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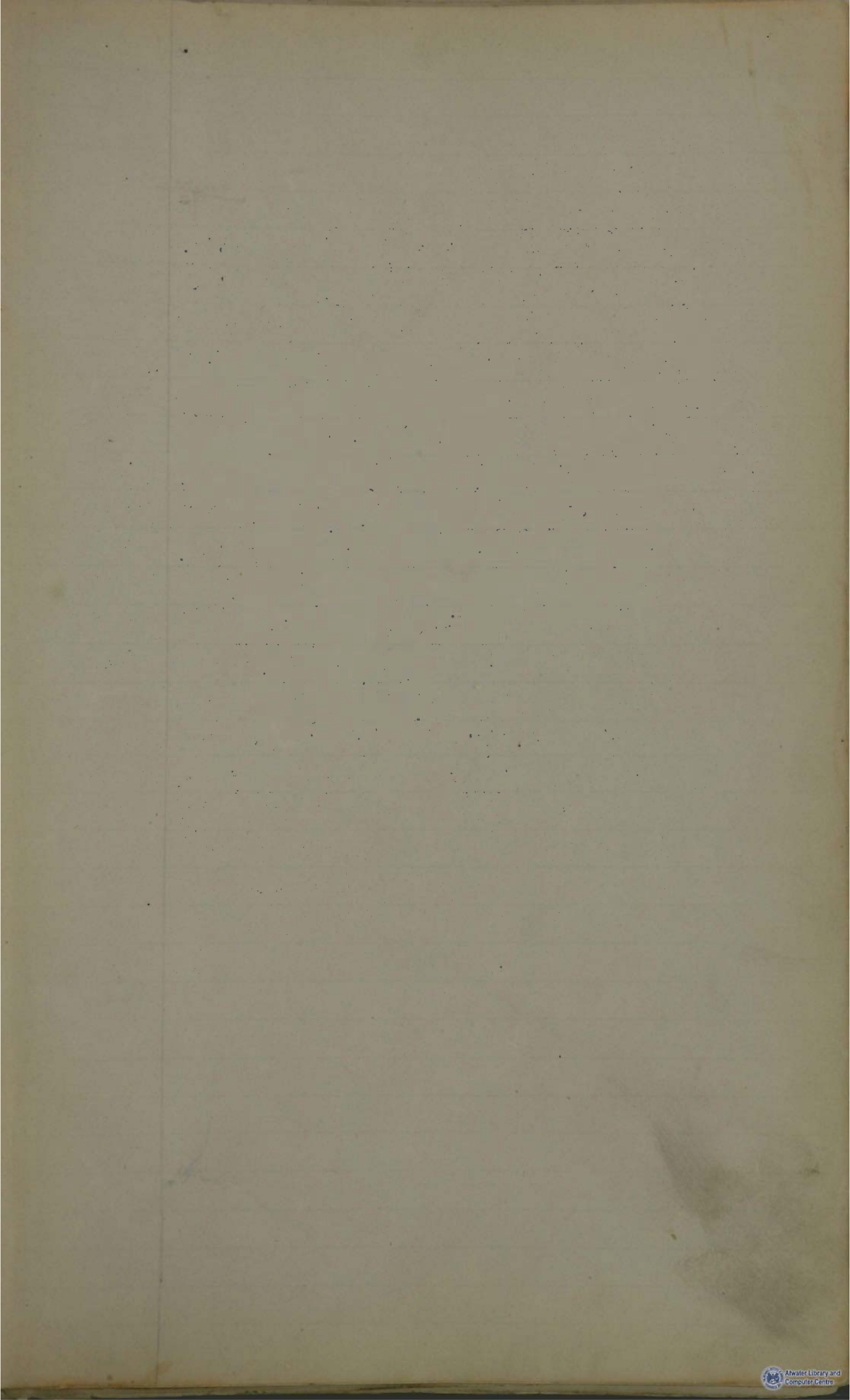
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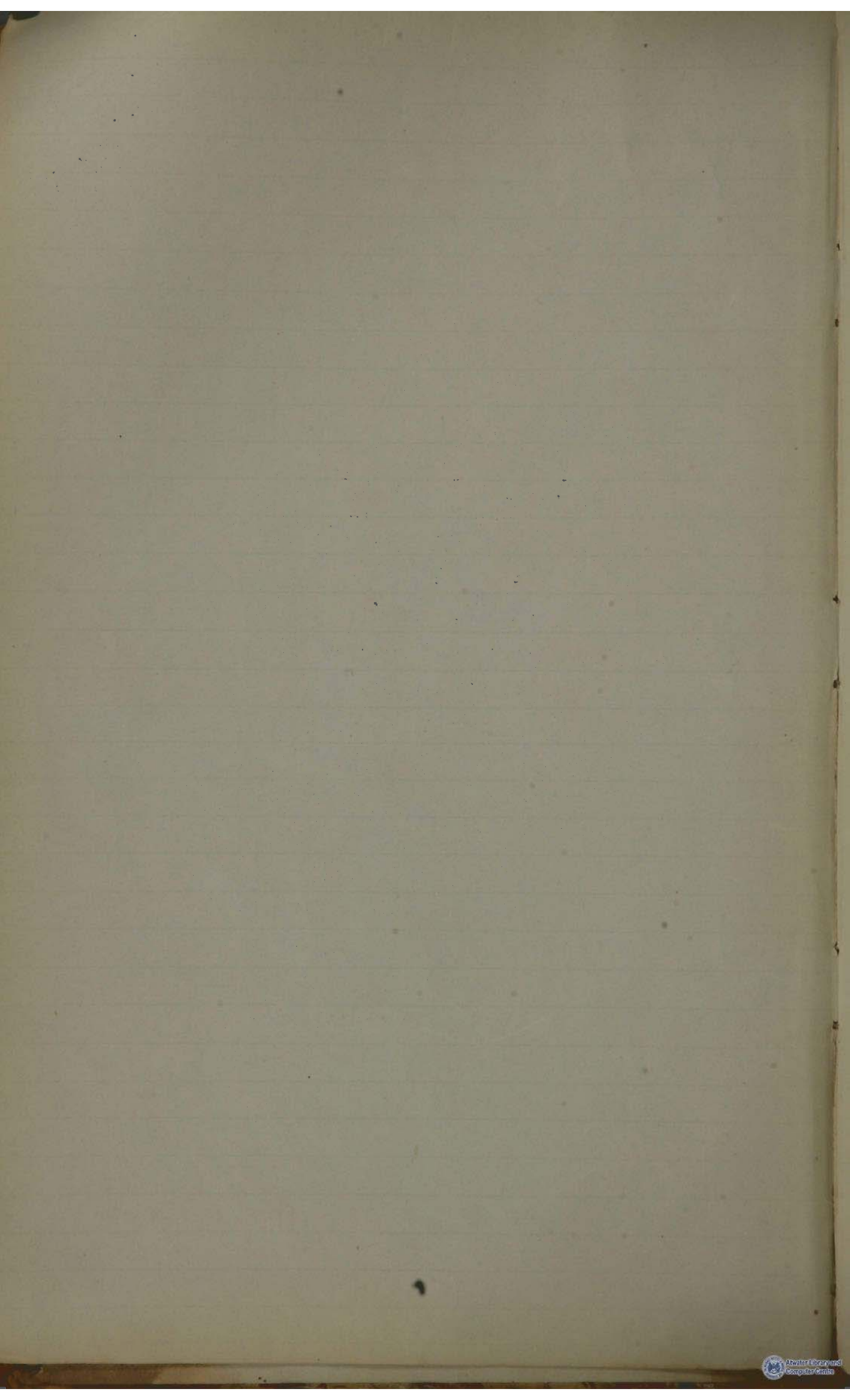
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Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1857

At a General meeting of the Members of the Institute held on the Evening of the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant. The President in the Chair

1<sup>st</sup> The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and Approved.

2<sup>nd</sup> A letter from His Honor the Mayor signifying his intention of presenting to the Institute a donation of £150: was then read by the President. When it was;

3<sup>rd</sup> Moved by Mr. Sutvoye, seconded by Mr. J. Bell that the disposal of the above letter be left to General Committee:

4<sup>th</sup> Moved by Mr. Fodmers seconded by Mr. Whittaker, that as a small return for the very liberal donation of J. E. Mills, Mayor of the City of Montreal, he be hereby proposed as a Life Member of this Institute.

The above motions were then put, and carried Unanimously.

5<sup>th</sup> Moved by Mr. Sutvoye seconded by Mr. Bell. That the Thanks of the Institute be tendered to the General Committee, for their able Management of the Mechanics' Festival, which was carried.

The following were then admitted Members of the Institute Viz

Messrs J. W. J. Groves, Chas. Atkinson, And<sup>rs</sup> Wilson Apprentices: Tho. Kershaw, Kingston Knoll W. Steele, G. H. Whitt



Messrs J. Oliver, W<sup>m</sup> Plaine, Messrs Kinloch  
Will<sup>m</sup> Francis, Apprentices John Nolan,  
Messrs J. A. B. McGill, Geo S. Carter, J. C. Sturges  
and Apprentices, John Ranson, David Wark,  
Charles Munro, Thomas English & Joseph Wright

Meeting dissolved

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1847

The General Meeting of the Members  
of the Institute held on the Evening of  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst<sup>h</sup> the President in the Chair

1<sup>st</sup> The Minutes of the last Meeting were read  
and approved

2<sup>nd</sup> John E. Mills Esq<sup>r</sup> Mayor of the City of  
Montreal was then elected a Life Member  
of the Institute and Messrs James M<sup>r</sup> Fulton  
Benj<sup>m</sup> Hill, S. D. Walton, Geo. Chick, Shanks  
Chas. Dagg, J. Falloon, and Apprentices Chas.  
Blackall & David M<sup>r</sup> Donaldson.

Doctor Waller & W<sup>m</sup> J. Guerin, as Ordinary  
Members



3<sup>rd</sup> Moved by Mr. Oslee seconded by Mr. Shimp  
 "to and Resolved, that on account of the  
 severe annoyance which the Members of the  
 Institute have been subjected to from a Stave Pipe  
 Projecting through the floor of the Lecture Room,  
 the Faculty by whose instructions it was placed  
 there be requested to have it removed without  
 delay  
 The Meeting then Dissolved

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Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> 1844

At a General of the Institute held  
 on the Evening of 12<sup>th</sup> Instant Mr. Oslee in  
 the Chair.

1<sup>st</sup> The Minutes of the last Meeting were read  
 and approved.

2<sup>nd</sup> The following were admitted Members of  
 the Institute.

1 Henry Secor	}	1 Thomas Redmond	} 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
2 Thomas O'Brien		2 Richard Macdonald		Cap.
3 W. Green		} Cap.	1 Genrich Robinson	} Applicants
4 Alfred Pensonault			2 John Ken	
5 G. Grundy				
6 Charles H. Castle				
7 Charles Macon				



An Ordinary Meeting of the Members of the Institute  
held on the Evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> April & W. Whitlam in the Chair

1<sup>st</sup> The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved

2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Joseph Sturman Apprentice at Messrs  
Fowndry was admitted a Member of the Institute

3<sup>rd</sup> A Question was raised whether it would  
not be expedient for the Members to endeavour  
to procure more suitable accommodations for  
the Institute. When it was

4<sup>th</sup> Moved By John Scott seconded by  
W. Bates That the Committee of the Institute  
be requested to call a General Meeting of the  
Members of the Institute for the purpose  
of taken into consideration the propriety of Erecting  
a Building and also advise means for the Erection  
of such Building at the Earliest possible  
convenience which Motion was Carried  
Unanimously

The Meeting then Dissolved

Monday Evg 3 May 10<sup>th</sup> for want of  
a Quorum no business was done this Evg  
Meeting adjourned



At an Ordinary Meeting of the Members of the Institute  
held on the Evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> May W. White law in the Chair

1<sup>st</sup> The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and  
approved

Other business being introduced  
the Meeting Dissolved

Monday Evening June 1<sup>st</sup> 1844

For want of a Quorum no business was done

Meeting Dissolved

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At an Adjourned Meeting of the Members held on  
the Evening of the 28<sup>th</sup> June, W. Footner in the  
Chair The following were admitted Members of the  
Institute, Messrs. James Hamway, John C. Colburn  
John May, G. W. Smith,

1<sup>st</sup> Moved by Mr. Gault, seconded  
by W. Whimpton, and Resolved that the President  
be requested to carry out the views of the Members  
as expressed at a preceding Meeting,

W. Footner has reported that several  
Plates had been cut out of the Periodicals in the  
Reading Room it was Resolved that he be  
requested to make known through the public  
Papers, reprobating in strong and appropriate terms  
the impropriety of such conduct.

"When the Meeting Dissolved"



Monday Evening July 15<sup>th</sup> 1847

In consequence of this not been a  
Quorum no business was done this Ev

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Monday Evening July 26<sup>th</sup> 1847

No business done for want of Quorum

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Monday Evening August 9<sup>th</sup> 1847

An Ordinary Meeting of the  
Members of the Institute on the Evening  
of the 9<sup>th</sup> August.

The President in the Chair. The Minutes  
of the last Meeting June 28<sup>th</sup> were read and  
approved;

W. Footner observed that on several  
occasions neglect was attributed to the  
attendants at the Institute.

Reported by the President, that the  
Donation lately promised by the Mayor would  
shortly be forthcoming.

The President also reported that  
at an early period he would make arrangements  
about removing the Institute.

Several Members having noticed great  
irregularity in the reception of some periodicals  
due to the Institute, requested that the  
attention of the Library Committee might be  
directed thereunto. W. Shrimpton having  
remarked, that a Thermometer would be



highly useful in the Institutes & W. F. also  
observed that the Institute ought to possess a  
Map of Canada.

Some discussion then took place in reference to  
the intended Mechanics Fair, when the President  
having read several interesting extracts from a work  
lately published in

The Meeting Dissolved.

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Monday Evening Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Members of  
the Institute held on the Evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Inst. The President in the Chair. The Minutes  
of the last Meeting were read and approved  
and Mr. Sudd admitted a Member.

The Meeting Dissolved

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Monday Evening Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>

At an Ordinary Meeting of the Members of the  
Institute held on the Evening of 13<sup>th</sup> September  
Mr. Whitlaw in the Chair. The Minutes of the last  
Meeting were read and approved, & Mr. G. G. G. G.  
admitted a Member. When it was moved by Mr. F. F. F. F.  
and by Mr. T. T. T. T. In the opinion of this  
Committee it is expedient that with a view to  
bring the Members of this Institute into closer  
connexion with each other and thereby afford  
a better opportunity for mutual instruction, or



Evening in the week throughout the Year  
should be set apart for the purpose of  
Conversations on any Subject or matter Connected  
with the Arts and Sciences that may be then  
introduced, and that the Lecture Room be  
appropriated on such evenings to the use of  
The Members, who were assembled shall be  
presided over by such Officer of the Institute  
senior in Rank as may be present, or by such  
Member as the Members present shall nominate  
in case of the absence of all the said Officers.

The above Motion was then put and  
lost, there being in favour & seven against it  
P. J. Bernard proposed to adjourn.  
When the Meeting Dissolved

Monday Evening Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1847

At an Ordinary Meeting of the  
Institute on September 27<sup>th</sup> 1847.  
The President in the Chair Minutes  
of last Meeting read corrected and approved  
Mr. Gaith enquired by what  
authority a certain paper had been printed  
which was produced - viz a Transcript  
of the Minutes of last Meeting - The President  
answered not by authority of the  
Committee. Much discussion occurred  
thereon.

Question was asked if any steps  
had been taken to carry out the views  
comprehended in the Motion rejected



at the last Meeting, answer was given in the negative.

Mr Footroy gave notice that he should bring forward his Motion, at the next Ordinary Meeting.

Dr Bernard after some remarks, read the following Resolution.

Moved by Dr Bernard, seconded by Mr Meakinis

That the conduct of Mr Footroy in having printed and in distributing the proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of the Members of the Institute held on Monday Ev<sup>g</sup> the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst without the sanction of said Meeting, was highly improper.

On Motion of Mr Footroy and seconded by Mr Spiers the Motion was laid on the Table until the next Ordinary Meeting.

Mr Bejlow was admitted a Member.

No further business offering  
The Meeting Dissolved



Monday Ev<sup>g</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1849

An Ordinary Meeting of the Institute held on the Ev<sup>g</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> Inst. Mr. Hoopes in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read (and corrected) & approved.

Moved by Mr. Campbell seconded by Mr. Stephenson that that part of the Minutes relative to Mr. P. B. be erased.

Carried

Moved by Mr. Palmer seconded by Mr. G. G. that the Motion introduced by Mr. Bernard at the last Meeting be now considered.

Moved in am<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Campbell seconded by Mr. Stephenson that all the words "after that" in the present Motion be struck & the following substituted "that Mr. Fulwys Motion be first considered upon a division there being a tie." The Chairman gave precedence to the Motion.

After considerable discussion it was Moved by Mr. G. G. seconded by Mr. M. G. that the further consideration of the above Motion be deferred until the next Annual Meeting.

Moved in am<sup>d</sup> by Mr. T. Bradley seconded by Mr. Campbell that the further consideration of the Motion be postponed indefinitely. The am<sup>d</sup> Motion was then put and lost.



The Motion by Dr. Bernard, seconded  
by Mr. Meakin.

That the Conduct of Mr. Futty for  
having printed and in distributing the proceedings  
of the Ordinary Meeting of the Institute held  
on Monday Evening the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst. without  
the sanction of said Meeting was highly  
improper.

After a lengthened and warm discussion  
It was then moved in Am<sup>d</sup>. by Mr. Futty  
seconded by Mr. Bradley that the Motion  
of Dr. Bernard is of a Character that  
cannot legally be entertained by this  
Corporation.

The Amendment & the Original  
Motion was then put, when in favour of  
the Am<sup>d</sup>. was lost & the Motion  
carried  
Meeting Dissolved

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1847

At an ordinary Meeting of the  
Mechanics Institute held in the Lecture  
Room on Monday Ev<sup>g</sup> the 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1847

It was on Motion of Mr. Futty second-  
ed by Mr. Campbell resolved that Mr. Footner  
do take the Chair, and that Mr. Popham do  
act as Sec<sup>y</sup>. in the absence of the recording  
Secretary.

Carried Unanimously  
The Minutes of the last Meeting  
were then read and after several verbal  
alterations it was moved by Mr. Campbell



seconded by Mr Stevenson that that  
part of the Minutes of the last Meeting  
and of the proceedings one which relates  
to Mr. Futty be expunged

The Chairman decided his  
Motion to be out of Order.

The Minutes were then read approved  
and confirmed

In consequence of some remarks  
of Mr Campbell relative to the decision of  
the Chairman Mr Stevenson moved seconded  
by Mr Turner that the conduct of Mr.  
Campbell in using improper language at  
a Meeting of the Institute is highly improper  
which Motion was put and lost.

