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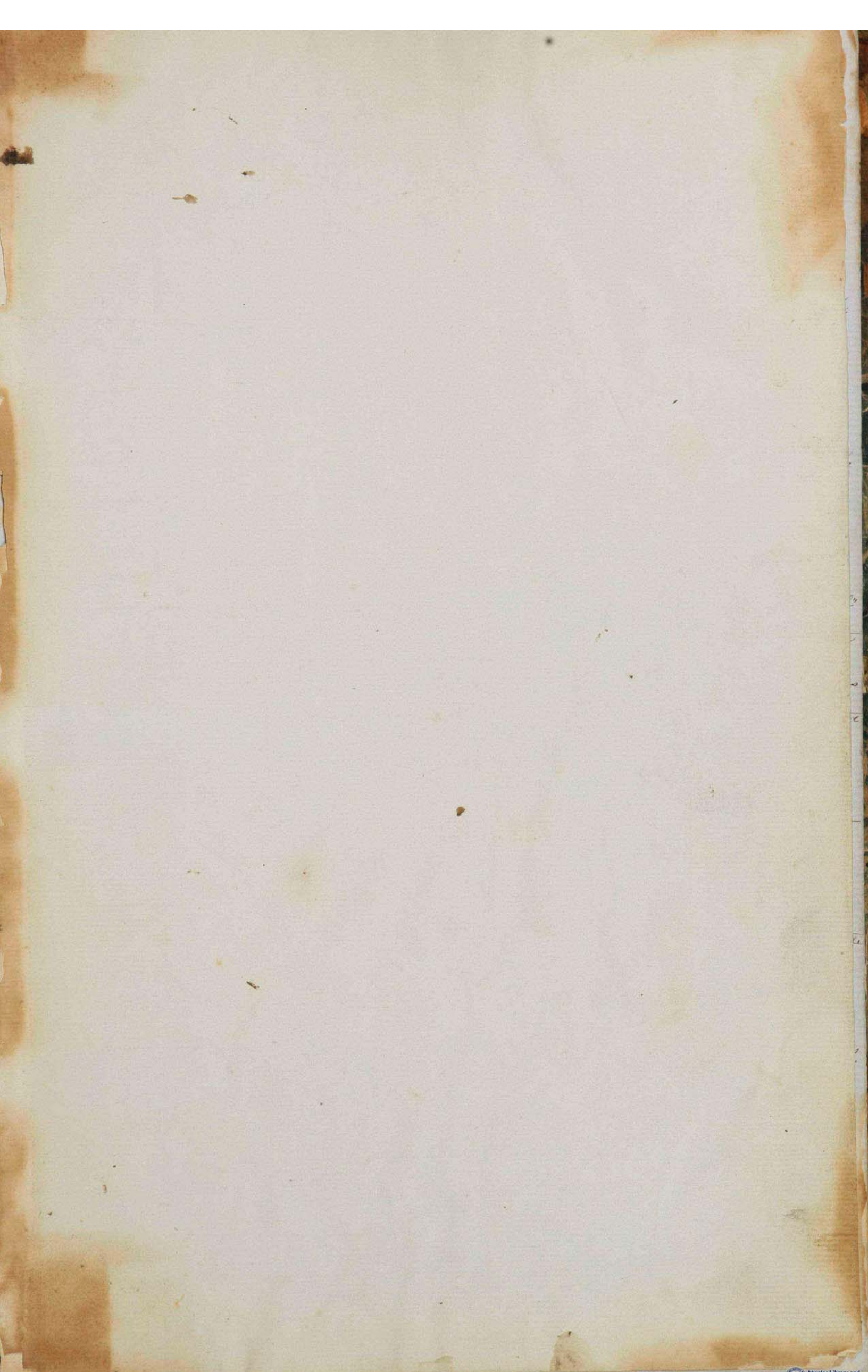
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Mechanics' Institute of Montreal.

The general Committee met on Monday
Evening, February 5th 1855.

