects which early engaged the attention of your Committee was the raising of funds adequate to put your Institute upon a strong and permanent basis and for that purpose they succeeded in procuring the services of twelve gentlemen Members of the Institute to canvass the city for Members donations and subscriptions the success which they met with, and which has already been detailed to you was very gratifying. The encouragement then given and the hopeful prospect before them caused your Committee to lease from Mr. Mullins, that part of his building which you now occupy at a rent of fifty eight pounds per annum which was immediately divided into a Lecture room Class room Reading room and Library room, together with two private rooms for the use of the Librarian.

Your Committee had much at heart the importance of effecting a junction with the old Mechanics Institution of this city, which was happily accomplished, much to the credit of all parties. The junction gave very considerable impetus and strength to the new Institute. Your Committee through the medium of your President, solicited and were happy in obtaining the patronage of our present enlightened Governor General; your Committee are happy in stating, that His Excellency's support has been untiring and efficient.

The munificent grant of fifty pounds, in aid of the funds of the Institute, by the Governor and Council has already been reported. It is with ^{much} satisfaction we have to state that a like amount has been granted for this year.

It is with the greatest pleasure your Committee point your attention the state of your Library, which consists of between seven and eight hundred volumes, all in good order, the

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whole presenting a repository of literary and scientific knowledge, of which amassed as it has been during so short a period, the Institute may well be proud, it is gratifying to be able to report, that the books are in rapid circulation amongst the members, and there is good reason to believe that the circulation will increase. We would also remind you that the period has arrived, when you will have a more direct voice in the selection of books.

Believing that a good Library is the sheet anchor of such an institution as this, your Committee will gladly cooperate with you in enhancing the value of such an important department of your means of improvement and usefulness.

A catalogue of the books is in preparation which will be completed and printed with as little delay as possible.

The Committee in laying before you the following list of Donations, received in the current year, would express the hope that the same liberal support, which has been given to the infant Institute since its commencement, will be perpetuated.

Donations.

His Excellency the Governor General.

£1000.

M^r George Rhynas - Encyclopaedia Britannica 9 volumes, and a periodical.

M^r David M. Kay, - Ferguson's Lectures 4 volumes.

M^r James Shand, Apparatus and Books.

M^r Watton, - Simclair's Correspondence, and Flammes' Criticism.

M^r John Smith, - A Framed Lithograph, a Map of Quebec on Rollers, a Map of Montreal on ditto, a Phrenological Chart, Nicholson's Five Orders of Architecture, 2 vols, and 1 year's numbers Quarterly Review.)

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- Mr Griffith - A Sign-Board Painted.
Mr Gibbon Howard on Prisons. 2 vols.
Mr John Dougall Penny Cyclopaedia 7 double
vols. and Chambers Journal 5 volumes.
Mr James Jackson - A powerful Compound
Microscope.
Mr John Tappin - An Electrifying Machine
Mr Wetenhall - 1 vol.
Mrs Sewell - Krusensterns Voyage. 1 vol.
Mr G Rose - Shakespeares Plays. 4 vols.
Mr Maxwell - 4 Mineral Specimens.
Mr Alfred Perry - Tales 1 vol.
Dr Cowan - 7 Specimens Conchology.
Dr Hull - Mavors Arcana of Science.
Mr J Lovell, - 3 Periodicals.
Mr J Redpath - Vitruvius Britannicus
2 vols & Nicholsons Architectural Dictionary
2 volumes.
Mr J Roy - Richards History of India 2 vols
Mr Fisher - Life of Sir Walter Scott. 7 volumes.
Mr Hoy - Sundries 10 vols.
Dr Sku - Sundries. 19 volumes.
Mr Herbert - England and the English 2 vols.
Mr Bryson - 1 vol.
Mr Gibbon - Scotts Prose Works. 6 vols.
Mr Cameron - Polite Literature. 2 vols.
Mr B Holmes. - Nicholsons Encyclopaedia.
12 vols.
Mr M Sider. A Portrait of James Watt, in oil.
Mr, Mr Intosh, Cornwall U.C. - A Model
of Wheels for increasing the speed of Ma-
chinery.
Mr Watson - 25 Numbers of the Athenaeum.
Mr Hodge - several Geological Specimens.
Mr Glig - Books to the value of £7 10 0.
Mr John White - several Books and a balance
of 13s 9d. in cash.
Mr W. Stephens. - 8 numbers of the Colonial
Magazine.
Mr W. Furniss - Hire of Gas Fixtures, £1 per annum.

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The Hon. George Moffat.	£ 5	0	0
The Hon. Peter M. Gill,	5	0	0
M ^r . Redpath.	5	0	0
M ^r . Benjamin Holmes.	5	0	0
M ^r . J. B. Anderson.	5	0	0
M ^r . Robert Scott.	5	0	0
M ^r . Stanley C. Bagg.	5	0	0
M ^r . John Molson.	5	0	0
M ^r . M. J. Hays.	5	0	0
M ^r . J. Ferrier.	5	0	0

The following gentlemen, from the value of their donations have been constituted Life Members, viz.

The Hon. Peter M. Gill.
The Hon. George Moffat
Messrs

J. Redpath.	B. Holmes.
J. B. Anderson.	R. Scott.
S. C. Bagg.	J. Molson.
M. J. Hays.	J. Ferrier.
J. Jackson.	J. Dougall.
J. Shand.	W. Greig.
G. Rhynas.	J. Smith.

Your Committee regret that they have not yet been able to procure the services of any gentleman qualified to arrange your numerous and valuable collection of minerals ores &c but hope to be able soon to do so.

It is with the greatest satisfaction your Committee have, to report that your Society now consists of Three hundred and Fifty Members viz.

Life Members	16.
Annual do	227
Quarterly do	80
Annual Apprentices	14.
Quarterly do	10.
Total.	<u>350.</u>

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One of the principle objects contemplated in the establishment of a Mechanics Institute is the procuring of Lectures as the best means of awakening in the public mind a desire for knowledge. Your Committee are happy in being able to state that they have ^{been} fortunate in that respect. An introductory Public Lecture was delivered by Mr J Miller, a member of the Institute in the British and Canadian School room, to a large audience which created a universal interest in favor of the Institute. On the 14th May, Christopher Dunkin Esq. opened the rooms of the Institute with an able Lecture on the education of the working Classes, which was followed by the Rev Mr. Findlater, with a lecture on Geometry, and its application to Mechanics.

In the months of September October and November, Dr Hall delivered to the Members a course of ten Lectures on popular Chemistry, illustrated by numerous delicate, and highly interesting experiments.

Shortly after Mr Dunkin commenced a course of Lectures on Phrenology, which are now in progress, and which are drawing crowded and delighted audiences.

Your Committee were happy in procuring the Services of Henry Driscoll Esq., to deliver a course of Lectures on Jurisprudence, which are being delivered simultaneously with the above mentioned Lectures on Phrenology, and which are made by the genius and abilities of the Lecturer, highly useful and interesting.

About the same time three Lectures were delivered by Dr. Sewell on Human Physiology, a subject of surpassing interest. It is much to be hoped that a continuation of Lectures on the same subject may be procured from that talented Gentleman - all of which Lectures have been tendered gratuitously to the Members of the Institute, by the respective gentlemen, and demand from us

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our lasting gratitude. These Lectures have done much to invest your Institute in the minds of the community, with a character of usefulness and importance, and we may now venture to say that it is universally considered as an efficient instrument in conserving the public good: it has secured the approbation and support of some of the most talented Gentlemen in the City.

In addition your Committee would remind you of the very eloquent Lecture of J. S. Buckingham, on the importance to society of Mechanics' Institutions and Temperance Societies, and of the liberal terms on which the Members were admitted to his course on Egypt and Palestine. Your thanks were voted to that distinguished Gentleman at your last Quarterly Meeting, and were duly transmitted by your President to him.

In the early part of the Winter gratuitous Classes were opened for teaching Reading and Elocution, Grammar and Composition, Arithmetic, Perspective and Ornamental Drawing, Mathematics, Algebra and French, — four only of which have succeeded viz. those for Mathematics, Algebra, French and Perspective and Ornamental Drawing, the three former of which, with most commendable zeal, are superintended by Mr Jno. Watson, the latter by Messrs. Springle and Dickinson.

It is much to be regretted that any of these Classes should have failed. Your Committee cannot but express it as their opinion that the failure is altogether owing to the apathy of the members.

On the resignation of your Secretary, Mr Welchall, who so ably performed the duties of the office during the most important period of your existence, your Committee succeeded in obtaining the services of Mr G. Hoese, to act as Secretary until the period of your Annual Meeting.

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Your Committee now come to a Subject of engrossing interest, one in which the Members of this Institute, equally with the public are deeply interested, namely the project a Grand National Institute, as originated and advocated by that distinguished philanthropist, Mr. Alexandre Vattemore who recently visited our City.

The Scheme is of surpassing grandeur and magnificence, and when realized it will be worthy of a rising nation's pride. We deem it unnecessary to enter into detail, as the whole scheme has been fully and circumstantially laid before you in the public prints, as well as at a special Meeting which was held at the rooms of the Institute on the 24th November and entered upon your minutes.

It received your enthusiastic support and approbation.

In concluding this their first Annual Report your Committee would beg to congratulate you on having, under the providence of God attained a position from which may flow many blessings and much good, both to the Members of the Institute and the Community generally; to all who love knowledge, and to those who may be induced to love it you have provided a means of obtaining it, but we would remind you that though much has been done, much yet remains to be done. Let unanimity and zeal animate us to still further exertions, and a greater measure of success, we may rest assured will crown our efforts.

The most cursory glance at the history of our race will teach us that the blessings of civilization and prosperity in nations and communities are ever attendant on a diffusion of knowledge, and misery and degradation as invariably the accompaniments of long continued national ignorance, often to such a degree that in the emphatic language of Sacred Writ "the people perish for lack of knowledge."

We may consider ourselves as in the position of the Commercial Metropolis of Canada; let us

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endeavour to keep pace in our educational establishments with the growing prosperity of the country, that we may be enabled to reap the fruits of that prosperity.

In conclusion your Committee would respectfully urge upon Masters and others who have apprentices in their employ, the duty of availing themselves of the easy terms of admission into your Institute.

Summary of Treasurer's Accounts for the past Year, as per Auditor's Report.

Received during the Year,	£256 ⁶ - 4
Disbursements during do	<u>206¹⁹ - 5</u>
Balance	49 ⁶ - 11
Recent Grant from Council, (1841)	<u>50⁰ - 0</u>
	<u>99⁶ - 11</u>

^{3rd}
Moved by J A Beagly Esq. seconded by Mr Hollands and resolved that the Report now read be received and entered on the Minutes

^{4th}
The President read the following Amendments to the Constitution

Rule 1st as amended passed

^{6th}
^{8th} Mr Tweedy moved in amendment to the amended resolution and seconded by Mr M^r Insoth that the second clause of the tenth original rule be retained on the Constitution — The Meeting was divided when it appeared that the Amendment was carried.

^{12th}
Moved by Mr Beagly seconded by Mr Taylor & Resolved that the 12th Rule shall be altered as follows — The persons having the greatest number of votes for the offices of President Vice^{pr} Sec^{ies} and Treas^r shall be declared elected.

1841 Rule 19th passed as amended

Rules 21, 22, 23, 24, 31, 37, 38 passed

Rule 12 cont^d from last page

The Scrutineers shall also hand to the Pres^t a list of 12 Members having the greatest number of votes the first six of whom shall be declared elected, but should any of them refuse to serve the name shall be filled up from the next on the list and should any vacancy occur in the Committee from death resignation or from being appointed to fill any other office in the Institute the vacancy shall be filled up in like manner from the next name who shall make out the time of his predecessor. For Rules 19th 21 &c see A at the Head of the Page.

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Moved by Mr Holland seconded by Mr White and resolved that the Thanks of the ~~Members~~ of the Institute be given to the Lecturers for the past Year.

Moved by Mr Holland seconded by Mr White and resolved that a vote of Thanks be given to the officers and Committee for their valuable services during the past Year.

7th
The President read a letter from Mr Smith resigning the office of Vice President.

Moved by Mr Gibson seconded by Mr Wetenhall & resolved that Mr Smith's resignation be accepted.

8th
The Scrutineers gave the name of Mr Begly as Vice President in the room of Mr Smith.

9th
The Meeting dissolved.

Headpathy Chairman,
James Springle Secretary.

1841. At an ordinary Meeting of the Committee held Feb 5th present

Messrs Redpath

B. Holmes,

J. A. Begly,

J. Dougall,

J. Tweedy,

J. White,

J. White,

W. Gibbon,

G. Hove,

J. Roy,

H. Taylor,

J. Smith,

J. W. Herbert,

N. McIntosh,

Secy.

1st The following persons were admitted Members of the Institute.

Charles Sims

John Levitt

Alex. Rennie

Geo. F. Holcomb

William Wilson

James Taylor

James Rennie

Natby Chipchase

Rich^d. Robinson

Job. Cushing

2nd

Messrs Roy Tweedy and J. White were appointed a Sub-Committee for the management of the Library for the present year.

3rd

The Library Committee were directed to report on the issuing of Books from the Library and also to recommend such additions and alterations as they may deem necessary.

4th

Resolved that 2 Members of Committee and 1 Officer, in rotation, attend at all Lectures for the purpose of taking the chair &c. commencing with the first on the list, that the Secretary notify the same to the parties concerned.

5th

A Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs Herbert McIntosh and J. White was appointed to superintend the lighting and furnishing the rooms &c.

6th

A Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs B. Holmes, J. A. Begly, J. Smith, J. W. Herbert and G. Hove was appointed for procuring Lecturers.

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7th

A Sub Committee was appointed consisting of Dr. Cowan and Mr Herbert for transferring the Treasurers accounts.

8th

The Sub Committee for procuring Lecturers were directed to procure apparatus for illustrating Lectures.

9th

Resolved that there be a General Meeting on the 17th February

10th

That this Committee meet again on the 15th Febry.

11th

The Meeting dissolved

Business

At a Meeting of the Committee, held Feb 15th, B Holmes Esq, in the Chair, present: Mess^{rs} J Roy, J White, J Young, G. Rose, J Smith W Gibbon, J White, J Holland, N. M. Intosh, J Herbert, J Taylor, and Recording Secretary.

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, and approved.

2nd The Sub Committee for furnishing the rooms, reported some alterations in the Library and Committee rooms, and also recommended an augmentation of the Librarian's salary, which it was moved by Mr Smith, and seconded by Mr Taylor, that the Librarian's salary be increased to 56 pounds per annum, which motion being put, was passed unanimously, and the Sub Committee were directed to make an arrangement with him, to that effect

3rd The Sub Committee for procuring Lectures, reported having procured the services of Mr Skakel, who promised to give a Course of Lectures, on Natural Philosophy, to commence on Wednesday evening next.

They also reported their ability to loan Mechanical Apparatus, for illustrating Lectures if required.

4th The following persons were admitted as Members.

H. Bouter, Alex^r Urquhart,
Andrew Thompson, Francis Clark,
N. S. Whitney, Charles Johnson,
John, Thompson, Arthur Samuel,
J. H. Atwater, Andrew Borrie,
Horatio Bouter, Charles Hill,
Robert Alexander, John Dunlop,
James Mathewson, John Hamilton,

The Secretary was directed to make out a list of Defaulters, which shall include those persons lately admitted, but have not taken out their tickets.

6th An account for binding books, was laid on the table, which was referred to the Library Committee.

7th Mr Hose laid before the meeting an outline of Rules for a Philological class, and recommended the establishment of such a class in this Institute. the rules and regulations to be subject to the approval of the Committee.

8th A quantity of books were selected from the Nomination list, to be laid before the Special General Meeting.

9th It was resolved that the General Meeting, advertised for Wednesday, be held on Monday evening next, Feb^r 22nd.

10th The Meeting dissolved.

Chairman
James Spinks Secretary

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Montreal Feb 22nd

At a Special General Meeting of the Montreal Mechanics Institute for the purpose of Voting in Books &c. Mr Redpath in the Chair

The list of Books. submitted by the Committee. was adopted unanimously.

At a Meeting of the Committee held on Monday the 22nd Feb present messrs - Redpath, Roy, Smith, Mr Sutosh, Tweedy, Holland, John White, J White, Gibbon, and Rose

1st The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

2nd The following Members were admitted.

James Wardell. Stephen Samuel.
Richard Moore, Robert Moore.
James Douglass, George Douglass.
Mr Trigg.

3rd The Library Committee reported, and brought forward several amendments upon the rules of Library, which were adopted.

4th Some accounts were laid on the table viz Mullings Baines and Milless, which were ordered to be paid.

5th On the Motion of Mr J White, seconded by Mr Roy that £50 currency be appropriated to the Augmentation of the Library, it was moved by Mr Holland, and seconded by Mr J White that £40 be substituted upon a show of hands being taken there appeared for the amendment 5. for the original 4. Moved by Mr Smith seconded by Mr Holland, that the Standard and the Chronicle be added to the Reading Room.

Moved in amendment by Mr J White seconded Tweedy, that the newspapers be deferred until information can be procured as to the expense,

The amendment was carried,

7th The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write the Recording Secretary, as to the probable time of his absence.

8th The Meeting dissolved.

Monmouth. March 1st 1841.

At a meeting of Committee, held on Monday, March 1st, present, Messrs Bagly, Holland, Hosi, Herbert, Taylor, Gibbon, Roy, Mr Intosh, Smith, Tweedy, & J White.

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

2nd The sub-committee of Internal Arrangements, reported the expense of alterations &c. &c and were ordered to make the necessary arrangements.

They also reported that the Commercial Messenger & the Transcript, agreed to advertise for the year, at 50 per cent, from the original price. - And that the Proprietor of the Transcript, had generously refused to accept any payment, for the advertisements of the past year, amounting to £12. -

3rd On the Motion of Mr Herbert, a Life Membership ticket, was ordered to be issued to Mr Donald, together with a vote of thanks,

4th The following persons were admitted Members,

John Dillon. Robert Armour,
Robert Moore, John G. Gundlach.
Daniel Macfarlane, James S. Lyon.
John Jison, George H. Herrick,
John Wood, Jos H. Blain,

John Wood jun ^r ,	Charles Wood.
Peter Wood,	Thomas Cary.
W. D. W. Laren,	Alex ^r Bryson.
5 th Joseph Nicholson,	John Sproston.

The Library Committee reported having purchased several books, and had transmitted to Britain, £15 Sterling.

6th The Sub Committee for procuring Lectures reported and proposed the sum of £50- be voted for purchasing of apparatus, when it was moved by Mr Mc Intosh, seconded by Mr Taylor that £30 be substituted, and that Mechanical apparatus only be ordered.

7th Proposed by Mr Herbert, seconded by Mr Holland, that a vote of thanks be given to C Dunkin esq, accompanied with a Life Members ticket.

8th Moved by Mr John White, seconded by Mr Tweedy, that a Life Members Ticket, be given to Dr Hall, for his course of Lectures,

9th The Meeting dissolved

Chairman,
Secretary,

Monkeal March 15th 1841.

At a meeting of the Committee held Monday, March 15th. Present Messrs Holmes, Taylor, Tweedy, Mr. Intosh, J White, F White, Gibbon, Roy, and Smith

1st The Minutes of the last Meeting were and approved

2nd The Library Committee reported that they had ordered the Catalogue of the books to be printed

3rd The following persons were admitted Members.

Thomas Workman, Tho^s Peel.

Peter Miles,	John Burgess
Thos Cooper,	And ^r J. Mc Bean,
George Hagan,	James Kinlarside,
George French,	H. Mulholland,
George Mouton,	Samuel Ralston.
	" Bromley,

4th Moved by Mr John White seconded by Mr J White that notices be posted in the Reading room of the following classes to be formed the Committee pledging to exert themselves to obtain - competent teachers. Viz.

English Grammar, Elocution and Composition, French, Geography, Arithmetic & Mensuration, Algebra and Geometry.

5th Moved by Mr Tweedy seconded by Mr Taylor that the notice for each class shall remain in the reading room so long as it is in existence, and that Messrs Tweedy Gibbons J. and J White be a sub committee to superintend the classes aforesaid.

Mr Taylor handed in 8/9 received at lecture, Mr J White Do - 7/6. -

6th Moved by Mr J White, seconded by Mr Gibbon that Mr John Wilson of Grenville, Lower Canada, be admitted a corresponding member. - carried.

7th Moved by Mr J White, seconded by Mr Tweedie, that a draft ^{on treasurer} for £30, in favour of Mr John Smith, for the purchase of Mechanical Apparatus

8 Moved by Mr J White, seconded by Mr J White, that the Librarian be instructed to prepare a list of the Quarterly Defaulters.

9th The meeting dissolved,

Thomas A. Byles Chairman.
James Springle, Secretary.

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Montreal March 25th 1841.

At a meeting of the Committee held—
this evening, Present Messrs Beqly, Hose,
J White, Mr Intosh Taylor, Roy Smith
Sweedy,

1st The Minutes of last meeting were
read and approved.

2nd William Sutherland was admitted
a member of the Institute

3rd Mr J White handed in 5/6 taken by
him, at Mr Harby's Lecture,

Mr Mr Intosh ditto 1/3 taken at Mr,
Driscoll's Lecture

4th Moved by Mr Hose, seconded by Mr
Smith, That the Librarian be instructed
to prepare and keep a book detailing the
number of persons taking out books, the
number and description of books circulated,
Monthly, and, that this book be laid
upon the table at the Monthly meeting
of the Committee, This motion being
put was passed.

5th Moved by Mr J White seconded by
Mr Smith that the Times and Morning
Chronicle newspapers be taken for the Read-
ing Room. — Mr Sweedy moved in amendment
that the Weekly Dispatch be added, —

Moved in amendment by Mr Roy, that the
Spectator be taken instead of the Dispatch

Moved in amendment, by Mr Hose that the
Morning Chronicle Weekly Dispatch, &
Observer be taken, The amendments being

put to the vote in succession, were all lost
The original motion was then put and lost
by a majority of one,

6th Moved by Mr Sweedy seconded by Mr
Mr Intosh that the London Times, Spec-
tator and Weekly Dispatch, be procured for
the Reading Room,

Mr J White moved in amendment that

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It be deferred till next meeting which being put to the vote was lost. The Motion was then put, and carried.

7th The Meeting dissolved.

Chairman
James Springle, Sec^y

Montreal March 29th 1841.

At a Meeting of the Committee held this evening, present Messrs Redpath, Holmes, Pegley, J White, J White Taylor Smith Tweedy - Hose Mr Intosh Gibbon and Rec^y Secretary

1st The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

2nd Moved by Mr Holmes and seconded by Mr Hose, - That with reference to the proceedings of the last meeting of the Committee, it is expedient to rescind the resolution directing the Secretary, to write for the newspapers then named viz the Times the Dispatch and the Spectator, and to substitute therefor the following The Morning Chronicle, the Spectator and the Observer. That motion being put to the vote was passed unanimously.

3rd Mr Smith brought forward a proposition from Mr Sutton, (a student in the Baptist Seminary) to give a course of lessons on Geography, upon which it was moved by Mr Taylor seconded by Mr Smith, that the Lecture room of the Institute be placed at the disposal of Mr Sutton for the delivery of an introductory Lecture on Geography.

3rd Mr Smith brought forward a proposition from Mr W^m Donald, to teach English Grammar, Arithmetic, Mensuration, Geography, Composition, and elements of Geometry, 5 nights in the week, for ten dollars per month.

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White was deferred for the present
4th Moved by Mr J White seconded by Mr ^{no name}
Mr Intosh that the Notice at present in the
for the formation of classes be published in the
Transcript and Messenger for one month, and
that additional classes for Bookkeeping and Astron-
omy be affixed to the list.

5th The motion was carried.

Mr Rose laid on the table a sample
of wax candles for the inspection of the Com-
mittee, and was authorised to purchase 20
pounds, for the use of the Institute.

The Meeting dissolved.

Chairman,
James Sprung.
Secretary.

White

Montreal April 14th.

At a Meeting of the Committee held
this evening present Messrs J White J White
Mr Intosh Taylor Gibbon Bon Roy.
Tweed & Holmes. Mr White in the Chair
Mr Rose acting Secretary.

1st The Minutes of last Meeting were
read and approved.

2nd Moved by Mr Rose seconded by
Mr Gibbon that, in the opinion of the
Committee, the system of teaching in-
troduced by Mr Sutton is not calcula-
ted to benefit the members of the Me-
chanics Institute, and that the Com-
mittee beg to decline his offer.

Moved in amendment by Mr J White
That as soon as 20 of the Adult members
of the Institute subscribe and pay one
Dollar each, the Rooms of the Mechanics
Institute be given to Mr Sutton for his
Course of Lectures,

The Amendment being put to the vote
was lost. The Motion was then put and
carried.

3rd The following persons were admitted
Members

Thomas White. Edmund Rae.
David M Cord. Alex Glennie.
Thomas Workman, John Rogers,

4th Mr Rose reported that Mr Weir
would deliver a Lecture on Education,
on Tuesday the 27th of April.

5th It was agreed by the Committee to charge
four pence for each copy of the Catalogue.

6th The Corresponding Secretary was instruc-
ted to order the "Northern Light" Newspaper
published at Albany.

7th Moved by Mr Roy seconded by Mr Rose
that Messrs W Intosh & Herbert be a sub-
committee for Drawing up the Quarterly
report.

8th The Meeting Dissolved

Chairman,
James Springle Secretary.

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Montreal April 30th 1841

At a Special Meeting of the Committee held this Evening
Present

Messrs. Messrs. Redpath W. Holmes Tho. White D. W. Fisher Sr. White
M. Taylor

1st The Committee, appointed to draft a quarterly report
submitted the result of their labours, which was read and
approved

2nd The following Resolutions were proposed and admitted as Resolutions
William Palmer Appointed M^r. Greenwood
Charles Pain do Edward Coons

3rd M^r. Isaac Springle account for drawings for the use of the Club
amounting to Five Pounds was submitted for approval
decision deferred

4th The Amendments to the Rules were required for, but could
not be found. M^r. Taylor was requested to see M^r. Hove, and
if that Gentleman could not supply them, he was authorised
to send a Special Messenger to M^r. Springle for them, so as to
have them submitted to the next General Meeting, on
Tuesday next

M^r Taylor Chairman
Secretary

Montreal May 4th 1841

At the first Quarterly Meeting of the Montreal Mechanics
Institute held this Evening

M^r. Taylor in the Chair

1st The Minutes, relative to the Amendments of the Constitution
which were passed at last Annual Meeting were read
After which the Secretary read the quarterly report
which is as follows

Report

2nd M^r. Taylor presenting you with a report of the proceedings
of your Committee during the last quarter. It gives them
much gratification to observe the increasing interest

1841 Manifested by the Public in the advancement of the Institute strikingly evinced by the Number of Applicants for Memberships as not less than Sixty five have been admitted during the last three Months Twelve of whom are Annual Members, Twenty two quarterly, and Thirty one Apprentices Seventeen Applications remain — The valuable and interesting Lectures, given during the past quarter have contributed much to enhance the value of the Institute in the Public Mind — The remaining part of Mr. Dunkin's course of lectures on Pneumology delivered during the past quarter continued to attract crowded and delighted audiences — We are happy also in being enabled to report the continuance of Mr. Dawson's lectures on Jurisprudence, a subject of real practical importance —

Your Committee considered themselves extremely fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Shaker to deliver a course of lectures on Natural Philosophy, a subject the importance of which it is quite unnecessary for your Committee to say a word upon — We regret however to have to state the suspension of those valuable lectures for the present, in consequence of that Gentleman's indisposition, but we sincerely hope that in a short time he will be enabled to resume the course —

It is with pleasure also that your Committee would remind you of the two interesting lectures on Vegetable Physiology delivered by N. P. Hart Esq. Also the lectures descriptive of St. Jean de Acre, from its earliest history down to the recent destruction of its forts, impregnable to all but British valour — We may also state the generous intentions of that talented Gentleman to devote the profits arising from a pamphlet about to be published by him on the latter subject to the Institute —

Your Committee lately received an offer from Mr. J. Sutton to teach a class on Geography, — We considered it proper to grant him the use of the Lecture Room for an introductory lecture and explanation of his method of teaching, but your committee not approving of his system, and a sufficient number of your Members not coming forward to request its continuance, we declined giving him the further use of the Room —

Your committee have thought proper to appropriate the sum of Forty Pounds Currency of your funds towards the enlargement of the Library, fifteen pounds sterling of which has been transmitted

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transmitted to Britain for books that could not be procured here, such books however of those selected at the Special General Meeting called for that purpose on the Twenty second of February as could be had, have been added to the Library. Your committee beg to offer you their sincere congratulations on the increasing zeal displayed by your Members in availing themselves of the means of improvement afforded by ~~you~~ this valuable branch of the Institute.