The names of the following persons  
were then read for the second time and  
admitted to the rights of membership

Mr Joseph Cunan  
William Miller  
Oliver H. Robb  
Peter M. Furlane  
The Donalds  
William Kerr

The Meeting then adjourned

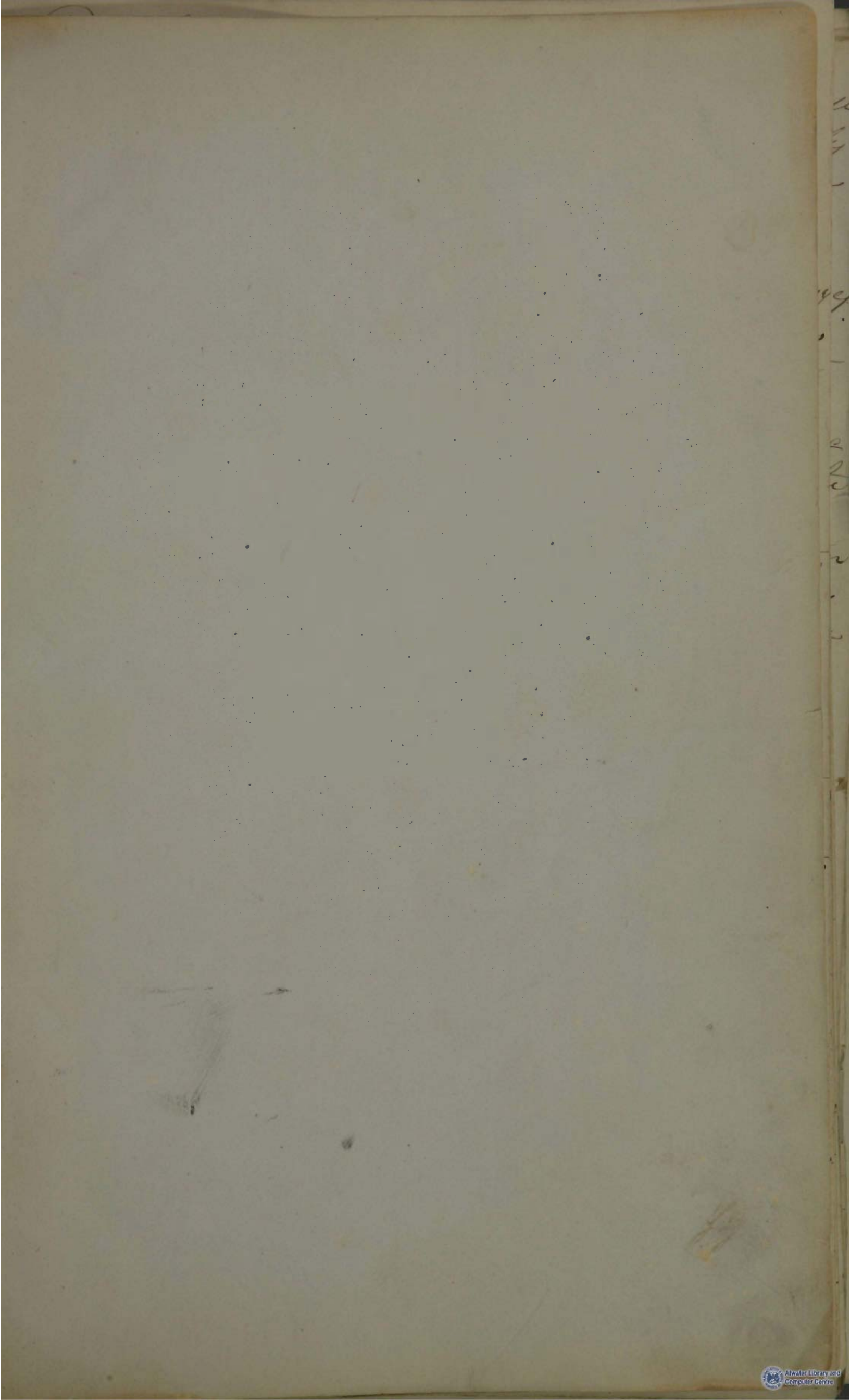
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The Mechanics Institute of Montreal  

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Minutes of the  
Third Annual Meeting

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On the Evening of the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1849  
the third Annual Meeting for the Election of Officers  
for the ensuing year was held in the Hall of  
the Institute according to Clause 4<sup>th</sup> of the  
Act of Incorporation,

President Mr. Talbot in the Chair  
The Recording Secy<sup>r</sup> proceeded to read the Minutes  
of the last Annual Meeting which were approved, The  
Corresponding Secretary then read the following Annual  
Report

W<sup>th</sup> President and Gentlemen

The period having arrived for submitting  
to this Corporation an account of the Receipts and Disburse-  
ments during the past together with a statement of Donations  
made, and of the number of Members, both new and old, belonging  
to the Institute at present as well as of those who have ceased  
to belong to belong to the same.

The Committee, into whose <sup>management</sup> of its  
affairs has been intrusted, beg to submit the following Report  
Your Committee deem it a matter of congratulation  
that the exertions made during the past financial year,  
have been so far successful as to keep the funds of the Institute  
in an equally flourishing state with the year preceding; at the  
same time it must be remarked, that heavier expences have  
been incurred in various ways for procuring additional advantages  
and comforts for the Members of the Institute; The total  
amount of Monies received during the past Year has been



has been £276. 12. 6<sup>1/2</sup> arising from subscriptions  
of Members, Rents of Rooms, Government  
Contributions and proceeds of Festivals. The  
Expenditure has amounted to £257. 19. 8. thus  
leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer  
of £18. 12. 10<sup>1/2</sup>.

The amount of subscriptions and other  
dues outstanding, is £71. 7.

The amount of liabilities, including the  
Rent of the premises for the current year, is  
about £15. the foregoing statement, however,  
does not include the generous donation of  
John E. Mill Esq., of £150. towards carrying  
out the objects of the Institute in a special  
manner, as previously reported. The disposition  
of this donation should form a subject of early  
consideration for the General Committee. It has  
been thought that the most effectual  
measure in which that object could be arrived  
at, would be by obtaining a site for the erection  
of a building suitable to the purposes of a  
Mechanics Institute. Hitherto, however much  
this has been thought desirable, the funds of the  
Corporation have not been in that flourishing  
condition which would warrant the taking  
of any positive step for this purpose, but  
with this handsome sum, it is to be hoped  
that a short period only will elapse ere a  
Hall will arise, every way worthy of the  
Body for whom it is intended. Care of the  
Metropolis of Canada.

It would appear that there  
has been admitted during the past year a  
total number of 116 Members, and fifty  
five Apprentices Members, but as a great



number of the parties admitted have not yet availed themselves of the advantages thus proffered to them it behoves the Institute to consider what remedy should be applied to prevent a recurrence of this evil. The number of these Members combined with those who have refused to continue in Membership, 99. The total number of Members now standing on the Books of the Institute are 21 Life Members, 2 Honorary Members, 222 Ordinary Members, & 8 Apprentice Members, making 321 as the total number.

The number of Members at this period last year was 217.

Donations have been made to the Institute during the past season of many valuable Books by Members (and others), as (Mr. Lat. Esq. Mr. Wm. Footner, Mr. C. Dehile, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. A. Stephenson, Mr. Charles Gault, Mr. Rostwick, in all about 44 Volumes, (and by Colonel B. Gwynne a handsome Oct Glass Chandelier. The Library of the Institute has been increased not only by the above Donations, but also by the acquisition of Books purchased by the Committee with the funds of the Institute.

The Library would seem to have been well referred to, the Issues during the year appearing to have been 2705. This exhibits a satisfactory feature. The Library of reference is composed of nearly One Thousand Volumes (and comprises valuable works upon almost every subject, whether of History, or Science, or the Arts.

The Rooms of the Institute have been visited by many Gentlemen of Education (and Science during the past year, as appears on the pages of Visitors Books,

Your Committee has much pleasure in recurring to the gracious reception which the Deputation



of the Institute met with from the Governor  
General, when requesting His Excellency to  
become Patron thereof, and also to his  
presence at your Annual Celebration in  
February last, an act of Patronage (and  
Encouragement) from which your Committee  
confidently hope great good will arise to  
the Institute, as well as to the Individual  
Members thereof, as it carries with it the conviction  
that the very valuable Class which compose its  
Members are no longer overlooked,

Your Committee need not dwell on  
the very satisfactory manner in which the Festival  
was celebrated, but they cannot so briefly  
pass over the results of the Assembly held  
subsequently in aid of the funds for the relief of  
our suffering fellow Subjects in Scotland & Ireland,  
This, as Members of the Institute are well aware  
was not so well attended as it might have  
been, in consequence of the Evening having been  
changed, to enable the Members of the  
Benevolent Fund Committee to be present with  
their friends and families and with Gentlemen  
prepared to address the Assembly on the object  
for which it was held, Your Committee regret  
to state, that, with three or four exceptions,  
none of the Gentlemen forming the Benevolent  
Fund Committee were present,

Your Committee in revising the list  
of Lectures delivered in this Hall during the  
last Season congratulate the Institute on the  
amount of information and Science which was  
presented, and urge upon the Members, the senior  
ones more especially, the propriety of a regular  
attendance upon each Lecture for their



special benefit desiring them to bear in mind,  
that it is but a poor return to make to  
invite Gentlemen to deliver Lectures for their  
special benefit and advantage, and then allow an  
empty Hall to thank thank them for their hours  
of preparatory toil and study.

Your Committee firmly trust that the attendance  
of members at the next course of lectures will be such  
as to encourage men of Science and intelligence to come  
and offer the results of their researches to this Institute.

It is a matter of regret that the  
Classes are by no means so well attended as the  
very great advantages they offer to the Junior  
Members more especially Ornament, the French  
and Drawing Studies of so much importance,  
appear to have been but little attended to during  
the past season.

Phonography attracts considerable  
attention and the class was well attended.

The Debating Class was more numerous  
and better sustained.

Before closing their Reports, your  
Committee would earnestly draw the attention of  
Members individually to the establishment of an  
Annual Fair or Exposition, similar to those held  
in the large Cities of Europe, as well as in the Continent  
by Institutions of this description. The benefits  
arising from which have been on more than one  
occasion already laid before you.

Your Committee, in resigning the Offices  
of their Office, congratulate the Institute on the  
advances that it has quietly and steadily made as  
regards its finances, as well as the increased means  
that it possesses of extending the sphere of its  
usefulness, on the former, because of the long



To the amount of £1000.00 have been paid  
off (and increased number of subscribers  
committed) and a noble gift of £150. from John  
Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> has been made to the Institute  
on the latter, because the Library has been increased  
and the public appreciate more fully the utility of  
the Institution (and finally, on the personal attention  
bestowed on the Institute, by the presence of its  
noble Patron, the Governor General, at its late  
Annual Celebration;

All of which is Submitted &  
Signed

Charles M<sup>o</sup> Donaldson  
Sec<sup>y</sup> & Lect<sup>r</sup>

~~After it was on Motion received (and  
adapted) and ordered to be printed the  
The Ballot was then taken (and  
resulted as follows,~~

~~Mr. Tate Esq<sup>r</sup> President  
J. Beattie Esq<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup> Co.  
G. Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup> Co.  
J. H. Brownson Esq<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup> Co.  
J. Monice Esq<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup> Co.  
J. P. Bernard Corresponding Sec<sup>y</sup>  
J. Campbell Sec<sup>y</sup> Co.  
C. W. Meakin Treasurer  
C. Stephenson Librarian & Cabinet Keeper~~

When it was moved by Mr. J. Campbell  
(and seconded by Mr. J. P. S. Popham that the  
Report now read be adopted which was  
Carried,

It was then moved by Mr. C. W. Meakin  
seconded by Mr. J. P. S. Popham that the above Report



be printed which was carried also;

The President then appointed Messrs  
D Brown, A Stephenson, and T Topham as Scrutiners  
when the Meeting proceeded to the Election of President

The Ballot being closed after Examination  
the Gentlemen declared Mr Tate Esq. President  
which announcement was received by the Members  
with acclamation. Mr Tate then addressed the  
Meeting & said that he could not accept that time  
which the Duties of the Office involved and the  
increasing interests of the Institute demanded  
& therefore declined the honour trusting that the  
Members would accept his resignation; the  
Meeting signifying their desire that he would  
retain the Office & persisting in their refusal  
Mr Tate at length consented to remain;

The Vice President, Secretaries,  
Treasurer, & Librarian, being Balloted for, the  
Scrutiners returned Messrs T Monie, D Brown,  
J Ostle & W R Brounson as Vice Presidents  
in the order thus given some Members having  
expressed their dissatisfaction on account  
of the Gentlemen not having distinguished  
each Officer by their number of Votes, a new  
Ballot was then demanded for the four Vice  
Presidents & Treasurer, Mr Whitlaw Esq.  
having been elected to the latter Office was  
declared unqualified, that Gentleman being a  
Life Member, Mr W Berrard, as Comptroller  
J Campbell Esq. Secy & A Stephenson for  
Librarian and Cabinet Keeper, having been considered  
as duly elected; the Ballot being now examined  
by the Scrutiners, the Votes were declared to  
be as follows. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Mr Ostle,  
2<sup>nd</sup> D Brown 3<sup>rd</sup> W R Brounson 4<sup>th</sup> T Monie



W W Meakins Treasurer

In the interim between the Examination of the Second Ballot & the return of the above the ballot for the Members of Committee was closed, which when Inspected by the Scrutineers the following were declared Electors

- W A Bulmer. Mr Gaith.
- " J O Brian " W Meakins
- " M Springle " J Turner
- " A Mcintosh " A R McGie
- " W James " J Hayes
- " J Guerin " W Footner

W Meakins having Elected Member of Committee & Treasurer, also resigned the first Appointments, retaining the Office of Treasurer, when W Footner and being next on the list for Committee was only appointed.

The following Motion was then made by Mr Footner (and seconded by Mr Whitlaw that it is Expedient that a Committee be immediately appointed to take the necessary steps for securing the Building lately occupied as a News Room for the use of the Members of this Corporation as a Mechanics Hall.

Carried unanimously,

J P Bernard was then called to the Chair when it was Moved by Mr Futway seconded by Mr Stephenson that a vote of thanks be returned to the President for his conduct during the Evening which was loudly responded to and Carried



Moved by Mr Stevenson  
Seconded by Mr John Campbell that the  
thanks of this meeting be given to the  
President & Committee for their  
valuable services through the past year,  
Carried Unanimously by  
Meeting Dissolved

Chas J. Donald  
Pres. Secy. M. S.

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1844.

President C. J. Donald Esq in  
the Chair,

The Minutes of the last Meeting  
were then read and approved.

The following names for  
Membership were then read and declared  
duly admitted, viz. Thos Dalton, Mr Mackenzie,  
also Mr Deon, Mr Baum, Thomas White, John  
Mitchell, Edward Donald and Mr Fraser, George  
Mont, John M'Lean, and Mr Elliot, John Brough,  
William Dalton, William Moulds, A. Meroes,  
James Simpson, Geo. Clarke Mr Donald, Hugh  
Nikpatrick, F. Smith, Geo. Hay, J. W. Thompson  
R. W. Homaine,

It was then moved by Stevenson  
seconded by Mr Gault,

That it is the opinion of this Meeting  
that the By Law excluding Life Members  
of the Institute from holding Office is  
a very impolitic and unjust Law. And one  
which deprives the Institute of the  
advice and assistance of many of its.



most valuable and esteemed Members  
and that it therefore be in instruction  
from this Meeting to the General  
Committee to take into consideration  
the expediency of repealing the  
said By Law as well as the propriety  
of amending such others as may be  
deemed necessary which was Carried  
unanimously by.

The Meeting then Dissolved

John Campbell  
Rec Sec.

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 1844

In the absence of the President  
W<sup>o</sup>lfe President presided in the Chair  
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read  
& adopted The following persons  
were then admitted Members viz:  
David Hoop, Joseph Wilson, John Taylor,  
Thos<sup>r</sup> Walker, Nottingham, W<sup>o</sup>lfe Cummings  
R Scaly, James Stevenson, James Vincent,  
William Langdale, Rob<sup>t</sup> Norton, G<sup>o</sup> W<sup>o</sup>lfe Henzies

There being no further business the Meeting  
adjourned.

John Campbell  
Rec Sec.



10<sup>th</sup> January 1848;

In the absence of any officer qualified to take the chair, Mr. Meakin was on motion called to the chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and adopted.

The following Gentlemen were duly admitted Members of the Institute viz:

John McLean, James Shearer, Walter Scales, John Becket, jun., John Gauby, Robert Nicholson, George Fenwick, Allan Cameron, Hugh Warlock, J. W. J. Groves, Herbert Lemon,

On motion of Mr. Balmer seconded by Mr. Turner.

The proposition of Mr. Wm. Nalsburg was ordered to lie on the table till next meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

John Campbell,  
Recorder.

24<sup>th</sup> January 1848.

Mr. Munro in the chair.

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

Mr. Campbell moved seconded by Mr. Stevenson,

That the proposer be allowed to withdraw the proposition of Mr. Wm. Nalsburg.

The Chairman decided the motion to be out of order.

The Gentlemen were then unanimously



refused admission as a member of the  
Mechanics Institute.

It was moved by Mr Reid seconded by  
Mr Hayer, and carried.

That the Secretary do notify Mr Malburg  
that he has been refused Mr Malburg admission  
as a Member of the Mechanics Institute.

Moved by Mr O'Brien seconded by  
Mr Hayer.

That the reason of his rejection be com-  
municated to Mr Malburg - doct.

The following persons were then duly  
admitted Members of the Mechanics Institute, viz:-  
A. W. Baird; Wm McGee; Lawrence Mercer; Wm  
Mathers; John Birps; James Dunbar; Alex. Bowie  
Robert Finlay; David Hood

The Meeting then dissolved.

John Campbell.  
Rec Sec.

14<sup>th</sup> February 1848 -

In the absence of any gentleman qualified to  
take the Chair, Mr McGill was called to the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read  
and approved.

The following persons were then duly  
admitted Members of the Institute; viz -

Owen Courroy; James English; Robert Richardson;  
Robert Holloway; Robert Goodwillie; David Post;  
James Watson; Samuel Thompson; Alex. Fleck;  
George Keating; Pierre Urbain Desrochers; John  
Fraser; James Walker; Wm McGill; A. H. Macfarlane;  
Wm Milne; J. D. Harrington; Wm Bury, jr; W. Brown.  
Edward Shanklands;

The Meeting then dissolved.

John Campbell, Rec Sec.



28<sup>th</sup> February 1848.

Mr. Meakin, in the absence of any officer qualified, was called to the chair.

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

The following persons were then duly admitted Members of the Institute: viz -

Ramsay; Mrs. Barnett; Geo. Dougall;  
McArthur; Francis Farrell; Frederick Bates; James  
Bipett; Thomas Baduash;

The Meeting then dissolved.

John Campbell,

Secy.

13<sup>th</sup> March 1848.

Mr. Brown, in the chair

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

The following persons were then duly admitted Members of the Institute.

William Lewis; Edward McCormack; Francis  
Smith; Michael Keefe.

The Meeting then dissolved.

John Campbell,  
Secy.

Minutes of the Meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> December omitted in their proper place -

14<sup>th</sup> December 1848.

The President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of.

The following persons were then duly admitted Members of the Institute. viz:-







May 10<sup>th</sup> 1848 Monday.

Mr President Mann took the Chair Mr  
Stevenson was Elected Sec<sup>y</sup> & Treas<sup>r</sup> pro tem. in  
absence of Sec<sup>y</sup> & Treas<sup>r</sup>.

The Sec<sup>y</sup> & Treas<sup>r</sup> pro tem not being able  
to find Minutes of previous meetings on the Motion  
of Mr Pulmer, Moved by Mr. James the Meeting  
Adjourned during pleasure with the understanding  
that a message should in meantime be sent to  
Recording Secretary, to Enquire about the  
said Minutes.

A Stevenson  
R. E. L. P. P. P.

Minutes of the Adjourned Ordinary Meeting of the  
Mechanics Institute held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April  
1848 Monday.