Present — Messrs. Bulmer, Lyman, Kennedy Spence, Ladd,
Bernard, Brown, Mitchell, Milln, Murray Spiers,
Lambert and Stevenson.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Ref from Montreal Gazette L¹ 157 — Referred to Finance Com.

A Circular accompanying a volume of the "Canadian Journal,"
was received from the Secretary of the Canadian Institute
of Toronto, intimating that "in compliance with instructions
received from the joint Library Committee of the Legislative
Assembly and the Legislative Council, the Mechanics'
Institute of Montreal, is entitled to receive a copy of
the "Canadian Journal" from the commencement of its
publication until further notice."

Mr Lyman submitted a Report from Sub Committee
on Finance — on motion of Mr Lyman, seconded
by Mr Ladd, the Report was received.

It was moved by Mr Milln, seconded by Mr Spiers,
That the Report do lay on the table for one month.
Carried.

It was moved by Mr Lyman, seconded by Mr Ladd,
That a Sub-Committee be appointed to revise the
Bye-Laws of the Institute — to report as soon as
practicable. — Carried The President named as
said Committee — Messrs. Lyman Ladd, Murray Stevenson & Milln.

It was moved by Mr Murray, seconded by Dr Bernard,
that the Boston Daily "Post" and the Portland "Eastern
Argus be ordered for the Reading Room of the Institute
Carried.

The following were proposed for Membership viz;—
John Dawson, Alex Wilson, — Second Class.
James Conway, Samuel Warrick, — Third Class.

Mr Milln gave notice that in two weeks from hence
he would move — that a correspondence be entered
into with C Fairbairn, Esq of Manchester, with a
view to procure that gentleman to open the new Hall.

No other business appearing, the Meeting adjourned

A H Stevenson, Rec. Sec.

The general Committee met on Friday
Evening, February 9, 1853.

Present— Messrs. Bulmer, Bertram, Brown, Bernard,
Fletcher, Kennedy, Milln, Murray, Mitchell, Ladd, Lyman,
Lambert, Spence and Stevenson.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

It was moved by Mr Fletcher, seconded by Mr Kennedy
that a Ticket of Life-Membership be forwarded to
C. M. Warren Esq., of Cambridge, Mass. in consideration
of the liberal deduction made in his aid for covering
the roof of the new Hall. — Carried.

The president reported on behalf of Building

Committee, that Mr Macintosh was in treaty for the corner store in the new Building - that there was a probability of leasing it to him at a rental of (£175.0.0) One hundred and seventy-five pounds per annum, provided a temporary Building - one story in height - was erected in rear, for the purpose of Storage. The estimated ^{cost} of said building would be from £30 to £75.0.0, and the Building Com. recommended the proposal as the best offer likely to be made.

It was moved by Mr Lyman, seconded by Mr Millin - That the Building Committee be authorized to incur the expense of Seventy-five Pounds, (£75.0.0) for the purpose of erecting a store of one story in the rear of the new Hall - provided a lease can be made of the corner Shop, with back Store @ £175.0.0 per annum. - Carried.

The following were proposed for Membership, viz:
First Class - S. B. Scott, Henry Glassford,
John Doyle, W. Morrison.
Second Class - John Taylor, Jas Stansfield.
Third Class - And^r Holloway, Geo. Follenus, S. Goff.

The Meeting then adjourned

A. A. Stevenson, Recd Secy

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The general Committee met on Monday
Evening, Feb 19, 1855.

Present - Messrs Bertram, Munro, Bernard
Ladd, Spence Murray, Mitchell Fletcher Kennedy
Hopkins, Millin, Brown Lambert, and Stevenson

Mr Bertram having taken the Chair

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

It was moved by Mr Murray, seconded by Dr Bernard,
That the Library Com. be authorized to order through
Mr Arman, a copy of the Illustrated Catalogue
of the London Exhibition. Carried.

The Chairman reported receipt of a pamphlet, containing
Reports of judges, &c at the late Portland Mechanics Fair.