Your committee have subscribed for the following Newspapers published in London. viz; The Morning Chronicle, the Spectator and the Observer, none of which have as yet been received. The Boston Nation has also been subscribed for and laid on the Table of the Reading Room.

Your committee beg also to call your attention to the formation of the classes advertised in the Reading Room.

It is their sincere desire to make the Institute as generally useful as possible, and they strongly recommend to the Members this means of general instruction.

Your committee have thought it highly necessary that a Set of Mechanical Apparatus should be procured for the use of the Members, and have appropriated the sum of Thirty pounds currency for that purpose. It was thought indispensable necessary by your committee, that the Librarian should devote his whole time and attention to the Institute, to secure which they have been induced to augment his salary to fifty Six pounds currency. *Sp. Annui.*

Your committee in concluding this report of the Institute, observe with great satisfaction, the rapid and steady progress it is making towards being one of the most generally useful Institutions in this part of the British Empire for educational purposes and would beg to urge upon the Members, in the strongest manner the necessity of continuing their exertions in so good a cause. What can give more real satisfaction to a well regulated mind, than the knowledge that while he is subscribing for the means of improvement to himself, he is also contributing to the advancement in knowledge of so large a number of his fellow Men. That the usefulness of the Institute

What is keeping pace with the most sanguine expectations of its founders, is proved by the fact, that the number of volumes circulated during the last three months amount to nine hundred and fifty one. This is the best test that can be given to its Members. It is not the number of Books in its Library, The excellence of the Lectures delivered nor the variety of subjects proposed to be taught, But the use made by its Members, of the advantage offered by the Institute.

Your committee wish to convey to the Members their Assurance that every exertion is being made, to render the Institute inviting to the Public - and worthy of Patronage, and they invite all to embrace the opportunity offered by the Mechanics Institute for their improvement.

2nd It was Moved by Mr. Cummings seconded by Mr. Armstrong and Resolved that the Report now read be accepted.

3rd The several Amendments to the Constitution were read and afterwards put to the meeting in succession and passed unanimously.

4th The Meeting dissolved.

Chairman
Sec^y

Montreal May 11th 1841.

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Committee - Present Messrs. Taylor
In. White, J. Lowell, Tho. White, N. Mackintosh, Mr. Sweeney
Geo. Ware J. Roy - Mr. Taylor in the Chair Mr. Roy acting Sec^y

1st The Minutes were read and Approved.

2nd The app- presented by Mr. Springle for drawings was deferred until a further Meeting in consequence of the Committee not being in possession of certain drawings.

3rd In reference to an Application from Mr. Maffie, for the Lecture Room by the Montreal Musical Society to practice Music in - It was resolved that the use of the Room be given to said Society for practice two evenings in the Month the Members of the Institute

1841 Institute to be admitted to the name —

4. The following persons were proposed, and admitted as Members

John Hodgson

J. H. Munson

Thomas Scott —

5. Two a/c's were presented for the Committee's approval which were examined and ordered to be paid —

1st, one a/c from M^{rs} J. Dickinson for one quarter salary of £14.0.0 — Also one a/c from M^{rs} H. Mullins for the quarter Rent ending 30th April £14.10.0 —

6. The Meeting dissolved —

Chairman —

Secretary —

Montreal May 17th 1841 —

At a Special Meeting of the Committee held on the 17th May — present Mess^{rs} John Smith — W. Gibbon — J^{rs} White — J. Roy —

M^{rs} John White in the Chair —

The following persons were proposed as Members and admitted

Myron H. Seaborn

Francis Mullins — Apprentice —

Montreal June 7th 1841

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Committee of the Mechanics Institute, held on the 7th of June — Present — Mess^{rs} —

J^{rs} White — J. Roy — W. Taylor — W. Gibbon — N. Macintosh & M^{rs} Tweedy

M^{rs} John White in the Chair —

1841 1st Resolved on the Motion of John Tweedy, seconded by Nicholas Macintosh that a Meeting of the Class for the Acquisition of French be called for the evening of Monday the 14th Inst^{at} at Nine o'clock to consider the proposal of Mons^{rs} Thirion for teaching said Class -
Passed

2nd At the suggestion of M^r James Roy, it was unanimously agreed that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to write to the President on Subject of the Secretarys Remissness in discharging the duties of his Office

The following persons was proposed as Members and Admitted

- Henry Hayes - Quarterly
- Thomas Drew - Apprentice

The Meeting Adjourned to Monday the 14th at 8 o'clock P^m -

Montreal June 14th 1841

At an adjourned meeting of the Committee of the Mechanic's Institute held in the rooms on the 14th inst^{at} M^r William Taylor in the Chair present Mess^{rs} Roy - Smith Lovell Macintosh Holland J^r White and Rose

After some conversation on the subject of forming a French Class - it was agreed that it be formed on the following terms viz -

That Members of the Institute pay 5/- quarterly in advance - Apprentices 2/6 - quarterly in advance and that an individual be appointed to act as treasurer to the Class - who shall have power to admit to the Class gratis - Apprentices who are not able to afford paying - The treasurer to report every quarter to the Committee the progress of the Class. The class to meet three times a week viz, Monday, Wednesday & Friday, hours from Eight to Ten -

That M^r Thirion who is to be teacher, is considered as employed from this evening, for One quarter - that M^r John Smith be treasurer for the Class -

The following persons who were present at the Meeting, are to attend the Class and have agreed to the above terms -

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A. William Sutherland	James Campbell M.
A. Charles Rain	John Rogers M.
M. James Cummings	M. W. L. Damm M.
M. John White	John Smith M.

2nd The Secretary read a letter from the President in which he states that he had placed £25. in the hands of the Treasurer, to be refunded when the funds of the Institute are sufficient for that purpose.

3 A copy of a letter from the President to Mr. Springle was read informing him (Mr. Springle) that in case that Gentlemen's business requires his further absence from the City, the welfare of the Institute requires that he resign his office.

4th The Committee instructed Mr. Roy to consult with the Rev. Mr. Taylor and ascertain from him what may be necessary in order to prepare for his proposed Lectures on Astronomy.

J. Holland

Secy

Pro. tem

Monday July 5th 1841

At a Meeting of the Committee of the Mechanics Institute held on Monday the 5th Inst. Mr. John White in the Chair Present Messrs. Roy, Smith, Rose and A. White.

1st The Minutes were read.

2nd The following persons were proposed and admitted as Members.

viz

Edward Wright	Patrick O'Neil
Thos. Curry	Bernard Curry
H. Mc. James	Thos. Wagne
Koderick M. Donnell	Will. Robinson

3rd The Correspond. Secy read a Paper from Mr. Jas. Peapack enclosing the resignation of the Recording Secretary.

1841. 5th Messrs^{rs} White and Rose were appointed to draw up the Semi-Annual Report

6 The Com^{rs} Res^{ts} was directed to notify Mr Springe that his acc^t must be made up prior to Tuesday next - And that Messrs^{rs} Cowan and Herbert be appointed to receive his acc^t

Wm Redpath Secy

At a monthly Meeting of the Committee held at the Rooms of the Institute on Tuesday July 13th 1841 - present Messrs^{rs} Redpath, White, Mcintosh, Taylor, Roy, Holland and Rose - Mr Redpath in the Chair

1st. - The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

2nd. - Mr Redpath was requested to effect Re-insurance of the Property to the amount of Two Hundred & Fifty Pounds.

3rd. - It was proposed by Mr Rose, seconded by Mr Holland ^{pro: temp} that Mr J. H. Isaacson be appointed Secretary pro: tem: subject to the approval of a general meeting.

4th. - The following Persons were proposed and admitted as Members of the Institute - viz.
Wm Brew
H E Ward

5th. - Several accounts were laid on the table, passed, and ordered to be paid - viz. one from Account of Person, the amount of which was £ - one from Mr

6th. - The following Donations were announced to have been received from Mr Dougall - viz.

2 Vol. West Kirk reports - 1 Vol. report
of the Poor Law Commissioners

After which the Meeting dissolved. -

Thos White Chairman.
John H. Isaacson Secretary. Pro tem.

At a Meeting of the Committee held at
the Rooms of the Institute on Tuesday
July 20th 1841. Present Messrs Redpath
White Roy, Mr Smtosh and Hoase -
Mr Redpath in the chair.

1st. The Minutes of the last Meeting were
read and approved -

Admission of Mr. 2nd - Mr J. O. Galt Jun^r was proposed and
Galt as Member admitted as a Member of the Institute

Request to have 3rd - A request made to have the rooms
the rooms white washed was referred to the Internal
washed. - Committee. -

4th. - It was resolved that the Committee
should meet an hour previous to the
election. -

After which the Meeting dissolved. -

Thos White Chairman
John H. Isaacson Secretary Pro tem.

A Meeting of the Committee was called for this evening, Tuesday July 27th, 1841, at 7 o'clock, but not being attended by a sufficient quorum of the Members, it was resolved that the Meeting be adjourned until Monday next the 2nd of August.

John H. Isaacson
Sec^y pro tem:

The Meeting of the Members of the Institute for the purpose of electing six Members to serve on Committee, which was advertised to take place this evening, Tuesday July 27th, was, owing to the non-attendance of the Members, postponed until Tuesday next Aug 3rd 1841

John H. Isaacson
Sec^y pro tem:

The Meeting of the Committee which was adjourned from Tuesday last the 27th of July until this evening, Monday the 2nd August, was again postponed, there not being a sufficient attendance of the Members to warrant the proceeding to business.

John H. Isaacson
Secretary pro tem:

1841 The Semi-annual Meeting of the
Semi-annual Members of the Institute was held
at Meetings at their rooms this evening, August 3rd
1841. - Mr Redpath in the chair.

1st. The Minutes of the last annual
Meeting were read and approved.

2nd. The Semi-annual report of the
Committee was read by the Secretary
and is as follows

Report

Your Committee have the plea-
sure of laying before you the state of the
Institute and their proceedings during
the last half-year. -
There are now in the Institute Two Hun-
dred and Fifty five Members, seventeen
of whom are Life Members: one Hundred
and thirty six annual: Forty quarterly:
thirty seven annual apprentices: Twenty
two quarterly apprentices: and three
Correspondent Members. -
The amount of money received during
the above period is £115. 11. 9d currency,
which added to the balance on hand
£99. 5. 11d makes £209. 10. 0d. The
expenditure is £118. 12. 0d. the details
of which will be found in the Auditor's
report. which shows a balance on hand
of £91. 16. 0d.

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The Mechanical apparatus, for which
the sum of thirty pounds was appropria-
ted, has not yet arrived, but may shortly
be expected from London, when your Com-
mittee indulge a hope that some person
conversant with the subject will come
forward and offer his services to make
them available by giving Lectures on this
interesting and valuable science.

Report Your Committee gave notice by advertisements of their intention to form classes for the diffusion of knowledge, and are happy to state that one has been established. Monsieur Thuron has undertaken to teach the French language to this class three evenings in the week from eight o'clock till ten, at the rate of £ 20 per annum, and the rapid improvements the students are making reflect much credit on their teacher. - The price of admission to this class is five shillings per quarter: Apprentices, two shillings and sixpence - the Superintendent having the power of admitting such apprentices gratis as cannot really afford to pay. -

Report Your Committee have much pleasure to report, through the Library sub-committee, the excellent state of the Library, and the general good order and regularity which prevails. - The whole number of volumes in the Library is 624, the number added by purchases and donations during the last six months is 81: - The number circulated during that period 1584 - the number of readers 214

The various amendments of the constitution which your Committee thought necessary to propose, and which were carried through at the last quarterly meeting, enable your Committee to place the Constitution before you in its proper form; it is now printed and can be had of the Librarian. -

Notwithstanding all the amendments that have been made, your Committee have learned, by experimental proof, that there are still some defects, and recommend their successors to appoint a sub-committee to enquire into their nature and report thereon. -

Report Your Committee have to announce the resignation of your Recording Secretary, Mr Springle, that gentleman finding that his business would detain him longer from Montreal than he anticipated, and fearing that his absence would be incompatible with the welfare of the Institute, resigned his Office, and your Committee have appointed Mr S. H. Isaac for his successor pro tem: who has consented to perform the duties of the Office until an Election is made in due form.

Report Your Committee would call to your remembrance the kind offer of Alexander Skakel Esq. to give a course of Lectures on Natural Philosophy during the past Winter, which was prevented by that gentleman's severe indisposition, and which your Committee are sorry to find still continues; but should it please the Almighty to restore him to health and strength, your Committee feel assured that that gentleman will have no hesitation to complete the very interesting course so ably begun.

Report Your Committee are happy to inform you that they will soon be enabled to announce several courses of Lectures on interesting subjects. The first will be on Astronomy, by the Rev. Mr Deylon, and will commence in the early part of September next, and from the sublime, interesting and important nature of the subject he has chosen, together with the well known talents of the Reverend gentleman, your Committee feel confident that the lovers of science will have an opportunity of rich mental feast. A promise to Lecture has been given by the Rev. Mr E. Jew, and by P. M. Verbes. Esq. - Subjects and time of

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of delivery will be duly notified. —
Members being in possession of books of
which they make no use, are requested to
place them in the Institute, as deposits, or
otherwise, for the benefit of others. —

Your Committee cannot help recurring
with grateful recollection, to the efforts
which have been made from time to
time, since the foundation of the Institute
for the furtherance and promotion of its
objects, by gentlemen possessing the requi-
site qualifications, who have nobly step-
ped out from the common routine of
daily occupations, and with a masterly
familiarity with the subjects on which
they have treated, have evinced a gene-
rous zeal to impart to others a share
of that knowledge with which, from the
blessings of education, they have them-
selves been favoured. —

All which is respectfully submitted

3rd. — It was moved by Mr Daniels, seconded
Report adopted by Mr Baylis, and
Resolved, that the Report just read
be received, approved and entered on
the Minutes. —

4th. — It was moved by Mr Holland,
seconded by Mr Homer, and
Report to be Resolved — That the report now read
printed be printed in the Commercial Advertiser
and the Montreal Transcript. —

5th It was moved by Mr Hoze seconded
by Mr Sweeney and
Vote of thanks to those of the Resolved — That a vote of thanks be given
Committee who retire from office for their attention to the
interests

Interests of the Institute. —

Auditors report 6th. — The Report of the Auditors was then read

The Meeting was then dissolved.

~~Thos. Thonahue~~ Chairman
John H. Isaacson Secy. pro tem.

Previous to the business transacted at the Semi-annual Meeting as above stated
Election of Officers The meeting of the Members for the purpose of election of six persons to serve on a committee, ^{another three Auditors} which was postponed from Tuesday, July 2nd until this evening 3rd was proceeded with. — W. Redpath in the chair. —

1st. — The Minutes of the last Election were read and approved. —

2nd. — The Chairman appointed Messrs S. L. Bagg, M^r Rider and Jor. Haines Scrutineers of the Ballot. —

3rd. — The Scrutineers having examined the ballot — handed in the following list of Officers as duly elected — viz. —

Auditors { Mr. Greis
" Wm. Gammack
" Jas. Parker

Members of Committee { Mr. Geo. Gibson
" Thos. Thonahue
" Stanley L. Bagg
" James A. Grand
" H. Hitchins
" Geo. Matthews

At a monthly Meeting of the Committee of the Montreal Mechanics Institute held at the rooms of the Institute this evening Tuesday August 10th 1841 - Present Messrs Holland, Matthewson, J. C. Bagg, J. White and Recording Secretary - Mr Holland in the chair

1st. - The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Admission of 2nd. - The following persons were proposed persons as members and admitted as Members of the Institute viz - Messrs Leaps and Campbell Bryson.

Sub-committee 3rd. Messrs Tweedy, J. White and Matthewson were appointed a Sub-committee for the management of the Library for the present Year.

Sub-committee 4th. A Sub-committee consisting of Messrs McIntosh, J. White & J. C. Bagg were appointed to superintend the lighting and furnishing the Room &c

Sub-committee 5th. - Messrs Holmes, Hoise, Bro Gibson, as J. Phand and Matthewson were appointed a Sub-committee for the purpose of procuring Lecturers.

6th. - It was proposed by J. H. Praeger seconded by J. C. Bagg and resolved. - That a vote of thanks be given to Messrs J. White & Hoise for their kindness in so ably preparing the Term annual report.

After which the Meeting dissolved

Vote of Thanks to Messrs White and Hoise

J. H. Praeger, Secy. pro tem.
J. White, Chairman.

At a Special Meeting of the Committee of the Mechanics' Institute held this evening Friday the 27th of August present Messrs J. White, W. Matthews, Mr. Spittok, Donohue, J. White, Tweed & Corresponding Secretary. Mr J. White in the Chair

1st The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Admission of persons as members of the Institute -
2nd - The following persons being duly recommended were admitted as Members - viz - David Smith, William Bird & Jas. Stevenson.

Sub committee instructed to obtain apparatus to illustrate Lectures
3rd - It was moved by Mr Wright seconded by Mr Spittok and resolved - That the Sub committee for the procuring of Lecturers, be requested to take immediate steps to obtain such apparatus as may be necessary to illustrate the Lectures about to be given on Astronomy.

Donation from Mr Shaw & Co
4th. The Secretary reported the following donations from Mr Shaw & Co - viz - A Voltaic battery, a solar magnet and weight, and an Electrotypic on a small scale.

Note of thanks to Mr Shaw
5th - It was moved by Mr Coxe, seconded by Mr Donohue and resolved - That the thanks of the Committee, be conveyed to Mr Shaw for the above Donations.

Accounts
6th. A bill was handed in from the Gas Company for the cost of light for the Quarter ending August 1st - amounting to £ 3:7:10d - and ordered to be paid.

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also a bill from J. White for sundry
articles which was also ordered to be paid
the amount of said bill being £ 2. 0. 10.

After which the Meeting dissolved

John H. Isaacson
Secretary

A Meeting of the Committee of the
Montreal Mechanics Institute was
called for this evening, Sunday September
the third at 8 past 10 o'clock, but not
being attended by a sufficient quorum
of the Members, there being only Messrs
Dwyer, Bagg, and Recording Secretary
present, no business was proceeded with

John H. Isaacson
Secretary

The Monthly meeting of the Committee of the
Montreal Mechanics Institute was called
for this Evening September 14th but not being
attended by a quorum of the Members
being present only Messrs. Dwyer, Hoop,
Dwyer, McIntosh, and J. White - no business
was transacted

John H. Isaacson
Secretary

Montreal Oct 12th 1841

At a meeting of the Committee held this evening at 1/2 past 8 o'clock, present Messrs Redpath, J. White, Tweedy, Mc Intosh, Mathewson & Hoare. - Mr Redpath in the Chair

1st The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Persons admitted as members

2nd. - The following Persons were duly proposed, and admitted as Members of the Institute, viz

Saml Galway - W. Johnston
Stephen Melvins - Jas. Stevenson
John Bird - Edward Kane
David Smith

3rd. -

Mr S. Keenan of Three Rivers elected a non-paying member

A communication from Mr Roy was read requesting that Mr John Keenan residing at Three Rivers be elected a corresponding Member, which being seconded by Mr White was duly passed.

Accounts

4th. - Three accounts from Mr A. Immo for the Emigrant and Old Countryman and Periodicals amounting to \$11.87 1/2 were laid on the table, passed, and ordered to be paid. -

Quarterly report to be drawn up by Mr Mathewson

5th. - Mr Mathewson was named to draw up the Quarterly report. -

After which the Meeting dissolved.

J. White.

Chairman
John H. Hoare, Secretary
pro tem

At a Meeting of the Committee held at their Rooms this evening Friday the 20th of October. Present Messrs J. White, Mathewson Hoare, Gibson J. White & Recording Secretary - Mr J. White in the Chair

1st - The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

Vote of thanks to Rev^d Egan
2nd It was moved by Mr Hoare, seconded by Mr Mathewson and resolved that a vote of thanks be given to the Rev^d Mr Egan for his instructive & interesting Lecture.

Quarterly Report approved
3rd Mr Mathewson reported having in accordance with the wish of the Committee drawn up the Quarterly Report - which was read by the Secretary and approved

Donations
4th Mr Hoare reported having received the following Donations - viz - from Fulvoys Esq^r of Quebec a stuffed Alligator - and also four Numbers of the Colonial Magazine from Mr Chas: Radwell in the name of the late W. G. Stephens

Mr Gillespie
5th Mr Wm Gillespie was duly proposed and admitted a member of the Institute.

Proposal received from Mr. Mondlet Esq^r to Education.
6th A proposal from Chas: Mondlet Esq^r was laid before the Committee to give Four lectures on

Committee to attend alternately to receive Lectures
7th It was moved by Mr Mathewson seconded by Mr Hoare and resolved that some of the Committee be requested to attend alternately each Lecture for the reception of the Lecturer and management of other business. after which the meeting dissolved

J. White
John B. Spurgeon
Secy

Quarterly
Meeting

The Quarterly Meeting of the Members of the Institute was held this evening Tuesday Nov^r 2nd 1841 at $\frac{1}{2}$ past seven, Mr Redpath in the Chair. The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting were read and approved, after which the Recording Secretary read the Report for the Quarter just ended and is as follows

Report

Your Committee, in fulfillment of the duty laid upon them, beg leave to submit a Report of their proceedings, and of the State of the Institute during the last Quarter. -

They regret that it is not in their power to declare a large increase in the list of Members, 9 have been admitted since last Report of whom 3 are annual, 1 quarterly, 3 annual apprentices, 2 quarterly do and 1 corresponding. The total number of Members now in the Institute is 337. -

All finances of the Society require no particular remark. - It appears from the Treasurer's statement, that the amount received is £10. 5. 5d. that expended £16. 19. 2d. leaving a balance in its favor, calculating from that previously on hand, of £27. 9. 10d.

The additions to the Library are 10 Volumes - the Number of Volumes circulated 575 and that of readers 109. - As was to be expected the demand for books towards the end of the period has improved: the total number of volumes now in the Library is 1039, exclusive of pamphlets and unbound Periodicals. - Your Committee have felt pleasure in observing the good treatment which the books lent out have received, although that there have been some few instances of the contrary, must be stated. - As a good means of preservation, they recommend the members to keep them covered while in their possession, and also to

Respon To observe as much punctuality in returning them
as

The proper season having arrived, the Committee hope that the Claps, which were found so useful last Year, will be again formed. - The French Clap remained in operation until lately, when the attendance became so small that the Committee were obliged to close their engagement with the Teacher Messrs. Thurston; his services, however, are still offered, and it now rests solely with the Members whether the Clap be resumed. The Society has been generously presented by George Futvoye Esq. of Quebec with a stuffed Crocodile, and by G. N. Shaw Esq. of this City with a Voltaic Battery, a rotary magnet and weight, and an Electrotypic on a small scale. -

Your Committee, with a view to the lectures of Revd. Mr. Taylor, caused inquiries to be made in New York, respecting the price of a Magic Lantern with Astronomical slides; but finding it was more than the funds admitted of, they abandoned the idea of getting one for the present. Hearing that there was a superior Query in the French College, the Secretary was directed to write to Mr. Baile, requesting a loan of it, when an answer in the most polite terms was promptly returned, granting the request; this was a great favour done to the Society, and evinced in a most flattering manner the feelings held towards it, by the learned body of which Mr. Baile is principal. The Mechanical Apparatus for which the sum of £30 was appropriated, has not yet been obtained; the reason is given in a Letter received by Mr. John Smith, part of which the Committee gladly transcribe on account of the example set therein to the Mechanics of Montreal.