Mr James Called to the Chair

The Minutes of the two previous Meetings  
Mr Mackinnon Moved Seconded by Mr Hayes that  
the Minutes of the Meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> March be rec<sup>d</sup>.  
A Question being started as to the legality of this  
Meeting.

It was Moved by Mr Pulmer. Seconded by  
Mr Mc Gille.

That the Meeting do now adjourn

An amendment it was Moved by Mr Stewart  
Seconded by Mr Campbell.

That as this assemblage is illegal be  
Dissolved. Lost.

The Motion for adjournment was then put and  
Carried  
The Meeting then Adjourned  
Campbell R. S.



Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1840

W Putney was called to the Chair and  
W Popham appointed Rec<sup>r</sup> & Sect<sup>r</sup> Pro. tem.

The Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> March of the 10<sup>th</sup>  
April and of the 1<sup>st</sup> April were read and  
Confirmed.

The following Gentlemen were then  
Elected Members of the Institute Joseph  
Rondie, James Hutchinson, Fran<sup>s</sup> Warren  
and James Supton.

The Meeting then adjourned  
Popham  
Rec<sup>r</sup> & Sect<sup>r</sup> Pro. tem.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 1840.

W Munro in the Chair

W Stevenson was appointed pro. tem  
in the absence of the Rec<sup>r</sup> & Sect<sup>r</sup>.

Minutes of the last Meeting read and  
Confirmed.

Patrick Dillon, Isaac White and  
William Doubrige, were Elected Members.

Meeting adjourned

Stevenson  
Rec<sup>r</sup> & Sect<sup>r</sup> Pro. tem.

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Monday 22 June 1848

Mr Vice Presd' Munro in the Chair

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr John McConnell and John Tweedie were elected Members.

The meeting then adjourned.

John Popham  
Recd Secretary

Monday 12 June 1848

Mr Vice Presd' Munro in the Chair

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Messrs John Wright, Tom Bowser and James Kenad were proposed as Members and accepted.

The meeting then adjourned.

John Popham  
Recd Secretary.

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Meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1843

Mr Steynson moved seconded by Mr McIntosh  
that Mr Turner act as Chairman,

In the absence of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Secretary Mr  
Steynson was elected Rev<sup>d</sup> Secretary *pro tem*  
The Minutes of the last Meeting were read  
and confirmed.

Missrs. Jane Scott, George Fenwick  
William Thompson, I Seaman, Abner Gunn,  
& Mr F. W. Sully, were admitted as ordinary  
Members, & Mr G. Spence of Dundee as *Quis*  
"Ponding" Member

After which the Meeting adjourned.

Alfred Steynson  
Rec Sec *pro tem*



Ordinary Meeting 10th July 1840

Fifteen Members being present  
Mr Vice President Proton in the Chair,  
The Minutes of the 2<sup>d</sup> of June  
were read and confirmed,

It is moved by Estlinson  
seconded by Mr Turner

That it be resolved that  
Mr Furboye - Mr Geo Feltzge hath been guilty of improper  
conduct as a member of the Mechanics  
Institute of Montreal, in that being a member  
of the Institute and of the General Committee  
thereof, and with the view of & desiring  
intending to injure the Character of one of the  
Officers of the Institute in the Estimation  
of its Members and to injure the Institute  
in the Estimation of the Public by representing  
one of its Officers to be a person of bad  
character he maliciously and falsely viz  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June last in the Rooms  
or premises now occupied by the  
Institute and in the presence and hearing  
of several Members & other persons speak  
& publish of Hector Munro the Fourth  
Vice President of the Institute false  
& scandalous & malicious words of  
the following tenor & effect namely  
that the said Hector Munro was a  
liar, & an improper & unfit person  
to be an Officer of the Institute in that  
he as a member of the General  
Committee thereof had told an infamous  
falsehood in saying at the Meeting

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Committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June last that the Superintendent did not enter the date in his Book the date when Books issued from the Library were returned, and further did say that the said Hector Munro should therefore be taken by the neck & heels & pitched out of the Room, to wit, meaning the Committee Room of the Institute.

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2<sup>nd</sup>. And that further been guilty of improper and unbecoming conduct as a Member of the Institute and of the General Committee thereof in that he the said Geo Fitzroy being a Member of the Institute & of the General Committee thereof did at the Meeting of the General Committee held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July inst. refuse to obey the legal orders of the Officer presiding at the said Meeting, interrupt other Members of the Committee whilst addressing the Chair, and did charge the other Members of the General Committee with jobbing meaning that they used the power which as Officers & Members of the General Committee of the Institute they had over the funds in an improper and for their personal benefit of themselves and of their friends.

3<sup>rd</sup>. And that further been guilty of improper conduct as a Member of the Institute & of the



& being a  
Member of the  
Institute —  
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General Committee thereof in that  
he did on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July in the  
Rooms or premises now occupied by  
the Institute unlawfully assault  
& strike & chain fast a member of the  
Institute & of the General Committee  
thereof

4<sup>th</sup> — And that the said Geo Futooye  
did on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July last  
at the General Committee Meeting from  
wicked & malicious motives threaten  
to use every means in his power to  
prevent the Institute from obtaining  
The Government Grant, and further  
said that he had actually represented  
to the Government, that The Institute  
was unworthy of receiving the aforesaid  
grant, in as much as its Officers  
squandered its Money, and neglected to  
obtain what was actually due, which  
is false and unfounded in fact;

It was then moved by Mr  
Reid & seconded by Mr G Brown that  
referred to the said Resolutions be referred to a  
Committee of five — Special Committee of five, for to  
of five — Investigate into the truth of facts  
stated therein, with power to examine  
Members upon their solemn word of honor  
the said Committee to inform Mr Futooye  
of the time and place of its Meetings & to  
request his attendance thereat. The  
said Committee to report at next Meeting  
Carried unanimously



The Committee  
appointed.

The Chairman then named  
the following Gentlemen, Members of  
the Institute, to form the Committee  
required by the above motion, *viz.*  
Geo. Probert, William Reid, John W. Dean,  
Mr. Ince & Patrick Dillow,

When the  
Committee are  
to meet

Mr. Stearns moved seconded  
by Mr. Popham that the said Commis-  
sion do meet in the Committee Room  
on Wednesday Ch. next at 8 P.M.  
with power to adjourn from time  
to time

Carried unanimously

Moved by Mr. Stearns  
seconded by Mr. Popham, that  
a true copy of the foregoing  
Resolutions and Motions be trans-  
mitted to Mr. Futwys, by Recording  
Secretary, and Mr. Futwys, requested  
that Mr. Futwys to attend the said Committee on  
Wednesday Ch. next at 8 P.M.  
meeting of Committee in the Committee Room of the  
Institute,

Carried unanimously  
The Meeting then adjourned.

John Popham  
Rec. Secty



Ordinary Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> July 1840

More than fifty names being present

W<sup>ice</sup> President Brown in the  
Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting  
were read and Confirmed,

Report & Requests to  
sit again on  
W Futvoys's  
affair

Mr Keid the Chairman of the  
Committee appointed to investigate  
the charges brought against W<sup>ice</sup>  
Futvoys reported progress, and asked  
the delay of one week to report  
Granted.

The following Gentlemen were  
Elected Members to the Institute  
Members elected Messrs Mr Wright, John Penott, & W. J.  
Fennell.

It was moved by W Sturges  
seconded by Mr Mcintosh, that this  
Meeting do adjourn to this night eight  
nights.

Carried unanimously,  
John Popham  
Rec: Secy



Adjourned Ordinary Meeting  
31<sup>st</sup> July 1840.

More than fifteen Members  
being present  
Mr. J. President Morin  
in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last  
Meeting were read and Confirmed

Mr. Keen the Chairman of  
the Committee appointed to investigate  
the Charges brought against Mr. Geo  
Futvoye, submitted the following report

Mechanics Institute of Montreal  
31<sup>st</sup> July 1840.

A Special Committee appointed  
at an Ordinary Meeting of the Mechanics  
Institute held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July,

Mr. G. Futvoye 1840 to enquire into the truth of Certain  
Report of Special Charges contained in a Motion made at  
Committee recon- the said Meeting by A. J. Sturmfon Librarian  
in tending his of the said Institute, against George  
Expulsion. — Futvoye Esquire, a Member of the  
General Committee of the same.

Respectfully beg leave to report

That having notified George Futvoye  
Esq<sup>r</sup> of the time and place of their Meeting  
requesting his attendance, and having  
informed him that they would proceed  
in his absence as well as in his  
presence your Committee proceeded to  
examine the following persons



an solemn words of honor, on the truth of the  
charges against Henry A. Stephens  
James Hayes, John O'Brien, Victor Munoz  
and Edward Parker for disparagement  
George Fitzoye Esq. did not attend  
although duly notified. From the  
testimony given by those examined for which  
is appended to this report your Committee  
are compelled to believe that the charges  
brought against George Fitzoye Esq.  
at the Meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst. are  
true that his Conduct has been amazing  
and disgraceful in the extreme and must  
inevitably injure the Character of the  
Mechanics Institute in the estimation  
of the public.

Your Committee are therefore  
of opinion that the said George  
Fitzoye Esq. ought to be expelled  
from the Mechanics Institute for improper  
conduct, and that in order to do so, in  
the most appropriate fair & open manner  
a special Meeting of the General Corporation  
be called and that the charges together  
with the Evidence in proof be submitted  
to said Meeting, and that George Fitzoye  
be notified of the object thereof and requested  
to attend.

All of which is never the less respectfully  
submitted.

Signed  
William Reed  
Chairman



Motion to  
Amend Report  
& to refer it back  
to Committee

After a long discussion  
Dr Bernard moved seconded  
by Mr Popham That the Report  
be re-committed with a request  
to the special committee to erase  
the name of Mr Meakins, and to recommend  
to the General Committee to exclude  
Mr Tutove in accordance with the  
Bye laws of the Institute instead  
of to a special Meeting, with instruc-  
tions to report forthwith

Motion  
carried

On the Motion being put  
to the vote it was Carried by a majority  
of four - Ayes 10 - Nays 6

Com refused  
to receive it.

Upon the Committee refusing  
to receive back the report or to make  
the required amendments Mr Hayes.  
Moved seconded by Mr Meakins.

Motion to  
amend the report  
by the meeting  
and to refer it  
to the Genl Committee

That in consequence of the  
refusal of the Special Committee  
to amend the report in accordance  
with the motion passed at the Meeting  
that the report of the Committee  
be amended by the Erasure of Mr  
Meakins name and that the report  
so amended be referred to the General  
Committee instead of appealing to a  
Special Meeting.

Same  
Carried

Upon being put to the vote  
it was Carried by a majority of  
nine - Ayes 12 - Nays 3.

The Meeting then adjourned

John Popham  
Sec: Secy



Ordinary Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> August 1880

On the motion of Mr O'Brien  
seconded by Mr Rice Mr Turner was called  
to the Chair (and Mr Stephenson requested  
to act as Recording Secy. pro tem.

The Minutes of the last meeting  
were read and confirmed.

Mr Stephenson then moved seconded  
by Mr O'Brien that the motion made at  
last meeting by Mr Hayes seconded by Mr  
Mearns be now reconsidered Carried unanimously.

Motion of  
Hayes, sec'd by  
Mearns  
be re-considered  
Carried  
Above rescinded

Mr Stephenson then moved seconded  
by Mr O'Brien that the said motion be  
now rescinded. Carried unanimously.

That Mr  
Mearns's name  
be taken out of  
the report on  
Mr Farvoze  
Carried

Mr Stephenson then moved seconded  
by Mr Turner that the Report of the  
Special Committee appointed to Enquire  
into the truth of certain charges against  
Mr Geo Farvoze contained in a motion made  
by Mr Stephenson be now amended, by striking  
out Mr Mearns's name and also the last  
paragraph thereof, and that the Report  
so amended be now rec'd and adopted,  
which motion was Carried Unan

Mr Vice President Brown  
having entered the meeting, now assumed  
the Chair, when it was on the motion of  
Mr Stephenson seconded by Mr Turner  
unanimously Resolved.

That Mr Geo Farvoze had been  
guilty of improper conduct as a member  
of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal  
in what



Charges against  
Mr Fultoye  
Carried

in that being a member of the Institute  
and of the General Committee thereof and  
with the view of and desiring and intending  
to injure the Character of one of the Officers  
of the Institute in the Estimation of its  
Members and to injure the Institute in the  
Estimation of the Public by representing  
one of its Officers to be a person of bad  
Character; he maliciously and falsely did  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June last past in the  
Rooms or premises now occupied by the  
Institute and in the presence and hearing  
of several Members & other persons speak  
and publish of Hector Munro the Fourth  
Vice President of the Institute false  
scandalous & malicious words of the  
following tenor & Effect namely that  
the said Hector Munro was a liar and  
an improper and unfit person to be an  
Officer of the Institute in that he as a  
Member of the General Committee  
thereof had told an infamous falsehood  
in saying at the meeting of the General  
Committee held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
June last that the Superintendent did  
not enter the date in his Book the dates  
when Books issued from the Library were returned.  
And further did say that the said Hector  
Munro should therefore be taken by the neck  
sheets & pitched out of the Room to wit  
meaning the Committee Room of the Institute  
And that further being guilty  
of improper and unbecoming conduct  
as a Member of the Institute and  
of the General Committee thereof



in that he the said George Fitzroy being a member  
of the Institute and of the General Committee  
thereof did at the Meeting of the General Committee  
held on the third day of July instant refuse  
to obey the legal order of the Officers presiding  
at the said Meeting in respect other Members  
of the Committee whilst addressing the Chair  
and did charge the other Members of the  
General Committee with following meaning  
that they used the power which as Officers  
& Members of the General Committee of the  
Institute they had over its funds in an improp-  
er manner and for their personal  
benefit of themselves and ~~other~~ friends.

2<sup>nd</sup> of their - J.P.  
3<sup>rd</sup> And that further been guilty of  
improper Conduct as a member of the  
Institute and of the General Committee  
thereof in that he being a member of the Institute  
did on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July instant in the Rooms  
on premises now occupied by the Institute  
unlawfully assault & strike Charles Gault  
a member of the Institute and of the General  
Committee thereof.

4<sup>th</sup> And that the said George Fitzroy  
did on Monday the third of July last at the  
General Committee Meeting from wicked  
and malicious motives threaten to use  
every means in his power to prevent the  
Institute from obtaining the Government  
Grant and further said that he had actually represented  
to the Government that the Institute was  
unworthy of receiving the aforesaid grant  
in as much as its Officers squandered



its Money and neglected to obtain what was actually due which is false and unfounded in fact,

Charges against  
Mr Fitzroye sub-  
mitted to Genl  
Committee for  
their action -

Same Carried -

Mr Steynson then moves that  
Copies of the said motion and of  
the Report of the Special Committee  
relative to the truth of the charges  
contained therein be transmitted  
to the General Committee of the  
Institute with a request that it do  
concern in the said motion and do  
deal with Mr Fitzroye accordingly  
Wm Lay, Crawford Glen and  
William Nicol were duly elected  
Members.

After which the Meeting adjourned

John P. Steynson  
Rec Sec pro tem.

Ordinary Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> August 1841.

Mr Vice President Moice in  
the Chair.

Mr Steynson was requested  
to act as Recording Sec<sup>r</sup> in absence  
of Mr Popham The Minutes of the last  
Meeting were read and Confirmed.

J. McBoz, Geo Smith  
elected members

Messrs J. McBoz, Geo Smith  
and Mr John Watkins were Elected  
Members.

The Meeting then adjourned



4 Sept 1848

Ordinary Meeting  
25 September 1848

There was no  
ordinary meeting  
the evening from  
want of a quorum

Worham  
R. Secty

On motion Mr Turner took  
the chair

The minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> August  
were read and confirmed. —

Messrs Bowret & Wm  
Cunningham elected  
ordinary Members }  
were elected as Ordinary Members of  
the Institute. —

D. Cramp, C. Dunkin }  
D. Barber, Revd H Milkes }  
& Taylor, H. C. Sewell }  
were elected as Honorary Members  
in consideration of their valuable  
services to the Institute as Lecturers  
during several sessions.

The meeting then adjourned  
Worham  
Rec Secty

Ordinary Meeting  
9<sup>th</sup> October 1848

Mr Vice Presd<sup>t</sup> Noice in the chair

Minutes read of }  
last meeting — }  
The minutes of the last meeting  
were read & confirmed. —

J. H. Groves elected }  
Member. — }  
Mr John Hutchinson Groves was  
then proposed & elected an Ordinary Member  
of the Institute. —

The meeting then adjourned

Wm Popham  
Rec. Secretary



Special Meeting of The Institute  
held on Wednesday Evening the  
10<sup>th</sup> October 1844

More than fifteen Members  
being assembled in the Meeting Room  
Mr. President Munro took the Chair  
and called the Meeting to order.  
When the Recording Secretary read a  
Requisition signed by Seven Members  
of The General Committee addressed  
to The President Requiring him to  
convene a Special Meeting of  
The Institute on this Evening for  
the purpose of considering some  
proposed alterations & amendments  
of The Bye Laws &c and also the  
Order given by The President to him  
to call the Meeting in accordance  
with the Requisition.

The Recording Secretary then  
produced and read to the Meeting an  
Extract from the Minutes of The  
General Committee of the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>.  
Certifying that at the said Meeting the  
following addition to The Bye Laws  
had been read announced and  
approved viz:—

That the following be the 44<sup>th</sup>  
Bye Law of The Institute:—

Any Members wishing to  
withdraw from The Institute must  
inform The Recording Secretary thereof  
in writing before the termination  
of the financial Year, and pay



up subscriptions and fines owing  
by him, otherwise, he will be considered  
as continuing a member."

Mr Stearnson moved second,  
"Ed. by Mr Hayes that the said  
By Laws be adapted."

Dr Lunard moved seconded by  
Mr McIntosh that it be first amended  
by Erasing the words "before the  
termination of the financial year"  
and the words "otherwise he will  
be considered as continuing a member"

The amendment was put and  
Carried. The main motion so amend-  
ed was then put and Carried  
unanimously. The Chair declared  
the said By Law to be unanimously  
adapted.

The Recording Secretary then  
produced & read a true extract  
from the minutes of the General  
Committee Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
October 1840. Certifying that at the  
said Meeting of the General Committee  
the following amendment of the  
By Laws was read announced &  
conceded. Viz:

That the word Annual be  
struck out of the By Law & the  
word Ordinary Meeting <sup>inserted</sup> in its stead.  
that the twelfth By Law be  
amended by striking out the words  
"first insert the names of the  
Candidate they propose for  
President"



President a second list shall then be filled up and handed in for the Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, Librarian, Cabinet Keeper & a third list shall then be filled up with such names as they think proper to be a Committee; and inserting, in their places, and instead, the words: "then proceed to ballot for The President and The President & being elected the Members shall then proceed to ballot for each other Officers in succession and the Officers being all elected, the Members shall then proceed to ballot for twelve Members of Committee; That the following words be added to the 39<sup>th</sup> By Law,

All Subscriptions shall be payable in advance and any Member who shall neglect to pay his Subscription within three Months after it becomes due shall be liable to be ~~expelled~~ <sup>suspended</sup> or Expelled by Motion made and passed at any Meeting of The General Committee.

Mr. Sturgeson then moved seconded by Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Fitch that the above amendment to the 6<sup>th</sup> By Law be amended and adapted by this Meeting, which Motion was put and Carried ~~unanimously~~.