The Corresponding Sec. reported receipt of letters from
the Sec. of the Portland Mechanic Association, stating
that, in compliance with our invitation, they had
deputed three of their number to represent that
Association, at the ^{annual} Festival of this Institute, but the
severity of the weather had prevented the deputation
from being present on that occasion.

A letter was received from Mr Neil Mac Intosh
offering to rent the two shops in the new hall, ^{on a five years lease,} at
(£300.0.0) Three Hundred Pounds per annum.

It was moved by Mr Millin, seconded by Mr Lambert
That the offer of Mr Mac Intosh be accepted, and
that the President be authorized to sign a lease to
that effect. Carried.

A verbal application ^{from Mr J. B. Scott} for rooms in the new

Hall, was refused for reasons specified in the following Resolution.

Moved by Mr-Brown, seconded by Mr-Spence:
That it is inexpedient for the Institute to rent permanently, any of the apartments on the second floor of the New Hall. Carried.

It was moved by Mr-Spence, seconded by Mr-Murray - That Mr-Bertram be authorized to purchase a Musket at an expense of Twenty Shillings, to replace ~~the~~ one lost at the late Festival. Carried.

The following were proposed for Membership, viz:-
Third Class { Francis Allan, Bernard Silverman, Thos C. Dawson
Walter Macfarlane, Donald McDougall

No other business appearing, the Meeting adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson, Rec. Sec.

The General Committee met on
Monday Evening Feb 26, 1855.

Present - Messrs. Bertram Munro, Kennedy Spiers, Garth, Fletcher Brown, Mitchell, Lambert, Murray and Stevenson.

Mr Bertram set the Vice President having taken the Chair - the Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

Acps were submitted from
Wm. McIntosh £ 2"13"6 ordered to be paid
Will Clarke 15.0 Do do.
W. & J. Dutton 1.14.0 Referred to Finance Com.

Mr Spiers reported from the Building Committee that tenders for the gas-fitting of the New Hall, had been received from Messrs. Prowse, Mitchell, and Glen, — Mr Prowse's being the lowest, had been accepted.

It was moved by Mr Munro, seconded by Mr Lambert, that the Report be received, and that the Building Committee be authorized to proceed with the work carried.

The Chairman reported receipt of the Bye-Laws of the Toronto Mechanics' Institute, and also the Constitution and Annual Report of the Mercantile Library Association of New York

Moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Lambert, that the sum of Twenty-five Pounds be appropriated to the ~~Board~~ Library Committee for the purchase of Books Carried.

The following were proposed for Membership, viz:
B. Beaufield — First Class.
Hugh Kirkepatrick, — Third do.

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson, Rec. Sec.

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The General Committee met on
Monday Evening March 5/55.

Present - Messrs. Brown, Bernard, Kennedy,
Spiers, Fletcher, Mitchell, Murray, Munro, Hutchison
Garth, Lambert and Stevenson.

Mr Brown having been called to the Chair, the
Minutes of former Meeting were read and approved.

Mr Spiers reported on behalf of the Building
Committee, that they had made arrangements
with Mr Prouse, to put in the Hot Air Tubes
in the new Hall, and that Mr Garth had agreed
to superintend that part of the work, and Mr
Mitchell - the gas-fitting.

The Consideration of the Report from the Special
Committee on Finance, ^{laid over from Meeting on Feb 5/55} was on ^{motion of Dr}
Bernard, seconded by Mr Spiers, deferred until
this day three weeks.

It was moved by Mr Murray, seconded by
Mr Fletcher - That this Institute do present a
Congratulatory address to His Excellency the
Governor General, on the occasion of his present
visit to Montreal, and that the Chairman do
appoint a Committee to draft the same.

It was moved in amendment by Dr Bernard,
seconded by Mr Garth, - That an Address
having been prepared, in accordance with the
general desire of the Committee, expressed
at a preliminary Meeting, and sent to the

private Secretary of His Excellency the Governor General - this Committee do sanction the proceeding, and concur in the address.