With reference to the Apparatus for your Mechanics Institute, I received the Catalogue you sent, and lost no time in calling on Mr. D. Jones what they shewed me appeared altogether too small for
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The purpose of public Lectures; but not wishing to depend on my own judgment, I consulted with one of the Vice Presidents of the London Mechanics' Institution, with whom I am upon intimate terms, he went with me to Jones', and quite concided with me in opinion. - He expressed also considerable surprise that your Mechanics' Institute should at all require to spend their funds in the purchase of mechanical apparatus, and invited me to view that belonging to his Institution, the whole of which had been made and given by different members; whilst there shortly met with the President, who expressed the same surprise in much stronger terms, and remarked that their apparatus, though extensive was not so complete as a set that had been recently made for the Lambenwell and Peckham Institution, which he invited me to see; this set is a donation from several of the Members, but has all been made by one person who was paid £12. 10. 0d for the set and you will observe that it is on a much larger scale than that of Messrs Jones, which certainly is utterly unfit for any thing more than for private amusement, or at most, for a small class. - Under these circumstances I did not hesitate to use the discretionary power which your Commission gave in declining to purchase". -

Your Committee had made arrangements for the commencement of the Lectures on the 20th ultimo but the sudden indisposition of the Rev. Mr Eason prevented it taking place until the following week. - The Lecture then delivered by that Reverend Gentleman, was worthy of his name; and it is to be much regretted that so few were present to profit by it; - For that reason and prospects being calculated by its remarkable adaption to the circumstances of the majority of the Members, to be of especial benefit, they intend to request Mr Eason again to favor them with it. - The Rev. Mr Taylor is prepared to

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to commence his Astronomical Lectures on the 11th instant; their exact number is not yet ascertained, they may be from six to eight, it is expected that in interest they will yield to none hitherto delivered in the Institute. — Dr Arnoldi junr. has kindly consented to give a course on Medical Jurisprudence; and Charles Mondelet Esq. one of four on Education with reference to its bearing upon the working classes of Canada. — The latter gentleman has already won golden opinions by his zeal in the promotion of similar objects with the Institute. —

Your Committee lament that with such claims this Society does not meet with more extensive support, especially from those for whose particular benefit it was founded. — Let the number of that class in the City by whose name the Institute is called, and who do not belong to it, be compared with that of those who do, and the great inferiority of the latter will be manifest. — This fact is to be deplored, and should lend to renewed exertion. — How to strengthen the Institution and extend its blessings should be matter of consideration with every one of us; the successful persuasion of others to become Members will accomplish both these objects, and what can be more easy? if each member, therefore, was to induce even one person only, thereby doubling the number, the Society would be raised to a most prosperous condition, and they to whom its elevation was owing, would receive most ample recompense from its consequently increased advantages. — It has to be remarked, however, that some of the Members are actuated by no such feeling as naturally appears from their withholding support from the Institution during the Summer months. — These individuals either heedlessly think that at that time it is not required, or selfishly

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act so because the value of their money in Lectures cannot be given. - Such conduct is unworthy, and would, if generally practised, soon cause the downfall of the Institute. - Should it be persisted in, the Committee will feel it their duty to recommend the raising of the terms of the Lecture-quarters. -

Your Committee cannot conclude without adverting to the loss which the Society has experienced in the death of his Excellency the late Governor General. - Distinguished as a friend to all such Institutions, this one received from him proofs of particular regard; in the early stage of its existence, when a fostering hand was needed, he readily consented to become its Patron, and in addition to a grant from the Public funds, gave a handsome donation from his private purse. - Not only have kindred interests suffered, but those also of the Country at large, and ungrateful would this Society be, if it did not share in the universal sorrow which his untimely death has occasioned. - The whole of which nevertheless is respectfully submitted. -

Report adopted

It was moved by Mr Taylor seconded by Mr Baylis and resolved
That the Report just read be received and inserted in the minutes. -

After which the Meeting was dissolved. -

G. Rose Chairman
John H. Mason Secretary pro tem.

A special Meeting of the Committee of the Montreal Mechanics Institute took place this evening, Friday November 5th 1841. Present Messrs Reedpath, S. Gibson, J. C. Page, Tweedy, McIntosh, J. White, and Recording Secretary Mr Reedpath in the Chair. —

1st The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. —

2nd Mr George Lochlin was proposed and admitted as a Member of the Institute. —

After which the meeting dissolved

Chairman
Wm H. Isaacson, Secy pro tem.

the special meeting

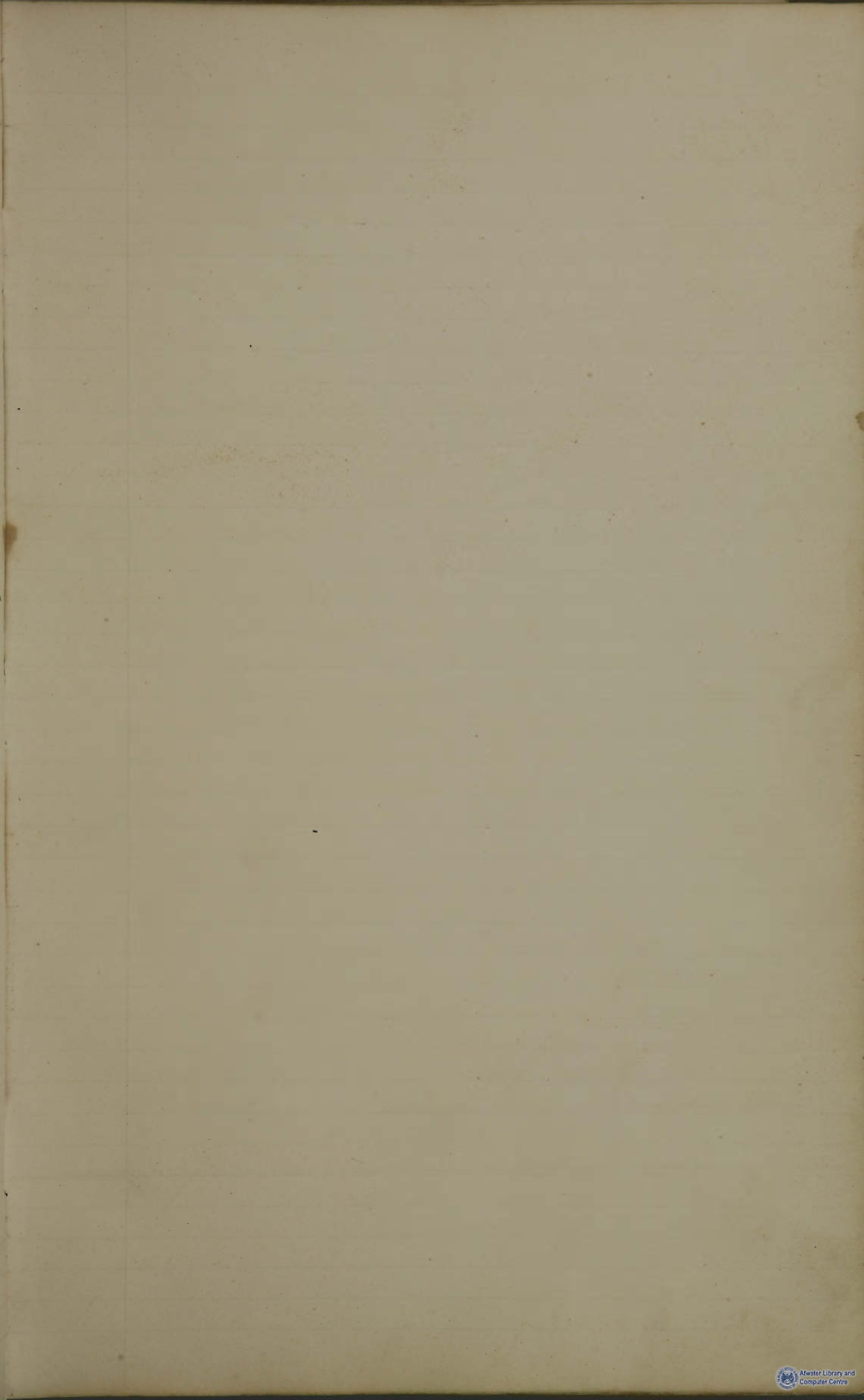
A special Meeting of the Members of the Montreal Mechanics Institute for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of presenting a Congratulatory Address to His Excellency the Governor General, on his arrival in this City, also took place this evening Friday November 5th 1841, at the Rooms of the Institute at 8 o'clock. — Mr Reedpath in the Chair

It was moved by Mr Fraser seconded by Mr Page and resolved unanimously 1st That the highly honorable character which public opinion has awarded to his Excellency Sir Charles Bagot, founded upon a knowledge of his long experience as a distinguished diplomatist and patriotic statesman, is such as to inspire us with a full and implicit confidence in his ability and determination to advance and forward the interests of our Country, and the happiness of its people as far as they are dependant upon

upon a subject to the control of Government. —

And It was proposed by Mr Sweedy seconded by Mr Mcintosh and resolved unanimously, That being fully impressed with a conviction of the importance of a reciprocal confidence between the rulers of all countries, and those they govern, it is a portion of our duty to give free expression, on our part, to the reliance which we feel in the ability and integrity of the representative of our Gracious Sovereign, delegated by her Majesty to assume the Government of this extensive Province, and to exercise a powerful influence upon its future destinies. —

3^d It was moved by Mr Thos. White, seconded by Mr Hase and resolved unanimously, That an address founded upon, and giving expression to their opinions, which we, individually and collectively entertain be presented to his Excellency on behalf of the Montreal Mechanics Institute, —



At a Meeting of the Committee of the Montreal Mechanical Institute held at their Rooms on the 19th of November 1851. Messrs J. White, S. White, Holland, Tweedy, Jas. Mattarson and G. C. Bagg - being present Mr. J. White in the Chair.

1st. The minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

2nd. The following persons were duly proposed and admitted as Members of the Institute viz -

Persons admitted as members

Messrs Saml Gard, John Cursey, Geo. Cursey, John Grant, Thomas McDonald, E. McRocher, Saml Campbell, Jas. W. Brindson, J. Kuschke, John Bulmer, Jas. Woodlump, Robt Percy, Geo. Ekens, Saml Gard, Richd Kearly, David Lawrence, Geo. McElbow, Jas. Esmerhart, Abel McDavid, John Keuper, John Brodie and Alex. Crickbank.

Proposal to Lecture from Mr C. W. Whitney

3rd. A proposal from Mr C. W. Whitney to deliver a course of Lectures on Elocution was laid on the table.

Permission granted to Mr Whitney to use Lecture room

4th. It was moved by Mr J. White seconded by Mr Holland and resolved that Mr Whitney be permitted to have the use of the room twice per week for the above purpose, provided he admits the members of this Institute at half price: and that Messrs J. White and Jas. Mattarson be a Committee to call upon Mr W. to arrange matters.

Proposal from Mr Baker to form Singing club

5th. The meeting then took into consideration the application of Mr Edwin G. Baker to form a Singing Club and it was proposed by Mr J. White seconded by Mr [unclear] and resolved that

Notice for singing
club

That a notice be posted in the Reading
room notifying to all those Members who
wish to be instructed in the pleasing art
of singing by a professional teacher to give
their names into the Chairman without delay
Further consideration of Mr. Baker's ap-
plication was postponed to a future meet-
ing of the Committee

After which the meeting dispersed

J. White

J. White Chairman
John H. Spacfen Secy pro tem.

The monthly meeting of the Committee
of the Montreal Mechanics Institute
was called for on the 8th of November, 1841,
but not being attended by a quorum of
the members no business was transacted.

John H. Spacfen Secy pro tem.

A meeting of the Members of the Montreal
Mechanics Institute was held at their
Rooms on Monday evening the 5th of
~~November~~ December 1841. Present Messrs
J. White, Holland, W. Intosh, Gore and
J. C. Bagg. - Mr. J. White in the chair

1st. The minutes of the last meeting
were read and approved.

2nd. The following persons were duly
proposed and admitted as Members of
the Institute. viz. -
Messrs Neil Bethune, Andrew Savigny,
David Miller, Henry Ward, Geo. Manson
John Barrett, Ed. Hart, John Peddie

Persons admitted
as members

J. P. Sutton, Joseph Cote, Robert Kerr
Hugh Mathewson, Thos. Watson, Jas. Leiby
and Mr. Robinson, Jas. Houston, Geo. Phillips, Junr
Jas. Kemme, Rich^d. Maxwell, Geo. Smith
and Geo. Buchanan.

Sub committee
to revise the rules
of the Institute.

4th. - It was moved by Mr. Mc Intosh
seconded by Mr. Holland and resolved
That a sub-committee of three members be
formed to revise and correct the rules and
regulations of the Institute.

5th. It was moved by Mr. Mc Intosh, secun-
ded by Mr. G. H. Bagg and resolved
That Messrs. Holland, Hoar and Mathewson
do form the said Committee.

Secretary orders to write
to members of the Com-
mittee who have
neglected business.

5th. - It was moved by Mr. Mc Intosh, secun-
ded by Mr. Hoar that it be resolved
That those members of the Committee who
have neglected to attend to the business
of the Institute be written to requesting
them either to attend their duties or resign
their Offices and that accordingly Messrs
Thorn and Hitchins be written to that effect.

Accounts examined
and passed

6th. - The following accounts were laid on the
table, passed and ordered to be paid, viz
One from Mr. Fox Mullins amounting to
£ 14. 10. 0. - one from Mr. Beckman amounting
to £ 14. 0. 0. - one from Messrs. S. S. Seaman
amounting to 14/6, one from Messrs. White & Co
amounting to £ 2. 0. 0.

After which the meeting dispensed

S. White

Thos White Chairman
John H. Isaacs Secy pro tem

At a meeting of the Committee of the
Montreal Mechanics Institute held
this evening, December 13th 1841 present
Messrs B. Holmes, J. White, J. White,
Rose, Mcintosh, Tweedy, Isaacson
Mr J. White in the chair.

1st: The Minutes of the last Meeting were
read and approved. —

2nd. The Corresponding Secretary reported
having written to Messrs Hitchins & Chandlona
requesting them to resign their respective Offices
on the Committee, and that accordingly Mr
Hitchins had tendered his resignation, but
Mr Chandlona ^{of the same name} had not yet replied. —

3rdly. — The following persons were proposed
and admitted as members of this Institute. viz.

John C. D. Eagle	Edw Palmer
Geo. W. Fraser	Geo. W. Skelton
Edw Palmer	Geo Fraser Junr

4th. — Instruction was directed to be given
to the Sub-committee to enquire as to the
necessary expenses & attendant upon the construc-
tion of a partition in the Lecture room — and to
report accordingly.

5th. — It was moved by Mr Tweedy seconded by
Mr McIntosh and resolved
That the corresponding Secretary be instructed
obtain those British Papers already ordered by
the Committee. —

6th. — An account from Mr Mullins, amount-
ing to £ 8. 14. 2 was laid on the table and
ordered to be paid. —

After which the meeting dissolved. —

John H. Isaacson Chairman
J. White Secy

Persons admitted
as members

British Papers
ordered

also paid

A meeting of the Committee of the Montreal
Mechanics Institute took place at their rooms
on Monday evening the 27th instant of December 1841
Present Messrs Reedpath, T. C. Bagg, Hoare, Holland,
Thos White, McIntosh, Matthewson, J. White
McGibbon and Recording Secretary. - Mr Reed-
path in the chair.

1st. - The Minutes of the last meeting were
read and approved. -

2nd. - Mr Hoare reported having seen Mr Shand
and that that Gentleman had informed him
he should be enabled for the future to attend
to the business of the Institute. -

3rd. - Mr Hitchin having resigned his Office
on the Committee, Mr Garth was declared by
the President to be duly elected in his place. -

4th. - Mr Hoare reported having written for
the British newspapers as directed. -

5th. - The subcommittee reported having made various altera-
tions in the rules and regulations of the Institute,
which being submitted to the Committee, and
partially altered, were approved. -

6th. - Mr Jas Darwin was duly proposed and
admitted as a Member of the Institute. -

7th. - An account from the Herald Office
amounting to £2. 5. 0. was laid on the table,
examined and ordered to be paid. -

8th. - It was proposed by Mr Hoare seconded by
Messrs J. White and resolved
That a vote of thanks be given to the Corporation
for their kindness in presenting this Institute with
a plan of the proposed Clocks &c

Mr Garth chosen
on Committee

Sub committee's
report for revising
rules.

Mr Darwin proposed
& admitted as a
member

of balance

Vote of thanks to
the Corporation

Note of thanks to
the Seminary

9th. - It was proposed by Mr Matthews and
seconded by Mr Isaacson and resolved.
That a vote of thanks be given to the Gentlemen
of the Seminary for their kindness in allowing
the Institute the use of their Chry.

After which the meeting dissolved

Thos White Chairman
John H. Isaacson Secy.
protem

At a meeting of the Committee of the Me-
chanic's Institute held at their rooms this
evening Tuesday the 28th of December 1841
Present Messrs Thos White, Mr Sartow, J.
White, George S. L. Dagg and Recd Secretary
W. J. White in the Chair.

1st. - The Minutes of the last Meeting were
read and approved.

Account
approved

2nd. - An account from Mr Wright amount-
ing to seven shillings and sixpence was laid
on the Table, examined, & ordered to be paid.

3rd. - The Secretary handed in the differ-
ent nominations for officers received by him,
of which the following is a list

Nominations
for officers

For President	J. Roadpath	12
" Vice "	J. Smith	10
" " "	J. Mc Herbert	5
" " "	J. Ferris	5
" " "	B. Holmes	3
" " "	J. White	1
" " "	J. White	1
Treasurer	A. Brown	9
"	J. Dougall	2
Corresponding Secretary	G. Rose	7
"	J. Holland	3
Recording "	J. H. Isaacson	11

The Meeting was then dissolved

W. White Chairman
J. H. Isaacson, Secretary pro tem.

1842 At a Meeting of the Committee of the Montreal
Mechanics Institute held this evening January
1841. Present Messrs Thomas White, Hoese, J. White,
Mr Intosh, Tweedy, Recording Secretary. —
Mr T. White in the Chair

1st. — The minutes of the last meeting were read and
approved. —

Letter from Hoese
Wendell Esq
2nd. — The Secretary laid on the Table a letter
received from So. Wendell Esq^r informing the
Members he would not be able to give the Lec-
tures he had proposed on Education; also one received
from A. P. Hart Esq^r announcing a donation from
that gentleman of the Model of the Breakwater
at Plymouth. —

Persons admitted
as members
3rd. — Messrs Geo Schulte and George Scott were
duly proposed and admitted as Members of the
Institute. —

After which the Meeting dissolved

Wendell, Chairman
John H. Isaacson, Secy pro tem.

A meeting of the Committee of the Montreal Me-
chanics Institute was called for this evening,
Tuesday, January 18th, 1842, but not being attended
by a quorum of the members, Messrs Hoese, Mr
Intosh, Thomas White and Recording Secretary
being the only persons present. — no business was
proceeded with. —

John H. Isaacson
Secretary pro tem.

A meeting of the Committee of the Montreal
Mechanics Institute ~~was~~ held this evening
Monday January 31st 1842. Present Messrs
Redpath, Hose Gibson, Tho White, J. White
and Rec^d Secretary - Mr Redpath in the chair

1st The minutes of the last meeting were read
and approved. -

2nd - A Letter from Mr G. Rogers stating his
wish to decline serving on the Committee was
then read - and the Secretary was entrusted to
obtain the list from the Scrutineers, to enable
the Committee to ascertain who had the next
greater number of Votes. -

3rd - The following accounts were then laid on
the Table, examined, and ordered to be paid, viz -
one from D. Mc Donald for advertisements amounting
to £3.18.4¹/₂ - one from Mr White Esq for books amount-
ing to 14/6. one from Mr Geo. Bain amounting to
£2.14.0 for book binding - one from Mr Griffiths
for glass amounting to 2/6 and one from Mr
Geo Lovell amounting to £19.10.1 for printing. -

4th - Mr Redpath was authorized to make ar-
rangements with the Mayor of this City relative
to the presenting the address voted to the Governor
General - the same gentleman also received
instructions to write to the Governor General
requesting him to become Patron to this Institution.

5th - Mr Hose submitted the Draft of the annual
Report - which was read and unanimously approved.

After which the Meeting dissolved

Wm W. Herbert, Chairman,
John H. Seacof, Secretary.

Mr Rogers declines
to act on the Committee.

Accounts passed

Instructions to Mr
Redpath regarding the
address to the Governor

Draft of Annual
Report submitted

The meeting of the Members of the Montreal Me-
chanics Institute for the purpose of electing Officers
for the ensuing Year, took place on the 15th day
of January 1842. - Mr Redpath in the Chair

1st: The minutes of the last Election were read
and approved. -

2nd. - The Scrutineers having examined the
Ballot handed in the following list of Offices
as duly elected - viz. -


Election of Officers

- .. President - J. Redpath Esq^r
- .. 1st Vice d^o - J. W. Herbert
- .. 2nd d^o - J. Ferris
- .. Treasurer - A. Cowan Esq^r
- .. Corresponding Secretary - Mr B. Hoese
- .. Recd^g Secretary - Mr J. H. Isaacson

- Members of Com-
mittee {
 - .. Mr J. R. Broadon
 - .. John Clift
 - .. H. Taylor
 - .. David Brown
 - .. George Rogers
 - .. John Dillon

After which the Meeting dissolved

Chairman:
John H. Isaacson Secy



The Second Annual Meeting of the
Members of the Montreal Mechanics Institute
was held at their Rooms this day, Tuesday
February 8th 1842. Mr Redpath in the Chair

1st. - The minutes of the last ^{semi-annual} Meeting were
read and approved. -

2nd. - The Corresponding Secretary then read
the Report of the committee for the Year
just ended - which was as follows. -

Report

Your Committee in laying before you the second
Annual Report of the proceedings of the Institute,
may, from the peculiarity of your Constitution, be
charged with prolixity and reiteration, inasmuch as
the Annual Report must necessarily contain many
allusions which have already appeared in the Quar-
terly Reports, but as "The pictures drawn in our minds
are laid in fading colours which if not sometimes
refreshed vanish and disappear" - your Committee
claim your indulgence. -

The Institute consists of 286 Members, 17 of which
are life Members, 136 annual, 55 quarterly, 73
apprentices and 5 corresponding. - The whole amount
of funds collected during the past Year by Tickets
and Donations £174.10.7 The whole amount of
disbursements being £252.5.3 the items of which will
be given in the Auditors Report. -

The account with the Treasurer shews a balance of £2.0.9

In the hands of the Librarian	4.16.1
Secretary	5.0
	£7.1.10

Your Committee view with satisfaction the steady
increase in the number of Readers, and of books circula-
ted during the Year; 81 books have been added to the Library;
total number in the Institute 670, number of readers during
the Year 141; number of books circulated during that period 2402. -

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A powerful engine by which the benefits of the Institute may be diffused, your Committee would earnestly call upon every member to use his best exertions in rendering it as complete and extensive as possible, and to induce their friends also, who may have volumes lying idle to avail themselves of the shelves of your Library, and thus become the medium for the diffusion of useful knowledge and rational amusement. —

Your Corresponding Secretary has been instructed to order the Newspapers passed at the general Meeting and hopes to report their arrival by the Steamer which left England on the 1st of February. —

Your Committee gave notice of their willingness to assist by all means in their power the formation of classes of instruction in various branches of education — this has been answered only by the re-formation of the French class under Mons. Thirion, and which your Committee are happy to state proceeds with considerable success. —

Of the Gentlemen who have kindly come forward to lecture, your Committee would observe, that where all are good, it would be difficult to particularise, and feel that in common with every member of the Institute they are unable to express sufficiently their thanks, and they are happy in being able to state, that arrangements have been made for a continuous course until the end of April. —

Your Committee would most earnestly press upon your attention the great necessity existing for the procurement of apparatus for exemplifying the different branches of Natural Philosophy; as a proof of it, had not the Reverend Gentlemen of the Seminary kindly lent their Overy, the Institute would have been deprived of the very interesting Lectures on Astronomy delivered by the Reverend Mr Taylor. —

Your Committee must again allude to the Mechanical apparatus sent for to England last Year, which was mentioned in the last Quarterly Report as not to arrive. — Your Committee are happy to state that Messrs Tweedy, W.intosh, Smith, and Taylor came forward

and

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and volunteered to make a set of that kind, free of charge for labour, each person taking a part. - This deserves your kindest thanks, and is worthy of imitation. The thirty pounds voted for them is in the hands of the Committee, and they will use every effort to complete them. -

Your Committee would be wanting in gratitude were they to omit noticing the very handsome donation from the Hon: George Moffatt of £37.15.0 and they trust that every member will use his best exertions in rendering the Institute worthy the consideration of those Gentlemen who are so able to advance its interests. The donations in Apparatus and Books in the Year consists of the following

- From Mrs Dougall Esq - { Street's Kirk Reports 2 Volumes
Poor Law Commissioners Report 1 Vol.
" C. D. Shaw Esq { A Voltaic Battery, a Rotary Magnet
and Weight, & an Electrotypie
" G. Foutroy Esq (Quebec) - A stuffed Alligator
" Hon: Geo: Moffatt - £37.15.0
" Mr Chas Goodwell - The Colonial Gazette for one year
" Mr Wilson (Granville) - A few Gospels
" The Corporation - Plan of the proposed Docks & Canal
" A. P. Hart Esq - A model of the Plymouth Breakwater

The model of the Plymouth Breakwater has not yet been received from the Corporation, in whose hands it was placed by Mr Hart. -

Your Committee having accepted the resignation of Mr Heston referred to the Sentinels list, and having found Mr G. Garth the next in rotation, that Gentleman has been appointed in his stead. -

It will be in your recollection that a general Meeting was held for the purpose of voting an address to his Excellency Sir Charles Bagot, upon his arrival in Montreal - in consequence of his having arrived at the seat of Government, via New York, the address has not yet been presented; It is known the Mayor of this City has kindly agreed to take it to Kingston, and present it in the name and on the behalf of the Institute. -

Dr

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In consequence of a recommendation of the Committee in the Semi-annual Report, and of the practical inconvenience found in the working of the constitution, a Sub-Committee was formed to determine upon the alterations proposed; these have been exposed in the Reading room the required length of time, and your Committee in bringing them before you this evening would observe, that they were the subject of grave deliberation and study, and as such trust they will be entered upon with unanimity and cordiality, as they are calculated to be of lasting benefit to the Institute.

The Meeting for the Election of Officers for the ensuing Year which was held on Tuesday the 25th ultimo, resulted in the following Members being elected

President — John Redpath
1st Vice Do — J. W. Herbert
2nd .. do — Jas. Ferris
Treasurer — A. Cowan
Corresponding Secretary — G. Hoze
Recording Secretary — John H. Isaacson
H. Saylor
J. R. Bragadon
John Cliff
D. Brown
John Dillon
John Fletcher

Members of Committee

Before resigning their trust into your hands your Committee would respectfully impress upon the members in general, the importance and duty of endeavouring each in his own individual sphere to induce others to join the Institute, and thus to diffuse more widely its manifest advantages, while its internal management depends in a great measure on the Committee, without a large number of members and a liberal support from them, the labours of the Committee must be comparatively unavailing.

The principle of the combination of many for the good of

of

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of all, is now generally understood and acted upon, and it should be remembered that every addition to the funds or means of such an establishment as this, is not merely repaid in the form of increased benefits to those from whom it comes, but is a service rendered to many others of more limited means and opportunities - not only is each member obtaining knowledge at the lowest possible price, but his subscription tends at once to improve the character of instruction and to render it more generally acceptable. - Not to mention that in these days of rapid and startling improvement in all mechanical, commercial, and scientific matters, every profession - nay, the humblest trade will yet require for its successful conduct a much wider intellectual range than was ever before imagined - mental cultivation in itself, and for its own sake is our highest, our ultimate aim, and to try its value by any inferior or extrinsic standard is to display our own ignorance of its nature and importance. -
The whole of which is respectfully submitted

3rd It was then moved by Mr Greig, seconded by Mr Taylor and resolved
That the Report now read be approved and entered in the Minutes

4th The Secretary reported that Mr Rogers declined acting on the Committee, and the Peritainers list having been examined Mr John Fletcher was elected in his stead.

5th It was moved by Mr Greig seconded by Mr Chaner and resolved
That the Committee be authorised to fill up the vacancies caused by the non-attendance of Members of Committee for more than three months, by those persons next in rotation on the Ballot List, who are willing to serve

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Report adopted

Mr Fletcher elected on Committee

Committee authorized to fill up vacancies caused by non-attendance of members

It was moved by Mr Holland seconded by Mr Herbert and resolved

That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Proprietors of the Messenger and Transcript for their ~~valuable~~ favourable notices of this Institute and for their furtherance of its interests. —

It was moved by Mr Hoase seconded by Mr Taylor and resolved

That the thanks of the Institute be given to the retiring members of Committee for their valuable services during their term of Office. —

It was moved by Mr Greig seconded by Mr Holland and resolved

That the President vacate the Chair and that Mr Herbert be called thereto

It was moved by Mr Thos. White seconded by Mr Taylor and resolved

That the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr Bedpath for his interesting attention to the welfare of this Institute. —

It was moved by Mr Holland seconded by Mr White and resolved

That the thanks of the Institute be given to Mr Hoase for his attention to the interests of the Institute

Previous to the ^{5th} Minute being read the following Amendments were passed

Clause 5 The Trustees shall be residents of ~~or~~ within 3 miles of the City limits, and at least half of the Committee of Management shall be practical mechanics or artisans
Section 1

Rule 1 Any person upon application to the Secy paying his subscription and signing the rules shall receive a ticket entitling him to all the

Note of thanks to
the Messenger and
Transcript newspapers

Note of thanks to retiring
members of Committee

Note of thanks to Mr
Bedpath

Note of thanks to
Mr Hoase

+ Privileges of the Institute

Rule 3 No Member to be admitted either to the Rooms or Meetings of the Institute unless he produce his ticket if required

Rule 5 No person shall be admitted a Corresponding Member who shall reside within two Miles of the City Limits

Section 2

Rule 6 All the Officers and Committee of Management (Clause 1) shall be appointed in the same manner following.