The Chairman then declared the said amendment of the said 6<sup>th</sup> By Law to be unanimously adopted;



Mr. Stevenson then moved  
seconded by Dr. Mcintosh. that  
the said amendment to the 15<sup>th</sup>  
Bylaw be concurred in, and adopted.  
which motion was put, and Carried  
Mem. Con. -

Mr. Stevenson then moved <sup>seconded</sup>  
by Dr. Bernard, the above addition  
to the 39<sup>th</sup> Bylaw be concurred  
in by the Meeting and adopted the  
said motion being put was Carried  
unanimously.

The Main then declared the said  
addition to the 39<sup>th</sup> Bylaw to be  
unanimously adopted. all the  
alterations & amendments to the By  
laws having been adopted. Mr. Popham  
moved seconded by Mr. Stevenson  
that it be resolved that new Members  
be admitted to the course of lectures  
during the next Winter for 5/-  
or to a single lecture for 2/- ladies  
being free.

It was moved in amendment  
by Mr. Keed seconded by Dr. Pinner  
that the words "seven pence halfpenny"  
be struck out in the said motion and  
the words One Shilling & three pence  
inserted in their stead.

The amendment being put to  
the vote was Carried the main motion  
so amended was then put & Carried.

After which the Meeting adjourned

John Popham  
Rec: Sect

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Mechanics Institute Montreal  
Ninth Annual Meeting  
(4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, since  
Incorporation)

On the Evening of the 6<sup>th</sup> of Nov<sup>r</sup>,  
1880 the Ninth Meeting for the Election  
of Office bearers for the Ensuing Year  
was held in the Committee Room of the  
Institute according to Clause 14<sup>th</sup>  
of the Act of Incorporation.

The Vice President W. P. Brown  
in the Chair.

The Recording Secretary read the  
Report of the last Annual Meeting which  
was approved. The Corresponding Secretary  
then read the following as the Annual Report  
of the Committee.

Gentlemen  
The period having arrived at which  
it becomes the duty of your Committee  
to lay before you an account of their  
proceedings during the past year they  
are gratified in being able to present you  
a statement, which when the depression  
that has existed in almost every branch  
of business is considered must they think  
prove very satisfactory.

The year altogether may be said  
to have been one of ordinary prosperity for  
the Institute. The number of members  
has considerably increased. Yet we regret  
to say that the amount of money rec<sup>d</sup>  
on account of subscriptions has diminished  
owing no doubt principally to the



severe depression to which we have alluded, our revenue however from other sources has more than counterbalanced this diminution so that the total amount rec<sup>d</sup>. as will be seen by reference to the Treasurers Acc<sup>t</sup>. exceeds that of any former year.

The accession of members during the year we regard as an evidence that the advantages of the Institute are becoming better understood and appreciated the number of Ordinary Members on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1874 was 335 joined since that time 142 Expelled & ceased to be members by removal from the City & 90 making the number of

Ordinary Members at present	396
Life Members	19
Honorary Co.	0
Corresponding do	1
	<hr/>
Total	424

We have stated that one member has been expelled this was done in consequence of the Resolution passed by you at the Ordinary Meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> August last declaring W<sup>m</sup> George Tutty guilty of improper conduct and concurring in the opinion expressed by that Resolution your Committee came to the conclusion that the Interest of the Institute required that that Gentleman should be expelled.

In no Department of the Institute has so much progress or improvement been made as in the Library, immediately after the last Annual Meeting the Books were called in carefully examined and such as required binding or repairs sent to the binders.



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Library was rearranged a new  
Catalogue made out and a new Code  
of Rules for its regulation adopted  
which appears to have proved acceptable  
to the members. During the year the number  
of volumes added to the library, including 40  
by donation amount to 400, comprising  
many of the newest and most popular  
works of the day the issues of the past year  
amount to 2904 volumes a much larger  
number than in any former year.

The Reading Room which has been  
rendered more attractive by the addition  
of a large number of the best Quarterly  
& Monthly periodicals of the day. We are  
happy to observe has been much more  
frequented by the members generally  
than at any former occasion.

The Course of Lectures delivered during  
the past winter proved highly successful  
and your Committee are gratified to be able  
to state that they have prepared a Course  
of lectures for the ensuing winter, which  
from the well known talents of the lecturers  
and the interesting nature of the subjects  
upon which they propose to lecture, will  
they are confident prove highly attractive  
and instructive.

French Drawing & Phonographic  
Classes were formed during the past winter  
but none of them can be said to have  
met with the success they deserve. The  
Debating Club in connection with the Institute  
held weekly meetings during the winter months  
and its debates which were usually



Carried on in a very creditable manner  
were generally well attended. As our accommodations  
for classes is now far superior to that  
which we have hitherto possessed we trust  
that some improvement in this department  
will soon be noticed.

The Collections of Fossils Minerals &c.  
which our Museum contained have lately  
been properly arranged and were enlarged  
by a few additions. It is sincerely hoped  
that our successors will give this department  
some attention now that we are able for the  
first time to appropriate a room for its  
purpose.

The last Annual Festival of  
the Institute proved highly successful.  
The magnificence of the fitting up the immense  
number who attended and the spirited manner  
in which every thing was conducted must  
have proved gratifying to every Member  
& to the public generally and we are happy  
to state that the amount realized to the  
Institute from this source exceeded  
one Hundred Pounds.

To the Superior accommodation  
and central position of the Buildings  
we now occupy and of which we took  
possession on the 1<sup>st</sup> May last we need scarcely  
speak. A lease of it has been taken  
for a term of 3 or 5 years, at the very  
moderate rate of £500.0.0. per annum.

And now Gentlemen in closing these  
Reports your Committee would express  
the hope that their proceedings during  
the past year will meet your approval.  
They



They have done what they could  
to promote the interests of the  
Institute, and although their exertions  
may not have been crowned with all  
the success they could have desired  
yet they are happy in being able  
to say that the condition & prospects  
of the Institute are now quite as  
encouraging as at any former period  
if not indeed more so. It now possesses  
central conveniences & comfortable  
premises an extensive and valuable  
Library, and an attractive & well furnished  
furnished Reading Room with fidelity  
on the part of its members and with a  
reasonable share of that support  
from the Mechanics of Montreal generally  
which as an Institution established  
for their especial benefit it deserves  
at this hour - its success in the accom-  
plishment of its generous and beneficent  
purposes is certain. Let then the  
members of the Institute one and all  
faithfully discharge their duty not only  
by punctually paying their Subscriptions  
which is essential to its very existence  
but by endeavouring to induce their  
friends to become members by using  
the Library, frequenting the Reading Room  
and by attending the Meetings classes and  
Lectures, and we feel warranted in saying  
that continuing progress and triumphant  
success will be the destiny of the Mechanics  
Institute of Montreal.

Montreal 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 1841



List of Donations made to The  
Mechanics Institute of Montreal during  
the year 1844. 11

Books.

Mr. Humphreys	12 volumes.
American Peace Society by hands of Rev. J. Corbier	4 volumes
Mr. J. Irvine	4 volumes
Mr. J. A. Shaw	3 volumes
Mr. R. Stevenson	3 vols.
Mr. J. King	3 vols.
Mr. J. Scholes	3 vols.
Mr. Geo. F. Foy	2 vols.
Major Richardson	2 vols.
Mr. J. Papham	2 vols.
Mr. J. A. P. McGhie	1 vol.
Mr.	1 vol.

40 vols.

Magazines & sent to Reading Room

- Mr. J. A. P. McGhie Lower Canada Agricultural Journal  
 Mr. James Surtees The Scotsman newspaper

Donations to Museum

- Mr. J. W. P. Glashan a number of Fossils & Minerals  
 Mr. R. Stevenson 4 Copper Coins  
 Mr. J. Papham 6 do do  
 Mr. C. B. Mackin 2 Quetta Poucha Minerals.

Miscellaneous.

The Institute is also much indebted to Mr  
 John Smith for 3 splendid picture frames  
 to Mr. W. W. Intosh for making and putting up a  
 black Walnut facing on Bookshelves in Library

for Treasurers Statement  
 on over 2 pages



It was then moved by Mr. [unclear]  
seconded by Mr. [unclear] that the Report be received & adopted  
Carried.

The Elections of Office bearers  
for the ensuing year then commenced  
The Chairman appointed as Scrutineers  
Messrs Spiers, James Sturgeson & Peter  
Macfarlane.

declared

The following Gentlemen  
were then elected to be Office bearers,  
for the ensuing year.

Mr William Spiers	President
Dr Bernard	1 <sup>st</sup> Secy
Mr Brown	2 <sup>nd</sup> do
Mr James Turner	3 <sup>rd</sup> do
Mr B. Mc Gill	4 <sup>th</sup> do
Mr Sturgeson	Corresponding Secy
Mr J. Sturgeson	Recor. Secy
Mr McArthur	Treasurer
Mr Irvine	Librarian

Committee of Management

Mr Spiers	Mr S. L. [unclear]
Mr [unclear]	Mr [unclear]
Mr [unclear]	Mr [unclear]
Mr [unclear]	Mr [unclear]
Mr [unclear]	Mr [unclear]
Mr [unclear]	Mr [unclear]

It was then moved by Mr [unclear]  
seconded by Mr [unclear] that the Report  
be printed.

It was moved in amendment  
by Dr Bernard seconded by Mr Spiers



That the Report (with the Exception of that portion which relates to Messrs Putnam & Tate, together with a list of the newly Elected be published in the City Papers.

On being put to the vote the amendment was Carried.

The main Motion was put and lost

William Ingleson, Joseph Drake,  
George Hatley, James Donald, John Donald  
John Day, William Jackson, were Elected  
as Ordinary Members of the Institute  
The Meeting then adjourned  
John Popham  
Secy.

Ordinary Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1847

Mr Vice President Bruce in chair

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> October were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the special Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> October to consider certain amendments to the By Laws &c were then read and confirmed.

Messrs Thomas McGrath Henry Bowers  
John James Peter Allan David Laurie  
Robert McGregor & Henderson were  
then elected Ordinary Members of  
the Institute.

The Meeting then adjourned

(Signed) John Popham  
Secy



*Dr. The Mechanics Institute of Montreal in*

To paid for Rent	64	10	"
To paid to Superintendent	75	10	5
To paid for Light Fire and Insurance	20	12	4½
To paid for Newspapers Magazines & Books	106	3	6
To paid Divers old accounts due in 1844	40	13	2½
To paid Teacher of Drawing Class	12	"	"
To paid Removing from old to new premises & fitting up same	75	1	9
To paid for furniture	36	19	4
To paid for Stationery postage and other petty expences	10	13	2
To Balance in Treasurers hands	2	11	2½
	<i>£</i>	447	14 11½

Liabilities

Due to sundry persons and firms about *£* 125 " "

*£* 125 0 0



Ac<sup>ts</sup> with C. W. Meakins Treasurer C<sup>y</sup>

1840	By Cash received from former Treasurer	16	10	1
Nov.	By Amount of Subscriptions received	126	12	6
	By proceeds of Annual Festival \$100. 19 <sup>th</sup> 6			
	less not yet received 5. 19 <sup>th</sup>	95	9	6
	By Remainder of Annual Government Grant	50	"	"
	By Cash from City Corporation on acct. of Donation of the late J. Mills Esq.	12 <sup>th</sup>	10	"
	By Cash received for Rent of Room	24	"	"
	By Cash received from pupils attending drawing class	3	15	3
	By Cash received for Old Newspapers		17	1/2
	By Cash from Donations	8	"	"
		\$447	14	11 1/2

1840	Nov 14	By balance in Treasurer's hands	\$	2	11	2 1/2
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Assets

Estimated value of property	5	110	"	"
Arrears of Subscriptions due	1	50	"	"
Amount due by City for festival tickets for 1840 and 1841 sold by him	7	5	"	"
Balance due by Corporation on acct of J. Mills Donation	22	10	"	"
	\$	719	15	



Special meeting of the Members  
of the Institute held on Tuesday Evening  
the 21<sup>st</sup> November 1848

More than fifteen members being  
assembled the President took the chair  
and called the meeting to order, and stated  
that he ordered the Recording Secretary  
to call this meeting in consequence of  
the following requisition

To William Speers Esq  
President  
Mechanics Institute of Montreal.

Montreal 20 Nov 1848

Sir

You will please call  
a special meeting of the Institute for Tuesday  
evening the 21<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> instant for the purpose  
of admitting a number of new members

signed A. Stevenson  
Thomas Brien } Members  
D. McKeivie } of  
J. Kerr } Gen Com  
H. Murray } M. I. M.

The following persons ~~in~~ order was then  
read by the Secretary

To Mr J. Stevenson

Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute of Montreal

Please give notice of the above  
meeting by putting up notice on board

Montreal 20 Nov 1848

signed Wm Speers Esq

The following persons were then  
duly admitted as ordinary members  
Messrs



next the 26<sup>th</sup> Decr - instant at 4 P.M.  
in the Hall of the Institute for the purpose of  
admitting a number of new members

(Signed) Al Stevenson Jas Stevenson 2 Members  
H Munro James & M McGill 3 of  
P Macfarlane 3 General Com:

and also the following order from President to call  
meeting

Mr James Stevenson  
Kee Secy Mechanics Institute

Sir You will please  
to give notice that a special meeting of the Institute  
will be held in accordance with the foregoing  
resolution at the time & place & for the purpose  
herein mentioned

Yours  
(Signed) Mr Speare  
President

23<sup>rd</sup> Decr 1848

Messrs William Hill, Daniel Larrigan  
Thomas Smith James Robertson, David Mylie &  
Charles Ludford were then duly elected  
Ordinary Members after which the  
meeting adjourned

Al Stevenson  
Kee Secy

Ordinary Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1849  
being the second Monday of the month

The President took the chair

The Minutes of the meetings of the 11 & 26<sup>th</sup>  
December were both read and confirmed  
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It was then on the motion of Mr  
Mestens seconded by Mr McGill  
unanimously Resolved That it is  
highly desirable & expedient that the Annual  
Festival in connexion with the Institute  
be held during the approaching month of  
February

Messrs J. H. Isaacson & Joseph Blanchard  
were then duly elected Ordinary Members  
after which the meeting adjourned

At seven o'clock  
Cordee & Reese present

Ordinary Meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1864  
being the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month,

The President in the Chair  
More than ten being present

The Minutes of the Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup>,  
was read and Confirmed

Messrs. Murphy, Grant, & P. Ker,  
Smith & Young were admitted as  
Ordinary Members of the Institute  
after which the meeting dissolved

James Sturgeson  
Rec<sup>d</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>



Ordinary Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> February 1849

Being the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.

His President Pennard in the Chair  
more than ten being present.

The Minutes of last Ordinary  
Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> January was read and Confirmed

The following Gentlemen was then  
admitted Messrs T. La Roche, J. S. Douglas,  
W. R. Lamb, John Wright, The Doctors,  
John Mathewson, J. Poobridge, Geo. Kell, G. Carr,  
J. M. Phipps, John M. Gray, W. M. M. M. Mitchell,  
Adam Brown, David Cunningham, W. Sage, Chas. Dundie,  
W. Macwood, Joseph Claudine, Alex. Macfarlane,  
Wm. Shepherd, & Peter Craig, Ordinary Members  
of the Institute,

after which the Meeting dissolved

James Stevenson  
Secy & Secty

Ordinary Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> March 1849

Being the second Monday of the month

The President in the Chair  
more than 20 being present

The Minutes of last Meeting was read &c,  
approved

The following were then admitted Ordinary  
Members of the Institute, Messrs Frouse, Frouse,  
Hall, Woodbury, & Realy.

After which the Meeting closed,

James Stevenson  
Secy & Secty



Ordinary Meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1849  
Being the fourth Monday of the Month,

Vice President Sir Pearce in the Chair.  
More than ten members being present,

The Minutes of last Meeting were  
read and approved;

The following Gentlemen were  
then admitted Members of the Institute viz,  
J. Speers, George Busby and Esacover,  
after which the Meeting adjourned  
James Stewart  
Secretary

Ordinary Meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> April 1849  
Being the second Monday of the Month,

The President in the Chair.  
More than Ten Members being present.

The Minutes of last Meeting were  
read and approved.

William Proctor was then  
admitted a Member of the Institute  
after which the Meeting adjourned  
James Stewart  
Secretary.



Ordinary Meeting of the Members  
of the Mechanics Institute held on the  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 1849, it being the fourth Monday  
of the Month. More than ten Members being  
present.

The Minutes of the last Ordinary Meeting  
were read and confirmed.

No business being then before  
the board the Meeting dissolved.

J. Smith Secy  
Geo Proctor

Ordinary Meeting of the Mechanics  
Institute held 11<sup>th</sup> May 1849, there being  
ten Members present.

The President took the Chair  
and in the absence of the Secy Mr  
L. Brown was appointed to act as Secy  
pro tem.

The Minutes of Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Sept<sup>r</sup> were read & confirmed. Chas. Ogden  
Jnr. and William Lutz. Esq. were  
duly Elected Ordinary Members. There being  
no other business the Meeting dissolved.

L. Brown  
Secy pro tem



Ordinary Meeting of the Mechanics  
Institute held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>  
June 1849.

The Rec<sup>d</sup> Sect<sup>y</sup> not  
being present Mitchell was appointed  
to Rec<sup>d</sup> Sect<sup>y</sup> pro. tem.

The following members were  
admitted. Jas Kelly 3<sup>rd</sup> class S. H.  
Hamilton do. J. H. Maitland. Rowfield  
1<sup>st</sup> do. Tho<sup>s</sup> Borbridge Michael English  
2<sup>nd</sup> class.

It was proposed by W<sup>m</sup>  
Cetermote seconded by W<sup>m</sup> C. Lawrence  
that the paper of French of Canada  
should be subscribed to the Reading  
room of the Institute which was  
passed.

The meeting then dissolved.  
W. Mitchell  
Rec<sup>d</sup> Sect<sup>y</sup> pro. tem

There were no meetings on the  
9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1849 for want of a  
quorum.

There were no meetings held on the 13<sup>th</sup>  
and 27<sup>th</sup> August for want of quorum

A. Stevenson  
Rec<sup>d</sup> Sect<sup>y</sup> pro. tem



Ordinary meeting held on Monday evening the  
10<sup>th</sup> September 1849

Mr Vice President Brown took the chair in the  
absence of the President and Mr Astenson  
was appointed Recording Secretary pro tem  
in the absence of the Recording Secretary  
The Minutes of the meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> June were  
read & confirmed. After which the meeting  
dissolved  
Astenson  
Rec Sec pro tem

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Ordinary Meeting held Monday evening the  
— 8<sup>th</sup> October 1849 —

The President took the chair when the  
minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed  
Messrs James Laddler & Charles & Low  
& McCallum & Nelson Tho Francis Robert  
Craik were duly elected Ordinary Members  
after which the meeting adjourned  
Astenson  
Rec Sec pro tem

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Ordinary meeting held Monday evening  
the 29<sup>th</sup> October 1849

The President took the chair when the  
minutes of the last meeting were read &  
confirmed  
Messrs H Rose G. H. Lee G. Munday  
Francis Carter Joseph Taylor Wm Price  
Wm Cunningham Alex Cunningham  
Rich McShane John Wilson Charles Palmer  
George Bryson were duly elected Members  
after which the meeting adjourned  
Astenson  
Rec Sec pro tem



Ordinary Meeting held on Monday evening  
26<sup>th</sup> November 1849. The President in the chair  
The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read  
and confirmed Mess<sup>rs</sup> Henry Ashley, John Watson,  
Alex Mc Gibbon, Robert Malcolm, George Loughlin,  
John Mc Waters, William Duffin, Alex Thomson  
were elected Members. after which the Meeting  
adjourned

James Hayes Secy

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday evening  
10<sup>th</sup> December 1849 The President in the chair  
The Minutes of the previous Meeting were  
read and confirmed Mess<sup>rs</sup> John Mullin  
James Mullin Luke Moore Andrew Mann  
Richard King Charles Ashley James M. Black  
wood John Carey Robert Smith William Duffin  
William Oliver James Brown A Mc Caff David  
Cass Robert McIndoe John Clarke were elected  
Members after which the Meeting adjourned

James Hayes  
Secy

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday Evening  
24<sup>th</sup> December 1849 The President in the chair  
The Minutes of the previous Meeting were  
read and confirmed Mess<sup>rs</sup> William McKenna  
Peter Devins Matthew Ryan Edward Murphy  
Mungo Ramsay William Mc Kally, William  
Haddon William Radcliff J L Gentry, H  
Carlton John Alton Henry Archibald  
A Morrison William Mc Guire, J Thomson  
David Smith Robert Mc Finstry, were  
elected Members

J Hayes Secy



10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

On Monday Evening the 5<sup>th</sup> November 1849  
was held the Tenth Annual Meeting of the  
Mechanics Institute of Montreal.