On the vote being taken, the amendment was carried by a majority of one.

The following were proposed for Membership, viz:-
James Foster Jamieson, — Second Class,
Donald W. Pherson, }
John Urquhart, — } Third Class.
John Wood, — }

Mr. Murray gave notice that at next Meeting of the Committee he would move for a re-consideration of the Resolution ^{proposed by Dr. Bernard, and} passed at this meeting, in reference to an Address to the Governor General.

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned,

A. H. Stevenson, Sec. Secy

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the General Committee, called by order of the President and held on Wednesday the 7th March, at 10 o'clock, A. M. were present - Mess. Bulmer, Murray, Hopkins, Garth Mitchell, Fletcher Brown and Stevenson.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The President stated that he had called this Extraordinary Meeting of Committee in consequence of the Resolution which had, by a majority of

one, been passed at the last Meeting; and with reference to which, notice of re-consideration had been given by Mr Murray, — also that the propriety of addressing His Excellency the Governor General, on his present visit to Montreal, might be taken up and decided on by the Meeting.

It was then moved by Mr Murray seconded by Mr Stevenson — That the Motion regarding an address to His Excellency the Governor General, moved at the previous meeting by Dr Bernard, seconded by Mr Gault, and carried by a majority of one, be now re-considered. — Carried.

The President explained that on Monday last, a note was received from Lord Bury, Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor General, intimating that His Excellency would receive addresses, immediately after the Inauguration of the Exhibition on Tuesday, and he (the President) understood that the copies of all addresses intended to be presented, would require to be handed to the Secretary, of His Excellency, as soon as possible after their arrival in this City — consequently the Institute address had been sent, previous to the Meeting of Committee on Monday Evening last.

It was moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Gault That in view of the explanation given by the President — the Resolution referred to above, be expunged from the Minutes, and that the original Motion, moved at last meeting, by Mr Murray and seconded by Mr Fletcher, do stand in its place. Carried.

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The Chairman then named Mess. Bulmer, Lyman and Murray, a Committee to draft the address, who after retiring, presented the following for approval by the Committee:—

To SIR EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Provinces of Canada, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, &c., &c.

May it please Your Excellency:

The Mechanics' Institute of Montreal, availing itself of the present opportunity, desires to congratulate Your Excellency on your safe arrival to fill the office of Governor General of these Provinces, and on your visit, on this interesting occasion, to the City of Montreal.

The Institute, as an Incorporated Association, desires to express its loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the pleasure with which it receives Your Excellency as Her Representative, and the earnest hope that your government in this country may add alike to your own renown, and to the happiness and prosperity of the Canadian People.

The Institute which we have the honor to represent, has already 800 members, it is in a state of most gratifying prosperity, and is just completing a large and elegant Mechanics' Hall, which we trust, on some future and not far distant occasion, may be honored by a visit from Your Excellency. We would most respectfully seek a continuance of the encouragement hitherto extended, and which, proceeding from so exalted a source, is so highly prized; and would, therefore, solicit Your Excellency's kind consideration, and the permission to address you as the Patron of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal.

HENRY BULMER,
President.

A. MURRAY,
Cor. Secy.

Montreal, 6th March, 1855.

His Excellency replied verbally, echoing the sentiments of the address, and stated that he had no idea the mechanics of Montreal were capable of doing so much as he had witnessed in the City Hall. He was happily surprised at all he saw. He thanked the Committee for their good wishes towards himself and Lady Head; he gladly accepted the office conferred on him.

It was moved by Mr Murray, seconded by Mr Stevenson that the draft of address now presented, be approved of, and the President authorized to present the same.

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned,

A. A. Stevenson, Rec Secy.

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The General Committee met on Monday
Evening March 12, 1855.

Present— Mess. Bulmer, Munro, Spiers, Fletcher,
Spence, Garth, Hopkins, Lambert, and Stevenson

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The President reported that the Address, approved of
at the last Meeting, had been presented to His
Excellency the Governor General, and that His Excellency
had graciously received the same, and had consented
to become the Patron of the Institute.