X A printed Card with the various names of the Offices shall be furnished to each Member as he may demand it and opposite to each he shall affix the names of those persons he shall suppose most fitted to serve the Office

X Rule 9 Six of the Committee shall retire from Office at the end of every six months thereby serving one year

X Rule 11 At the hour of 9 the ballot box shall be (Clause 3) closed and handed to the scrutineers after which no ballot shall be received except at the discretion of the President or Chairman for the time being

Section 4

Rule 21 There shall be two general Meetings (4th sentence) of the Institute, and two Meetings for the Election of Officers in each year. The former shall be held on the first Tuesday in Feb^r and August and the latter upon the last Tuesday in January and July - - -

Rule 24 Every proposition for altering the Rules shall be in writing and signed by at least twenty members of six months standing and delivered to the Sec^y at least twenty days

persons to a general meeting who shall immediately ~~affix~~ on receipts thereof affix a copy in the room of meeting - Such proposition, if carried at the said general meeting by two thirds of the members then present shall be acted upon until the next general meeting when it may be finally passed. - -

Rule 30 } The Committee shall make their report
2 Clause } and correspondence shall be read, The
Auditors shall make their report -

Section 5

Rule 32 The subscription for year members shall be fifteen shillings for annum and quarterly members in the following division for the Quarter commencing Nov & February five shillings for Quarter and for the Quarter commencing May and August, two shillings & six pence for Quarter

Rule 33 } No Member of the Institute shall
Clause 2 } have any Perquisite or receive any
gratuities or present from the funds of the
Institute for anything done or to be
done on account of the Institute

Rule 34 Apprentices under 21 years of age on being certified as such by two members of the Institute, may be admitted to all the privileges of Members except voting or being eligible to any office upon paying 7/6 per annum or quarterly in the following division - For the Quarter commencing Nov & February 2/6 per Quarter & for the Quarter commencing May and August 1/3 per Quarter

James Chapman
John L. Headford Secy

Report of the Receipts and Disbursements for
the Year 1871

To Balance from last Annual Statement

99 6 11

To Amount of Subscriptions & Donations

174 10 7

273 17 6

Disbursements

Voucher No. 20	Gazette Office - Printing	5 6 0
29	R. Miller Book Binding	1 16 0
30	J. Bain do	2 11 0
31	J. Roy Books	30 10 9
32	F. Mullins Sundries	11 5 7
33	do Rent	14 10 0
34	G. Dickenson Salary	14 0 0
35	F. Mullins Rent	14 10 0
36	J. Smith Apparatus	30 0 0
37	Mr Roy Books	10 2 6
38	Gov Secretary Handbills	2 13 0
39	W. & E. Pullin Carpentry	5 15 11
40	G. Dickenson Salary	14 0 0
41	G. Bryson Binding	1 13 9
42	F. Mullins Rent	14 10 0
43	Mr Kennedy	1 0 0
44	Courier Newspaper Advertising	2 10 10
45	G. Carth Gas Fittings	1 0 0
46	Gas Company - Gas	3 7 10
47	Mr Roy Books	2 10 11
48	Gas Company Gas	3 7 10
49	G. Dickenson Salary	14 0 0
50	F. Mullins Rent	14 10 0
51	do Sundries	8 11 3
52	R. Gray Subscription to Herald	2 5 0
	S. McDonald Advertising	3 18 11
	Mr. White & Co Sundries	14 6
	J. Bain Binding	2 11 0
	J. Griffiths Glazing &c	10 6
	Mr. Lowell Printing &c	19 10 1
	Librarian for Incidentals	6 19 2
		262 5 3

Signed

Joseph Mason }
William Greig } Auditors

A meeting of the Committee of the Montreal Mechanics Institute took place at their Rooms this evening, Tuesday February 15th 1842

Present Messrs Herbert, Ferrier, A. Cowan, Mat-
thewson, Hose, J. Gibson, Taylor, Dillon, Brown,
Fletcher and Isaacson - Mr Herbert in the Chair.

1st The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. -

2nd. - Messrs Josh Webb and Alex. Smith were duly proposed and admitted as Members of the Institute

Admission of Members

Library Sub Committee

3rd. - Messrs Dillon and Brown were placed on the Library Committee in the places of Messrs Tweedy and J. White who have retired from Office. -

Pub Committee for furnishing and lighting the rooms

4th. - Messrs Taylor and Herbert were appointed on the Pub Committee for to superintend the lighting and furnishing the Rooms &c in the places of Messrs Mcintosh and Thos. White, their terms of Office having expired. -

Pub Committee to procure Lecturers

5th. - Messrs Ferrier, Cowan and Herbert were placed on the Pub Committee to procure Lecturers Messrs Holmes and Shand having retired therefrom. -

Account passed

6th. - An account from Mr G. Dickenson amounting to £14.0.0 (Salary) was laid on the Table, examined and ordered to be paid. -

Deposit of £30 in the Savings Bank

7th. - It was moved by Mr Taylor, seconded by Mr Hose and resolved
That the sum of Thirty pounds now lying in the hands of Mr J. Smith for the purpose of purchasing mechanical apparatus, be deposited in the Savings and Provident Banks of this City. -

8th. It was moved by Mr Hose seconded by Mr Tay-
lor and resolved

That

That Mr Herbert have the superintendance
and direction of the French class. —

9th. It was moved by Mr Cowan, seconded
by Mr Taylor and resolved
That the following Members of the Institute
form a Committee ^{to solicit} to canvass the Public for
Members and Donations to increase the funds
of said Institute. — viz. — Messrs Ferris, Herbert
Cowan, Dillon, Matthewson, Redpath, Holmes,
Carter, Lovel, J. White, J. Smith, J. Holland,
J. R. Bronsdon, Cliff, W. Greig,

Committee
and of Institute

10th. It was moved by Mr Hoare seconded by Mr
Taylor and resolved
That Messrs Herbert, Cowan, Dillon, and Matthewson
form a Sub Committee to organize the above. —

After which the meeting dissolved. —

John W. Herbert Chairman
John H. Isaacson Secretary

A Meeting of the Committee of the Montreal
Mechanics Institute was held this evening
Tuesday March 9th 1842. Present Messrs Herbert
Cowan Bronsdon, Gault, Hellen and Hoare
Mr Herbert in the Chair
1st The minutes of the last meeting were read
and approved.

2nd. An account from Mr Gault for Gas light
was presented amounting to £3.7.10. examined and
ordered to be paid, also one from Mr Smith
being the balance due, ^{and amt to £2.12.4} Messrs. Thurston, which was
also ~~ordered~~ examined and ordered to be paid
John W. Herbert Chairman
John H. Isaacson Secretary

2/6, paper

Messrs
Bucknill
J.M.S.
S. H. &

A meeting of the Committee of the Mechanic's Institute took place at their Rooms this evening, Thursday March 31st 1842. Present Messrs Herbert Cowan, Browden, Mathewson, Taylor, Hoare, Brown, Fletcher and S. H. Isaacson. Mr Herbert in the chair.

1st. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

2nd. A proposal from ~~the~~ ^{the} Messrs ~~Cowan~~ laid before to rent the Lecture room at the rate of ^{at the rate} £30 per annum, and after a short discussion it was

Moved by Mr Hoare, seconded by Mr Taylor and resolved

That the offer of the Messrs ~~Cowan~~ be accepted, and that Messrs Cowan & Mathewson be appointed to enter into the necessary arrangements to complete the same.

After which the meeting dissolved.

Messrs. W. Herbert Chairman
John H. Isaacson Secretary

At a meeting of the Committee of management of the Montreal Mechanic's Institute, and of the Sub-committee appointed to ~~collect funds~~ ^{collect funds} in aid of said Institute, held at the rooms of the Institute on Tuesday April 5th 1842. Present Messrs Herbert, Browden, Mathewson, A. Cowan, Clark, Shant, Brown, Garth, Taylor, White and Nelson. Mr Herbert in the chair.

1st. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

2nd. Mr A. Cowan reported having sold the

Lecture room
rented to Messrs
Cowan & Mathewson

the following tickets, viz.

19 Annual	@ 15/-	14..5..0
9 do Apprentices	5/-	2..5..0
3 Quarterly	3/9	11..3
		<u>£ 17. 1. 3</u> — 17. 1. 3

Messrs Redpath & Carter reported having sold
 10 Annual @ 15/- £ 30..0..0 — 30..0..0

21 Annual	@ 15/-	25..10..0
2 .. Apprentices	7/6	15..0
3 Quarterly	3/9	11..3
		<u>£ 26. 16. 3</u> — 26. 16. 3

11 Annual Tickets	@ 15/-	8..5..0
1 .. Apprentices	5/-	5
		<u>£ 8..10..0</u> — 8..10..0

6 Annual Tickets	@ 15/-	£ 11..10..0 — 11..10..0
		Total £ 86..17..6

A proposition from Messrs Hayes & Co relating to the renting of a building was deferred until the next meeting. After which the meeting dissolved.

John H. Herbert, Chairman
 John G. Sparrow Secretary

Montreal Tuesday April 24th '42

A meeting of the committee of the M. M. Institute was held this evening, present Messrs Herbert, Cowan, Hoar, Taylor and Sparrow. Mr Herbert in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

And Mr Hoar reported the receipt of the following donations

Report of sub-committee appointed on the 13th inst

Proposition from Messrs Hayes & Co

Donations

from Mr
Bickenson
History of
Repaire 1 Vol.

donations - viz - from Mr Jas. Miller, St Paul Street
"Statistical account of the British Empire" 2 Volumes;
from Mr Keenan, Three Rivers, System of Anatomy
3 Vol. and Bell's Surgery 1 Vol. # and from Mr Gibbon
Montreal, one volume on the "Construction of Chimneys".

17th
Accounts passed

3rd. - The following accounts were laid on the
table, examined, and ordered to be paid, viz
one from the Proprietor of the Morning Courier
amounting to £1.10.0, and one from Mr Mullins
for rent amounting to £14.10.00

4th - Messrs Hoze and Isaacson were appointed
a sub committee to examine all accounts. -

5th. - A Letter from Messrs Park and South
After which the meeting dissolved

John W. Robert. P. G. Chairman,
John H. Isaacson Secretary,
Montreal April 18th 1842

A meeting of the Committee of the Montreal
Mechanics Institute was held this evening
present Messrs Herbert, Cowan, Hoze, Brousdon,
Garth, Cliff and Recording Secretary; Mr Herbert
in the chair.

1st The minutes of the last meeting were read
and approved. -

2nd. - Mr Brousdon reported having in accor-
dance to the instructions given him by the Com-
mittee, seen Mr Hoays respecting the building of
Rooms for the Institute over his Offices at the Water
works, and that that Gentleman had declared
his willingness to lease a building to be erected
at the costs of the Institute at the yearly rent
of

Mr Hoays' proposition

of £40 ~~per an.~~ for the space of nine years. -

3rd. It was moved by Mr Garth seconded
by Mr Braddon and resolved
That the ~~offer~~ offer of Mr Hay, be declined
owing to the ~~lowness~~ lowness of the funds of the Institute

4th. Mr Dillon was appointed to draft the
Quarterly Report. -

After which the meeting dissolved. -

Andrew Cowan Chairman
John H. Isaacson Secretary

Montreal 14th Dec^r 1842

A meeting of the Committee of the Montreal
Mechanics Institute was held this evening
Present Mess^{rs} A Cowan, Mathewson, Dillon
Taylor Fletcher Brown and Isaacson - Mr Cowan
in the chair

1st The minutes of the last meeting were read
and approved

2nd. - Mr Dillon submitted the draft of the
Quarterly Report which was read and approved.

After which the meeting dissolved

John M. Herbert. Chairman
John H. Isaacson Secretary

Mr Hay's proposal
declined

Draft of
Report submitted

Montreal May 3rd 1842

At the Quarterly meeting of the Members of this Institute held this evening - Jas. Ferris Esq. on the Chair -

1st. The minutes of the Second annual meeting were read and approved

And - The Quarterly Report was then Read

Report

In conformity with their usual custom your Committee beg leave to submit a Report of their proceedings, and of the state of the Institute during the past Quarter -

On reviewing the state and prospects of the Institute at the commencement of the Quarter the regretted exceedingly that so much apathy existed amongst its members respecting its general prosperity and that so little interest had been manifested by the Public, and by that class of individuals especially for whom it was originally designed. In consequence therefore of this state of things they found that there was an absolute necessity for a special effort to increase its finances, and if possible to infuse a spirit of life and energy into the various departments connected with it. The appointment therefore of individuals composing a sub-committee was made and having divided the City into wards, by most praiseworthy exertions they succeeded in obtaining
annual and quarterly members.

In adverting to the state of the Library your Committee have nothing material to report with the exception of a few donations of Books received from the following gentlemen for which they return their grateful acknowledgements,

From

from James Miller Esq. Montreal. "Statistical
Account of the British Empire" in two volumes;
from Mr Keenan, of Three Rivers "System of Anat-
omy" 3 Vol: and Four volumes of Bell's Surgery;
from Mr Gibbon a treatise on the Construction of
Chimneys; and from Mr Wickensen the History
of Nepal, in one Volume:— and with regard
to the total number of Books in the Library
it is unnecessary here to enumerate them
as they have been fully specified in the last
Quarterly Report.—

Your Committee would avail themselves of
this opportunity to congratulate the friends of the
Institute on the marked attention which was
manifested during the past Quarter respecting
the lectures delivered by several gentlemen, whose
talents entitled them to the consideration of the
Public, and who were eminently qualified by
their learning and abilities to interest and
instruct the public mind:— these lectures were
purely of an intellectual character and could
not fail to benefit those who availed them-
selves of a privilege gratuitously afforded.

Your Committee return their sincere acknow-
ledgements to those gentlemen who kindly responded
to their request, and who at considerable personal
inconvenience and trouble fulfilled their several
engagements to the Public.— The Rev^d Mr Taylor
concluded a series of highly popular lectures on
the science of Anatomy with a variety of illustra-
tions, and which were numerously attended; also
a course of lectures by Dr Hall on "Vegetable
organization" illustrated by diagrams proved
highly instructive to those whose minds led
them to admire the wonders of creative power
and wisdom.— The Lectures commenced by
Dr Arnoldi on "Medical Jurisprudence" they
regret to say were for a time discontinued.— a
lecture was also delivered by Mr Ferguson on
"the importance of the study of natural Philosophy
to

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to Mechanics" - and another by the Rev^d Mr Giles on the "Genius and Poetry of Burns." both were highly appreciated, and rendered exceedingly interesting and instructive.

Your Committee beg leave further to intimate that they expect the immediate completion of the Mechanical apparatus which has been for some time in the hands of the artists, and when completed will no doubt prove a great acquisition to the Institute.

They would also observe that a considerable improvement has been made in the Reading room, it has been enlarged, and the convenient manner in which it is now fitted up, in conjunction with the addition which has been made to the Newspaper department, of several valuable papers, both foreign and domestic, renders it at once exceedingly attractive and amusing.

An application was made ^{by} to your Committee by the Rev^d Mr Carruthers to rent the lecture room for Sabbath lectures, to which they have acceded.

Your Committee are deeply sensible of the difficulties by which the Institution is surrounded, both as regards the necessary funds, and the countenance and support of the Public, yet they believe they are not insurmountable; like every kindred institution which now exists both in Europe and on this Continent, they have had their rise, their progress and their consummation; and although the efforts hitherto made by the friends of this Institution have not been rewarded with that success which they anticipated, yet they trust the time is not remote when the advantages both of a literary, scientific and moral character shall be seen and fully appreciated by a discerning Public; the friends of this institution shall then reap the full reward of their labours, in the satisfaction which it

ensures

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ensures on beholding the amount of good
it diffuses, the impulse which it has been
the instrument of communicating to the
diffusion of Literature, of Science and of Art;
the elevation of the human mind by the
acquisition of Knowledge; the production
of those refined principles which serve to
ennoble man, and to raise him high in the
scale of intellectual and moral excellence
These we trust are some of the motives by
which your Committee shall be stimulated
to the faithful discharge of those duties
which devolve upon them, and in connec-
tion with that countenance and support
which they expect from the friends of the
institution, they shall ultimately congratu-
late themselves and the Public on its estab-
lishment on a pure and permanent founda-
tion.

All of which your Committee respectfully
submit

3rd. - It was moved by Mr Dickinson seconded
by Mr _____ and resolved
That the Report now read be approved and
entered on the minutes

4th. - The resolutions passed at the last
annual meeting were unanimously passed
and adopted

After which the meeting dissolved

Chairman
John H. Isaacson Secy

Report

Report adopted

Several resolutions
previously passed
adopted

Montreal May 13th 1842

A special meeting of the Committee took place this evening - present Messrs Herbert Mathewson, Taylor, Brown, Fletcher, Bronsdon and Isaacson. - Mr Herbert in the Chair

1st The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

2nd ~~That~~ It was moved by Mr Taylor seconded by Mr Bronsdon

That the Secretary be instructed to advertise a meeting of the members of the Institute to take place on Monday next the 16th instant. -

The meeting then dissolved. -

Chairman.
John H. Isaacson Secy

Mr Herbert

Montreal May 17th 1842

A meeting of the Committee took place this evening. present Messrs Herbert, Ferris, Taylor, Bronsdon, Brown, Fletcher, and Dillon - Mr Herbert in the Chair. -

1st. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr Bronsdon appointed to superintend the procession

2nd - Mr Bronsdon was nominated as Marshal in order to superintend the arrangement of the approaching procession. -

3rd - ~~That~~ Messrs Gibson, Taylor, Brown and Fletcher ~~was~~ were appointed a sub-committee to organize the procession. -

Chairman
John H. Isaacson Secy

A special meeting of the members of the Montreal Mechanics Institute took place this evening (May 16th 1842) at their Rooms -
Mr Reedpath in the chair

The Chairman opened the business of the evening by calling the attention of the members to the ~~their~~ object of their meeting: after which it was moved by Mr Spier, seconded by Mr Cook and unanimously resolved

That this meeting cordially approves of the members of the Institute forming in procession and joining with the different Societies to meet and welcome His Excellency the Governor General on his arrival in this City on Saturday next the 21st instant.

The meeting then dissolved

John H. Swagton Chairman
Secy

W. Brumida of Clerks

Proposition to welcome
the Governor

A meeting of the Committee of the Mechanics Institute was held this evening July the 20th 1832 present Messrs Brownson Taylor Cliff, Fletcher and Mathewson - Mr Brownson in the chair -

1st The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

2nd - It was moved by Mr Fletcher seconded by Mr Cliff and resolved

That the sum of ten dollars be paid to the Band of the 23rd Regt for services rendered by them on the 26th of May last. -

3rd - Mr Dickerson was requested to call on the collectors for the list of the members acquired by them during their late campaign. -

4th - That the meeting for the election of the Committee to take place on Tuesday next the 26th inst: be advertised in the Transcript and Messenger.

5th - That Mr Brownson be requested to draw up the Semi annual Report. -

After which the meeting dissolved

Wm. Mathewson Chairman
John H. Isaacson Secretary

A meeting of the Committee of the Montreal Mechanics was called this evening, the 29th instant, but not being attended by a quorum of the members Messrs Howe Mathewson Taylor and Isaacson being the only persons present, no business was transacted

John H. Isaacson Secretary

Payment to the
Band of 23rd Regt

A meeting of the Committee of the Montreal
Mechanics Institute took place this evening
Monday Sept 1st 1842 - Present Messrs
McIntosh, Taylor, Brown, Fletcher, Gibson
Hoose and Isaacson. Mr McIntosh in the Chair

1st The minutes of the last meeting were
read and approved. —

2nd - The following accounts were examined,
passed, and ordered to be paid - viz - Gas
Light Co - £3.7.10 - Mr White & Co for sundries 13/4
G. Dickenson Salary £14.0.0 - C. McCormick
posting hand bills 7/6 - J. Mullings for candles
£3.18.4 - Messrs Lowell & Gibson for Printing £1.15.1

3rd - A letter from Mr Brown (which was
received on the 29th of last month) was laid
on the table, stating that Gentleman's ina-
bility owing to ill health to draft the semi-
annual report - Mr Taylor was therefore
nominated to that duty in his stead. —

4th - The semi annual report as drawn out
by Mr Taylor was then submitted and after
having been read was unanimously adopted

After which the meeting dissolved,

John W. Taylor. C. P. Chairman
John P. Isaacson Secretary

Accounts passed

Mr Brown's
inability to draft
report

Draft of Report
submitted

The adjourned meeting for the election of officers of the Institute took place this evening 1st Dec 1842. Mr Rose in the Chair

1st The minutes of the last election were read and approved.

2nd - Messrs J. White, Watson and Struthers were appointed scrutineers, who having examined the ballot reported the following persons as duly elected viz

Auditors	}	Wm Cowan
		J. White
Committee	}	C. O. Gill
		Jas Roy
		J. Gibson
		J. Horner
		E. Wetenhall
		J. Holland

The Semi annual Meeting of the Members of the Montreal Mechanics Institute was held at their rooms this evening. Mr Rose in the chair.

1st The minutes of the last Semi annual Report were read and approved.

2nd The Report as given below was then read by the Secretary.

Report
The Committee of the Montreal Mechanics Institute, in submitting a report of their proceedings for the past half year, beg leave to congratulate its members on the prosperous state of its affairs. The Institute now contains 229 members of

whom 17 are life members, 162 are annual,
11 quarterly, 22 annual apprentices, 12 quarterly
apprentices, and 5 corresponding members.

The amount of cash received during the half
year now ending, is £123.10.6 which added
to the balance in hand of £29.13.2 makes
£153.3.8. The expenditure for the same period
amounts to £29.6.7¹/₂ the details of which
will be submitted in the Auditor's report,
which shows a balance on hand of £24.2.7¹/₂
this balance does not include £30 already
appropriated for Mechanical apparatus, and
remains in the Savings Bank at interest.
The Library contains 683 Volumes exclusive
of unbound periodicals. There have been
121 readers, and 1046 volumes circulated
during the last six months.

In the Reading room, the following papers
are regularly supplied: the Morning
Chronicle, a London daily paper; the
Observer and Spectator, London weekly papers;
the New World, N. Y.; the Old Countryman, N. Y.;
the British Whig, Kingston; the Quebec Mercury
and all the Montreal papers, periodicals &c.
In addition to the above the following papers
from the Montreal News Room: the London
Morning Herald, Glasgow Herald, Liverpool
Chronicle, Dublin Evening Mail, and the
Bristol Journal, besides Bentley and Black-
wood's Magazines.

The Reading Room is also pretty well attended.
Your committee deem it unnecessary to dwell
on what has already been reported at the last
quarterly meeting, yet they feel it to be their
duty to remind you of the proceeds, the exertion
of the undermentioned gentlemen, by whose
zeal and industry so large a number have been
enrolled as members of this Institute viz.
Messrs Ferris, Herbert, A. Cowan, Dellow, Redpath,
Holmes, Carter, Lovel, J. White, Broudon, Cliff

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Jas. E. Mathewson, Shand and Greig -

Your Committee were much pleased to observe the promptitude with which the members of the Institute, and others, came forward to join the procession welcoming the Governor General on his arrival in Montreal - this is as it should be - we wish to see the Members look upon this Institute as their own, and make it a rallying point whenever as a class their bodies ought to be seen or heard by the public. -

It has been pressed on the notice of your Committee that Institutions similar to ours almost universally experience a reaction after the first or second year of their existence, which proves fatal to some, and is trying to all. Your Committee have reason to hope that this Institution has outlived that reaction, and that by their unremitting exertions, with the co-operation of the members, the time is not far distant when the Mechanics Institute of Montreal will be so deeply rooted in the affections of the class by whose name it is called, and others, that its stability will not be exceeded by any other Institution in the Country. - For this purpose your Committee would crave the assistance of the members, every one of whom is equally interested in its advancement - let, then each individual member recollect that when he is the means of adding a single name to its list he is providing for its permanency. -

It is gratifying to your Committee at its Fifth Semi-annual meeting to be able to state that the Institute is still steadily progressing in its means of usefulness: and as will be seen by the Report of the Library a large number of your members are realising that intellectual enjoyment is so amply provided for them in that inestimable branch of your Institute. -

The Reading room is also pretty well attended.

The Season of the year in which the Institute is more conspicuously interesting is approaching and it is confidently hoped that the coming Fall and Winter will yield to none in the experience of the Institute, in the variety and excellence of its Lectures, lectures, and other means of instruction and entertainment. We are all aware that there is a large proportion of Mechanics and others in circumstances something similar in Montreal who have not yet availed themselves of the advantages this Institute is so well calculated to afford; let us therefore redouble our diligence - our cause is good - we aim at the advancement of our country through the enlightenment of its inhabitants, being ourselves convinced that the surest road to prosperity and happiness is "amidst all our getting, to get understanding." - All which is respectfully submitted. -

Report

It was moved by Mr Holland seconded by Mr J White and resolved That the Report now read, be adopted, and entered on the minutes. -

Report adopted

It was moved by Mr Mc Intosh, seconded by Mr Dickenson and resolved That a vote of thanks be given to those Gentlemen of the Committee, who retire from office for their attention to the interests of the Institute

Note of thanks to the retiring members of committee

Wm. C. Morrison
Secy

Semi annual report of the Receipts and Disbursements ending August 2nd 1842.

Balance from annual report
 amount of Subscriptions

29 18 2
 123 10 6

153 8 8

✓	To Voucher No 53	Transcript Advert ^t	3	18	10			
✓	"	54	W. White Do amt of a/c	2	8	10		
✓	"	55	J. Lovell - Printing	19	10	1		
✓	"	56	Cooper. Secy	13	5	5		
✓	"	57	A. Furness Esq. Gas	3	7	10		
✓	"	58	Morrin Courier	1	10	0		
✓	"	59	J. Bain a/c for book binding	2	11	0		
✓	"	60	J. Gibson	3	19	2		
✓	"	61	J. H. Mullins a/c for light	12	10	0		
✓	"	62	J. Smith amt of a/c	2	12	4		
✓	"	63	J. Griffith a/c for glass	1	0	0		
✓	"	64	G. Dickenson. quar: Sal.	14	0	0		
✓	"	65	F. Mullins. quar: rent	14	10	0		
62	✓	"	66	G. Dickenson incident: expen	9	18	0	
64	✓	"	67	G. Dickenson Salary	14	0	0	
72	✓	"	68	Gas Company	3	7	10	
71	✓	"	69	W. White Do	13	4		
66	✓	"	70	Fro: Mullins. Sundries	3	18	4	
70	✓	"	71	Lovell - Printing	1	15	1	
69	✓	"	W. McCormick Postage Bills	7	6			
							129 6 7 1/2	
							242 0 3	

Montreal Augt 1841

A meeting of the Committee of Management was called for this evening but Messrs Hoze, Gibb and Isaacson being the only persons in attendance, no business was transacted.