The Chair having been taken by  
William Speer Esq. President, and the  
Meeting having been called to order Mr  
A. Stevenson Esq. Secretary, read the  
Minutes of last Annual Meeting which were  
approved of and confirmed.

Lieut. Col. Charles Kay, 19<sup>th</sup> Regt  
and Edward W. Fabre Esq. Mayor of the  
City were unanimously elected Honorary  
Members, and Messrs Jackson, Mouton,  
and Walker, Ordinary Members.

The Secretary then read the following  
Report.

Gentlemen

In duty devolving upon  
your Committee at the close of their term  
of office of laying before a Report of their  
proceedings for the past year, and of the present  
condition of the affairs of the Institute, is  
rendered pleasant from the belief that the  
statements which they have now to lay before  
you will prove satisfactory to you and to all  
persons interested in the welfare of such  
Institutions as ours.

The year which has just closed  
has been one of great depression to the  
Commercial and Manufacturing classes of  
our City and it could not be expected  
that during it the Institute should prosper  
to the same extent that it would.



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if the Commerce and Trade of our City  
has flourished yet your Committee rejoice  
to be able to state that the Institute  
has prospered during the Year and that  
the affairs are now in a better Condition than  
they were at the period of our last Annual  
Meeting and as no Events worthy of being  
specially brought before your Notice  
occurred during the Year if we except  
the holding of our Annual Festival which  
proved as usual highly successful, and  
yielded after the payment of all Expenses  
the Sum of  $\$997 \frac{1}{2}$  to be applied to  
the use of the Institute your Committee  
would at once proceed to direct your  
attention to the progress made in the several  
Departments formed for the attainments of the  
object of the Institute, namely the Intel-  
lectual improvement of its Members,  
which will in their opinion clearly show  
that they have good grounds for congratulating you  
on its present position.

They would accordingly first  
call your attention to the Library the increase  
usefulness of which is made strikingly  
apparent by contrasting the issue of  
volumes during the past with that  
of the former Year.

During the Year Ending the 1 <sup>st</sup> Novr.	
1848. the issue of volumes amounted to	2900.
While during the Year End <sup>d</sup> the	
1 <sup>st</sup> Novr 1849 it amounted to.	3065
Showing an increase of volumes.	
during the past twelve months of	1845



This fact your Committee considers to be one worthy of particular notice as in its opinion it affords a decisive proof that the Institute is becoming more and more appreciated by the public. They regret that they have been unable to make but few additions to the Library during the past year, but they think that the Revenue of the next year will enable their successors during the Winter to appropriate a considerable sum for the purchase of new books. The number of volumes belonging to the Library on the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 1848 was 1312

There had since been added by donations  
by purchase 35 34  
making the total number of vols. at present. 1349

A Classified Catalogue of the Library has been prepared which your Committee were only prevented from printing from the want of funds. They trust their successors will be able to get it printed at an early period as the members must be put to great inconvenience from the want of such an easy article as a paper Catalogue of the works in the Library to which they can always refer.

The Reading Room of the Institute has during the year been much more frequented by members than formerly probably in consequence of the increased attractions it presented to its readers. Your Committee trust that their successors will be able to add to the number of periodicals and newspapers now subscribed for and thus render



The Reading Room still more attractive  
& useful.

The Course of Lectures delivered  
during the last Winter & which proved  
so popular and successful was got  
up by the Committee of the previous year  
who made all the necessary arrangements  
and introduced the project which succeeded  
so well of charging persons not members  
for admission to the Lectures, and which  
yielded a larger sum than was  
required to pay the Rent of the Lecture  
Hall. No credit is therefore due  
to your Committee for the success of  
that Course, but they may state that  
they have nearly completed arrangements  
for the delivery of a Course of 13  
Lectures during the approaching Winter  
the Introductory Lecture to which will  
be delivered about the beginning of next  
Month.

Your Committee with regret  
are obliged to state that all attempts  
made during last Winter to get up a Paper  
proved unsuccessful and that there is little  
prospect of any being formed during the  
present Winter they trust however in future  
years strenuous exertions will be made  
to establish one of the most efficient  
means of carrying out the object of the  
formation of our Institution and with success.

When your Committee entered  
into Office they found a large number of  
claims against the Institute remaining  
unpaid none of those claims were being



in amount but together they formed a considerable sum.

Thus Sir your Committee determined to reduce as much as possible even if they should appropriate money for that purpose which should rather have gone to make additions to our Library and Reading Room. They have by a steady adherence to their determination been able to pay off most of the claims and they believe that at no time during the last five years have the liabilities of the Institute been so few in number or so small in amount as they now are.

The Treasurers Statement which is annexed to this Report shows the amount paid on account of old debts and also the amount of our Receipts and disbursements so clearly as to render unnecessary for your Committee to enter into any details here.

Your Committee would however beg leave to state a fact which they think worthy of special notice that the amount received during past year for Subscriptions exceeds the amount received during the previous year by no less a sum than £23. 15. 0.

Your Committee may also here mention that they have let several of the Rooms of the Institute to various persons and Societies to Lecture or meet in and that it is probable that during the ensuing year a sufficient sum will be rec<sup>d</sup>. obtained from those persons and Societies to pay the whole amount of Rent on our premises.



Amongst the other things which engaged the attention of your Committee during the year was the system by which the Register and accounts of members were kept, and after some consideration a new method of keeping the Register of members was adopted - your Committee also found it necessary to revise the list of members and after making due enquiries they determined upon striking off the names of a large number of persons who had either refused or neglected to pay their subscriptions for one or more years and also of such persons as they knew had left the City.

The total number of members on the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 1840, was 424, since which period there have resigned left the City or been struck off for non payment of subscriptions, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and there have since joined as members 143 making the total number of members at present 440, comprising

Honorary Members	0
Corresponding Members	4
Ordinary Members for life	19
Ordinary Members	412
	<u>440</u>

As much difficulty has been experienced by your Committee in the collection of subscriptions after the year had expired they would recommend their successors to turn their attention to the collection of the arrears of subscriptions for former years yet unpaid and of that for the



Year now commenced at as early a period as possible.

and now in conclusion your Committee would respectfully urge upon you to select as their successors Men of Energy, Men whom you know feel a deep interest in the prosperity of the Institute and Men whom you know will attend to the Duties of their Office, for no thing is of more importance to its prosperity than the selection of fit and proper Office bearers & should you be careful in your choice there can be no doubt that our Institution will continue to prosper and that at our next Annual Meeting we will learn of its having attained a far better position than it has yet enjoyed.

It was then on the Motion of Mr Fletcher seconded by Mr Crickshank unanimously Resolved that the statement now read be received and adopted and that the thanks of this Meeting be tendered to the Officers and Members of Committee for the exertions they have made during the past year to promote the prosperity of the Institute.

The President intimated to the Meeting that it now became its duty to elect Office Bearers for the ensuing year and appointed Messrs Fletcher Crickshank and McIntosh to act as Tellers. The Members present then proceeded to ballot for the respective Office bearers and Members of Committee. The ballot resulted in the election by an absolute majority of votes, of the following Gentlemen



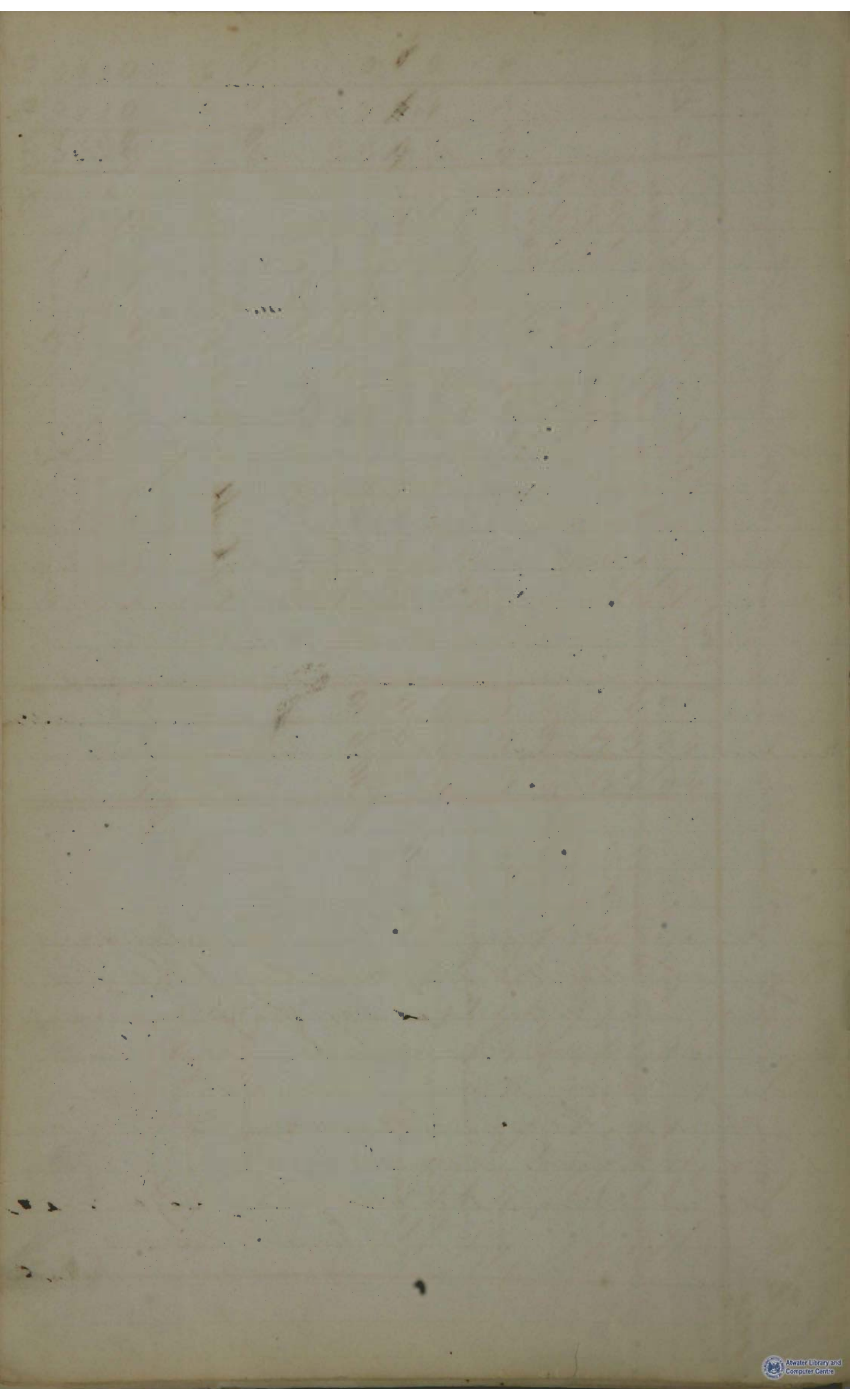




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The Mechanics Institute of Montreal  
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1879	1879	1879	1879	1879	1879	1879	1879	1879	1879
By Cash balance from last year	2	13	2 1/2						
By Cash received for Subscriptions for year 1845-46	110	0							
1846-47	3	15	0						
1847-48	19	17	6						
1848-49	124	15	0						
1849-50	10	0							
By Cash received from City Corper a how bal of Mills don above	22	10	0						
By Cash proceeds of Annual Festival	99	12	15	0					
By Cash for admision to Lecture	12	15	0						
By Cash for Rent of Rooms	22	5	9						
By Cash for Old News paper	9								
<b>By Cash in hands of Treasurer</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>						
<b>Assets</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>						
Estimated Value of Property	540	0	0						
Amount of Subscriptions due about	50	0	0						
Amount due for Rent about	15	0	0						
Amount of Government Grant	50	0	0						
	<b>£655</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>						
42	10	0							
5	18	4							
17	19	14 1/2							
19	17	11 1/2							
28	16	2							
13	12	10 1/2							
12	18	7							
2	4	11							
<b>£310</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>							
<u>Liabilities</u>									
To the sundry persons and firms about	£95	0	0						







The President in the chair,  
Ordinary Meeting held on Monday Evening  
January 14<sup>th</sup> 1850. The Minutes of the previous  
Meeting were read and confirmed Mess<sup>r</sup>  
Parker Mooney Brodie W Hall Wilks. M Gale  
Holmes Thompson Jones Blair Judah. Castle  
Loyd Scott I. A. Hall were elected Members  
after which the Meeting adjourned James Hayes  
Per Secy

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday evening  
January 28<sup>th</sup> 1850. The President in the chair  
The Minutes of the previous Meeting were  
read and confirmed Mess<sup>r</sup> Winnetta Campbell  
James Clifford Tho. H. Low. David Thompson  
Flavin Duquette John Gray. George Smith  
Joseph H. Harrison. Andrew Hamilton W.  
M<sup>r</sup> Molson. ~~were elected Members~~  
Francis M. Kelly. George Pierce. John Benson  
Daniel Munro were elected. James Hayes  
Robert Stavelly Members Per Secy

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday evening  
February 11<sup>th</sup> 1850 The President in the  
chair. The Minutes of the previous  
Meeting were read and confirmed  
Mess<sup>r</sup> Stury Clark W H Staley. A  
M. Person. George Weaver. J H Dorwin  
were elected Members  
after which the Meeting adjourned  
James Hayes  
Per Secy



Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening February 25<sup>th</sup> 1850 The President  
in the chair. The Minutes of the previous  
Meeting were read and confirmed.  
Messrs W J Coffin Norman Lamont  
Patrick Murphy Samuel Houston  
James Dingwall Joseph Lee John B Robert  
Samuel Cutler were elected members  
after which the meeting adjourned.

James Hayes Rec. Secy

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening March 11<sup>th</sup> 1850 President Messrs  
Spicer in the chair. The Minutes of the  
previous were read and confirmed  
Messrs H B Wray & Henry Binmore  
were elected members  
after which the meeting adjourned

James Hayes R. S.

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening March 25<sup>th</sup> 1850 The President  
in the chair. The Minutes of the last  
Meeting were read and confirmed Messrs  
Laord Patton Joseph Green William Mc  
Cormack Samuel Borrett Alexander  
Tate W J Mulholland J G Shipway  
John McGregor William Clark  
William Chester were elected members  
after which the meeting adjourned

James Hayes R. S.



Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
evening April 8<sup>th</sup> 1850 W. Hayes  
President ~~in the chair~~, in the chair  
The Minutes of the previous meeting  
were read and confirmed Messrs  
Thos Boyd, Adam Bowie & J. Rogers  
were elected Members  
The Meeting then adjourned  
W. Hayes Secy

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
evening the 22<sup>d</sup> April 1850  
The President in the Chair. The Corresponding  
Secretary acting as Recording Secretary  
in the absence of Mr Hayes.  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read  
and confirmed  
Mr J. H. Bernard was elected an Ordinary  
member after which the meeting adjourned  
W. Hayes Secy

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday the  
13<sup>th</sup> May 1850  
The President in the Chair  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed  
Messrs McIver, Hall, Sims, Archer & Pepper  
were duly elected ordinary members  
after which the meeting adjourned  
James Hayes  
Pres Secy



Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening May 27<sup>th</sup> 1850. The President  
in the chair, the Minutes of the previous  
Meeting were read and confirmed  
Messrs W. A. Townsend, John Osborne  
Patrick Carey W. Storer George A. Miller  
Alex Murray. Matthew Miller George  
Fenwick, were elected Members  
after which the Meeting adjourned

James Hayes  
Pres Secty

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening July 8<sup>th</sup> 1850. The President  
in the chair, the Minutes of the  
previous Meeting were read and  
confirmed. Messrs William Boyd  
W. H. Stee John Palmer F. L. Drake  
James Jay Andrew Smith were  
elected Members after which  
the Meeting adjourned

James Hayes  
Pres Secty

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1850 The President  
in the chair, the Minutes of the  
previous Meeting were read and  
confirmed. Henry Lyman Esq was  
elected a member, the Meeting  
then adjourned

James Hayes  
Pres



Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
 Evening Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1850 The President  
 in the chair the Minutes of the  
 last meeting were read and  
 confirmed Messrs ~~H. S. Fennell~~  
 James Mavor Patrick Macquister  
 and Johnston Beigg were elected  
 members. the meeting then adjour-  
 ned =

James Hayes R.S.

Ordinary Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> October 1830  
 at an ordinary meeting held on Monday  
 evening the 28<sup>th</sup> October 1830. The  
 President in the chair. Messrs

William Berry	Machinist	1 <sup>st</sup> class
Benjamin Dawson	Bookbinder	1 <sup>st</sup> do
John Wells	Architect	1 <sup>st</sup> do
Douglas Marlow	Sailor	1 <sup>st</sup> do
J. C. Lusher	Clerk	2 <sup>d</sup> do
William J. Fennell	Foreman	2 <sup>d</sup> do
Hugh Campbell	Cooper	2 <sup>d</sup> do
D. S. Davidson	Broommaker	2 <sup>d</sup> do
J. R. Cameron	Cabinetmaker	2 <sup>d</sup> do
Robert Irwin	Saddler	2 <sup>d</sup> do
Murdoch Lang	Cooper	2 <sup>d</sup> do
James McKendrick	Plasterer	3 <sup>d</sup> do
James McIndes	Apprentice	3 <sup>d</sup> do
Cyril Beale	Cooper	3 <sup>d</sup> do
William Levers	Stonecutter	3 <sup>d</sup> do
Thomas Reilly	Broommaker	3 <sup>d</sup> do

were duly elected ordinary members  
 after which the meeting adjourned

James Hayes  
 Recd



Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1850 The President in  
the chair the minutes of the last meeting  
were read and confirmed. Mess<sup>rs</sup> James  
Gunn W. J. Blendenhall James Haldane  
George Wallace Tho<sup>s</sup> Riddell Robert Mitchell  
& Burroughs A. R. Warren R. Paton John  
Madden David Bentley, ~~Patrick~~ Michael  
English. Patrick Britt, Andrew Hardie  
J. Boyd James Potts James Halpin.  
J. H. May, W. Bate, J. S. Anderson and  
John McIntosh were duly elected ordinary  
Members.

after which the meeting adjourned

James Hayes  
Preside

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1850 The President  
in the chair the minutes of the  
last meeting was read and confirmed  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Bowdler Dan<sup>l</sup> Morris  
Alfred Hudson J. M. Bonacina  
James Perry Edmond Baird, Henry  
Down, James Gudden John Patterson  
J. H. Springle, B. Mack, Robert Bury,  
James Norris, John Thomson, J. Grace,  
Frederick Heubach, William Kerr, were  
~~proposed~~ elected ordinary Members.

after which the meeting adjou<sup>nted</sup>

James Hayes  
Preside



## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

On Monday evening the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1850. was held the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal. The chair having been taken by W<sup>m</sup> Spier Esq President and the Meeting having been called to order W<sup>m</sup> James Hayes Rec Secy read the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting which were Approved and Confirmed

Mess<sup>rs</sup> M. O'neare William Allan Michael Dempsey Duncan McMillen were elected Ordinary Members of the Mechanics Institute

John McCallum Jun<sup>r</sup> was elected an Ordinary Member for life for having shown the best specimen of Mechanism by an apprentice at the late Industrial Exhibition

The following amendments to the bye Laws were on Motion of W<sup>m</sup> Stevenson seconded by W<sup>m</sup> Ladd unanimously adopted

At a meeting of the General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal held on Monday evening the ~~fourteenth~~ fourteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty at which Meeting were present The President



H<sup>on</sup> Spicersy Vice President Bernard  
Cor Secty Thomson Rec Secty Hayes  
Treasurer McGill Recd Mess<sup>rs</sup> Munro  
Ramsay Burtram and McKeown Members  
of General Committee The following  
Bye Laws of the of the Institute were  
Announced read and concurred in  
by the said meeting.