It was moved by Mr. Garth, seconded by Mr. Spence,
That a Committee be appointed to take immediate
Steps, to arrange for an Exhibition or Bazaar,
at the opening of the new Hall,—said Committee
to consist of Mess. Garth Spence and Hopkins, and
to report at the next meeting of the General Committee.
Carried.

Mr. Garth gave notice that, at next meeting
of Committee he would move for the appointment
of a Committee to consider the best means of
establishing an Annual Fair, in connection with
this Institute, similar to the Fairs held by the
American Institute of New York.

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned

A. S. Stevenson,
Rec. Secy

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The General Committee met on
Monday Evening March 19/55

Present - Messrs. Bertram, Munro, Spence, Murray,
Mitchell, Miller, Garth, Kennedy, Lambert
Brown, and Stevenson

Mr Bertram set Vice President, having taken the Chair
the Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

A letter was received from Mr Hopkins, stating that
Mr Maxwell, complained of the ^{boards} ~~boards~~ ^{having} been taken
away by the Plasterers, from the new Hall, and
unless means were taken to warm the building, the
the Carpenter-work would be an unsatisfactory job.

After some conversation on the subject, the matter
was referred to Mr Garth, to take whatever steps were
necessary.

The Sub-Committee on arrangements for the opening
of the New Hall, reported that the Hall should be
opened with a grand Polytechnic Exhibition and
Fancy Fair, to continue open for a week, with a
Concert, Lecture & Discs on each evening of that week
and that a Ticket of Life-membership should be
at once offered as a Prize for the best Essay on
Mechanics' Institutes - the Essay to be read on one
of the evenings of the Exhibition. The Report also
recommended that the Bazaar Department should
be placed under the direction of Mrs Young, Mrs Holton
and Mrs Gordon, provided they would be pleased to
undertake the same.

It was moved by Mr Miller, seconded by Mr Murray,
That the Report be received and adopted,

and that the same Sub-Committee with the addition of the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, be requested to make the preliminary arrangements for a general Meeting of the Members of the Institute. — Carried

It was moved by Mr. Milln, seconded by Mr. Lambert, That the President be requested to call a General Meeting of the Members of the Institute, ^{on Tuesday evening next, the 27th instant,} for the purpose of taking steps to carry out the proposed Exhibition and Fancy Fair, at the opening of the New Hall, and that the Secretary be instructed to issue Circulars to the Members requesting their attendance and cooperation. — Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gorth, seconded by Mr. Spence That a Committee be appointed to consider, and report upon the best means of establishing an Annual Mechanical Exhibition, in connection with this Institute — to report as early a date as possible.

The Chairman named Messrs. Gorth, Milln and Spence as said Committee.

The following were proposed for Membership,
Andrew Young, — first Class
Arthur W. Bean Third do

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned,

A. A. Stevenson
Rec Sec.

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The General Committee met on
Monday Evening, March 26/55

Present - Mess. Bulmer, Bertram Murray, Spence
Kennedy, Hopkins, Fletcher, Garth, Brown,
Lambert, Munro, Lyman, and Stevenson

The Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

Acps were submitted from

B. Hill £ 5. 14. 4 - Referred to Library & Glass Committees.
Bill Clarke 2. 2/6 Ordered to be paid.

The consideration of the Report of the Sub-Committee
on Finance, was, on motion of Mr Garth, seconded
by Mr Brown, postponed till Monday Evening, the 9th April.

After some conversation respecting the opening of
the new Hall

It was moved by Mr Fletcher seconded by Mr Lambert
That the proceedings connected with the inauguration
of the new Hall, do commence on Monday, the 21st of May
Carried.

It was moved by Mr Garth, seconded by Mr Bertram,
That the President be requested to ascertain whether
the premises at present occupied by the Institute can
be retained, for the purposes of the Institute, one
month from the first of May next. — Carried.

The following were proposed for Membership, viz:—

First Class - Theodore Lyman, Daniel Munro.