John H. Isaacson Secy

Montreal Sept 6th 1842

A meeting of the Committee of the Montreal Mechanics Institute was held this evening present Messrs Herbert, Hoze, Taylor, Gibb, Ketchum, Fletcher, Brown and Isaacson Mr Herbert in the Chair.

1st. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

2nd. Instructions were given Mr Herbert to endeavour to procure a Letter box for the Institute at the Post office of the City.

3rd. Messrs Ferris, Cowan, Herbert, Hoze, Gibb, and Gibson were nominated and appointed a Sub committee to procure Lecturers.

4th. A Sub committee consisting of the following gentlemen was appointed to superintend the lighting and furnishing of the rooms & viz Messrs Herbert & Taylor.

5th. Messrs Roy, Brown and Dillon were appointed a Sub committee for the management of the Library.

6th. The following accounts were laid on the table, examined, approved and ordered to be paid

Instructions to procure Letter box

Sub committee to procure Lecturers

Sub committee to superintend the lighting and furnishing rooms

Library Sub committee

Accounty passed

vis. Mr Buddell for Postage £3.9.11d - Mr Millers for Quarter's rent £14.10.0 - Gas light loc £3.7.10d - Emigrant & Old Countryman Newspaper 13/- and Mr Chickenson for Salary £14.0.0. -

Mr Miller's offer to lecture

9th. - Mr Hose laid on the table a Letter received from Mr Miller of containing an offer from that latter named Gentleman to lecture on "the Steam engine" - which was referred to the Sub-committee. -

Mr Parnell's rent received

11th. - The corresponding Secretary acknowledged the receipt of £6.0.0d being the rent of the Lecture room as per agreement to Mr Parnell

After which the meeting dissolved -

Mr Taylor, Chairman
John H. Isaacson, Secy

Montreal Sept 23rd 1842

A meeting of the Committee of the Montreal Mechanics' Institute was held this evening. Present Messrs Taylor, Hose, Gibb, Homer, Brownson, Brown and Isaacson, Mr Taylor in the Chair. -

1st. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. -

The rent from Mr Parnell's room received

2nd. - Mr Hose acknowledged the receipt of £8.5.0 for rent of Lecture room from Messrs Parnell & Collyer

Mr Roy declines serving on Committee

3rd. - A letter from Mr Jas Roy was laid on the table by the Recording Secretary announcing that gentleman's declension to act on the Committee. -

4th. A motion was brought forward by Mr. Rose, and seconded by Mr. Gibb to the effect that the use of the Lecture room of this Institute be given gratis to several gentlemen about to form a Mesmeric Society, which after some discussion was withdrawn.

5th. On the motion of Mr. Rose seconded by Mr. Gibb it was resolved that Messrs Parrell and Collier be admitted corresponding members of this Institute.

6th. Mr. Gibb was appointed on the Library sub-committee in the place of Mr. Roy.

7th. The corresponding Secretary informed the Committee he had been desired by the Revd Mr. E. Fox to request their attendance at a meeting about to be called of the Office holders of many Institutions of this City, to take into consideration, a proposition to be submitted to them, by that Reverend Gentleman; upon which after a short conversation, Mr. Rose was directed, to notify Mr. E. Fox of their willingness to acquiesce with his request.

There being no further business brought forward the meeting was dissolved.

John H. Isaacson Secretary

A meeting of the Committee was called this evening Monday October 24th 1847 but Messrs Cowan Rose and Taylor being the only members in attendance no business was transacted.

John H. Isaacson Secretary

Motion by Mr. Rose
withdrawn

Messrs Parrell &
Collier admitted
corresponding members

Mr. Gibb placed
on Library sub-
committee

Proposed from
Rev. Mr. E. Fox

by the
meeting
J. C.
J. H. S.

Montreal Oct 31st 1842

A meeting of the Committee took place at 8 o'clock
this evening present Messrs Bellon, Redpath, Howe
Taylor, Gibson, Herbert, Brown, Gubb, Fletcher, Hol-
land, Horner & Isaacson. Mr Bellon in the chair

1st. The minutes of the last meeting were read
and approved.

2nd. The following books on the recommendation
of the Library sub-committee were ordered to be purchased
- viz - 4 vols Penny Cyclopaedia - 2 do Penny Magazine
3 do Mathematics Geometry - 1 do Canadian Naturalist
3 do British America - 1 do Ancient & Modern Egypt -
1 do Bacon's Essays - 1 do Engineers Text Book - 1 do Mes-
opotamia & Assyria - 2 do Political History of the Civil -
1 do Tyler's History of America - 1 do Treatise on Mechanics.

3rd. The following accounts were then laid on the
table, examined, approved, and ordered to be paid
viz - Gas light Company for light £3.7.10 - Geo Mullins
for quarters rent £14.10.0 - Emigrant Old Countryman
Newspaper \$3 - Mr Dickenson quarters Salary £14.0.0 -
Proprietor Herald.

4th. Mr Howe acknowledged the receipt of £3.0.0
for rent of Lecture Room to Mr Gates.

5th. A communication from Mr Birks ~~was~~ giving
notice of the intention of Mr Garretts and his
friends to give up the use of the Lecture room
was laid on the table.

6th. On the motion of Mr Holland seconded by
Mr Taylor it was ordered that a notice of the lectures
about to be delivered by Mr Muller be inserted in three
papers of this City, and that 500 copies of the syllabus
given by that gentleman be printed and distributed
through the City.

After

Books ordered
to be purchased

after passed

Mr Garrison

Notice to quit
from Mr Garretts

After which the meeting was dissolved

John W. Herbert.

John H. Isaacson Chairman
Secretary

At a Meeting of the Committee of the Institute
on Tuesday 15th Nov present Mess Herbert
Homer Fletcher, Brown Rose Gibb & Taylor

1st A Letter was read from Mr H Isaacson, stating
that being about to leave for Europe that he
wants for a period resign his Office of Sec^y
and suggested that Mr Bass would act for
until his return

2^d An offer to teach a Class the French Language
from Mr Will Brewer at 5/- per month was
reported and a notice to that effect was
ordered to be placed in the room

3rd The Meeting dissolved

J. W. Herbert. President

R. Rose Cor Secy

At a Meeting of the Committee of the Institute
on Monday Nov 20th present Mess Herbert
Cowan Brown Gibb Gibson Homer & Rose

1st The Minutes were read and approved

2^d Mr Rose notified his retirement from the
Sub Committee for procuring Lectures

3rd Mr Herbert also notified his retirement from
the same Sub Committee

4th Moved by Mr Brown sic by Mr Cowan that
Mr Holland & Mr Taylor be appointed on
the Sub Committee for procuring Lectures

in the room of the aforesaid.
5th The Meeting dissolved,

J. W. Herbert President
G. Rose Cor Secy

Nov - 13th 1842
This being the night for the Monthly Meeting
Mr Rose was the only person present

Montreal Nov 16th 1842

At the meeting was called but Messrs Rose &
Gibbs were the only persons present -

At a meeting of the ~~Sub~~ Committee of the
Institute held on Wednesday Jan^y 4th 1842
present Messrs Robert Holland Taylor Rose
& Wilson -

1st The Minutes were read and approved

2nd Mr Taylor moved that the Library be
thrown open to the Members for the purpose
of selecting their books. Referred to the Sub-
Committee for the Library -

3rd Mr Offer to teach a drawing class from
Mr Miller was accepted and \$6 was the
price agreed to by the Committee to be charged
per month -

4th Moved by Mr Rose sec^d by Mr Holland
that the President be instructed to
have a deed executed conveying the property
of the Institute to the Trustees appointed
for that purpose.

The Meeting dissolved

W. Taylor, Chairman
G. Rose, Cor. Secy

Montreal Jan 7th 1843

At a Meeting of the Committee present
Messrs Taylor, Gibb, Horner, Rose, Brown
& Dillon. Mr Taylor in the Chair

1st The Minutes were read and approved

2nd Upon motion of Mr Brown sec'd by Mr Horner
Mr Gibb was appointed to draw up the
annual report

3rd Moved by Mr Brown sec'd by Mr Gibb
and Resolved - That it be expedient
to establish an Annual Festival
to be called the Mechanics Festival
to be helden some time in the month
of February, at which such amusements
may be brought forward as the Com-
mittee determine -

4th Moved by Mr Brown & sec'd by Mr Dillon
That a general meeting of the Committee
be called for 12 o'clock on Thursday next

5th The Meeting dissolved -

W. Taylor, Chairman
G. Rose, Cor. Secy

Jan 12th 1843

At a Special Committee present Messrs
Boudgeest, Cliff, Taylor, Rose, Gibb, Brown
& Fletcher

1st The Minutes were read and approved

2^d The following gentlemen were named
to comprise a Committee to get up
a Festival -

Messrs Boudgeest	Messrs Carter
" Taylor	" Holland
" Gibson	" C-Garth
" Gibb	" W Mcintosh
" Milner	" Brown
" Fletcher	" Prowse -

- Andrew Brown Chairman
- G Rose Cor Secy

Jan 30th 1843

At a Meeting of the Committee present
Messrs Cowan, Taylor, Horner, Brown &
Rose - Mr Cowan in the Chair

1st The Minutes were read and approved

2nd A report from the subcommittee for getting
up a Festival was read,

3rd On motion of Mr Horner, ^{that} the report be received
and the subcommittee be instructed to
use their best efforts to make the Festival
a credit to the Institute and to the
City

Mr Taylor Chairman
G Rose Cor Secy

Montreal Jan 31st 43
A Meeting for the Election of Office
bearers was called for the evening
but was adjourned in consequence
of the smallness of the Meeting
Mr Taylor in the Chair -----

J. Rose
Cor Secy

Montreal Feb 3rd 43

At a Meeting of the Committee present
Mess^{rs} Taylor Horner Rose Brown & Gibb
1st The Minutes were read & approved
2nd The Report was brought up and read
3rd The Meeting dissolved

John Smith Chairman
J. Rose Cor Secy

Montreal 7th Feb 4 1843
At the General meeting of the Institute
held at the rooms this day, Mr Redpath
in the Chair -

The adjourned meeting of the
election of Officers took place also the
scrutineers appointed were Mess^{rs} Gibb
Brown and White -

At 9 o'clock the Ballot box was closed
the result was as follows -

John Smith	President
H Taylor	1 st Vice do
D Brown	2 nd " do
A Cowan	Treasurer

George D. G. G. Cor. Secretary
J. H. Isaacson Rec. Do

The minutes of the last general meeting were read and approved -

The Secretary then read the following Report of the proceedings for the past year -

Third Annual Report of the
Montreal Mechanics Institute

Your Committee in submitting to you the third annual report of their proceedings, would congratulate its friends upon the attainment of the 4th year in its existence, and your Committee trusts that through the exertions of their successors it will increase in usefulness, and that the fruits of their success "may be found after many days."

Your Institute now consists of 280 members, but in consequence of the absence of the Secretary in England, your Committee are not able to give you the particulars of the list as to the different classes of members.

The whole amount of funds collected in the year has been £ 55. 14. 3 consisting of these items: -

For Tickets sold 123. 9. 3

Rent of Lecture Room 32. 5. 0 155. 14. 3

The disbursements amount in the same period to £ 240. 16. 4 showing an excess of expenditure over receipt of £ 88. 10. 4. The items of this will be shown in the Auditor's Report, and leaving a Balance in favour of the Institute of £ 28. 2. 5.

Your library now contains 704 volumes, exclusive of unbound periodicals and pamphlets, of which 21 have been added by purchase, 13 by donation.

It is with pleasure your Committee alludes

alludes to this part of your Institute, and considering how many of your members support it from purely philanthropic motives, they cannot but exult in the large number of readers it contains. During the past year 1706 volumes have been circulated, and your Committee would earnestly impress upon every member the great increase they might make in the library by soliciting donations from their more immediate friends.

Your Committee in the absence of your Secretary appointed Mr S C Bagg as Secretary pro tem, which office that gentleman has fulfilled.

Your Committee would call your attention to the notices for forming classes which were posted in the Steam Room, and which has resulted in the formation of a Drawing class which is conducted by Mr Miller, that gentleman who is so well known to you as the lecturer upon the steam engine, and who teaches the class gratuitously.

Your Committee, in adverting to those lectures, are sorry to find they were not so well attended as the perfect knowledge of the subject possessed by Mr Miller led them to expect, and would gratefully acknowledge that gentleman's efforts on behalf of the Institute; and your Committee would also call to your remembrance the very splendid illustrations for the course executed by your Librarian, and take this opportunity of acknowledging his assiduity not only as Librarian, but for his great attention to the interest of the Society, and as a member is worthy of their respect and esteem.

Yours

Your Committee have been notified by Mr Mullins that he will require the use of the Apartments now occupied by the Institute at the expiration of the term for which it was taken, and which expires on the 1st May next, so that it will become incumbent on their successors to take immediate steps for its removal.

Your Committee have determined to establish an Annual Mechanical Festival, the first of which will take place upon the 6th February, and to which your Committee trusts every member will give his support.

A Committee has been appointed to carry it into effect, and though they do not pledge themselves to effect their object in the same style as in the Old Country, yet they will endeavour to give something alike creditable to the City and to the Institute; a variety of amusements will be brought forward and a programme will be published and distributed, and they hope that those persons who have shown themselves so favourable to the Institute, will once more exert themselves in disposing of Tickets.

Before resigning their trust into other hands, your Committee would earnestly press upon you the necessity of the most rigid economy in all its departments, kindred Institutions arise and of course deprive us of some of our members, but yet the mechanics and Artisans of Montreal number sufficient, and more than sufficient to make this Institute the first in British North America, if they would study not only their own interests but those of posterity, they would establish its basis upon such a foundation as, aside from the unforeseen circumstances which arise and over which they have no controul,

Would

would ensure it that consideration from the public which is usually accorded to every respectable Institution.

It was contemplated by some of your Committee to establish an evening school and they would suggest that in the arrangements to be made for the premises in which to locate the Institute, that could such an object be matured it would tend greatly to strengthen the Institute, before we reap we must sow, and it is to the good seed implanted in the minds of the growing generation that we must look to for our Intellectual Harvest, without this we must expect our transactions will be limited, and unless the exertions of the Committee are well seconded by the Members very little can be effected creditable to either party.

The whole of which is respectfully submitted.

On motion of Mr Thos White seconded by Mr Gibly Resolved that the report now read be approved and entered on the minutes -

In consequence of the retirement from the Committee of Mr Holland, Mr Miller was elected to serve his period of office, going out of office in July next, & in consequence of Mr Gibly being chosen Corresponding Secretary Mr Hardie was added to the list of the Committee, which will be as follows these gentlemen retiring in Feb'y 1844 -

George Matthews
John Whitelaw
Charles Gault
J Fletcher
John White
Thos White

On Mr Redpath's having vacated the Chair
Mr Cowan was called there to on motion
of Mr Thos White & seconded by Mr Mcintosh
and resolved that the thanks of the Institute
be given to Mr John Redpath for his untiring
efforts on behalf of the Institute -

Moved by Mr Mcintosh & seconded by
Mr Fletcher that a vote of thanks be given
to Mr Hoze for his exertions to benefit
the Institute -

The meeting dissolved -

David Brown Chairman

Report of Receipts & Disbursements George Gifford 1862
Completed

To Bal from last Annual Statement	29.16.2	
Amount for Lectures	123.9.3	
" for Rent of Lecture Rooms	32.5.0	185.12.5
Disbursements		

Thursday evening

Montreal 9th Feb 1873

A meeting of the Committee of the Montreal Mechanics Institute was held this evening
present

Messrs Smith, Taylor, Brown, J White
J White, Horner, Hardie, Matthews, Miller, Gault
Hose, Gibson and Gibby

1st The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

2nd Messrs Hardie Brown & Matthews were appointed a Sub Committee for the management of the Library.

3rd A Committee for procuring a suitable Building for the future Institute, was formed of Messrs Smith J White & Gibby

4th Messrs Gault Taylor & Brown were appointed a Sub Com for the fitting up of the Rooms of the Institute.

5th Messrs Smith, Horner, Miller, Jno White, Gibson, Gibby & Taylor were nominated and appointed a Sub Committee for lectures and classes

6th It was moved by Mr Taylor & seconded by Mr Matthews & Resolved that the money deposited in the Savings Bank be withdrawn Carried

7th Moved by Mr Taylor & seconded by Mr Horner, that Mr Lucas be permitted to have the use of the lecture room for one night - Carried

8th Moved by Mr Taylor & seconded by Mr Matthews, that this meeting do adjourn

to Saturday evening at 7 o'clock -

W. H. Smith Chairman
George D. Gibb
Corr Secretary

11th February 1863

A Meeting of the Committee of the Mechanics
Institute was held this evening present Messrs
Smith Taylor Brown Girth Horner Hardie Miller
Whitelaw ^{Libb} & Gibb

1st The minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

And Mr J C Bagg was appointed Secretary pro tem
during the absence of Mr Isaacson in England.

3rd It was moved by Mr Taylor & seconded by Mr
Hardie that a special Committee be formed for the
Canvassing of the Town for new Members, and
that such members of the General Committee be
furnished with a limited number of Tickets -
and to give an amount monthly of such as are sold
Carried -

4th The Bill for Inmanes at the Montreal Office
for the 2 past years was laid on the table
& ordered to be paid -

5th The meeting dissolved -

W. H. Smith Chairman
George D. Gibb
Corr Secretary

Thursday evening Montreal 23rd Feb 1843

A special meeting of the Committee of the
Mechanics Institute was held this evening
present

Mr Smith I White Hardie Girth Matthews
Miller Whitelaw Taylor I White & Gibb

1st Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

2nd Mr Smith laid before the meeting a report of
his proceedings, regarding the purchasing of a lot
of ground for the building of an Institute, and
after various debates and sundry discussions
thereon, Mr Whitelaw & Mr Dickinson offered their
services to call on the morrow at the Ladies Benevolent
Institution St Urban Street, to examine the Building
to see if whether it would answer for an Institute
either to rent or purchase, and to report thereon -

3rd It was moved by Mr I White & seconded by
Mr Hardie, that the Secretary be requested to confer
with the Secy & Treas^r of the Festival Committee to
draw up the report of the late Festival to be
entered into the minute Book, with the
different advertisements attached - Carried

4th The meeting adjourned to Saturday evening
at eight o'clock -

John Smith Chairman

George D. Gibb
Cor^y Secretary

Saturday 25th Feb 1843

An adjourned meeting of the Committee held this evening present Messrs Smith, Miller, Taylor, Hardie, Gault, Whitelaw, Brown, J White, Gibson & Gibb

1st Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

2nd It was moved by Mr Gibb & seconded by Mr Whitelaw that the building at present occupied by the Montreal Ladies Benevolent Society and owned by Alex^r M Delisle Esq be rented for the ensuing year for the Benefit of the Institute, the Terms of which are £90 a year, and the right of purchasing the Building and lot at all joining at the expiration of that time for £1500 Currency.

Unanimously Carried

3rd Messrs Smith J White & Gibb were nominated and appointed, with power to add to their number, a Sub Committee for the Procurement of Shareholders for the purchasing of the Building referred to in the above unanimous ly passed motion -

Carried very unanimous again

4th The meeting dissolved

John Smith, Chairman

George D. Gibb

Corf. Secretary

Saturday evening 4th March 1863

At a special meeting held this evening present,
Messrs Smith, Girth, Fletcher, Hardie, Miller,
Whitelaw, Taylor, White, Brown, & Gibb.
1st minutes read and approved of last meeting.

2nd Mr Smith then stated to the meeting of his
having signed the lease with Mr Gibb of
the future Institute, & of Mr Gibb having
written to the Ladies Benevolent Society regarding
the renting of the upper part of the building
& of his not as yet receiving any reply.

3rd It was moved by Mr Gibb & seconded by Mr
Fletcher that a General meeting of the Institute
be called for Tuesday evening the 14th Inst
for the general sanction in certain measures
for the purchasing of a Building for the
future Institute, and a prospectus to be
laid before that meeting, - Carried

4th Moved by Mr Miller & seconded by Mr
Whitelaw that the Institute subscribe
to 2 ~~copies~~ copies of the people edition
of the Waverley novels - Carried

5th Meeting dissolved

John Smith Chairman

George D. Gibb
Secy

Saturday evening 11th March 1863
At a Special meeting held this evening present
Messrs Smith, Galt, Whiteclaw, Taylor, Hardie,
Brown & Gibb -

1st Minutes of last meeting were read & approved
2nd Mr Smith was requested to draw up a Report to be read
3rd The following accounts were laid on the
table and ordered to be paid -

Transcript of for advertising	£ 2. 12. 12
Herald of for do	1. 2. 0
Mr Dickinson's gas salary due 1 Feb	14. 0. 0
Lovell & Gibson of advty &c	3. 8. 3
Morning Courier of 12 yrs sub to paper	2. 5. 0
Campbell Rysons of Stationery	1. 16. 5
John Dougall of 4 robspenny cyclopaedia	4. 8. 0
Mr White Ho's of Padlocks &c	7. 3
Gas Light Company of if correct	10. 3. 6

3rd The Secy then read a letter addressed to the
Presdt from the Cong Secy of the M & L Association
stating of their having formed a Committee for
confering with him upon the propriety of
jointly petitioning the Legislature at the next
session for an act of Incorporation.

Messrs Smith and Galt were then appointed
a Committee to confer with the 2 gentlemen
mentioned in the letter referred to above.

4th Mr Galt got the unanimous consent of the
meeting, to allow of an address to the Members
on the subject of forming a Museum, to be
placed on the Board in the Reading Room.

5th Mr Smith read a prospectus, on the subject of
purchasing a Building for the Institute which
was unanimously approved of.

6th Meeting dissolved.

at the general meeting
on Tuesday evening
14th Inst -

Wm Whiteclaw Chairman
George Gibb Cong Secy

Montreal Monday 13th March
At a special meeting of the Committee held this
evening present Messrs Smith Taylor Hardie
Garth Whitelaw Brown Gibson & Gibb

1st Minutes of last meeting read & approved -

2nd Mr Smith read the Report which he had
prepared, to be delivered at the general meeting
on Tuesday evening 14th Inst, and which
was approved of -

3rd Mr Dickinson stated to the meeting of his
having called at the Ladies Benevolent Institution
to get an answer as to whether they intended
to take the upper part of the House & was there
informed that the Society had already taken
another place - Messrs Smith & Whitelaw
were appointed a sub com for letting the
upper part of the Building - Carried

4th Meeting Dissolved -

John Smith, Chairman

George D. Gibb

Secy

Montreal 29th March 1863
At a special meeting of the Committee held this
evening present Messrs Smith Taylor Garth
Muller White Hardie Matthews Gibson Rose
& Gibb

1st Minutes of last meeting read & approved

2nd Mr Smith stated to the meeting of a Dft. being
drawn by Chas Willmer of Liverpool on Geo Rose
late Corresponding Secy for £13.1.7 currency
being subscription in advance for newspapers
for the ensuing year -

3rd It was moved by Mr Taylor & second by Mr
Mills that the List only those referred to above
be accepted, & paid at maturity. Carried

4th It was moved by Mr Mills & seconded by
Mr Gault, that the London Mechanics Magazine
& Civil Engineers & Architects Journal be
sent by Chs Wilmer in place of the newspapers
- commencing from January last.

5th It was moved by Mr Gault & seconded by
Mr Hardie that the different publications
of the New World be in newspaper form be
bought of Mr Tubbets for the use of the
Institute Carried

6th Meeting dissolved

John Smith, Chairman
George Gibly
Cof Secretary

Montreal 4th April 1843

at a special meeting of the Committee of the
Institute held this evening at 1/2 past 6 O'clock
present Messrs Smith White Brown Whitelaw
Gault Taylor Hardie Mills Matthews Fletcher
Cowan & Gibly

1st Minutes of last meeting read & approved

2nd Various discussions as to the business
of the General meeting at 8 O'clock took place
but nothing of sufficient consequence
to enter on the minutes

3rd Meeting dissolved

John Smith, Chairman
George Gibly
Cof Secretary

Tuesday evening 14th March 1873
a General meeting of the Institute was held
this evening in the Lecture Room of the
Institute.

The following Report was then read -

Report

When your Committee entered upon the Duties
of their office they found as already reported to
you that their Predecessors had been served
with notice to quit the Premises you at
present occupy on the ensuing first day
of May.

It necessarily became therefore a
duty of primary Importance with your
Committee to provide suitably for your
future accommodation - In fulfilling
this duty it appeared to your Committee
that they had three things to keep steadily
in view -

First - as far as possible, permanency of
occupation; as of all the evils that a
Public Institution can have to encounter,
a continual change in its Locality seems
to be the greatest -

Secondly - a Situation central and of
easy access - and

Thirdly - sufficient accommodation at
a moderate cost to the Institute.

There were three modes open to your
Committee by which they could seek the
performance of the Duty thus imposed
upon them -

First - Leasing premises for a long Term,
possessing the necessary accommodation and
otherwise meeting the required conditions -

This your Committee found to be utterly
impracticable, no Building could be had that
would at all answer the purpose.

The second mode was, to purchase a

Lot and erect a Building - this mode every way the most desirable, could the necessary means have been obtained, your Committee were compelled to abandon from the consideration that to effect the object would require an immediate outlay of at least £2500 - besides from £500 to £1000 for the Purchase of a Lot in a suitable situation, which sums in the present state of the Commercial Interests of this City, it seemed almost utopian to attempt to raise.

The third mode was to rent with the right of purchasing, a Building wherein alterations, to meet the required conditions could be made - and this mode your Committee have adopted -

They have rented for one year from the 1st of May next the House at present occupied by the Ladies Benevolent Society in St Urban Street, at £90 per annum, with the right of purchasing the premises together with a vacant lot adjoining for the sum of £1500 - payable in five equal annual Instalments with Interest -

The additions and alterations required are, the erection of a Lecture Room and some alteration in the arrangements of the Basement Story, Plans &c of which are submitted -

Your Committee propose to raise the required funds by Shares redeemable by the Institute, proposals for which have been prepared as also detailed estimates of the means by which the shares may be redeemed to which your attention is respectfully invited.

Your Committee in Conclusion beg to assure their constituents that viewing as they do the measures now to be adopted as fraught with consequences affecting the fut

future usefulness and consequent prosperity of
the Mechanics Institute, they have
given the subject their most anxious
and serious attention and though it
might be presumptuous to expect that
the measure thus proposed will meet
the views and wishes of all the mem-
bers, yet they confidently recommend
them for your consideration and
approval as the Best which the circum-
stances of the case coupled with the
exigencies of the Times will admit of.
All of which is nevertheless

Respectfully Submitted

It was then moved by Mr Matthews & seconded by
Mr Haidee that the Report be received
and adopted

Moved in amendment by Mr Spiers & seconded
by Mr Matthews that this meeting do adjourn
to this day fortnight for the purpose of
making enquiry relative to a certain lot
of ground in Craig Street - Carried

John Smith Chairman
George D. Gibb Cor. Secretary

Tuesday evening 28th March 1843
A General meeting of the members took place
according to adjournment -

When the meeting was readjourned to
Tuesday 4th April in consequence of Mr Spiers
not having rec'd an answer from Mr Torrance
relative to a lot of ground in Craig Street

John Smith Chairman
George D. Gibb
Cor. Secy

Tuesday Evening 4th April 1843

At a further adjourned meeting of the Members of the Mechanics Institute this evening.