Read at the Annual Meeting of  
the Members of the Institute for the  
election of officers and members to  
compose the general committee then  
of held in the Hall of the Institute  
on Monday evening the fourth day  
of November one Thousand eight  
Hundred and fifty at which  
meeting there were present more than  
fifteen Members - The following Bye  
Laws were submitted for the adoption  
thereof by the Institute and the same  
were adopted by more than three fourths  
of the Members present at the said  
meeting and passed unanimously

1st

Members of Mechanics Institutes in  
this province which may make sim-  
ilar regulations to the following -  
visiting this City shall upon the  
production of their Card of membership  
be entitled to all the privileges  
enjoyed by Members of the Institute  
except that of voting at its meetings



2<sup>nd</sup>

No entrance fee shall be required from members of such Institutes coming to reside in this City and wishing to become members of this Institute

3<sup>rd</sup>

Members of such Institutes coming to reside in this City and joining this Institute as members shall not be required to pay any subscription until the expiration of the period for which they may have paid their subscription to such Institute

H<sup>on</sup>ble President  
James Hayes Pres. Secy.

The Corresponding Secretary then read the following Report  
To the Members of the Mechanics  
Institute of Montreal

The General Committee of the  
Institute beg leave to present  
the following as the Annual  
Report -

Gentlemen, The term for which your present officers bore, were elected to office having expired. It becomes their duty to lay before you a brief statement of the present condition of the Institute, and of their proceedings during the period they were entrusted with the management of its affairs. And it affords them much pleasure, that they are able to lay before you, a statement which they believe will prove satis-



Satisfactory, in as much as it shows  
that the Institute has prospered during  
the past year, and is now in a flourish-  
ing condition.

Not long after your committee had  
entered upon their discharge of  
their duty. It became necessary for  
them to consider the expediency of  
holding the usual Annual Festival  
that winter, and it was not without  
doubts as to its success, owing to the  
then depressed state of business in the  
city. That they after mature deliberation  
resolved to hold it, it was held on the  
fifth of February last in the usual place  
the Hall of the Consecrated Market  
and proved as successful as those  
of former years, and enabled your  
committee after payment of all expenses  
to add the sum of Ninety two pounds  
six shillings and two pence to the  
funds of the Institute.

The hopes which were expressed at  
the Festival by the President and other  
Gentlemen who spoke there, of seeing an  
Exhibition of Industrial Art held  
in this City, must since then have been  
more than realized, by the extensive and  
highly creditable display of Canadian  
Manufactures and produce shown  
at the late Provincial Industrial  
Exhibition, a display which affords  
ample evidence of the enterprise and  
skill of the mechanics and agricul-  
turalists of Canada and of the richness



And greatness of the still unperfected  
-ly developed resources of our country.

The large number of prizes awarded at the exhibition to members of this Institute affords in the estimation of your Committee some proof of the advantages which may be derived by Mechanics from such Institutes as yours.

Your Committee lately experienced great pleasure in receiving a deputation of three Gentlemen from the Toronto Mechanics Institute, each whom your Committee had several interviews during which they discussed several measures likely to produce a closer intercourse between the various Institutes in the province than has hitherto existed and to increase their sphere of usefulness, and some bye laws passed by your Committee with a view to carry out those objects will be submitted for your approval at this meeting.

During the last winter a short course of lectures in connection with the Institute was delivered by a number of gentlemen to whose kindness in coming forward to lecture at the request of the Committee the hearty thanks of the Institute are due. Arrangements for the delivery of a course during the approaching winter are partially entered into and will probably be speedily completed by



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Our successors. The attendance at most of our lectures delivered last winter was rather better than in former years.

The Library has been enriched during the year by the addition of a number of new and valuable books. As if the Institute is not possessed of a very extensive it is now the owner of a valuable collection of books. The number of volumes belonging to the library at the date of the last annual report was 1349

During the past year there have been added by purchase	130	
By periodicals bound	12	
By Donation	5	147
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		1496

from which must be deducted for books missing or lost during the past year	26	
Total number of volumes belonging to the library		1470

The volumes given by donation consist of a fine copy of Fiedgolds valuable work on the steam engine in two volumes from G. W. Wicksteed by Smiths Panorama of Science and Art two volumes from R. Wells by Miss Eymours sketches of Minnesota from J. S. Hall by the issue of volumes from the library during the year amounted to 3860.

The Reading room has been more frequented by members during the past year than in former years.



Twenty Three Newspapers including  
Three sent gratuitously, and Fourteen  
Magazines and Reviews are now reg-  
ularly received in it

Your Committee regret to state that  
they were unable to establish any classes  
during the last winter in consequence  
of the small number of members who  
expressed an intention to attend them.  
They trust however that their successors  
will exert their utmost influence to  
get classes for instruction in Drawing,  
French and Mathematics established  
during the approaching winter. No more  
important object than the instruction  
of the younger portion of our Members  
in useful knowledge can engage the  
attention of the Committee of the Institute

The Number of Members at the date  
of the last Annual report was 424.  
The Number at present registered  
in the books is 457 showing an  
increase of 33 during the year

The Financial condition of the Institute  
your committee is happy to announce  
is better than it has been for a number  
of years. The Institute is now entirely  
free from debt, and is also in the  
possession of a larger Annual Revenue  
than it has hitherto had. The Committee  
had the pleasure during the year  
to receive the following donation to  
the funds of the Institute



Edward P. Fabre Esq Mayor of the City of Montreal	£ 10 <sup>00</sup> 0
Master Carpenters Association	8 <sup>12</sup> 00
William Allan Esq	1 <sup>50</sup> 00
Total	£ 19 <sup>52</sup> 00

The Treasurers statement which is  
annexed to this report contains a  
full and detailed account of  
the receipts and expenditure for  
the year

In conclusion your Committee would  
beg leave to observe that in its opinion  
it is desirable that a greater proportion  
of the office bearers than has hitherto  
been should be chosen from among the  
the operative Mechanics Members of the  
Institute, as it is more especially for  
their benefit, that Mechanics Institutes  
were established they ought to feel  
a deeper interest in their prosperity than any  
other portion of the community, and are  
better qualified probably than any other  
class from their knowledge of the views  
and tastes of their fellow Mechanics  
to manage its affairs in a manner  
likely to prove useful and satisfactory

Montreal 1<sup>st</sup> Mo<sup>o</sup> 1860

Signed W. M. Pierces Esq  
James Hayes Esq



It was then on Motion of Mr. Corse  
seconded by Mr. Irwin Unanimously  
resolved, "That the report now read  
be received and adopted

The President informed the Meeting  
that the next business in order  
was the Election of office bearers to  
serve for the ensuing year, and  
appointed Messrs. Corse, Malcolm, &  
McDonald, to act as scrutineers of the  
Ballot

The Election of office bearers was then  
proceeded with, when the following  
Gentlemen were duly elected to serve  
for the ensuing year

President	Dr. Bernard
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres <sup>t</sup>	Hector Munro
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres <sup>t</sup>	Henry Bulmer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Pres <sup>t</sup>	C. W. Meakins
4 <sup>th</sup> Vice Pres <sup>t</sup>	Alex. Ramsay
Cor. Secty	John Fletcher
Rec Secty	James Hayes
Treasurer	J. A. B. McGill
Librarian	Daniel Carey
Members of General Committee Messrs	
	A. Stevenson, A. Burtram, C. P. Ladd
	D. McKeivie, W. A. Townsend, John
	O'Meara, J. Dunlop, Tho. Wright
	R. B. Corse, Crutchbank, Irwin &
	Tweedy



It was then on Motion of Dr Bernard  
Seconded by Mr Stevenson, ~~and~~  
resolved unanimously that the  
thanks of the Meeting be given  
to the President and the other  
office Bearers for their attention  
to the affairs of the Institute  
durin the past year

The Meeting then dissolved

James Hayes Buckley



The Mechanics' Institute of Montreal in act with A. A. B. McGill Treasurer On

1850	1851	1852	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1859	1860
Lo price for rent	£ 50	"	"	"	Balance from last year	£ 2	4	4		
Salary to Superintendent	65	"	"	"	Subscriptions received	130	15	"		
Oil light and Insurance	31	19	1		Receipts from admissions	65	1	8		
Newspapers & Books & Contingencies	87	7	7		To lectures and letting of rooms	8	12	"		
Old accounts due the expiration of last year	4	8	"		From Master Carpenters Society	5	"	"		
Total	110	0	5 1/2		Mr Sands for giving up lectures	50	"	"		
Balance in Treasurers Hands	369	3	5 1/2		Government Grant	10	"	"		
Assets	18	11	10		Donation from E. R. V. Le Moyne	92	6	10		
Value of Books in Library	367	15	3 1/2		Proceeds of Festival	1	5	"		
Picture & Maps	360	"	"		Donation from Mr. Allan	2	10	5 1/2		
Chemical apparatus	20	"	"		Interest from Treasurer	367	15	3 1/2		
Furniture	60	"	"		Total Receipts					
Annual government grant	100	"	"		Liabilities					
Subscription due suppressed good	50	"	"		Due to sundry persons	£ 20	"	"		
Cash in Treasurers hands	18	11	10		about					
Total	658	11	10							

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1850







Ordinary Meeting held on Monday,  
Evening the 21<sup>st</sup>. Nov. 1831.

The President in the Chair

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on  
the 24<sup>th</sup> October last & of the Extraordinary  
General Meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> October last  
were severally read and approved of  
Alphons Mills was duly elected a Corresponding  
Member

The following persons were then duly elected  
Ordinary Members.

Charles Cunningham Carpenter, Geo Mc Gibbon Cooper,  
Jas Mc Arthur Gasfitter, James William Book Binder,  
Henry Wilson Smith, Alex McEvedie Painter, John Boyd Smith  
Thomas Morrison Plasterer, Peter Carlisle Gilder, Abraham  
Simpson Carpenter, William Gairner Carpenter, Gilbert Scott  
Commissioner, Rob Perkin Esq 20<sup>th</sup> Regt, Richard Platt Foundry,  
Adam McKeay Carpenter, John Lambert Carpenter, John Ruggie Tinner  
James Culman Tinner, James Keams Engineer, John Osborne  
Carpenter, Hugh Flinton Sailor, William Carlisle Frame Maker,  
John Hop Smith, John Mc Donnell Tinner, Andrew Clark  
James Hay Tinner, William Teas Tinner, Charles Pithy Cooper  
and Young Smith, Henry Woodman Tinner, J<sup>r</sup> Cairnes Carpenter  
William Gaff Tinner, William Johnson Tinner, and Ken Apprentice  
James Holland Apprentice, Bernard Mc Donnell Apprentice  
Timothy Flynn Apprentice, James Stephen Apprentice, Richard Hastie  
Printer, Charles Condict Apprentice, Samuel Henry Apprentice,  
Hugh Cameron Apprentice, William Lewis Apprentice, Thomas  
Cunningham Apprentice, John Bayne J<sup>r</sup> Apprentice, John O'Brien  
Apprentice, Thomas Conroy Apprentice, James H Hayes Law Student,  
William Biggs Apprentice James Wilson Apprentice, James Henry  
Apprentice, Hugh Wood Apprentice, William Hubbs Gentleman,  
Mark Edgar Clerk, The Meeting then adjourned



Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening the 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1851

The President in the Chair,  
The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ult  
were read and confirmed.

The following persons were then elected as  
ordinary members -  
John Palmer Apprentice, <sup>1770</sup> Henry Bennett Tailor,  
William McLean Founder, John Oliver Founder,  
Thomas Carter Apprentice, John Holliday Founder,  
Charles McDonald Gentleman, John Gardiner Mechanic,  
James Bennett Founder, William Walsh Watchmaker,  
Robt Malcolm Clocks.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Attest  
Secy

Ordinary meeting held on Monday  
Evening the 22<sup>nd</sup> December

The President in the Chair

The Minutes of the ordinary meeting  
of the 9<sup>th</sup> were read and approved

The following persons were then elected  
ordinary members -



Ordinary meeting held on Monday  
the 12<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1852

The President in the Chair

The minutes of the ordinary meeting  
of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> were read & approved

It was moved by Mr. Hadst seconded by  
Mr. Buttram

That steps be immediately taken to  
prepare for the holding of the regular Annual  
Festival of the Institute as early as possible next  
month - and that this meeting do now an-  
thorize the holding of said Festival, should  
the Committee upon investigation deem it  
expedient to do so.

Carried unanimously

The following persons were then elected  
members of the Institute.

First Class.

Geo Hunter - Geo. Summs

Second Class Wm Trumbull, Geo M. Rose

Wm M. Dougall Ed. Russey

Donald Rof

Third Class. John Wright, Thomas Blackman

Jas Dimean Jr, Wm Graham

Wm Foudie, John Dyer,

Jas. Dyer, John Byrson

Jas Comroy, Jas. Sutherland

Geo. D. Langdon, John Morrison

James Anley

The meeting then separated A.M.P. Secy



Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
evening the 26 January 1852.

The President in the Chair.

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of  
the 12<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The following persons were then elected  
Members of the Institute.

First Class. Mr Bird, Mr Tate, Isabella Bell  
Second Class. The Breman, Mr McCormick  
Third Class. John McDonald, Mr Nelson  
James Coate, Geo Stinger, Geo Bruce  
Aly. McGregor, Thos. McLane, Geo Borrie  
James Smith, John Bonacina, Jas. Nelson  
Mr Kennard.

The meeting then separated.

A Murray  
Recd

An ordinary meeting of the members  
was held on Monday evening the  
9<sup>th</sup> Febry - 1852.

The President in the Chair.

Minutes of former meeting read & approved.

The following were then admitted members  
of the Institute.

First Class. Geo Morrison Rindley

Second do Mr McChibbow Cooper

Third Class. Michl. Wilkinson, Hugh  
McCamp, Richd. Ellis, John W. Brown

Sam. George, G. Shonda, Aly. Donaldson

The meeting adjourned.

A. Murray  
Recd



An ordinary meeting of the Members  
was held on Monday evening the 23<sup>rd</sup> ~~March~~<sup>February</sup>  
1852.

The President in the chair  
The minutes of the former meeting were  
read and adopted.

The following members were then admitted  
William Macfarlane      Second class  
Rich<sup>d</sup>. Warrington      Third do  
George Roy      "

The meeting then separated

Ad Murray  
Secy.

An ordinary meeting was held on Monday  
evening the 24<sup>th</sup> instant.

In the absence of the President the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice  
President took the chair.

The minutes of the former meeting were read  
and approved.

The following members were admitted

First Class. James Brown Cooper.  
Mr. Cunningham      Shoemaker  
Mr. Holland      Nail maker.  
Peter Hawson      Spikemaker  
Second class. John Venables      Tailor  
J. S. Heggins      Axe maker.  
Mr. M. Kellan      Ironer  
Third Class Mr. Fisher      Henry Harnell  
J. M. Williams      Ho. Coy.  
Ad Murray  
Reeley



An ordinary meeting was held on Monday evening the 12 April 1852

The President in the Chair,

The Minutes of the former meeting were read

No business appearing the meeting separated

A. Murray Rees

An ordinary meeting was held on Monday evening the 14 June 1852

The President in the Chair

The Minutes of the former meeting were read

The following parties were then elected Members of the Institute

Rich <sup>d</sup> . Harasby	Second Class
Pete Lammont	do
Alex Mills	Third do
Wm O'Brien	do
A. Pearson	Life member

Meeting separated

A. Murray Rees



An ordinary meeting was held  
on Monday evening the 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 52

The President in the Chair

Minutes of former meeting read & approved

The following were admitted members  
of the Institute

John Young Engineer	Second Class
And. DeFlamme app <sup>r</sup>	Third Class
John Watrow	do do
Wm. Inglis	do do

The meeting then separated



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Thirteenth Annual Meeting

The thirteenth Annual Meeting of  
The Mechanics Institute of Montreal, was  
held in the Institute on the 2<sup>d</sup>  
November 1862.

The President Smithy Bolmer, having  
taken the Chair, and called the meeting to order  
the Secretary Mr Murray read the Minutes of  
the last Annual Meeting which were approved.

The Secretary then read the following report.















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It was moved by Mr. Macdonald seconded by Mr. Cummings.

"That the report be received and adopted"  
Moved in Amendment by D. Bernard seconded by

"That the report be received and lay on the Table for consideration, and that the meeting proceed to elect office bearers."

The amendment being carried, and the President having named Messrs scrutineers. They reported the following gentlemen elected to serve as office bearers for the ensuing year

	By Ballot	Committee
President	By Bulmer	
1st Vice do	By Lyman	Mr. McArthur, Mr. Maror
2 do	A. Bertram	Mr. Spiers, Mr. Tredden
3 do	Mr. Hayes	Mr. Lambert, Mr. Munro
4 do	Baird	D. Bernard, J. D. Reid
Corresponding Secy	Mr. Ditcher	R. Goodwin, Mr. Hutchinson
Sec. do	Williamson	Mr. Stinson, A. A. Stinson
Treasurer	W. B. Coors	
Librarian	A. M. J. Toob	

It was then moved by Mr. Lyman seconded by Mr. Tredden.

That the report be received and adopted.

Moved in Amendment by Mr. Spiers seconded by

"That in consequence of the lateness of the hour, the meeting do adjourn till next Sunday evening"

The Amendt. being carried the meeting adjourned

William A. J.



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At the adjourned Annual  
General Meeting of the Members  
held on Tuesday evening the  
10th Nov. 1882

The President in the Chair

Mr. Hayes as acting Secy, read the  
Minutes of the previous meeting, which were  
approved

The Corresponding Secretary read the Annual  
report

Moved by Mr. Dymman seconded by Mr. Madden  
That the report be adopted  
with instructions to the General Comm<sup>y</sup>  
to defer the purchase of the ground  
for the erection of the new Hall, if  
possible until the subscription shall  
amount to £2000.

Carried  
Moved by D. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Dymman  
and resolved - That the report be published.

Moved by D. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Dymman  
" That the system of Annual Membr-  
ship which at present prevails in this  
Institution is not the best which might  
be adopted, and that the Committee of  
the Institute be requested to consider whether  
an alteration might not be made in the  
act of Incorporation, so as to do away  
with Annual Members, and secure a  
permanent life Membership at an  
expense of not more than £6.5-  
per Member

Carried



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No other business appearing the meeting  
separated.