Second do W. Wanless. Third Class - John Robinson.

No other business appearing, the meeting adjourned

A. A. Stevenson

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The General Committee met on Monday
evening, April 2, 1855.

Present— Mess. Bulmer, Murray, Bertram, Kennedy,
Bernard, Mitchell, Fletcher, Reed, Garth, Spence
Hopkins, Brown and Stevenson.

The Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

The President reported that he had made enquiry
respecting the premises now occupied by the Institute
and had been informed by Mr Penn that they were
anxious to obtain possession as soon as possible,
but as Mr Hogan was out of town no definite
arrangement had been made.

The President also reported that a General
Meeting of the members had been held on the 27th ult.,
which was very numerously attended — the Members
approved of the Report submitted by the General
Committee, and appointed Sub-Committees to carry
it into effect.

The following Reports were made from the several Sub-Committees,—
Mr Garth reported from the Sub-Committee on Lectures,
that Dr R. P. Howard, had consented to deliver a
Lecture on Chemistry, with experiments, and that
a correspondence had been entered into, with Dr Marsh
of Dulwich, with a view to obtain his services for
the other scientific Lecture.

Mr Murray reported from the Essay & Opening Address
Com — that several names had been before the Com.
for the delivery of the Inaugural Address, but
no decision had as yet been made. A form

of an Advertisement respecting the Prize Essay was submitted, when it was

Moved by Mr. Munay, seconded by Mr. Garth,
That the form of Advertisement now submitted, be approved of, and that the Secretary be authorized to insert the same in the English papers of the City. 3 times a week for two weeks — Carried.

The Essay Committee were authorized to telegraph to some party in the United States, with a view to ascertain whether Elisha Burritt, Esq. were at present in the country and if he could be obtained to deliver the address at the opening of the new Hall.

Mr. Hopkins reported that the Fanny Fair Committee had resolved to address the Ladies of the City, by circular, soliciting contributions to that department.

A form of circular was submitted, when it was

Moved by Mr. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Bertram,
That the Secretary be authorized to print the requisite number of copies, and have them distributed as early as possible — Carried.

The Music Committee reported that two of the Institute Bands had agreed to render their services — (Munn's Sax Cornet and St. Patrick's) — the others would most likely do the same. Matters in general progressing favorably.

The Exhibition Com. reported progress.

The President stated that the Building Committee were desirous of obtaining the opinion of the General Com. respecting the Seats for the Lecture Room of the new Hall. Several samples had been sent in, none of which, however, could be recommended for approval.

After some conversation, on the subject, Mr Bernard was authorized to write to Boston, for a plan of the seats, in the Music Hall in that City.

It was moved by Mr Garth, seconded by Mr Bertram that a sub-committee be appointed to consider the propriety of erecting a permanent building in rear of the new Hall, of a uniform height with the main building — and that they report at next meeting. — Carried.

The President appointed as said Committee — Messrs Bulmer, Brown, Garth, Hopkins and Kennedy.

The following ~~Members~~ were proposed, ~~for~~ ^{Members} viz: —

First Class — Alex^r Levy, Mark Samuel, Geo. Stann, John Kelly,

Second Class — Robert Libbery, Alex Shephard.

Third Class — Andw^r McMorrow, John Dittson.

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson, Recording Secretary.

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The General Committee met on Monday Evening April 9, 1853.

Present Messrs. — Bulmer, Bertram, Garth Munro, Bartley, Spiers, Lyman, Murray, Hopkins, Spence, Brown, Bernard, Fletcher and Stevenson.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

An app was submitted from W. A. Townsend, £1.7/6 Referred to Fin. Com.

The President reported that he had seen Mr. Hogan respecting the premises now occupied by the Institute, and that that gentleman asked \$150,00 (One hundred and Fifty Dollars) for the use of the rooms for one month.

The Special Committee appointed at last Meeting to consider the propriety of erecting a permanent building in rear of the new Hall, reported verbally, that a building, such as it was contemplated to erect — four stories in height, with cut stone front on St. Peter Street, would cost about £1000. 0. 0 (One thousand Pounds.)