1st The minutes of last 2 meetings were read & approved

2nd a letter was then read by the Secy from J Lorrance Esq addressed to Wm Spiers, wherein Mr L offers the lot in Craig Street referred to in the 2 last meetings for £1000 -

3rd The Report was then read by the Cong Secy for the information of those members who had not previously heard it -

4th It was moved by Mr Whitelaw Esq & second by Mr Hoase - That this meeting do approve of the Proposals submitted by the Committee and based upon the foregoing Report for the purchase of a Building for the use of the Institute, and the Committee are hereby authorized to take such measures as may be necessary to carry the said proposals into effect -

5th The motion was then put & carried by a Majority of 4 - 16 being for & 12 against

6th It was moved in Amendment by Mr Spiers & seconded by A Cowan Esq that the Committee of the Institute be instructed to retake the building they at present occupy & sublet the House in St Urban Street - Motion was then put & there were for 13 against 16 - lost by majority of 3 -

7th Meeting dissolved

Friday evening 7th April 1863

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening present Messrs Smith Harner Garth Taylor & Gibb.

1st Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

2nd It was moved by Mr Taylor & sec'd by Mr Harner that it is highly expedient that a school be established in connection with the Institute, and immediate steps may be taken to carry the same into effect. Carried

3rd The following Sub Com are hereby instructed to take the necessary steps to write & send a circular to every resident Minister in this City - Messrs Smith, Gibson & Howan.

4th 3 Books were laid upon the Table entitled "Memoirs of the Life & Writings of the Abate Me Lantosio." London 1796 - a donation from Mr Wm Hunter - & the thanks of the Institute were requested to be forwarded to him through the Secretary -

5th Meeting dissolved

John Smith Chairman

George D. Gibb
Secy

Tuesday 25th April 1863

At a special meeting this evening present Messrs Smith Taylor Harner Whiteclaw Brown & White
& Gibb

1st Minutes of last meeting were read & approved -

2nd Certain arrangements were made for the commencement on the morrow of the

moving of the Furniture &c of the Institute -
nothing however, worthy of enumeration

Blasius Chairman
George D. Gibb
Cor. Secy

Monday evening 8th May 1873

At a Special meeting held this evening at the
new Rooms of the ~~new~~ Institute Stephen Street
present Messrs Smith Garth Whitelaw, J
White, Miller, Brown Matthews Taylor & Gibb.

1st Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

2nd The following accounts were laid on the
table & ordered to be paid - viz

Mr Mullins for quarters rent ending 1st May in full
14. 10. 0 — Mr Mullins A/c for Candles 4. 18. 0

3rd Moved by Mr White & seconded by Mr White
law that the Library & Reading Room be placed
in the upper story of the Building in the rear

4th Moved in amendment by Mr Taylor & seconded
by Mr Brown that the L & RR be placed in
the story above the basement floor -

The motion was then put for the amend-
ment and lost - For, 2, against, 7 -

The original motion was then put &
carried by a majority of 7 -

5th Meeting dissolved

Blasius Chairman
George D. Gibb
Cor. Secy

At a special meeting held this evening
Wednesday 17th May, present Messrs Smith
Fletcher Gault Millin & Gibb -
and afterwards Gibson Taylor & Brown

1st Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

2nd Moved by Mr Millin & sec^d by Mr Fletcher
that there be an ordinary meeting of the
Committee on the evening of the 1st Tuesday
of every month - Carried

3rd It was moved by Mr Gibson & seconded by
Mr Gault that a General meeting be called for
Tuesday the 30th of May to take into consid-
eration the propriety of an address to His
Excellency the Governor General - and for
the despatch of such other business as may
be brought before the meeting Carried

4th Moved by Mr Gibb & sec^d by Mr Brown that the
resolution passed at the last meeting be reconsid-
ered, as to the moving of the Reading Room
from up to down stairs -

5th Moved in amendment by Mr Millin & seconded
by Mr Gault that the decision of the Committee
at the last meeting, relating to that resolution
be final -

Motion for amendment was put & there were
for it 2 and against 5.

The original motion was then put & carried unanimously.

6th Moved by Mr Gibson & sec^d by Mr Brown that
the Reading Room remain down stairs until the
4th Article has been reconsidered at the next meeting
Carried

7th Meeting dissolved

John Smith, Chairman
George Gibb
John Scutars

A special meeting held this evening Monday
2nd May present Messrs Smith Taylor Millen
White Brown & Gibb - and after Messrs Gibson & Hardie

1st Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

2nd On reconsidering the question regarding the
Reading Room referred to in the minutes of the
last meeting -

It was moved by Mr Millen & second by Mr
White that the Reading Room be placed up stairs.

3rd Moved in amendment by Mr Brown & second
by Mr Taylor that the Reading Room be kept
down stairs until required for some other
purpose -

Motion was then put for amendment & lost
The original motion was then put & carried.

4th Moved by Mr Taylor & second by Mr Gibb that
the rooms in the story above the basement
story be advertised to be let - Carried.

5th Meeting dissolved

John Smith Chairman
George Gibb
W. C. C. Secy

Wednesday 30th May 1873

at a Special General meeting of the members this
evening -

1st It was moved by Mr Spiers & seconded by Mr White
that the members of the Mechanics Institute are
desirous of showing their respect to His Excellency
the Governor General by presenting a congratulatory
address on his arrival in Montreal -

Unanimously Carried

2nd It was moved by Mr James Affleck & seconded by Mr J. Whitelaw Esq that the Committee be & are hereby instructed to prepare & present the said address in the name of & on behalf of the Members of the Institute -

3rd Meeting dissolved

At an ordinary monthly meeting held this evening Tuesday 12th June 1843 present Messrs Smith Taylor Whitelaw Brown Hardie Fletcher & Gibby -

1st minutes of last meeting were read & approved

2nd Moved by Mr Taylor & seconded by Mr Gibby that Messrs Gibson & Smith be a Sub Com for drawing up the address to His Excellency. Carried

3rd Meeting dissolved

Mr Taylor Chairman
George Gibby
— Co Secy

At an ordinary monthly meeting held this evening Thursday 19th July 1843 present Messrs Taylor Whitelaw Hardie White Fletcher & Gibby

1st Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

2nd Moved by Mr Fletcher & seconded by Mr White that Mr Gibby do draw out the Semi Annual Report - Carried

3rd Moved by Mr Whitelaw & seconded by Mr Hardie that this meeting do adjourn to Monday

evening next at 8 O'clock
Council
John Smith Chairman
J. H. Isaacson Secy

Monday evening 24th July 1863.
an adjourned meeting of the Committee was
to take place this evening, but Mr Whitelaw
& the undersigned being the only parties
present no business was done
George Spibb
Comptrol Secy

a General Meeting of the Members was
held this evening Tuesday 25th July 1863
Mr Taylor in the Chair

1st It was moved by Mr Andrew Whitelaw
& secy by Mr Rose that in consequence of
the thin attendance of the Members, this
meeting do adjourn to Tuesday evening
next 1st August - Council

(David Brown
George Spibb
Comptrol Secy

At an adjourned general meeting held this
evening Tuesday 1st Aug 1863.

1st The Minutes of last Election were read & approved
2nd Mr Geo Whitelaw sent Mr Hector Munroe & Mr
Dickinson were appointed scrutineers -
and having examined the ballot reported
the following persons duly elected -

As Auditors - { Wm Hutchinson
James Morrison
James Mathewson

as Committee

William Spies

~~Wm~~ Wm M. Miller

Nelson Munroe

George Anderson

John Watson

James Cooper

3rd The following Semi Annual Report was then read by the corresponding Secretary -

Semi Annual Report

In submitting a Report of their proceedings for the past half year your Committee very much regret from the great lancy hitherto existing among the members of the Mechanics Institute they cannot congratulate them as formerly on its prosperity.

A great falling off in Members has taken place during the past year as will be seen on reference to the following -

In the Report of 2nd August 1842 the number of Members then was 229 - of whom 17 were life, 162 annual, 11 quarterly & 5 corresponding members, & 11 quarterly & 22 annual apprentices -

and now the number of Members ^{is} ~~of~~ 66 - of whom 17 are life, 27 annual, 6 quarterly & 5 corresponding Members, & 4 quarterly & 7 annual apprentices -

a falling off of altogether 163 Members - which your Committee deplore, as taking into their consideration the immense number of Mechanics resident in this city, shame should be cried upon them for not supporting an Institution so useful and beneficial to their Interests at large -

Every exertion has been made by your committee and inducements thrown out to render the Institute popular, among

The latter may be mentioned the Mechanical Festival which took place in February last, and which was so very well encouraged, and the thanks of your Committee as well as of the Members are justly due to those gentlemen who so kindly lent their assistance in furtherance of the views of the Festival Committee on that particular evening, and who so much contributed to the amusement and gratification of the Guests.

Proud ought you to be in being the first in the field in setting such a good example & one which has been followed by your sister Institution of Lucee, & your Committee still trust with the united assistance of the Members to continue the same annually.

The receipts for the past half year amount to £101.18.6² and the disbursements to £95.18.6² showing a small balance of £6.0.0 in the favour of the Institute - details of which will be seen on reference to the Auditors Report - another source of regret to your Committee is the bareness of the funds at the present moment, and they sincerely trust that after this meeting all will use their endeavours in procuring members which is so necessary to the well being of the Institute, as without funds you can do nothing, and your liabilities are heavy for the present year.

Your library now contains 704 volumes exclusive of embound periodicals. There have been 39 readers and 344 volumes circulated during the last six months. Certainly a small number in comparison with the previous half year.

It is the intention of your Committee to petition the Legislature at the next session of Parliament for an act of Incorporation conjointly with the Mercantile Library Association, and Alex^r McDeville Esq, (the proprietor of the Building you at present occupy) has kindly offered to carry the Bill through the House -

The Building at present tenanted by the

Institute has been found to answer every purpose, and your Committee on comparison with the rooms rented of Mr Mullins must say that everything is in favour of those you occupy, as regards comfort, room, locality &c - and your Committee in consequence of having accommodation sufficient for the purpose, have come to the determination of arranging the Museum of the Institute and have the same opened to the Members generally on certain days in the week, and when such arrangements are completed due notice will be given - Your Committee take this opportunity of stating that Donations of Curiosities, models &c will at any time be always acceptable as it is perhaps the only means of increasing the collection of the Institute, which in the course of time if properly attended to will become a source of Interest & Pleasure.

The season in which the Institute is mostly appreciated is fast approaching, and your Committee trust of their capability of being able to get up several classes & persuade several learned Gentlemen to deliver lectures on various scientific subjects -

Although there is at present no lecture room in or in connection with the Institute your Committee expect there will be one built in rear of the building, or one formed in the lower flat of the Institute very shortly.

Your Committee in conclusion beg to assure you that they have deeply felt the want of exertion on the part of Mechanics in not supporting this Institution and again call upon them to unite & with strong efforts raise the Institute to that standing which it so justly deserves -

Your Committee of course must allude to the same pressure of the times which has affected all classes,

and look forward to brighter & more cheering prospects.

and in concluding their Report, respectfully submit the same.

4th It was moved by Mr Hector Munroe & seconded by Mr Andrew Whitelaw that the foregoing Report be approved & adopted -
Currend

5th It was moved by Mr Dickinson & seconded by Mr Hector Munroe that a vote of thanks be given to those Gentlemen of the Committee who retire from office for their attention to the Institute -
Currend

6th The following addition to the Constitution of the Institution was recommended and unanimously acceded to by the meeting - having laid in the Reading Room since 20th May last.
viz.

We the undersigned recommend the following addition to the Constitution of the Institute at the Semi Annual Meeting in August next, viz

That Ladies be admitted to all the privileges of the Library, Reading Room, Lectures, & Museum at the rate of Five Shillings Currency per annum -

John Whitelaw Esqr

Wm Maitland Millin

Alex Stevenson

John Smith

Andrew Whitelaw

George Gibb

John Watson

Thomas White

John Buzes

Geo Dickinson

Homer Taylor

William Rieir

Robt Drake

David Brown

James Knof

John Whitelaw

James Afflick

William Patton

7th Meeting dissolved -

August At an Ordinary Monthly Meeting, held this evening
Monday 14th 1843 at 8 o'clock present Messrs John Smith
Fletcher, Taylor, Cooper, Watson, Miller, Munro, Brown
Mr. Smith in the Chair

1st The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved
2nd Mr. John Smith reported having leased two Rooms
at the rate of £20 per Annum

3rd Mr. John Saxton then notified to the Committee
his wish to resign the Office held by him as Secretary
4th The Meeting dissolved

John Smith, Chairman
George Gibb
Co. Secy

Tuesday Evening August 22nd 43
At a special meeting of the Committee
held this evening present Messrs Smith,
Gibb, Gault, Miller, & Cooper,

Mr. Smith in the Chair

1st The Minutes of last Meeting read and approved
2nd Mr. Smith submitted the draft of the
following address to his Excellency the
Governor General, which was unanimously
approved off.

Address.

3. The following gentlemen were appointed
with the Committee, as a deputation
to wait upon His Excellency with
the foregoing address, Messrs. G. Howe,
J. Mathewson, & Lovell
4th Meeting adjourned till the 23rd

Wednesday Evening Sept 23

At an adjourned meeting of the
Committee, held this Evening present
Messrs. Smith, Taylor, Munroe, Gorth &
Brown

1st The minutes of last meeting read & approved
2^d Mr. Smith reported, that he accompanied
with Messrs. Hardie, Gible, Howe, Mathewson,
Lovell having presented the address to
the Governour General which was most
graciously received, & that his Excellency
has consented to become Patron of the
Institute

3rd Meeting dissolved

Tuesday Evening Sept 12 1843

At an ordinary meeting of the Committee,
held this evening present Messrs. Smith,
Taylor, Whitlow, Munroe, Miller & Gorth

1. The minutes of last meeting read & approved
2. Moved by Mr. Taylor, & seconded by
Mr. Gorth, that a sub. Committee be
appointed to procure Members consisting

of the following gentlemen Mess^{rs}
Redpath, Holmes, Ferrier, J. Dougall
J. Mathewson, J. Rose, J. Lovell, W. Spier
W. Carter, W. Brownson, G. Gairth, John Mathewson
J. White, W. Herbert, J. Dickinson, W. Mess^{rs}
Morrison, & Hutchison
J^r. Mess^{rs}: Taylor & Whitelaw, were appointed
a sub-committee to enquire whether the
British Canadian School Rooms could
be procured, as a Lecture hall for the winter
The Meeting dissolved

Tuesday Evening Sept 19th 63
A special meeting of the Committee
held this evening present Mess^{rs}: Brown,
Taylor, Whitelaw, Watson, & White

- 1st. The minutes of last meeting read & approved.
- 2^d. No report from sub-committee appointed
last meeting.
- 3rd. The following letter received from
the City Hall.
P Letter.

th Moved by Mr. Whittow & seconded, by
Mr. Watson, that the Secretary be
instructed to answer the foregoing
Letter, as soon as possible,
Answer, -

th Meeting dissolved,

th Monday Evening Sept 23 43
At a special meeting held this evening
of the Committee, present Messrs. Taylor,
Miller, Whittow, Brown, Garth, & Matthews
1st The minutes of last meeting read, & approved,
2nd Mr. Whittow reported ^{that} the girls -
school room, of the British Canadian
School can be had by applying to
Mrs. Bendall -
3rd Mr. Smith, was requested, to draw
out an appeal to the citizens to rouse
them in behalf of the Institute,
4th Meeting adjourned till Oct 2nd.

Monday Evening Oct 2^d 1843-
At an adjourned meeting held this
evening present Messrs Taylor, Munroe
Brown, Gault, & Miller

- 1st The minutes of last meeting read & approved
- 2^d No report from Mr. Smith -
- 3^d Meeting dissolved

Thursday Evening Oct. 17th 1843
At a special meeting of the Committee
held this evening present Messrs Taylor,
Whitlow, Gault, Munroe, Fletcher & Miller

- 1st The minutes of last meeting read & approved
- 2^d Mr. Taylor, reads an address to the
Citizens of Montreal, in behalf of the
Institute, which, was unanimously
approved of & the Secretary be requested
to have it inserted, in the Herald, Times
Gazette, Transcript &c.

4th Mr. Miller, was requested, to prepare
an introductory lecture, to be delivered,
about the second week, of November

- 5th Meeting dissolved

Wednesday Evening Nov. 1st

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening present Messrs. Smith, Taylor, Brown, Gibb, Matthews White, Munroe & Gault

1st The minutes of last meeting read & approved

2nd Several of the committee reported sale of Chambers tickets,

3rd Meeting adjourned till the 3rd

Friday Evening Nov. 3rd 43

The meeting further adjourned till Monday the 6th there being no Quorum,

Monday Evening Nov. 6th 43

At our adjourned meeting of the committee held this evening present Messrs. Taylor, Smith, Brown, Munroe Miller, & Gault

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and approved of,

2nd Moved by Mr. Munroe & seconded by Mr. Miller that Mr. Smith be empowered to treat with the committee of the News Room, about the room, & is requested, to take it as a Lecture Hall on the lowest possible terms,

3rd Mr. Smith reported having engaged Mr. James Maxwell as Teacher & Librarian for

for the Institute, at the rate of -
£ 75 per annum, with free house &
fire, wood, till the 1st of May next.

4th Moved by Mr. Munroe seconded by
Mr. Taylor, that the above report be
adopted,

5th Moved by Mr. Brown, & seconded
by Mr. Taylor, that the rates for the
children of Members be 7^½ for juvenile,
& 10^½ for the higher classes, & that non
Members children, be admitted, at 10^½ for
juvenile, & 15^½ for the Higher classes -
(Per Quarter)

6th That the Secretary be requested, to
notify Mr. Dickinson, that he will
be required, to leave by the 1st of Decem^r.
ensuing

7th The following gentlemen, were
appointed, as our School Committee,
Mess^{rs}. Smith, Taylor, J. White, Tho^s. White,
& J. Fletcher,

8th Mr. Smith, was requested, to draw
out a Prospectus for the School

9th Meeting Dissolved,

Wm Smith, Chairman
Charles Gauthy
Secretary Pro Tem

Monday Evening Nov 13. 1843

At a special meeting of the Committee
held this evening Present Mess^{rs}. Smith,
Taylor, Whittaw, Munroe Miller, & White,
& Gauthy

1st The minutes of last meeting were
read & approved off,

2nd A letter, was received, from Mr. J. S. Gibbs informing the committee, that he resigns the office of corresponding Secretary which was accepted.

3rd Mr. Smith reported, having taken the Lecture Hall over the News Room for £15 till the 1st of May next

4 Moved by Mr. Whittaw seconded by Mr. Taylor, that Mr. W. M. Miller, be requested to act as corresponding Secretary & Mr. C. Gault as recording Secretary —

5 Mr. Smith was requested, to speak to Mr. Driscoll & to the Rev. Mr. Wilkes & Dr. Carruthers to know, whether, they could lecture, for the Institute, Mr. Taylor, was requested to speak, to the Rev. Mr. Taylor, for the same purpose Mr. Whittaw do to speak, to the Rev. Dr. Black, for do — Mr. John White, to speak, to B. Workman, Esq, for do — Mr. W. M. Miller, to write, to the Rev. D. B. Parther, for do —

6 Meeting Dissolved

John Smith Chairman,
Chas. Gault
Secretary Pro tem

Friday Evening Nov^r 14th 1843
At a special meeting of the committee held this evening Present Mess^{rs} Smith, Whittaw, Munroe, Miller & J. White, & Gault
1st The minutes of last meeting were read & approved of.

2nd Mr. Smith, reported that Mr. Driscoll will

delivers, one or, two lectures on, Education, & that Dr. Carruthers will lecture, if he, possibly can, he also called on the, Rev: H. Wilkes but he is not at home but he will see him, as soon as, after, he arrives as possible,

3^d. Mr. Smith, reported, that at a meeting of the, school committee, held on the, 15th Inst they agreed to recommend to the, general Committee that Mr. Dickinson, be permitted, to use a part of the, premises as an office, for the, winter, but to remove his family

4th. Moved by Mr. Munroe & seconded by Mr. Miller that the, above recommendation be granted, (Carried)

5th. Mr. Smith, laid, on the, table the, following Prospectus which, was unanimously approved, & ordered, to be printed,

Prospectus of the
Montreal Mechanics Institute
Day School

With a view to render, the, Mechanics Institute, as extensively useful as possible, the, Committee have for, some months had in, contemplation the, establishment of a Day School in, connection, with, it, in which, the, sons of Members & others might obtain, a thorough, practical education, on moderate, and, advantageous terms, such an education, as will qualify them, to fulfil the, duties of, tradesmen, & of citizens with, credit and, honour. The Committee, have pleasure, in, announcing that they have now completed, arrangements which, will enable them, to open, the, School of the, Institute, on Monday the, 4th of December, next. The Committee, have secured the, services of Mr. James Maxwell under, whose charge the, school will be placed. This gentleman, is provided, with, the most satisfactory testimonials not only, as to his ability, as a teacher, but also with, reference to his being of irreproachable moral character,

in corroboration of which, the Rev. Dr. Block,
and B. Workman Esq, have very kindly permitted
the use of their names, The School will
be composed of two classes Junior, & Senior,
The former, will be taught reading writing
arithmetic and English, Grammar, at a
charge of $\frac{7}{6}$ per Quarter, The latter, in
addition to the above will be instructed
in Book Keeping, Algebra, Euclid's Elements
Geometry and Latin Grammar, at the
rate of 10/- per Quarter, these charges
it will be understood, are for the sons
of Members of the Institute, Non
Members shall be charged, 10/- for the
Junior, & 15/- for the senior, class per
quarter, The fees in all cases to be paid
in advance, The Committee anxiously
hope that this School will meet with such
support as will enable them, to carry out
their design, of admitting the sons of
deceased members to both, classes free
of expense.

Applications relative to the school may be
made to any of the, undermentioned, Direc-
tors at their, respective, places of residence viz
Mr. John Smith, 121 St Paul st
Mr. William Spier Wellington, St. Griffintown,
Mr. Homer Taylor, St George St
Mr. John White, St Paul st
Mr. J. Fletcher, Main, St St Lawrence. Sub-
s to Mr. Tho. White, Secretary, & Treasurer,
Water, downe Street,

The School Directors will meet every
Friday evening from seven to nine,
O. clock, at the rooms of the Institute,
St Urbain, St where also application
may be made

to Messrs. Munroe & Gault, were appointed

To superintend, the fitting up of the
Lecture Hall

7th Meeting dissolved

John Smith, Chairman
Charles Gault
Secretary Pro tem

Wednesday Ev: Nov. 22nd 1843

At a general meeting of the Committee
held this evening present Messrs Smith
Taylor, Munroe, Miller, Brown, Fletcher,
& Gault,

1st. The Minutes of last meeting were
read, & approved, of

2nd. A Letter, and account current was
received, from Mr. G. L. Dickinson,
and Messrs J. Smith & A. Cowan, were
authorised to make the best possible
settlement with him,

3rd. Meeting adjourned till Tuesday the
28th of November,

John Smith, Chairman
Charles Gault
Secretary Pro tem

Tuesday Evening Nov 28th 1843

At an adjourned meeting of the Committee
held this evening present Messrs Smith
Taylor, Brown, Munroe, Miller, & Gault
& Fletcher,

1st. The minutes of last meeting were read
and approved of,

2nd Mr. Smith reported that he & Mr. Cowan
had made the following settlement with
Mr. Dickinson, viz, that he has to receive

ten Pounds three days after, date, & Twelve
Pounds ten shillings four months after, do
and a Life Members ticket for, which
he granted, a receipt in, full

3rd Moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Mr.
Fletcher, that the, whole of the, Lecturers
be presented, with, a Ladies & Gentlemen
ticket for the, present year,

4th Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by
Mr. Miller, that the, Officers of the,
Mercantile, Library Association, be
presented, with, Tickets for the present
session of Lectures

5th Moved by Mr. Munroe seconded by Mr.
Taylor, that Mr. Smith, be requested,
to write, to his Excellency's Private Secretary,
to remind him, of the, Donation, he
promised, to the, Institute

6th Meeting Dissolved,

Wm Hunt Chapman
Charles Gault
Sec. Pro tem

Tuesday Evening Dec^r 5th 1843

At a special meeting of the, Committee held
this evening present Mess^{rs}: Smith, Brown,
Taylor, Whittow, Miller & Gault

1st The minutes of last meeting, were read &
approved of;

2nd Moved by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr.
Taylor, that Mr. Campbell Bryson be
presented with, a Life Members Ticket
in return, for the, following donation
of Books, & maps,

The Universal Illustrated Atlas	1 Vol
Pictorial Geography	2 Vol
Ten Thousand a year	3 Vol
Barnaby Rudge	1 Vol
Charles O Malley	2 Vol

and Nelsons Maps of the disputed Territory
3rd Mr. Whittaw, very liberally made a
donation of £ 10 being the amount
of his account against the Institute
for putting up new stairs in front of
the building at present occupied by the
Institute.

4th Moved by Mr. Cowan, seconded by
Mr. Fletcher, that Mr. Whittaw be
presented with a Life Members Ticket
5 Meeting dissolved

Chairman,
Charles Gorth,
Sec Pro tem

Tuesday Evening Dec 12th
At a special meeting of the committee held
this evening present Messrs. Smith, Taylor,
Cowan, Miller, Muroe, Whittaw, Brown
Thos. White, & Gorth

1st The minutes of last meeting were read
& approved of

2nd Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by
Mr. Miller, that Messrs. Smith, Taylor,
Cowan, & Muroe are requested to wait
on Mr. Maxwell to have a definite
understanding with him, respecting
the time he his to devote to the
interests of the Institute,

3rd Meeting Dissolved

Chairman
Charles Gorth,
Sec Pro tem

Wednesday Evening Dec 13th
At an adjourned meeting of the committee
held this evening present Messrs. Smith
Cowan, Taylor, Muroe, Miller, Fletcher, & Gorth

1st The minutes of last meeting were read & approved of;

2nd A report was received, from the Sub-Committee, to the effect that Mr. Maswell agrees to devote his whole time, to the interests of the Institute, & that the corresponding Sec^{ts} be requested to write to him on the Subject,

3rd Meeting Dissolved,

Chairman

Chas. Gauthier

Sec. Pro tem

Thursday Evening Dec^r 28th

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening present Messrs. Cowan, Smith, Munroe, Miller, Gauthier, Taylor & J. White,

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and approved of.