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An ordinary meeting was held  
on Monday evening 29 Nov '52

The President in the Chair, Mr Stevenson  
acting as Secretary

Minutes read and approved

The following parties were admitted ordinary  
members of the Institute

Second Class. Mr Macdonald, Mr  
McDonnell, John Craig, John Mc Gregor  
Henry Gair, David Brodie, Geo Poole

Third Class. Mr Gair, Lawrence Brutt  
Adam Valentine, Mr Robertson -  
David Robertson, Jnr. Mr Buchanan  
Anders Matholland, Mr Fleming  
Mr Best. Robt Goodwillie -

The meeting then separated

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An ordinary meeting was  
held on Monday evening 13<sup>th</sup>  
December 1852

The President in the Chair, Mr Jaeger  
acting as Secretary

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed

On motion of Mr Lysman, seconded  
by Mr Mason - The sale of newspapers



was postponed till next ordinary meeting

Mr Geo. Herbert, John Ametic, John Jones,  
Jas Donlop, Mrs. Smith, Fredk Richardson  
Wm Jeffrey, Geo. Seebold, Geo. Clarke, H. E.  
Scott, Ameloni Stuart, John M. Donnell  
Thos. Jackson, Robt. Allen - were elected members.

The meeting then adjourned.

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An ordinary meeting was  
held on Monday evening 27 Dec '52

Mr Herbert in the Chair

The Minutes of last meeting read & approved

On Motion of Mr. Lynn and seconded  
by Mr. Hutchinson the sale of Newspapers  
was further postponed.

Mr. Francis Clark and James  
Follock were elected ordinary members

No other business appearing the meeting  
adjourned.



An ordinary meeting was held on Monday evening the 10<sup>th</sup> January 1833.

The President in the Chair

Minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

The following parties were admitted ordinary members of the Institute

1<sup>st</sup> class

James Brown, Robt Spier

2<sup>nd</sup> class

Jas. Cochran

3<sup>rd</sup> class

W. E. Boyd, Dr Penallack

The following newspapers were then disposed of at Auction as under

London weekly Dispatch	Mr Hymans	17/6
Glasgow Saturday Post	do	15/
New York weekly Herald	Mr Coase	8/
Philadelphia Courier	Mr Palmer	8/
Boston Atlas	Mr O'Meara	8/6
Dublin Nation	do	10/

No other business appearing the meeting separated

A Murray  
Secy



At an extraordinary General Meeting of The Mechanics Institute of Montreal, held in the Room of The Institute on Monday evening the 24<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1853.

The President having taken the Chair, and Minutes of last General Meeting having been read and approved, the President explained that he had called the Meeting at request of five Members of Committee, made in accordance with resolution of last Committee Meeting, and that the object was to submit for approval of the Members a report of what had been done towards obtaining a site for the proposed Mechanics Hall, and to obtain their sanction to purchasing the lot recommended in the Report.

The Secretary then read a Report from the General Committee (Placed on file)  
It was then



It was then moved by Mr. Hymans, seconded by  
Mr. de Brouckere,

That the Report just read be  
received and adopted.

After a lengthened discussion the motion was  
put to the vote and carried by a vote of  
24 to 19.

It was then moved by Dr. Bernand, seconded  
by Mr. Hymans

That notwithstanding the reception  
and adoption of the Report of the  
General Committee, it is the opinion  
of this meeting that the Committee should  
not pass deeds for the purchase of any  
property until the sum of £2000, shall  
have been subscribed for the erection  
of a building.

The motion was put to the vote and lost.

On motion of Mr. Hymans the meeting  
then separated. No other business appearing.

A. Murray  
Secretary



An ordinary meeting was held  
on Monday evening the 14<sup>th</sup> July 1853

The President in the Chair

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

The following parties were admitted to membership

1<sup>st</sup> class. Patrick Fallon, Robt Campbell

2<sup>nd</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Moore

3<sup>d</sup> J<sup>r</sup> Mackay, Wm Hutchison, Alfred Bonnett

Wm Becket, Saml L. Heath, Tho Robinson

Dan Livingston, J<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup>

and the meeting adjourned

Arthur R. Seeley

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At the Ordinary Meeting held  
on Monday eveg the 28<sup>th</sup> July 53

The President took the chair

The minutes of former meeting were read & confirmed

The following members were admitted

1<sup>st</sup> class. Augustin Saberge, James Gorn, A. Samuel,

2<sup>nd</sup> " Wm Ruthford, John Scott, Louis Lesage

3<sup>d</sup> " N<sup>y</sup> Lyndham, Peter Ferguson, John Wilmayson

Francis Hackett

The meeting then adjourned

Arthur R

Seeley

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At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal held at the Institute on Monday Evening the 14 March 1853, and specially called by <sup>order</sup> the President in accordance with the 31st Clause of the Bye Laws.

The President having taken the chair, the Minutes of the former General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The President then explained that <sup>the</sup> subject of calling the Members again together was to obtain their approval of a Report in connection with the proposed Mechanics Hall, which would then be submitted by the General Committee.

The Secretary then read the Report, which stated that Subscriptions to the extent of £2500, had been obtained, that a prospect of procuring about £500 more was apparent, that the deeds of purchase were ready for signature, and that it was the opinion of many that the Building should be constructed of ~~Brick~~ Stone instead of Brick, as formally proposed. They therefore recommended that they be authorized to sign the deeds, and to expend the sum of £4000 in the construction of the Building, also to borrow say to the extent of £1500 should it be necessary. (See Report placed on file)



It was then moved by Mr. Hymans, seconded by  
Mr. Stevenson, that the Report just read be  
received and adopted  
Carried unanimously

Moved by Mr. Fletcher seconded by Mr. Reid  
That this meeting do authorize the  
General Committee to complete the  
deeds of purchase from Messrs Wilson  
and Gibb, on the terms proposed.  
Carried

Moved by Mr. Hymans seconded by Mr. Goodwillie  
That the General Committee be  
authorized to expend the sum of Ten  
Thousand Pounds in the erection of  
the new Hall for the use of this Institute  
Carried

Moved by Mr. Betham seconded by Mr. Hymans  
That the General Committee be  
authorized to obtain an amendment  
to the Act incorporating this  
Institution to enable it to borrow  
such sums of money as may be  
found necessary for the completion  
of the new Hall  
Carried

No other business appearing the meeting separated

Wm. Hymans  
Secy



An Ordinary Meeting was held  
on Monday evening the 9<sup>th</sup> May 53

The President in the Chair

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed  
the following parties were admitted to membership

1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Wm Hamilton
2 <sup>nd</sup> "	Peter Robertson, J. Paterson, Geo. Hunt And <sup>r</sup> . S. McBean, Rob <sup>t</sup> . Linton Dan <sup>l</sup> . McCallum, A. H. Vass
3 <sup>d</sup> "	W. G. Hetherington, James Moody John Arnoldi, Wm Robinson

and the meeting adjourned no other business appearing

— Secretary  
R. S. S. S.

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An Extraordinary General  
Meeting of the Mechanics Institute  
Called by order of the President was  
held on Monday evening 30 May 1853

The President in the Chair

In the absence of the Secretary Dr Stevenson  
acted as such

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

The President explained that the members  
had been called again together on business con-  
nected with the proposed Mechanics Hall.

At the last general meeting the Committee were  
empowered to purchase the lot on Haymarket



Square, and Bonaventure Street owned by Messrs Wilson and Gibb, but as Mr. Wilson refused to give the usual guarantee of title and Mr. Gibb would not wait until a ratification could be obtained the arrangements for the purchase could not be completed. Mr. Tate's lot on Great James St still remaining unsold the Committee had taken the preliminary steps for the purchase of that lot, and the meeting had been called for the purpose of sanctioning the purchase

Moved by Mr. Hyman, seconded by Mr. Suedden

That the negotiations on the part of this Institute with the Hon. Messrs Wilson and J. D. Gibb Esq for the purchase of their properties on Commissioners Square and Bonaventure Street having failed in consequence of a refusal of the former to give the usual guarantee with the title, the General Committee be duly authorized to purchase <sup>of Messrs</sup> the property of Mr. Tate forming the corner of Great James & St Peter Streets, upon the conditions proposed by him and for the sum of £2400.

Carried  
Moved by Mr. Hutchison seconded by Mr. Fleck  
That the President be authorized to sign the deed of purchase from Mr. Tate and the heirs of the late Rich<sup>d</sup> Tate say 2/3<sup>ds</sup> of the lot forming the South west corner of Great James and Peter Streets for the sum of £2400, giving the right of servitude to Mr. Tate for the remainder of the property of a right of passage through a gateway from



At Peter Street, of not less than 10 feet in width  
by 11 feet in height. Any balance due to the  
Estate after paying the bailiffs du fonds and  
areas of interest due to the Rev. Gentlemen of  
the Seminary to be retained in the hands of the  
Institute at interest, until the heirs of the late  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Tate have attained their majority.

Carried

Mr Hugh McDonald and John Stuart were  
admitted third class members, and the  
meeting separated.

A. A. Stevenson  
Acting Secretary

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An ordinary meeting was  
held on Monday the 20 June 53

The President in the chair.

The minutes of former meeting were read & approved  
The following parties were admitted to membership

1. Capt. Sam Salmon Taylor
2. Henry E. Clarke
3. Donald de Crea, John Stuart  
Harrison Ross, Hugh McDonald

No other business appearing the meeting  
adjourned

A. A. Stevenson  
Secretary

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An ordinary meeting was  
on Monday 25 July 1853  
The President in the Chair

The minutes of the former meeting were read  
and approved

The following parties were admitted to  
membership

2 Clap John Murphy  
3rd Pel. Williams John Stuart  
H. Rob

and the meeting separated

A. Murray  
Secy

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At a meeting of the Mechanics  
of Montreal convened for the purpose  
of deciding on adopting an address  
to Robt Stephenson Esq M.P. on the  
occasion of his passing over to this  
Country to Montreal, and held at  
the Mechanics Institute on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
August 1853

Mr Bulmer Pres<sup>t</sup> Mechanics Institute in the Chair  
and Mr. A. Murray acting as Secretary

The Chairman having briefly explained the object of  
the meeting, and being followed to the same effect by  
Mr Wm. Ellis, it was moved by



Moved by Mr. Wm. Spiers, Seconded by Mr. Logan  
 That the Chairman do appoint a Committee  
 to draft an address to Mr. Stephenson  
 to be submitted for the approval of the Special  
 Committee of The Mechanics Institute at  
 the meeting to be held tomorrow evening  
 and to act in conjunction with that Committee  
 in presenting the same

Carried

The Chairman named as such Committee,  
 Messrs Spiers, Milner, Tate, Bulmer, Murray  
 No other business being brought forward  
 the meeting separated

A. Murray Secy

**MR. STEPHENSON AT THE MECHANICS INSTITUTE.**

At one o'clock on Saturday, Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Jackson visited the rooms of the Mechanics' Institute of this city, where they were received by the President, office-bearers and a large number of the members. Here the President, H. Bulmer, Esq., on behalf of the Institution, presented the former gentlemen with the following

**ADDRESS**

To Robert Stephenson, Esq., M.P., Civil Engineer, &c., &c., &c.

Sir,—We are deputed by the Mechanics' Institute and Mechanics of Montreal, to address you on their behalf, previous to your departure from the city.

We are desirous to express the pleasure with which your arrival has been hailed by those whom we represent, both on account of the respect and esteem which they entertain for one whose prodd achievements and distinguished name have added lustre to the word Mechanic, and also, that your presence here is a guarantee of successful accomplishment in our immediate vicinity of one of the greatest Engineering feats ever contemplated on this continent.

Had time and circumstances permitted, we should indeed have been proud to have offered for your acceptance, some more marked token of our esteem: as it is, and while hoping that that opportunity may yet be afforded us, we have in the meantime done ourselves the honor of adding your name to the list of honorary members of our Institute.

We beg you to accept our most cordial wishes for your health and prosperity, and we trust that you may have a safe and pleasant voyage to your native land.

On behalf of the Mechanics of Montreal,  
 HENRY BOLMER  
 President, Mechanics' Institute.  
 A. MURRAY  
 Recording Secretary.

Montreal, 29th August, 1853.

Having examined the plans for the new Institute, and expressed their gratification with its prosperous condition, they proceeded, at the request of the President (the rooms of the Institute becoming too crowded) to St. George's Hall, where Mr. Stephenson replied as follows:—

BROTHER MECHANICS,—I have received your address with great pleasure, and appreciate the sympathy of the Mechanics of Montreal with the great works which have been constructed under my superintendence. He went on to say that he came to this country to superintend the stupendous work to be built over their beautiful river. He had been led to fear that the difficulties to be encountered in its construction were almost as great as those encountered in erecting the Britannia Bridge with which his name was associat-

ed. He was happy to say after having given the matter his careful attention, that he found none which might not be easily overcome. The position in which he was placed in regard to this work was very different from that in which he had found himself placed with respect to the work to which he had alluded. Then this kind of bridge was untried, and was by many condemned as a rash experiment, calculated to involve the Company for whom it was projected, in ruin. There was another difficulty in England; Government seldom facilitated public works there. In nine cases out of ten, where they interfered, it was to throw obstacles in the way. Most of those present had read the difficulties he had to encounter. His first idea was a bridge with two arches, presenting little or no difficulty, though they were of the unusual span of 460 feet. Had that plan been adhered to, an enormous sum of money would have been saved to the Company, but a large number of vessels passed through the narrow gorge which it was proposed to bridge, and the Admiralty stepped in and forbade the work, fearing that the masts of vessels would strike the haunches of the bridge, and thus be detained and damaged, or possibly destroyed. Government oft-times acted very arbitrarily, sometimes necessarily and sometimes very unnecessarily. He was about to advise the abandonment of the work, as at first no means of overcoming the difficulty occurred to him. The Government required a flat bridge, and at last the idea of a beam for its support, made hollow so as to bear its own weight, suggested itself to him. Upon making the calculations for the requisite dimensions of this beam, he found that the aperture in it would have to be large enough to admit railway train, and hence the tubular beam became the bridge itself. With respect to the bridge here, he was happy to say that the Government officers and Engineers had done everything in their power to facilitate his operations, and had displayed an amount of candour and kindness he had never witnessed before. They could look forward to carrying through the work without any official interference, which was to an Engineer the most disagreeable of all things. Here was a glorious exception to the general rule of official meddling, and he congratulated the country upon having Engineering officers and members of Government who acted with so much liberality. There was no other great work in this country to which he need allude. He might say a word about the stability of the bridge which it had been thought would be endangered by the shoving of the ice. Having gone into the question thoroughly with Mr. Ross, they had arrived at the conclusion that the pressure of the ice would exercise no influence upon the piers of the bridge when they were once fixed in their place. He should always remember with pleasure the kind feelings the Mechanics of Montreal had evinced for him, and he hoped, to meet them more than than once again, and to see them in their new Institute before the Bridge was finished. He thanked them for the honor they had done him in enrolling him an honorary member of the Institute, and in acknowledgment of it, he should be happy to contribute

to the erection of the New Hall. Mr. Stephenson sat down amidst much cheering.

The President of the Institute then introduced Mr. Jackson to the meeting, and requested him to address it:—

MR. JACKSON said that he had not come with the attention of addressing them, but he felt equal pleasure with the illustrious Engineer they had just welcomed; in meeting a body of men so necessary to the progress of this great country, as the Mechanics he saw before him; and it afforded him the greatest pleasure that they met with every facility for the prosecution of their enterprise from men of the same stamp. He trusted that their coming here might do much good, that the skilled labour which he and his partners would introduce, would so instruct the people of the country, that hereafter their services would not be required. It would afford them great satisfaction if that instruction were disseminated among them, and especially among the rising generation of this great country. If this should be the case, it would afford them as much gratification as any profit they might reap from the execution of their contract. He and his partners had felt it their duty to bring out the first engineering talent to decide upon the bridge question, and had therefore applied to Mr. Stephenson, who, although he had retired from his business as an engineer, had been induced to come here at great cost and trouble to himself. He felt it his duty not to leave such a great work to chance, after having introduced the principle of such bridges. If it gave them pleasure to see him among them, fancy what pleasure it gave him and his partners to have this favorable opinion of their great undertaking. Now that this bugbear about the ice had been driven away, they would go forward with confidence, and he hoped that he should yet see not only all their lakes and rivers connected by railways, but one unbroken line of communication through British territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Without the bridge this would have been impossible, but with it it might yet be realized. He then proceeded to remark upon the commercial prospects of the road and country, and concluded by saying that he, too, had seen with pleasure the plans for their new building, and asked the favor of enrolling himself amongst the subscribers to it; he desired to put down the name of his firm for a contribution of £100 sterling.

This announcement was received with great applause, and after giving three cheers for Mr. Stephenson and three for Mr. Jackson, the meeting adjourned.

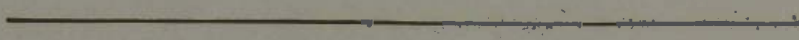


An Ordinary Meeting was held  
on Monday evening the 5th Sept 53

The President in the Chair

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed  
G. A. Robatson was admitted a Second class member  
and the meeting adjourned

A. Murray  
Rec Secy

































Messrs Holland, Siddle, Atwater, R. Stevens,  
Mackay, Rutley, Young, Bridgley, Greig, Howe  
Jones, Isaacson, ~~Clinton~~ Corde, Kemp, Stevenson,  
Shaw, Allan, Russell, Nathan, Macfarlane, Stewart,  
Rwoods, Menzies, A. Stuart, John Thompson,  
Linton, Scott, Pinnings, White, Glenn, Allan,  
Thomson, Henderson, Cairn, Bell, Ferns, Bantow,  
Weir, Harvey, Dale, Lawson, Dunlap, Swinton  
White, Moffat, Oliver, McDonald, McGeer, and Messrs  
Deans.

The meeting then adjourned

James Stevenson  
Secy. Secty

Ordinary meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 1840  
being the fourth Monday in November

The President William Spens Esq.  
in the Chair

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting  
of the 23<sup>rd</sup> October & of the Special Meeting  
of the 21<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> last were both read and  
respectively confirmed

Messrs Ducheneau, J<sup>r</sup> Ducheneau, J<sup>r</sup> Salal  
Ducheneau, Peter Ducheneau, M<sup>r</sup> Elchane,  
O'Stood, Cowan, Crosby, Follott, Thompson,  
Nicholson, O'Neil, M<sup>r</sup> Elves, Stuart, and  
Prensdon, were duly admitted members

after which the meeting dissolved

James Stevenson  
Secy. Secty



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Ordinary Meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup>  
Dec<sup>r</sup>. 1848 being the second Monday  
in Dec<sup>r</sup>.