After some conversation on the subject, it was moved by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Gault — That, provided the money can be obtained on as favorable terms as the former loan, the Building Committee be authorized to prepare plans and specifications for the contemplated building — Carried.

A Conversation took place regarding the necessity of engaging another superintendent for the more efficient management of the business of the Institute in the new Hall. It was agreed to let the matter lie over till next meeting.

Dr. Bernard reported that he had written to Boston for a plan of the seats in the Music Hall, to which no answer had yet been received.

It was moved by Mr. Bertram, seconded by Dr. Munroe That the Building Committee be authorized to make arrangements for the seats for the new Hall. — Carried.

Dr. Bernard reported that he had received a reply to the telegraphic message sent by him, stating that Mr. Elihu Burritt was, not, at the present time in the United States.

The Essay & Opening Address Committee reported that, in answer to their solicitation, ^{the Hon.} Mr. Justice Byrwin had consented to deliver the inaugural Address at the opening of the new Hall.

It was moved by Mr. Garth, seconded by Mr. Bartley, that a Special Committee, consisting of the Chairmen of the sub-committees of arrangements for the opening of the new Hall, be appointed to draw up a general Advertisement, to be inserted in all the papers once a week until the time of opening. — Carried

The Scientific Lecture Committee was authorized to make an arrangement with Rev. D. Marsh, of Quebec, for a Lecture during the Inauguration week — his expenses to be borne by the Institute.

An Application from Mr. Outram to deliver a Lecture on English Ballads, on the same occasion was referred to the Scientific Lecture Com.

The Consideration of the Report of Sub-Committee on Finance (laid over from March 26) was then taken up, and after some discussion, it was moved by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Garth —

That the Report be referred back to the Sub-Committee, with instructions from this Committee to draw up a Report in accordance with the Bye-Laws of the Institute. — Carried

The following were proposed for Membership, viz.:-
First Class. — Andrew Wilson, Wm Learmont.
Second do James Carmichael, Geo. Langburn.

The Meeting adjourned at a late hour.

A. A. Stevenson, Rec Sec.

The General Committee met on Monday Evg
April 16, 1855

Present — Mess. Bulmer, Munro, Spiers, Mitchell, Reed,
Murray, Gairth, Hopkins, Kennedy, Bertram, Bernard,
Spence and Stevenson.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

The President reported that the Building Committee had received no answer concerning the loan — but it was probable an answer would be given in a few days.

The President reported that an Advertisement had been prepared by the Chairman of Sub-Committee, and inserted in the papers twice a week until the first of May.

The Exhibition Committee reported — recommending that a special Advt be inserted in the papers — soliciting articles for Exhibition.

After some conversation, it was moved by Mr Murray, seconded by Mr Bertram — That the Report be referred to the Recording Secretary of the Institute with instructions to make such alterations in the general Advertisement as may meet the views of the Exhibition Committee — Carried

The President reported that the Contract for the seats for the new Hall, had not yet been given out—a pattern settee had been prepared, and was now submitted for the approval of the meeting. The estimated cost for each settee, was £3.10/.

The Committee having inspected the same, and suggested several alterations, It was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Garth, — That the Building Committee be authorized to give out a Contract for settees, similar to the one now presented, — with such alterations as have been recommended, so as to reduce the cost, if possible, to Twelve dollars £3.0.0 each. — Carried.

It was moved by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Spiers, — That the Chairmen of the different Sub-Committees, be a Standing Committee on Advertisements, Editorial notices, and matters in general, connected with the opening ceremonies of the new Hall.

Mr. Spence reported that the Decoration Committee had received from Mess. Cockburn & Brown, a handsome donation, consisting of the Festoons, &c used at the Bachelors Ball, lately held in the St. Lawrence Hall.

The Scientific Lecture Com. reported that they could not accede to the request of Mr. Putnam, to deliver a Lecture on English Ballads, during the inauguration week.