2nd A Letter was received from Wm. McLean, representing that sundry Mechanics had a suggestion to make respecting a building for the use of the Institute, and a sub-committee of the following persons are appointed to confer with him, viz Messrs. Cowan, Munroe, Miller,

& Taylor,

3rd Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. John White, that it is expedient to have the Annual Festival as soon as possible,

4th Meeting Dissolved

Taylor Chairman

Chas. Gauthier

Sec. Pro tem

1844
Wednesday Evening Jan 3rd

At a special meeting of the committee held this evening Present Messrs: Cowan Taylor, Whitlow Murroe, Gorth & Milln
1st The minutes of last meeting were read & approved,

- 2nd A Report was received from the Sub Committee appointed at the last meeting that they had conferred with Messrs: Mr. Loan, Bowie, Sutherland Goodwillie Fells & Dunlop, Mr. Gorth, being present stated that as he was about building in Craig street, he was willing to make it suitable for the Institute, If the Members agreed to guarantee his rent for 10 Years
3rd The above report was left over for further discussion at the next meeting
4th Meeting Adjourned

Chairman
Chas Gorth Rec Sec Protem

Friday Evening Jan 5th 1844

At an adjourned meeting of the Committee held this evening, Present Messrs Taylor, Cowan Murroe, John White, Thos. White Gorth & Milln,

- 1st The minutes of last meeting were read & approved,
2nd Moved by Mr. Milln seconded by Mr. Cowan that a public meeting be held on Wednesday next, to take into consideration a proposal for fixing upon a permanent building for the Institute
3rd Meeting Dissolved

Chairman
Chas Gorth Rec Sec Protem

Wednesday Evn June 10th
 A General Meeting of the Institute
 was held this evening, to take into
 consideration the propriety of securing
 a permanent Building for the Institute
 Mr. Tho^s White in the Chair

1st Mr. Millu read a Letter, which the
 Committee received from Mr. McLean
 embodying the views of a number of
 the Mechanics of the City to the effect
 that as Mr. Geo^r Garth was about erec-
 ting a House in Craig street he was
 willing to make it suitable for the
 Institute if the Members agreed to
 guarantee the rent for 10 years—

2^d Moved by Mr. Spiers seconded by Mr.
 Munroe that the accommodations Mr.
 Garth offers is perfectly sufficient for
 the Institute Carried

3^d Moved by Mr. Whittow seconded
 by Mr. Cowan that the Institute
 entertains the above Proposal favour-
 ably and that a Committee of the
 following Gentlemen of the Institute
 viz Messrs Spiers, Cowan, Whittow, John
 Kelly, Munroe, Taylor & Millu will meet
 the other Gentlemen on Thursday
 evening next to arrange all matters
 connected with the Question

Chairman

W^m Miller Corresponding Sec^y
 Pro tem

Tuesday Evening Jan 30
At the Annual Election for Officers
held this evening

Mr. Taylor in the Chair
The minutes of last Election were
read and approved of;

2 The Scrutineers handed in the
following list of Officers as duly
Elected,

President	David Brown
1st Vice P.	John Whitton Sen.
2nd Vice P.	Homer Taylor
Treasurer	Andrew Cowan
Recording Secretary	Chas Gorth
Corresponding Sec.	Geo Rose

Committee

Robert Goodwillie
John Dodge
George Bowie
Rebce Gorth
John Kelly
John Sutherland
William Dunlop
James Morice
James Spiers
John Hilton
John Whitton Junr.

3 The last five retiring in July next
th Meeting Dissolved

Chairman
Chas Gorth Rec Sec Robert

Monday Evening Feb^{ry} 5th

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening Present Messrs Taylor, Brown, Munroe, Thos. White, J. Fletcher, Whittow, Miller & Gouth

1st The minutes of last meeting were approved

2nd The following accounts were ordered to be paid as soon as the funds will permit

	£ 5 2
Mr. John Whittow	11 5 9
A. M. Besisle Esq,	22 10 0
Alex Mc Donald	6 11 0
Water Works	6 6 0
Herald Office	4 17 10
Arnold & Ramsay	3 1 2
Transcript Office	4 0 9
John Mathewson	2 14 0
John Griffiths	2 11 8
John Bain	2 19 6
Gas Light Company	4 4 6

3 Messrs Munroe & Brown, were appointed to arrange about leaving the present building occupied by the Institute
A. A. Draft of a report was read by the Rec, Sec, and ordered to be read out at the general meeting

5 Meeting Dissolved

Chairman,
Chas Gouth, Rec Sec Meas Ins,
Pro tem

Tuesday Evening Feb 6th
 At the Annual General Meeting of the
 Institute held this Evening

Mr. Taylor in the Chair
 1st The minutes of Last General Meeting
 were read & approved

2^d The annual Report of the Committee
 was read by the Secretary as follows

Fourth Annual Report of the
 Montreal, Mechanics, Institute
 Four Years have now elapsed since the
 Establishment of this Institute and
 notwithstanding the various Changes &
 Fluctuations that have occurred in the
 City during this period it still continues
 to hold on its course, & boudse it is fondly
 hoped that will not be impeded by anything
 calculated to diminish its usefulness, On
 the contrary it is the sincere wish of your
 Committee that it may continue to extend
 its efficiency and to enlarge its means of
 Improvement, until they be commensurate
 with the wants of this Community

In accordance with the established rule
 of their Predecessors, the Committee beg
 to give a short account of their Proceedings
 for the past year,

Your Institute now consists of 255
 members, of whom 18 are Life, 174
 Annual, 5 corresponding, & Quarterly &
 20 Lady Members, 2 Annual & 9 Quarterly
 Apprentices

The whole amount of Funds collected
 in the Year has been £197^{..} 17^{..} 5^½
 consisting of these Items, Tickets 139^{..} 16^{..} 7^½
 Rent of Premises — 13^{..} 10^{..} 0
 Proceeds of Festivals 13^{..} 8^{..} 4
 School, £7^{..} 7^{..} 6 Classes £3^{..} 15^{..} 0 11 2^{..} 0

The disbursements amount in the same period to £ 172" 18" 9½.

The items of which, will be found in the auditors report,

Your Library now contains 730 volumes of which, 14 have been added by purchase & 12 by donation, during the past year, (exclusive of unbound Periodicals & Pamphlets)

During the past year, 1000 Volumes have been circulated, although this number seems small in comparison with the present number of Members owing to the languid condition of the Institute for the first half year of the session, and which, was brought under your notice in the Semi annual Report,

Your Committee would take this opportunity of impressing upon you the importance of this part of your establishment, A good Library is indispensable to a Mechanics Institute and as the Immortal Johnson emphatically remarks That the man whose genius qualifies him for great undertakings must at least be content to learn from books the present state of Human Knowledge

Members would do well to consider, the great increase that might be made to the Library by even a donation, from each of only one Volume, & if every member would only exert himself the Institute would soon be in possession of a Library that would be a credit to the City

While on this subject we beg to return thanks to Messrs. Campbell Bryson & Mr. John Whitlow for their very valuable donations

Your Committee on the 23rd of August last waited on his Excellency the

Governor General and presented an address which was most graciously received, and he expressed his Pleasure in permitting himself to be nominated Patron to the Institute and also his intention of presenting a Donation in aid of the Fund. The Government Grant may be expected shortly as the powers of attorney were sent up about a month since. According to your instructions your committee early issued a Prospectus of their Intention to establish a Day School in connection with the Institute they secured the services of Mr. J. Maxwell a Gentleman highly recommended as competent for its Management & which since its opening it has abundantly confirmed. The school consists of Junior and Senior Classes, the branches taught in the first are reading writing arithmetic and English Grammar, at the rate of 7/6 per Quarter to the sons of Members, in the Senior Book Keeping, Algebra, Euclid's Elements and Latin Grammar, at the rate of 10/- to do, to the sons of Non Members the fees are 10/- & 15/- respectively. The school has been gradually increasing since its opening it now consists of 28 scholars, your committee earnestly hope and trust that their efforts will be eagerly appreciated, by all those who are anxious to secure to their children a good & cheap education.

Your committee would also beg to remind Apprentices & others connected with the Institute that in accordance with Mr. Maxwell's agreement he teaches an evening class which is gratis to Members, your committee have much pleasure in announcing that this class is going on well, although open only a few weeks, it already consists of 24 scholars

all Young men receiving instruction in
the different departments of Knowledge
It is such classes as these that makes a
Mechanics Institute really useful and
to those whose early opportunities may have
been limited they are invaluable,

Your committee have also much pleasure in
announcing that Mr. W. M. Millin has again
opened a class for Architectural and Me-
chanical Drawing which he teaches
gratuitously to the Institute the class is
composed of 13 Pupils, and your committee
cannot allow this opportunity to pass over
without expressing their thanks to Mr.
Millin for his exertions in behalf of the
Institute, Your committee in making
the agreement with Mr. Morewell had to
take into consideration the state of the
funds of the Institute, He agreed to act
as School Master and Librarian to the
Institute for a limited salary to the
1st of May next, with the understanding
if the school flourished under his su-
perintendance his salary would be ad-
vanced after that period by this arrange-
ment the committee were obliged to dis-
pense with the services of Mr. J. L. Dickinson
the previous Librarian, the committee
have much pleasure in testifying to the
many & valuable services rendered by that
Gentleman, and for which they beg to
tender him their sincere thanks

The next great Object your committee
had under their notice was the procuring
of Lectures for the winter session and
this they accomplished even beyond their
expectations, As Lectures are the most
compendious means of obtaining general
information on any subject whether
in a Mechanics Institute or on —

University they ought to form the most prominent feature of every educational establishment, when delivered before a mixed audience all technical terms ought to be avoided as much as possible the style ought to be clear, distinct and agreeable and when accompanied by experiments simply and effectually performed such Lectures upon whatever subjects they may be given, are intellectual repasts the benefits of which are not confined to the immediate hearers Truth how no bound it reaches to Eternity and till the decree be fulfilled that Knowledge shall cover the Earth as the Waters covers the Deep, the Labours of Mechanics Institutes and other educational Establishments shall not be at an end

The introductory Lecture, was delivered by Mr. Millis, on the nature and Objects of Mechanics Institutes, the 2^d & 3^d by the Revd. Mr. Taylor, on the life of Alexander the Great, then followed Mr. Hose's two Lectures on Poisons and Mr. A. Croft one on the Rights to property, and at present Dr. Fisher is delivering his course on the Effects of Trades and Professions on Health, & the Revd. Robt Cooney on the rise & Progress Constitution & Resources of the British Empire Other Gentlemen follow upon different subjects interesting and instructive

The Committee have much pleasure in noticing the gradual increase in attendance at the Lectures and they sincerely hope that still larger audiences will be in attendance

The Committee would beg to remind the Female portion of our community that they are now admitted to all the Privileges of the Institute at the rate of 5/- per annum There are now 20 Lady Members and the

Committee sincerely hope & trust that
their numbers will be speedily augmented
Knowledge is a Gift that age never
depreciates and is beyond the Influence
of Fortune.

In conclusion, we would recommend
to our successors, to exert every energy in
promoting the Welfare of this Institute
it is not yet a Germ, but by the fostering
hand of Diligence & Industry it is
calculated to grow, our establishment
whose influence may be felt not
only in our own community but
throughout the World

the whole of which
is respectfully submitted,

3^d Moved by Mr. Will^m Spiers seconded by
Mr. Geo Gorth, that the Report now read
be adopted, (Carried)

4th Moved by Mr. Geo Rose seconded by Mr.
J. White that a vote of thanks be given
to Mr. John Smith, for his untiring
exertions in behalf of the Institute
Carried Unanimously

5th A Letter was read from Mr. Wm. Parkyn
to the effect that a Festival be held and
the proceeds to be devoted to the Strangers
friends society,

6th Moved by Mr. J. White seconded by
Mr. Morice that there shall be a Festival
held,

7th Moved in amendment by Mr. Kelly seconded
by Mr. W. Spiers that the consideration be
referred to Friday next, (Carried)

8th Moved by Mr. Geo Gorth, seconded by Mr.
Cowan that this meeting be adjourned till
Friday next,

Chairman,
G. Gorth, Rec Sec

Thursday Evening Feb 3rd 1844

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening Present Messrs Taylor, Munroe Whitlaw Senr, Dodge, Hilton, Goodwillie Kelly, Morice, Bowie, Geo Gorths, Whitlaw Junr, Dunlop Spiers, Cowan, & Gorths,

1st The minutes of last meeting were read & approved,

2nd Messrs Gorths, Whitlaw Junr, Morice and Dodge were appointed a Sub-committee for the management of the Library

3rd Messrs Bowie, Dodge and Goodwillie to form the fitting up committee

4th Messrs G. Gorths, Hilton, & Kelly to form the Lecture and Class Committee

5th The Original Committee to stand for the school with the addition of Messrs Munroe Sutherland & Jos Spiers,

6th Messrs Gorths, Senr, Dunlop Brown, Sutherland & Milk to form a committee to provide apparatus,

7th Moved by Mr. Hilton seconded by Mr. Morice that the steam engine Drawings at Present in the Lecture Room be stretched & varnished, (Carried)

8th Meeting Dissolved

Gorths Chairman
Rec Sec -

Friday Evening Feb 9th 1844

At an adjourned General Meeting of the
Institute held this Evening
Mr. Taylor in the Chair—

1st Moved by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Hilton
that it is expedient to have a Festival

2nd The following gentlemen were named to form
a Committee to get up the Festival with
power to add to their number, viz Messrs
Miller, Rose, J. Whittow jun: A. Whittow Parson
Hilton, Morice, Dodge, Kelly, Inouitt, P. Morice
Wilson & Mr. Leary

3rd Moved by Mr. Munroe seconded by Mr. W. Dunlop
that instead of the Proceeds being devoted to the
Strangers Friends Society that there be a sub-
-scription list opened for that Purpose—

4th Moved in amendment by Mr. F. White
& seconded by Mr. Telfer that the Letter
be laid aside
Carried unanimously

5th Moved by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr.
G. Gouth that the following Ladies
form a committee to assist in getting
up the Festival, viz Miss White
Miss M. Whittow Miss Wilson, Miss Bowling
Miss Spiers, Miss J. Bowie, Miss C. Broadson,
Miss Johnson, Miss Watson & Miss Miller
Carried Unanimously

6th Meeting Dissolved

Chairman
Gouth Secretary

Monday Evening Feb^r 12. 1844

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening Messrs J. Whittow, Senr, Taylor, Munroe, Dodge, Miller, Spier, J. Garth, Morice, Bowie, Dunlop, & Garth & J. Whittow Junr

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

2^d Moved by Mr. Spier, seconded by Mr. Taylor, that there be a letter sent to Mr. Maxwell, requesting his answer as to terms &c. from 1st May next -

3^d Meeting Dissolved

John Whittow Chairman
Garth Secretary

Monday Evening Feb^r 26. 1844

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening Present Messrs Brown, Cowan, Taylor, Whittow Senr, Miller, Morice, Munroe, Sutherland, Hilton, Dunlop, Spier, Whittow Junr, Bowie & Garth

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and approved,

2nd The news Room account for rent of Lecture Room was ordered to be paid amounting to £7⁰ 10⁰

3^d A Letter was received from Mr. J. Garth to the effect that, circumstances over which he had no controul prevented his Building this spring, therefore the Institute would require to find other accomodations

4th Mess: Hilton, Whitlaw Senr, Cowan, Bowie
& Will Spiers were appointed a sub. committee
to see about procuring a new Building for the
Institute

5 Mess: Dunlop, Taylor, Munroe, & Jos-
Spiers, to form a Sub. committee to provide
accommodation for the Institute from the 1st
of May next,

6th Moved by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr.
Munroe, that Dr. Rosensteins offer to
Lecture for the Institute be accepted,
carried

7th Moved by Mr. Hilton seconded by Mr.
Morice that the following report from
the Festival committee be accepted
carried

Report —

Monday Evening March 4th 1844
At a special meeting of the Committee held
this evening Present Messrs. Brown Taylor,
Munroe Dunlop, Dodge Morice, J. Whittow Sen.
J. Spierz, Rose, Goodwillie, J. Whittow Junr. &
Garth,
1st The minutes of last meeting were
read & approved,

2nd As it is proposed to erect a Building
for the use of the Natural History Society
Mercantile Library Association, & the
Mechanics Institute, Messrs. Dodge Cowan
and Rose were appointed, to confer with
them on the part of the Institute,

3rd Meeting Dissolved

David Brown Chairman
Garth Secretary

Monday Evening March 11th 1844
At a special meeting of the Committee held
this evening Present Messrs. Brown, Taylor,
Whittow, Munroe, Rose, Dunlop, Spierz
Morice, J. Whittow, Junr. & Garth

1st The minutes of last meeting were read &
approved of;

2nd The sub. Committee, for the purpose of find-
ing accommodations for the Institute from the
1st of May next, reported that they recom-
mended the building in Fortification Lane
occupied by Mr. Thornton to be taken
for the Institute Rent £30 Per annum,

3rd Moved by Mr. Whittow seconded by Mr. Morice
that the above report be adopted

Carried Unanimously

4th An application was made by the
Olympic Gymnasium for the use of the
Lecture Room for one night

5th Meeting Dissolved Granted

David Brown Chairman
G. G. G. G. Secretary

Tuesday Evening March 19th 1844

At a special meeting of the Committee
held this evening Present Messrs. Brown
Munro, Kelly, Morice, Taylor, G. G. G., Rose,
J. Whitlow, Geo. Hilton, Dodge, Dunlop,
Whitlow Jun. & G. G. G.

1st The minutes of last meeting were
read & approved

2^d Mr. Brown reported having taken
Mr. Thornton's premises —

3^d A Letter was received from the Mer-
-cantile Library Association requesting
the use of the Lecture Room,

4th Moved by Mr. Whitlow Jun. seconded
by Mr. Taylor, that the above request be
granted and that the corresponding
Secretary write them, to that effect

5th Meeting Dissolved

David Brown Chairman
G. G. G. Secretary

Monday Evening March 26th 1844

At a special meeting of the Committee held
this evening Present Messrs Brown Taylor,
Whittaw, Sen. Cowan, Rose, Dodge, Whittaw Junr,
G. Gauth, Dunlop, Goodwillie Morice & Gauth

1 The minutes of last meeting were read
and approved

2 Moved by Mr. Whittaw Senr. seconded by Mr.
Rose that the salary of £50 with one half
of the Proceeds of the School be paid to Mr.
Maxwell for one year from the 1st May next
Carried Unanimously

3 Mr. Whittaw Senr. reported, that he called
at the Montreal Bank, and he found that
the Government Grant of £50 is placed there
to the credit of the Institute

4 Moved by Mr. Taylor seconded by Mr. G.
Whittaw, that the sum of £25 be set
aside for the purchase of Books

5 Moved by Mr. G. Gauth, seconded by Mr. Rose
that an air Pump be sent for from
England to cost about £8 Sterling

6 Moved by Mr. Whittaw Senr. seconded by
Mr. Cowan that a vote of thanks be given
to Mr. Holmes, for his exertions in procuring
the Government Grant for the Institute

7 Moved by Mr. Cowan seconded by Mr.
Whittaw Senr. that Mr. Dickinson be paid
£12.10. being the balance of salary owed
him by the Institute

8 Meeting Dissolved

David Brown Chairman,
Gauth Secretary

Monday Evening April 1st 1844

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening Present Messrs. Brown, Rose, Morice Dodge Bunkers Taylor, Whitlow Jew. & Gorth

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

2^d A Letter was received from Mr. Maxwell to the effect that he accepts the offer of the Institute

3^d Messrs. Rose, Cowan, & Gorth were appointed a sub-committee for the Purchase of Books

4th Mr. Cowan was appointed to take the Lecture Room for the ensuing year

5th A Letter was received from the Corporation requesting the use of the Lecture Room for the exhibition of the Plans for the New Market

Granted

6th Meeting Dissolved

David Brown Chairman
Chas Gorth, Secretary

Wednesday Evening March 10th

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening, Present Messrs. Brown Dodge Whitlow Jew. Murree, Whitlow, Jew. & Gorth

1st The minutes of last meeting were read, and approved,

2^d Messrs. Cowan, Rose, & Gorth, to form a sub-committee, to procure a Librarian for the Institute,

3^d Meeting Dissolved

David Brown Chairman
Chas Gorth, Secretary

Monday Evening April 29th

At a special meeting of the Committee held
this evening, Present Messrs. Brown Whittaw^{Sen.}
Cowan, Taylor, Sutherland, Spiers, Dunlop,
Morice, Whittaw Junr, & Goeths,

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and
approved,

2^d Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr.
Morice, that the services of Mr. Pringle
be engaged to assist Mr. Maxwell with
the moving of the Institutes and that
Mr. Maxwell be empowered to hire Labourers
and Coarters,

3. Meeting Dissolved

Chairman
Chas Goeths Secretary

Monday Evening May 6. 1844th

At a special meeting of the Committee held
this evening, Present Messrs, Brown, Whittaw^{Sen.}
Cowan, Dunlop, Jas Spiers, Whittaw Junr.
Morice, & Goeths

1st The minutes of last meeting were read
and approved

2 Moved by Mr. Spiers seconded by Mr. Dunlop,
that the Lecture Room be taken at the
Rent of £40 Per annum,

3. Mr. Cowan was requested to take the
Lecture Room for the ensuing year,
at the above rent or less if possible,

A Meeting dissolved

Chairman
Secretary

Thursday evening Nov 30

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening Present Messrs: Whittow, Sew, Munroe, Dunlop, Spiers Morice, Whittow, Junr & Gouth

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and approved,

2nd The Secretary of above requested to write to the Chairman of the school committee requesting him to call a meeting of the School committee without delay to inquire into the state of the School.

3rd The Secretary was requested to ascertain the Lecture Room for to let

4th That the sum of £30 currency be allowed to a Librarian for the Trust - use and that the following are the services that will be required, from him to take the full and entire charge of the Library to collect all the moneys due the Institute, to deliver the Notices & to be out the Institute from 7 to 8 O'clock A. M. and from 8 to 10 O'clock P. M. for any thing that may be required.

5th Meeting Dissolved,

Chairman
Gouth Secretary
Wednesday Evening July 24

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening Present Messrs: Rose Brown, Munroe Whittow, Sew, Kelly Morice, Spiers, Cowan, & Gouth

1st The minutes of last meeting were read & approved,

2nd The secretary reported having let the Lecture Room for two Dollars per night

was

3^d To admit the Members for half price to
Mr. Mc Intyre for Phrenological Lectures

4 The corresponding Secretary reported having
received a letter inclosing a cheque for
fifty Pounds from His Excellency the Governor
General, as a donation in aid of the funds
of the Institute,

5 Moved by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr.
Cowan that a vote of thanks be sent to
his Excellency and that the Letter be
inserted in the minutes carried
Letter

Government House
July 3rd 1844

Sir

I am directed, by his Excellency the
Governor General to inclose to you herewith
a cheque for £50 (fifty Pounds) as a
donation from His Excellency to the
funds of the Montreal Mechanics Institute.
I am at the same time desired to
convey the Expressions of His Excellency's
approval and admiration of a Society
so deserving of praise, and one which is
likely to be productive of such useful results,
as well as of his earnest desire that the
Montreal Mechanics Institute may
conduce both to the Intellectual and
social improvement of that worthy class
of the Community for whose benefit it
has been established.

I have the Honour to be Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Mr. J. Rose

A. M. Higginson

6 The President was requested, to have the Property of the Institute, insured

7 Moved by Gforth & seconded by Mr. Rose that a Chemical Apparatus be imported for the Institute, to cost about £18 Sterling with cost of charges Carried

8 Moved by Mr. Cowan seconded by Mr. Morice, that a set of Astronomical & Botanical Slides be also imported Carried

9 Moved by Mr. Cowan seconded by Mr. Whitlaw that the sum of thirty pounds be placed in the Savings Bank to pay for the above

10 Meeting Dissolved

Chairman
Secretary

Wednesday Even: July 31. 46

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening, Present Messrs Brown Kelly Whitlaw Sen: Morice, Spier & Gforth.

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and approved of

2nd That Mr. Taylor ^{be} requested, to draw up the Half Yearly Report,

3rd A letter with samples of Ink, &c. was received, from Mr. Herodotus requesting the committee to examine them & to give him a certificate as to their properties with leave to Publish it

4 Meeting Dissolved

Chairman
Secretary

The
Monday Evening August 5. 44

At a special meeting of the Committee held
this evening, Present, Messrs. Brown, Cowan
Rose, Whittow Senr, Hilton, Futherland,
Dunlop, Whittow Junr, Morice, Spiers &
C. Gearty

1st The Minutes of last meeting were read
& approved,

2nd The Corresponding Secretary was requested
to send Mr. Morristy a Certificate as to
the quantities of his samples of his blacking
Ink, &c

3rd Meeting adjourned.

Chairman
Secretary -

The
Tuesday Evening August 6

At an adjourned meeting of the Committee
held this evening Present Messrs. Whittow Senr
Morice, Taylor, Whittow Junr. & Gearty

1st A draft a report was read by the Secretary
to be submitted to the General Meeting

2nd Moved by Mr. Morice, seconded by
Mr. Whittow Junr. that the above
report be adopted.

Chairman
Secretary

Tuesday Evening August 6.
At the Semi Annual General
Meeting of the Institute held this
Evening

Mr. Brown in the chair
1st The minutes of last general Meeting
were read and approved

2nd The ^{Semi} Annual report of the Committee
was read by the Recording Secretary
as follows

Ninth Semi Annual Report of the
Montreal Mechanics Institute

Your Committee in submitting the report
of their Proceedings for the past half year,
beg leave to congratulate the Members on the
increasing Prosperity of its affairs, but at the
same time, would urge upon all to spare
no exertions in forwarding its interests so that
its means of improvement may speedily be
made commensurate with the wants of
that class of the community for whose
benefit it has been established,

Your Institute now consists of 276
Members, of whom 18 are Life 197 Annual
5 Corresponding & quarterly and 21 Lady
Members 21 Annual & 9 Quarterly appren-
tices

The whole amount of funds collected
in the half year has been £176 " 3 " 3 1/2

Consisting of the following items

Members Subscriptions	£6 " 2 " 0
Rents of Premises	25 " 15 " 0
Proceeds of School	18 " 16 " 2
Proceeds of Festival	25 " 10 " 1 1/2
Donations of Governor	50 " 0 " 0
Government Grant	50 " 0 " 0

The disbursements amount in the same period to £150. 11. 5^½
The items of which will be submitted in the auditors report.

Your Library now contains 838 Volumes of which 103 have been added by purchase and 5 by donation during the past half Year, (Exclusive of unbound periodicals and Pamphlets)

During the past half Year 1017 Volumes have been circulated, showing an increase over the corresponding period last year, of 673 volumes. It will be seen by the above statement that a large addition has been made to the Library and your Committee would wish to impress upon your minds the importance of this part of your establishment as it must necessarily be one of the most important objects of the Institute they therefore hope that you will be more liberal in your donations so that the entire expense of increasing it will not altogether fall on the funds.

Your Committee have also much pleasure in announcing that they have been able to increase the Apparatus of the Institute by sending to Great Britain for an Air Pump, a complete sett of Chemical apparatus and one sett each of Botanicall and Astronomical Slides for the Phantasmagoria (the whole to cost about 40 Guineas)

The Air Pump has been received and the other apparatus will be forwarded by the fall Vessels to be in time for the Winter course of Lectures which by this addition will be rendered much more attractive and instructive.

Your Committee would also take this opportunity of returning their sincere thanks

to those Gentlemen who so kindly gave up so much of their valuable time to promote the interests of this Institute by Lecturing and they also hope that it has been duly appreciated by the Members.