The President William Spier  
Esq. in the Chair

In the absence of the Sec<sup>y</sup>.  
Gen<sup>l</sup> the Corresponding Sec<sup>y</sup> was  
appointed to act as such pro tem

Messrs Geo. McDonald, Doran, James  
Allen, Haswell, Kennedy, Bester,  
Lebold, Bird, Ryan, N. Watson, Taylor,  
Lapensee, Cousins, Peggley, Burns, Hazard,  
Swain, Adams, F. Hill, Looney, Subby,  
Walker, Kempton, Grant, Holt, and Craig.  
Were duly Elected Ordinary Members,  
after which the Meeting Dissolved

Attest  
Sec<sup>y</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Pro tem

Special meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 1848

The President William Spier Esq. took the chair  
& called the meeting to order when the Recording  
Secretary pro tem read the following  
resolution for calling the meeting

Montreal 23 Dec 1848

William Spier Esq  
President Mechanics Institute

Sir

You will much

\* A special Meeting  
A.S.

please to call of the Mechanics  
Institute of Montreal for Tuesday evening  
next



Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening Decr 9<sup>th</sup> 1850 The President  
in the chair The Minutes of the last  
Meeting were read and confirmed  
Messrs Alfred Perry James Holiday J H  
Haldimance Thomas Tucker W Greer  
Thomas Hymn Robert Gardiner James  
Mills C D Proctor W Gardiner Peter  
Allan James Gready James Warren  
William Sten William Smith were  
elected Members after which the  
Meeting adjourned

Robert Cambell James Hayes  
Frederick Sandham John Sinclair) Pres Secy  
George Hardgrave

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening Decr 23<sup>rd</sup> 1850, The President  
in the chair, The Minutes of the  
last Meeting were read and  
confirmed - Messrs A Tidmarsh  
Stanley M'Nider Joseph C O'Sullivan  
Grenville Cole Thomas Cassels  
John Cassels, were read and  
confirmed, were elected ordinary members  
Mr Johnson moved seconded  
by Mr Wright that the Life Members-  
hip advertised by the Institute to be  
given the journeyman competitors  
at the Industrial exhibition  
shall be awarded to the most  
deserving Candidate -

Mr Ramsay moved seconded by  
W Bulmer that the motion do lay  
on the table till next Meeting



Mr McGill moved seconded by  
Mr Ramsay that the next meeting  
be called by Public Advertisement

Carried

The meeting then adjourned

James Hayes P.S.

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening January 13<sup>th</sup> 1851. The  
President in the chair. The  
Minutes of the last meeting  
were read and confirmed  
Messrs Condon, McNaughton,  
Somerville, Acres, Manson, were  
Elected Members.

Mr Ramsay moved seconded  
by Mr Palmer that Mr Townsend's  
Motion laying over since last  
meeting be now taken up

Carried

Mr Brown then moved as a  
negative to Mr Townsend's Motion  
Seconded by Mr Fletcher. That  
the Life Memberships for a journey  
- man offered by the Institute at  
the late Industrial Exhibition  
not having been applied for  
this meeting do not think it  
advisable to award it to any  
person.

Carried

Mr Ladd moved seconded by  
Mr Portram that the committee  
be requested to take steps to have  
the usual Annual Festivals carried  
out. Carried. J. Hayes P.S.



Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening January 27<sup>th</sup> 1851. The President  
in the chair. The Minutes of the last  
Meeting were read and confirmed  
Messrs Martin R. Balfour J. Kirkup  
A. C. Hutchison J. Bell M. Graham  
G. Kell J. Wood W. King J. H. Fisher  
J. Clerk G. May D. McFarlane  
J. Busher J. Cameron J. Cartwright  
Roderick Kell Mrs. Cameron Mrs.  
Pletcher E. Madden Hugh McIntosh  
James Muller W. Nightingale W. Paton  
Dwight Wheeler J. Paton U. Sandham  
J. L. Brondson P. Purcell Alex Ramsay  
A. Young A. Dyer C. Lawson were  
Elected Ordinary members, after which  
the meeting adjourned

James Hayes

Pres Secy

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
evening Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1851. The President in  
the chair. The Minutes of the last  
Meeting were read and confirmed  
Messrs John M. Naughton J. B.  
Jordan Francis Parrill J. W. Hardisty  
J. Arntson E. J. Maxwell Joseph Rich  
W. Ferguson Robert Williams H. P.  
Weston were elected ordinary members  
The meeting then adjourned

James Hayes

Pres Secy



Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1851. The President  
in the chair. The Minutes of the  
last meeting were read and adopted.  
Messrs H. B. Orr C. Smith W. Reid  
John, Stephenson D. Beauchemin and  
Ephraim Wooddy were elected ordinary  
members. The meeting then adjourned

James Hayes P. S.

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening March 10<sup>th</sup> 1851. The President  
in the chair. The Minutes of the  
last meeting were read and con-  
firmed. Messrs Andrew Wilson &  
William Watson were elected ordinary  
members. The meeting then  
adjourned

James Hayes P. S.

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening March 24<sup>th</sup> 1851. The President  
in the chair. The Minutes of the  
last meeting were read and confirmed.  
There being no business to transact  
the meeting adjourned

James Hayes P. S.



Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening April 14<sup>th</sup> 1851. The President  
in the chair. The Minutes of the  
last Meeting were read and confirm<sup>d</sup>  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> George, Stethem, John Burgess  
Edward O. Lescance Edward Casey  
Edward L. Hibbard were <sup>elected</sup> ~~proposed~~  
~~for Members~~ elected ordinary  
Members, after which the Meeting  
adjourned

James Hayes Secy

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening April 28<sup>th</sup>. The W. Thompson  
in the chair. The Minutes of the  
last Meeting were read and  
confirmed. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Handley  
J. Donoghue Pat<sup>h</sup> W. Cormack  
Charles Jeffrey, were elected  
Ordinary Members. The Meeting  
then adjourned

James Hayes  
Secy

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening June 9<sup>th</sup> 1851. W. Butler  
in the chair. The Minutes  
of the last Meeting were read  
and confirmed. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Samuel  
Rogers, David Grant & Crawford  
Jen. were elected ordinary  
Members. The Meeting then  
adjourned

James Hayes Secy



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Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1857. ~~The President~~  
W. Ladd. in the chair. The Minutes of the  
JH last Meeting were read and confirmed  
W. Henry Brown, was elected an ordinary  
Member. The Meeting then adjourned

James Hayes, R. S.

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening August 11<sup>th</sup> 1857. The President  
in the chair. The Minutes of the  
last Meeting were read and confirmed.  
W. John M. De. was elected  
and ordinary Member. The Meeting  
then adjourned.

James Hayes Rec. Secy

Ordinary Meeting held on Monday  
Evening Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 1857. The President  
in the chair. The Minutes of the  
last Meeting were read and conf-  
-irmed. Messrs. H. Popham, R. Oliver  
John Turner, Charles Gleason, Charles  
Somerville, George R. Eddistons  
Robert Chalmers & R. G. Greig  
were elected ordinary Members

The Meeting then adjourned

James Hayes Rec. Secy



An Extraordinary General Meeting  
of the Members of the Institute, convened  
by order of the President was held on  
Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 1851. More than  
being present fifteen Members, having the President  
E.H. took the chair when the following  
requisition for calling the Meeting  
was read by the Recording Secretary

Montreal, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1851  
To Dr Barnard, President Mechanics  
Institute of Montreal

Sir We the undersigned Members  
of the General Committee of the Institute  
request that you will be pleased to  
convene an extraordinary general mee-  
ting of the Members of the Institute for  
Wednesday evening the twenty ninth  
Instant for the purpose of taking into  
consideration a "By Law entitled" a  
By Law for the government of the officers  
Members and affairs of the Institute  
and for other purposes therein men-  
tioned" announced and read at a  
meeting of the general committee held on  
the thirteenth Instant

Signed

A Stevenson  
James Hayes  
Norton B. Corse  
C. W. Perkins  
A Ramsay



In accordance with the above requisition to me addressed, I hereby order that that an extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Institute be convened for Wednesday evening the 29<sup>th</sup> Instant for the purposes in the said requisition mentioned

A. Bernard Pres<sup>nt</sup>  
M. S. M

To the Recording Secy  
M. S. M

The Recording Secretary having laid before the Meeting a By Law announced and read at the Meeting of the General Committee held on the thirteenth inst. intituled "a By Law for the government of the officers Members and affairs of the Institute and for other purposes therein mentioned" It was on Motion of Mr Irwin seconded by Mr. Ramsey Resolved that the said By Law be now read by the Recording Secretary the By Law having been read and duly considered. It was on Motion of Mr. Stevenson seconded by Mr. Hayes Unanimously resolved that the said By Law be adopted and the same was accordingly adopted and passed

The Meeting then adjourned

James Hayes Secy



## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

On Monday Evening Nov<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1851  
was held the twelfth Annual Meeting  
of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal.  
The Chair having been taken by  
Dr Bernard the President and  
the Meeting having been called to  
order. The Recording Secretary Mr  
James Hayes, read the Minutes of  
the last Annual Meeting, which  
were approved of and confirmed

Richard Hammond

Messrs Charles Boughton - Lane.  
John Blakeney J. M. Job Joseph  
Walker, Patrick Flynn and William  
Fingland were elected ordinary  
Members of the Mechanics Institute.

The Secretary then read the following  
Report to the Members of the Mechanics  
Institute of Montreal.

Gentlemen

The By-laws of your Institution  
require that its Officers should lay before you  
at the Annual Meeting in each year a Report on the  
condition of its affairs, and your Committee in  
proceeding to discharge this duty would beg leave to state  
that it is source of much gratification to them that at  
the close of their term of office they are able to  
submit to you a Statement which clearly shows  
that however imperfectly they may be discharged  
the trust committed to them the affairs of  
Institute are now in a more prosperous  
condition than they have hitherto attained.



and as this will best be learnt from the various particulars hereinafter detailed in speaking of the various departments into which your Institute is divided your Committee would at once proceed to refer to the state of those departments beginning with probably the most important of all; The Library to which during the past year many new and valuable works have been added and that they are of character appreciated by the Members generally may be ascertained from the issue of volumes during the past year which amounted to no less than 412 to about 258 readers a large portion of whom were Apprentice Members. At the previous report the number of volumes belonging to the Library was 1470 and there had been since added.

By Purchase	02	
" Donation	9	
" the binding of Periodicals	25	116
Making the total number of volumes now belonging to it		1506

The Library is still small compared with one such as an Institution like yours should possess, but it is being gradually and steadily enlarged and from the greater means now at the command of your Committee it may in the course of a year or two be expected to comprise considerably over 2000 volumes for during the past five years a great part of which time your Committee had great pecuniary difficulties to contend with, no fewer than 700 volumes have been added to it. The volumes given by donation during the past twelve months consist of The Mechanics Register 7 volumes from J. H. Reed Esq. Documentary History of



W<sup>h</sup> from the Author W<sup>o</sup> C. Gilchrist by the hands of  
E. P. Fabre Esq.

The Reading Room

Has been during the year frequented much more  
by the Members generally than previously and should  
there be any further improvement in this respect  
our Reading Room will require to be enlarged  
from the following list of the Newspapers and  
Magazines received in it, it will be seen  
that several changes and some additions  
to the list of last year have been made

Newspapers

Montreal	Standard	Canada Gazette
"	Gazette	Justice Morning Chronicle
"	Pilot	Toronto Globe
"	Carrier	" Examiner
"	Transcript	Hamilton Spectator
"	Paragon	Kingston Chronicle & News
"	Witness	Brantford Standard
"	True Witness	
London	Weekly Dispatch	New York Weekly Standard
"	Spectator	" Weekly Tribune
"	Illustrated Times	" Albion
"	Reverberator	Philadelphia Saturday Courier
A Dublin	Nation	
Glasgow	Saturday Post	

Reviews Magazines &c

Quarterly Review	Appletons Mechanic Magazine
Cambridge Review	Went's Merchants Magazine
Westminster Review	Blackwoods Edinburgh Magazine
North British Review	Harpers Monthly Magazine
London Art Journal	Lottery Gas Lane
Civil Engineer & Architect	Temperance Advocate
Practical Mechanic Magazine	Canadian Farmer
	Punch



Your Committee would very much have liked to have  
a suggestion for the use of their successors  
that now the Postage is so much reduced  
it is desirable that more frequently published  
Editions of some of the Papers received from the  
United States be obtained, and that some  
addition to their number be made,

### A Short Course of Lectures

Was delivered during the last Winter which  
were well attended and the Gentlemen who so  
kindly gave their services as Lecturers the thanks  
of the Institute are deservedly due

As steps have as yet been made towards  
getting up a course to be delivered during the  
Winter now about to commence but our successors  
in Office will probably give this matter their  
earliest consideration The following is  
a list of the Lectures delivered during the  
past Winter with names of the Lecturers.

Introductory Lecture,	By C. Franklin Esq.
Oratory with Reminiscences of English Speakers,	By G. B. Barton M.D.
The Ancient Hebrews as Reminders of the lost Sins,	Rev. A. H. C. Cole
The Progressive development of the Physical Power,	A. Hall M.D.
The popular Remedies of the English,	W. G. Mack Esq.
The Abuse of Scripture History,	J. G. Hunt Esq.
Man's Dominion over Physical Nature,	Rev. A. Mathieson M.A.
Annals of Physiology,	Rev. J. W. Campbell

### Classes

It is a matter of extreme regret to your  
Committee that so little has been done  
relative to this important means of carrying  
out the object for which your Institute  
was formed the instruction of its Members



in the various branches of science and useful  
knowledge necessary or advantageous to them  
in their pursuits in life but Your Committee  
would with pleasure refer to the beginning  
that was made last Winter by the formation  
of a drawing class which during the time it  
existed was attended by upwards of twenty  
Students Your Committee cannot turn to  
another Department without expressing  
their hopes that no efforts will be wanting on  
the part of their successors to make the Institute  
an Educational as well as a Literary  
Association;

### Finances

In the previous Annual Report it was  
stated as a matter worthy of congratulation  
that at the date thereof by much exertion the  
Institute had been entirely freed from the many liabilities  
previously existing against it, and Your Committee  
rejoice that they have it in their power to  
communicate to you a fact equally worthy  
of congratulation namely they have been able  
after paying all the current expenses of  
the Institute and devoting a considerable  
amount for the purchase of new books  
to deposit with the Bank of Montreal  
at Interest the Sum of \$150. Currency  
as a special fund only to be encroached  
upon to defray the ordinary expenses  
of the Institute in cases of extreme necessity  
and to be preserved if possible to form  
the foundation of a fund to be raised  
for the purchase or erection of a Building  
for the Institute, for until it is relieved  
from the heavy annual charge now upon it



for Kent, and becomes possessed of  
a Building adapted in every respect to its  
various wants, it will never be able to become  
the useful Institution which your Committee  
trust it is destined to become. The chief means  
by which your Committee has been enabled to  
raise the said amount was the success  
attendant upon the last Annual Festival, and the  
increased amount received for Subscriptions  
from the greater number of paying Members which  
we now have than in former years. at the date  
of the last Annual Report the number of Members  
was 454 since that time 169 persons  
have been Elected and 136 persons have  
ceased to be Members making the present  
number 440.

Consisting of 10 Honorary Members  
" " 4 Corresponding Members  
" " 20 Ordinary Members of Life  
" " 433 Ordinary Members  
440

the apparent increase amounts only to 13  
Members but is really much greater as the  
list of last year comprised the names of a  
great many persons who upon being applied  
to for their Subscriptions intimated that  
they had ceased to be Members for some  
time previously - and of a number of  
persons who had before that time left the  
City. the names of these persons have all  
been erased from the books and it will  
be found that our list now comprises  
the names of persons who are really  
Members - and persons who will pay their  
Subscriptions - and it is with confidence



stated that a greater amount of Subscriptions  
has been received during the past than in any  
former Year. A detailed Statement of  
the Receipts & Expenditure during the past  
Year will be submitted to you at the  
same time as this Report, and upon  
referring to it ample Evidence of the truth  
of what we have just stated will be  
found.

Your Committee some time ago  
became aware that the existing By  
laws of the Institute were worthless some  
essential formalities not having been observed  
in the passing of them and they deemed it  
necessary to proceed to get them passed in  
a legal manner but previous to adopting  
this proceeding they determined to revise them  
and after a careful examination of them  
they came to the conclusion that several  
of them were unnecessary one or two of them  
inconsistent with the provisions of the  
Act of incorporation and most of  
them very loosely worded and defective  
they therefore came to the resolution  
of abandoning the present By laws and  
preparing new ones. A sub committee  
was accordingly appointed for the purpose  
and the draft of a set of new By laws  
reported by their meeting with the favourable  
consideration of your Committee they  
resolved to submit them to the Members  
for adoption and this they accordingly  
did at a General Meeting held on the  
29<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> at which the said By laws  
were unanimously concurred in.



and passed, and your Committee have good reasons to believe that they will be found to be of great advantage in the future Government of the Institute

Your Committee would now in conclusion beg leave to express a hope that their endeavours to discharge the duties of their office met with your approval.

Montreal <sup>Free Soc</sup> 10/51

Ignace A. Remond

James Hayes Rec Secy

President

on Motion of W. Snedden seconded by W. Cogan. The report was received and adopted.

The Election of office Bearers was now in order, when the President named Messrs Baird McIntosh, Mr Arthur Scrutinizers of the Ballot, who reported the following Gentlemen duly elected to serve for the ensuing year

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|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
| President.           | W. A. Townsine  |                            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice | Henry Buchner   | Committee                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Do   | C. P. Ladd      | Messrs                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Do   | James Hayes     | H. B. Cose, Mr Arthur      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Do   | Alex. Burtram   | D. McQuinn, C. Baird       |
| Cor Secy             | John Fletcher   | J. D. Macara, D. McFarlane |
| Rec Secy             | Alex. Murray    | J. Spurr, H. Lyman         |
| Treasurer            | J. A. B. McGill | J. Snedden, W. C. Cogan    |
| Librarian            | W. McIntosh     | J. D. Reid, K. McAuley     |

Thanks being voted to the retiring officers the meeting dissolved

James Hayes Rec Secy



Mechanics Institute of Montreal  
Assets 1 November 1851

Value of Books in Library	360	00
" of Pictures & Maps	20	00
" Chemical Apparatus. Philonothical Instruments		
" Geological Specimens	60	00
" Furniture	100	00
Amount of subscriptions due supported good	25	00
of cash deposited with Bank of Montreal	150	00
" of cash in Treasurers hands	34	60
	749	60

Liabilities 1 November 1851

To due sundry persons firms about	30	00
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# The Mechanics Institute of Montreal

Dr.

To Superintendants Salary	67	10
Home Rent	50	
Cher and Firewood for Furniture		
Painting and glazing	27	18 10
Periodicals & Newspapers, subscription	28	13
Printing and Stationery	5	4 10
Contingencies	4	3 9
Postage		8 3
Purchase of Books	114	12
Lectures & Classes	8	1 3
Old accts paid off	22	12 5
Legal Expenses	8	18 3
Deposit in Bank of Montreal	150	
Cash on hand	34	6

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in acct with Jas. B. McFell Treasurer

or

By Cash on hand from 1850	18 11 10
" Subscription for 1848	2 15
" do " 1849	4 15
" do " 1850	15 5
" do " 1851	146 16 10
" rent for Building Socy to 1 Nov 1851	9
" " - District " - 1 Sept 1851	1 10
" Cash for Stove pipes	29 8
" do - Newspapers sold	1 6 9
" rent from Law Students	7 10
" do " St. Suckland to 1 May 51	12 10
" do " Northcultural Socy " do	5
" do " Medical Chy. Socy 1 July 1851	4 10
" do " St. Andrs. Socy to 1 May 51	2
" Cash for lectures Tickets sold at assor	1 7 6
" Donation from the Mayor E. N. Faber Esq	10
" Cash from Wm. Spurr for arbitration	5
" Government grant for 1850	50
" Net proceeds from Festivals 1851	65 13 11/2
" Cash from Mr. Gault for Festivals 1849	3
" do from Mr. Stevenson for a Book	1
" do from Mr. Stevens instrument broken	2 5
" Government grant for 1851	50
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Signed

Jas B McFell

Treasurer

Montreal Nov 1851











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