The next Object to which your Committee would beg to call your attention is the Reading Room which has been very well attended for the last half Year, the following Periodicals and Newspapers being regularly received and whose number it is contemplated to increase shortly

Bentley's Miscellany	Quebec Mercury
Blackwoods Magazine	British Whig
Literary Garland	Port Hope Gazette
Civil, Eng. & Arch. Journal	Montreal Herald
London Mechanics Magazine	" Gazette
Chambers Edinburgh Journal	" Courier
London Spectator	" Transcript
Liverpool Chronicle	" Times
Glasgow Herald	

At your last annual meeting you directed the Committee to get up the Annual Mechanical Festival in the rooms over the St Johns Market, and we have much pleasure in being able to state that it was eminently successful the Proceeds was £102 the expenses £78. 9. 10¹/₂ leaving a nett balance of £23. 10. 1¹/₂ in favour of the Institute

Your Committee found that the house occupied by the Institute during the past year was for many reasons not unsuited and have rented for the current year the house they now occupy in rear of the Montreal Bank, in Fortification Lane the premises are not what your Committee could wish for, but as they have had under consideration the Purchasing of a place

for its permanent Location and from motives of economy they have taken it for the present.

In the month of March last year, - Committee thankfully received the usual grant of £50 from the Legislature and appropriated it mostly for Books and apparatus,

Your Committee have renewed their engagement with Mr. Maxwell as Teacher to the Institute Day School and evening classes, at a Salary of £50 per annum, with one half of the Proceeds of the Day School, the Committee finding it impracticable for the Teacher to act as Librarian engaged the services of Mr. W. Pringle to act as Librarian & collector to the Institute at the rate of £30 per annum

Your Committee have also rented the Lecture Room over the Exchange News Room at the rent of £40 Per annum. Your Committee are now called upon to testify to the Princely Munificence of His Excellency the Governor, General Phaulkner, having last month received the handsome donation of £50 accompanied with a most friendly and encouraging letter, we need scarcely say our thanks are due for so distinguished a favour. In conclusion, your Committee would observe that from the nature of the country in which we live little benefit can accrue from the Institute in the summer months, but as they are now nearly over, it behoves us all to exert ourselves in procuring Members - We know no party or creed, all are equal all are welcome, The sole object of your Institute

is to lend its aid to Universal Education
being convinced that there is no surer way
of promoting the prosperity and Peace
of the land in which we dwell
All which is
respectfully submitted

4th Moved by Mr. J. Whitlow, seconded
by Mr. Miller that the report now read
be accepted,

5th The minutes of last General Election
were read and approved

6th Messrs. W. Miller & J. Fletcher
were appointed scrutineers and having
examined the Ballot reported the
following persons duly elected

As Auditors { Will Spiers
Thos White
John White

As Committee
W. M. Miller - John Hilton
Will Dunlop Will Foster
James Wells J. Whitlow

7th Moved by Mr. Miller seconded by
Mr. Taylor that the present system of
voting be altered to the common
system of Ballotting by a box prop-
erly prepared for the purpose by this
means much time will be saved as
regards the scrutinising of the votes
Carried, Unanimously

8th Moved by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr.
Fletcher that the thanks of this
meeting be conveyed to His Excellen-
cy the Governor General in a ballot
by the Corro Secretary for his very handsome
Donation to the funds.

Carried Unanimously

9th Moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by
Mr. Cowan that the thanks of this
meeting be tendered to those of the
Committee who retire from Office for
their exertions in behalf of the Institute
Carried Unanimous^{ly}
10 Meeting Dissolved

Chairman
Secretary

Thursday Evening Aug 8th
At a special meeting of the Committee
held this evening Present Messrs Brown
Morice, Miller, Whittow Junr, Footner,
Dunlop, Hilton & Gorth
1st The minutes of last meeting were read
and approved

2nd The following Sub. Committees were
appointed for the management of the
different departments of the Institute

Library. J. Morice, Gorth, J. Whittow Junr,
J. Spiers and John Fletcher
Fitting up. J. Whittow Senr. G. Bowie
R. Goodwillie & H. Taylor
Lecture. W. Footner, W. Miller, J. Hilton
G. Rose & J. Gorth
Apparatus. W. Dunlop, J. Sutherland
A. Whittow & Geo. Rose
School. A. Cowan, W. Miller,
J. Hilton & J. Whittow Senr.

3rd Dr. Gullan of Glasgow visited
on the Committee and stated that
how he had been in the habit of
lecturing to Mechanics Institutes
he should like to lecture to this

Institute and proposed to give a lecture
on Tuesday next to enable the committee
to judge as to his abilities

^{1st} A Moved by Mr. Footner, and seconded
by Mr. Hilton that Dr. Gullons offer,
be accepted and that the Lecture
committee make the necessary arrangements
^{2nd} Meeting Dissolved Carried Unanimously

Chairman
Secretary

^{1st} Monday Evening August 27th
At a special meeting of the Committee
held this evening Present Messrs Brown
Whitlaw Seny Bowie Millin Spiers Morice
Dunlop Sutherland, Hilton & Gairth

1st The minutes of last meeting were read
and approved

2nd The corresponding Secretary was requested to
return the thanks of this Institute to the
Quebec Mechanics Institute for a copy
of their Semi annual report,

3rd A Letter was received from Mr. C.
Wilmer of Liverpool forwarding statement
of account for Messrsines & up to 31st of
Dec 44, shewing a balance in his
favor of £ 20 " 4

^{4th} A Mr. St. Drysdale submitted to the
committee five half Volumes of the
Glasgow Practical Mechanics & Engineers
Journal, which he wished the Institute
to purchase, Price £ 1 " 8 whereupon it
was moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Mr.
Millin that they be purchased
Carried

5th Moved by Mr. Hilton seconded by Mr. Millen that the arrangements made with Mr. D. Gullan by the Lecture Committee be confirmed by the General Committee viz, That he deliver the lectures as advertised to the Members, the Institute giving him the room & light and inserting our advertisement, and that he be allowed the receipts from tickets sold for the Lectures on condition of his paying all other expenses carried

6th Mr. M^r. Donalds accounts for Desks fitting up rooms &c amounting to £5. 17. 1 was ordered to be paid, & that £1. 17. 8½ of the above account be deducted from the next Quarters rent, Mr. Thurston having agreed to alter the partitions

7th Messrs J. Wells, & A. Whittow having declined to act Mr. Dickinson & Mr. Fletcher having the next number of votes were notified to that effect

8th Meeting Dissolved

Chairman
Secretary

Friday Evening August 30th
At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening Present Messrs Brown, Cowan, Morice Millen, Dunlop G. Gorth Bowie, Spiers, Hilton, & Gorth

1st The minutes of last meeting were read & approved,

2nd Moved by Mr. Millen seconded by Mr. Fletcher, that a letter be sent to D. Gullan informing him that the Committee have determined to rescind the arrangement

made with him on account of his conduct
at the Last Lecture

Carried Unanimously

3rd Meeting of the [unclear]

Chairman
Secretary

Monday Evening Sept 9 1874
At a special meeting of the Committee held
this evening. Present Messrs Brown, Taylor,
Footner, Morice, Dickinson, Bowie, Miller,
Spiers, Gforth, Whitlow, Dunlop, Hilton,
Gforth

1. The minutes of last meeting were read
and approved

2nd Moved by J Gforth, and seconded by
Mr Whitlow, that a Letter which has
been received from Dr Gullan be accepted
as an apology and entered in the Minutes
Letter

Montreal 9 Sept. 1874

To the President, and Committee
of the Montreal Mechanics Institute
Gentlemen

Deeply do I regret the
conduct on my part which has caused you to
annul the engagement entered into for a course
of Lectures. I was received and treated by
you with kindness and courtesy, which makes
me feel the smart still keener. I humbly beg
that you will take my cause into consideration,
and I pledge myself, that on no occasion
whatever, you will have cause to call my
conduct into question. As a stranger amongst
you and experiencing much kindness, I fear
the blow will crush me but I trust that
you will give me an opportunity of retrieving
myself, and showing that I am deeply
interested in the education and improvement

of the Mechanic

With much respect
I have the honor to be
Yours Respectfully

Signed

John G. Gullow M.D.

3rd Moved by Mr. Miller seconded by Mr. Spiers
that Dr. Gullow's services be again received by
the Institute but that he deliver his three
first Lectures to the Members without being
advertised

4th Moved in amendment by Mr. Taylor seconded
by Mr. Bowie that Dr. Gullow's lectures be
proceeded with and advertised as usual with
the addition of a reason for so doing -

5th Moved in amendment by Mr. Rose seconded
by Mr. Hilton that Dr. Gullow be offered
the room to lecture in at a low rent to be
fixed by the Committee

On the motion for Mr. Rose's amendment being
put there appeared 3 for and 7 against
Mr. Taylor's amendment being put there appeared
2 in favour & 9 against it

The Original motion being then put there appeared
7 in favour and 4 against it, Carried

6th Moved by J. Perth seconded by Mr. Hilton
that this meeting be adjourned till this night
week for the reconsidering of the 3rd Resolution

7th Moved in amendment by Mr. Whitton seconded
by Mr. Dunlop that the reconsidering of the 3rd
Resolution be adjourned for 6 months
The Amendment being put was lost voting
for it and 7 against
The motion being put was carried unanimously

8th Meeting adjourned

Chairman
Secretary

Monday Evening Sept 16 1844

At an adjourned meeting of the committee held this evening Present Messrs: Brown, Taylor, Whitlow, Footner, Millu, Dickinson Spiers, Sutherland Morice & Gorth. Duale & Gorth

1st The minutes of last meeting were read & approved

2nd Moved by Mr. Taylor seconded by Mr. Millu that a letter be sent to Dr. Gullam stating that his letter of apology had been received but that his services as Lecturer to the Institute cannot be accepted for the present and that he be requested to remove his apparatus without delay -

Carried Unanimously

3rd It was resolved by the committee to establish a debating society but that the members be taken from the Members of the Institute,

4th Moved by Mr. Footner seconded by Mr. Morice that the Journal of the Franklin Institute be subscribed to for the Institute

Carried Unanimously

5th Meeting Dissolved

Chairman

Secretary

Tuesday Evening Oct 1st 1844

At a special meeting of the committee held this evening Present Messrs: Brown, Dickinson Spiers, Millu, Gorth, Morice, Gorth, Footner & Fletcher

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

2nd Mr. J. Gorth stated that Mr. Fleming Civil Engineer, would agree to lecture to the Institute and likely act as Librarian

provided the Institute could allow him
an adequate remuneration

3rd Messrs. Footner, Miller & Goeths were appointed
a deputation to see Mr. Fleming on the
Subject,

A Meeting adjourned

Chairman
Secretary -

Wednesday Evening Oct 2nd

An adjourned meeting was called for this
evening but Mr. Goeths having reported that
Mr. Fleming declined lecturing on account
of the confinement, it would occasion & there
being no other business on hand the meeting
was not constituted

Chas Goeths Secretary

Thursday Evening Oct 11th 1844

At a special meeting of the Committee
held this evening Present Messrs. Cowan
Taylor, Miller, Footner, Rose, Whitlaw
Spier, Sutherland, Dickinson, Hilton, Morice
& Goeths

1st The minutes of last meeting were read
and approved,

2nd Moved by Mr. Rose seconded by Mr.
Footner that the Institute subscribe to
a Proof Impression of the Plate of His
Excellency the Governor General & also a
Work to be published on the Public
Works of Canada by Mr. Tate Civil
Engineer &c. &c.

Carried Unanimously

3rd The corresponding Secretary was requested to notify Mr. Brown that the Committee hold him responsible for the Property of the Institute until it is insured

4th Mr. Mill entered a complaint against the Librarian for not properly attending to his duties, referred to the Library Committee

5th Meeting Disolved

Chairman
Charles Gault Secretary

Thursday Evening Oct 31. 44

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening Present Messrs. Brown Taylor, Rose, Dunlop, Mill, Spier & Gault
Whitlaw & Gault

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and approved,

2nd The Secretary was ordered to engage the services of Mr. Irving as Librarian, to the Institute if he will accept it

3rd Mr. Rose was requested, to draw up an address to the Public to accompany the Syllabus of Lectures and to have 100 copies printed

4th Meeting Disolved

Chairman
Secretary

Monday Evening Nov. 27. 1844

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening, Present Messrs. Brown, Taylor, Dunlop, Whitlaw, Gforth, Footner, Goodwillie, Cowan, Morice, Millu Spiers, Dickinsons Fletcher & Gforth.

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

2nd C. M. Armour, (being present) stated that as he was about preparing a new Law with regards to the granting of Patents, which was to be laid before the Houses of Parliament, he had invited on the Committee for the purpose of receiving any suggestions to aid him in the drawing of it up, which they should think advisable.

3rd The following persons were appointed a sub-committee for the above purpose viz Messrs. Parkyn, Cliff, Gforth, Ward, Footner, Taylor, Goodwillie, W. Spiers, Dickinson, McLean, Whitlaw, & Cowan.

4th Moved, by Mr. Millu seconded by Mr. Cowan that a written agreement be made with the Librarian,

5th A Letter was received from Dr. Rosenstein offering to Lecture to the Institute whereupon it was moved, by Mr. Millu, seconded by Mr. Spiers that a polite note be sent to him to the effect that the Institute declines his offer.

6th Mr. Thornton's account for rent £ 10.0 0 & the News Rooms do of £ 10.0.0 were ordered to be paid.

7th The President & Secretary were appointed to settle the Newspapers accounts.

8th Moved by Mr. Mills seconded by Mr. Fletcher
that a French & Drawing class be established
& that Teachers be advertised for

9th Meeting adjourned

Chairman
Secretary

Saturday Evening Dec 21st 1844

At an adjourned meeting of the Committee
held this evening Present Messrs Brown Taylor,
Dickinson, Cowan, J. Spiers, & G. G. G. G.

1st The minutes of last meeting were read &
approved

2nd The following committees were appointed, viz
Messrs. Cowan Taylor & G. G. G. G. to draw up
a prospectus as to the best means of procuring
a permanent building for the Institute
Messrs. Brown, Dickinson, Whitlaw & J. Spiers
& Foster to examine, & to report on
to their eligibility for the Institute

3rd Meeting Dissolved

Chairman
Secretary

Saturday Evening Dec 21st

At a special meeting of the Committee held
this evening Present Messrs Brown Taylor, Cowan
Whitlaw Foster, Dunlop, Spiers Dickinson
Dunlop, Morice How, G. G. G. G. & G. G. G. G.

1st The minutes of last meeting were read
and approved

2^d There being several Offers from French Masters
it was moved by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr.
Dunlop, that the Rev. Mr. Lappotrie, be offered
3^d per month for each pupil in the class
carried

3^d Moved in amendment by Mr. Spier & seconded by
Mr. Footner, that he be offered 3^d being the
whole amount offered by the Pupils
Lost

4th The corresponding Secretary was requested to
write Mr. Lappotrie accordingly

5th Mr. Footner reads a report from the Sub-
committee appointed to consider the Patent Law,
which was agreed to by the General Committee

6th The committee appointed at the last meeting
made reports as to what they have done concerning
a building for the Institute, whereupon it
was moved by Mr. Gault, & seconded by Mr.
Cowan that a general meeting of the Members
be called for Thursday next the 26th Inst
to consider the question,

of the Meeting Dissolved

Chairman
Secretary

Thursday Evening Dec 26. 1844
At a special general meeting of the Members
held this evening for the purpose of deciding
about a permanent Building for the use of the
Institute

Mr. Brown in the Chair

1st Moved by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr.
Cotell that a committee be appointed to
examine the Congregational and Baptist Chapels

as to their eligibility for an Institute and
to confer with the Odd Fellows Lodges as
to what manner they would join with the
Institute for accommodation in a Building
about to be acquired for the Institute
Carried

2^d Moved by Mr. Millu and seconded by Mr.
McGinn that the following gentlemen com-
pose the Committee viz Messrs. Ostell
Whitlow, Will. Spiers, Cowan & Brown
Carried

3^d Moved by Mr. W. Spiers seconded by Mr.
McGinn that an act of Incorporation be
obtained for the Institute if possible
this session of Parliament,
Carried

4th Moved by Mr. Millu and seconded by
Mr. Crawford that the report of the
Sub-Committee appointed to consider the
Patent Law be laid before the Meeting
Carried

5th Moved in amendment by Mr. Geo. Gorth,
and seconded by Mr. Morice, that this
meeting take no option on this report on
account of its being laid before it irregular,
Carried

6th Moved by Mr. McGinn seconded by Mr.
Crawford, that a Committee be appointed
to consider the Patent Law,
Carried

7th Moved by Mr. Ostell and seconded by
Mr. McGinn that the Old committee be
requested to act again with the addition
of Messrs. McGinn, Parkyn, Ostell & Rodgers
Carried

8th Moved by Mr. Millu and seconded by
Mr. McGinn that this meeting be
adjourned till Thursday the 9th of Janry
1845 for to receive the reports of the Building
and Patent Committees

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Monday Evening Jan 6. 1845

At a special meeting of the Committee held
this evening, Present Messrs Brown, Taylor,
Whittow, Gorth, Footner, Morice and Gorth,

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and
approved.

2nd A Letter was received from Mr Sappoditrie
stating that he required 5/- per month for teaching
the French Class for each Pupil.

3rd It was agreed to offer him 5/- for each Pupil
up to 12, and 3/- for all above that number.

4th Mr Ryden offered to teach a Drawing Class
gratis to the Institute on condition of being
considered a member,

5th A Letter was received from Mr Rose tendering
his resignation as Cor Sec,

6th Moved by Mr Taylor, seconded by Mr Morice,
that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr Rose for
his untiring exertions in behalf of the Institute
Carried, Unanimous.

7th Moved by Mr Gorth, seconded by Mr Taylor, that
Mr Footner be requested to act as Cor Sec Pro tem

8th Notice of a motion was given by Mr Taylor
to take into consideration the agreement with
Mr Maxwell.

9th Meeting Dissolved.

Chairman
Secretary

Thursday Evening Janry 7. 1845
 An adjourned General meeting of the Members
 held this evening

Mr. Brown in the Chair

1st A report was read from the Building Committee
 by Mr. Hoctner, as to what they had done with
 reference to a permanent Location for the Institute,

2nd Moved by Mr. Ginn seconded by Mr.
 Glen that the report now read be adopted,
 approved of,

Carried,

3rd Moved by Mr. Ginn seconded by Mr. Glen
 that the St Maurice street Chapel is the best
 calculated for the Institute and that
 arrangements be made for its Purchase

4th Moved in amendment by Mr. Taylor
 and seconded by Mr. Morice that Mr.
 Ferronces Let his Gray street be purchased
 instead of the St Maurice st. Chapel

5th Moved in amendment by Mr. G. Gouthy
 and seconded by Mr. Shrimpton that
 on account of the smallness of this meeting
 it be adjourned till Wednesday the 10th Inst

Carried, Unanimously

6th The President read a Letter which had been
 received from the Revd Robert Cooney which
 stated that on account of his leaving for
 Upper Canada he would not be able to deliver
 the Lectures which he had promised to the
 Institute

7th It was moved by Mr. Cowan seconded by Mr.
 W. Spier that a Vote of thanks be given to
 Mr. Cooney for the kind expressions contained
 in his Letter and his wish for the Prosperity
 of the Institute

Carried, Unanimous

Wednesday Evening Janry 15. 1845
At a general meeting of the Members held this evening pursuant to adjournment from the 9th Instant,

Mr. Brown in the Chair

1st Moved, by Mr. Miller seconded, by Mr. Gorth, that the 3rd Motion, and 4th Amendment of the previous meeting be laid aside

Carried, Unanimously

2nd It was moved, by Mr. W. M. Spiers and seconded, by Mr. Miller, that the Prosperity and Usefulness of this Institute is much retarded, in consequence of not having a building adapted to its wants and belonging to the Institute

Carried, Unanimously

3rd Moved, by Mr. Mc Ginn and seconded, by Mr. Foster, that this meeting pledges itself, to use its best endeavours to get Shares & subscriptions taken up, for the purchase of a Building, or Lot of Ground, and erecting a Building thereon, the choice of a Building or Lot to be determined, on by the Share holders, each share to count one Vote, in the affairs of the Building only and that the number of shares be sixteen hundred, at one pound per share

Carried

4th Moved, by Mr. Spiers and seconded, by Mr. Miller that the Committee be instructed, to prepare Subscriptions Books for the above

Carried

5th Moved, by Mr. Miller and seconded, by Mr. George that a Festival be held in Mr. Davids Rooms

6th Moved, by Mr. Spiers seconded, by Mr. Turner, that there be no Festival, held on account of Mr. Davids Rooms being too small

On the motion and amendment being put there,
appears 20 for holding a Festival & 10 against it

th 7 The following persons were named as Committee
to get up the Festival, with power to add
to their number, viz Messrs Mills, George
O'Brien, W. Telfer, Sebell, McNeven, and
Snodgrass

th 8 Meeting Dissolved

Chairman,
Secretary

Monday Evening July 28th
At a special meeting of the Committee held
this evening Present Messrs Brown, Taylor,
Whittow, Gault, Dickinson, Merice, Spier
Sutherland, & Gault

th 1 The minutes of last meeting were read and
approved,

th 2 Moved by Mr Taylor, seconded by Mr Gault,
that the Drawing and French classes be
advertised one for Wednesday & the other for
Thursday next Carried

th 3 An account was sent in by Mr Maxwell
for Solway, and Messrs Brown and Spier
were appointed to examine into it and
the affairs of the School generally

th 4 Messrs Taylor, Whittow and McGinn
were appointed to draw up the Prospe-
ctus for the requirement of a Building

th 5 Mr Foster was requested to write
to Mr Lee and acknowledge the receipt
of the Annual Report of the Shakespeare

Club with the Institutes best wishes for its prosperity

6th Mr. Taylor was appointed to draw up the Annual Report,

7th Meeting Dissolved

Chairman,
Secretary

Monday Evening Janry 27th 45
At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening, Present Messrs Brown Taylor, Whitlaw, Morice, Spiers and Gauth

1st The minutes of last meeting were read and approved

2nd Moved by Mr. Whitlaw seconded by Mr. Morice, that Mr. Maxwell's services be dispensed with after the 1st of May next

3rd Mr. Footner was requested to write him to that effect,

4th A report was read from the Prospectus Committee which was referred back to make amendments,

5th Meeting Dissolved

Chairman,
Secretary

Monday Evening Feby 3rd 75

At a special meeting of the Committee held this evening, Present Messrs, Brown, Taylor, Gforth, Merice, Goodwillie, Spier & Gforth,

1st The minutes of last meeting were read & approved,

2nd Mr. Taylor reads the Annual Report of the Committee for the past year which was approved of & ordered to be read at the General Meeting

3rd Mr. Taylor's account of £3.1.6 for the apparatus base & frames for the Diagrams was approved of & ordered to be paid

4th
A Meeting Dissolved

Chairman
Secretary

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Tuesday Evening Jan^y. 28 1843

At the Annual Meeting for the Election
of Office Bearers held this evening
Mr. Brown in the Chair,

1st The Minutes of last general meeting for
the Election of Office Bearers were read
and approved

2nd Messrs W. Spiers, J. Mc. Ginn, & G. Garth
were appointed Scrutineers and having
examined the Ballot declared the follow-
ing persons duly elected,

President	John Ostell
2 nd Vice, do	William Footner
1 st do do	Thomas Mc Ginn
Treasurer,	Andrew Cowan
Rec Secretary	W. A. Smith
Corr. Do	Will. Telfer

Committee

John Lambert,	James Turner
Will. Watson,	James Morice
Chas. Shrimpton,	John George

3rd Mr. Dunlop, having resigned, and Mr.
Footner, having been elected Vice President
Messrs D. Mc. Raven, & J. B. Brondson, having
the next greatest number of Votes were duly elected
to serve on the Committee, in their stead

#3
4 The seventh Resolution of the Last Semi
Annual Meeting was according to the
Constitution read to the Meeting

#4
5 Moved by Mr. Turner, & seconded by Mr.
Scobell that the present system of voting
remain as it is until a better system is
proposed

Carried

6th The following recommendations with regard,
to the scrutinising of the Votes were made
by the Scrutiniers to the meeting on account
of the short time in which they examined the
Ballot, which were ordered to be minuted,

Wednesday Evening Feb^{ry} 5. 1853
At the Annual General meeting of the
Members held this evening
Mr. Brown in the Chair,

F. The Annual Report of the Committee
was read by Mr. Taylor, as follows -

Fifth Annual Report of the
Montreal Mechanics Institute

Your Committee would again beg leave to
present to you an account of their proceedings
for the past year, and in doing so it gives them
unfeigned pleasure to be able to state that at
no period since the establishment of the Insti-
tute has its sources of Improvement been more
appreciated by its members than they are at the
present time, So true is this with regards to
classes that it is with considerable difficulty
your committee can find an opportunity to
hold their meetings in the rooms so completely
are they occupied with the different classes
during each evening of the Week. This is doubt-
less an evil but it is one your committee have
much satisfaction in recording being convinced,
it is one which will speedily work its own
cure, not it is to be hoped by diminishing either
the number or efficiency of the classes, but as
an enticement to energetic action, on the measure
now in progress for providing a building capable
of not only meeting the present wants of the
Institute, but of a large increase in every branch
of its usefulness, your committee being decidedly
of opinion, that by enlarging its means of impro-
vement, & doing good, you will assuredly create
a demand for that good.

The success of the Mechanics Institute is now
more than a Problem, from nearly five years
experience, we think we are enabled to come to the

conclusion, that with, well directed energy and
prudence it will ere long be an honour not only
to the city but to the province,

It will be unnecessary for us here to detail what
has already been reported to you at the last semi-
annual meeting.

Your institute, now consists of 245 Members
of whom 20 are Life, 165 Annual 13 semi-annual
and 2 quarterly & 40 apprentices

The whole amount of funds collected, during
the year has been £ 263. 4. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

The disbursements amount in the same period
to £ 231. 8. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ leaving a balance in the
Treasurers hands of £ 31. 16. 2.

The items of which will be submitted in the
Auditors report,

In noticing the many excellent Lectures
delivered to you during the past half year
your committee are pleased to observe that the
attendance of members on this highly useful
and entertaining department of the Institute
has been generally better than usual but
still there is room for improvement in this
respect, and the committee would here remind
the Members that all those lectures have been
delivered to the Institute free of charge and
when it is remembered that Lectures require
a considerable sacrifice of time & some of them
of expense to prepare them, it is not too much
to expect a good attendance of Members to hear
them delivered and also to endeavor to improve
under them. The following Lectures by the
Gentlemen named have been delivered during
the half year now ended

Dr. Matheson	The Opening Lecture
Dr. Coates	Lect. on Chemistry
J. S. Lee Esq.	Two on Shakspeare's characters
Mr. Mc. Ginn	One on Astronomy & on the Moon
Mr. Geo. Rose	One on the Art of Printing
Mr. Geo. Forth	One on Botany & on Warming & Ventilation

Mr. J. Turner One on the Anatomy & Physiology of
the Horse

C. M. Tate, Esq. M. B. One on Mechanical Science
Your committee are satisfied you will unite
with them in sincerely thanking all the
Lecturers for their kindness and liberality to
the Institute, while on this subject however,
your committee would beg to call your attention
to the fact that several of those Lectures have
been delivered by your own Members (Mechanics)
and your committee are inclined to attach con-
siderable importance to this fact as it appears
to them that there is no more likely means
of encouraging others to the laudable emulation
of devoting their leisure hours to study and
research, by which means they may be able to per-
form the like honourable and important service
to themselves and others.

Your committee would also