The matter respecting the appointment of a Superintendent was then taken up, and after a lengthy conversation, it was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Bertram

That the question regarding the appointment of a Superintendent do lay on the table, and that the Finance Committee be requested to report, at their earliest convenience, as to the best mode of relieving the present Superintendent of the duty of collecting the unpaid subscriptions, and so to secure his constant attendance to the Reading Room and Library. — Carried

It was moved by Dr Bernard, seconded by Mr Hopkins, that the Library Committee be requested to prepare plans for fitting up the Reading Room and Library in the new Hall — to be submitted to the General Committee at the earliest possible period. — Carried

The following were proposed for Membership, viz:—

First Class — Charles McDonald, Senr, J. D Hall,
Archibald W Connocky.

Second Class. — Frederick Cole, Thos Bremak,
C. Robertson, Thomas Goff.

Third Class — John Kennedy, Edward Woods.

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned,

A. A. Stevenson, Sec. Sec.

The General Committee met on Monday Evg
April 23, 1855

Present — Mess. Bernard Munro, Lambert Fletcher Mitchell,
Mills and Stevenson

It was moved by Mr Fletcher, seconded by Mr Lambert —
That the reading of the Minutes of last meeting be deferred
until the next meeting. — Carried,

On Motion of Mr Lambert, the Meeting adjourned

A. A. Stevenson,
Rec Sec.

The General Committee met on
Monday Evening April 30, 1853.

Present—Messrs. Bulmer, Bertram, Murray, Bernard,
Munn, Miller, Garth Kennedy, Spence Fletcher and
Stevenson

The Minutes of Meetings on 16th and 23rd Inst^s were read and
approved.

The Building Committee reported on Messrs. Myatt and
Jackson's acc^t for the Brick Work of the new Hall, as follows:

Amount of original Contract £ 680" 0" 0

Extras ————— 114" 17" 6

Jobbing ————— 7" 3" 8

£ 801" 1" 2

Cash paid on acc^t — 722" 15" 0

£ 84" 6" 2

Amount deduct for Overcharge 2" 7" 8

Balance due ————— 81" 18" 6

The acc^t on the recommendation of the Building Committee
was referred for payment.

The President reported from Building Committee, that, as
yet no definite answer had been obtained regarding
the proposed loan to erect the additional Building
in rear, but was expected in a day or two.

It was moved by Mr Munn, seconded by Mr Garth,
That the Committee pursue their negotiations in regard
to the loan, and the matter be left on the table for
another week. Carried.

The Building Committee consulted the Meeting regarding
the Gas Fittings of the large Hall, a model pendant
for which was exhibited, when it was decided
that the effects produced by the sample pendants

which Mr Gault offered to make, was to be tried before the decision is arrived at, and that Mr Prowse be instructed to close the pipes and test the work.

The Library Committee presented plans of Fitting for Library —

It was moved by Mr Munro, seconded by Mr Fletcher that the plans be approved of, and the Committee instructed to proceed to procure the execution of the work carried

Mr Murray offered the use of a room in the Montreal Insurance Co's building, to stow away the Books while the Library was being fitted up

It was moved by Mr Fletcher, seconded by Mr Bertram — that Mr Murray's offer be accepted carried

The following were proposed for Membership, viz
Second class — J. M. Kerr, George Donald, John Ellis.
Third class — Wm Sprayes.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

Al Stevenson Rec Secy

The General Committee met on Monday
Evening May 7, 1853

Present Messrs. Bulmer, Spiers, Bernard Hopkins
Kennedy, Garth Mitchell, Munro, Reed, Fletcher
Bertram, Spence and Murray.

In the absence of the Recording Secretary, Mr. Murray
acted in that Capacity.

The Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

An act was presented from Mr. Geo. F. Prowse £1.19/1
which was referred to House Committee

The Building Committee presented an act from
G. F. Prowse, for £100.17/7

On Motion of Mr. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Kennedy,
the act was referred to Messrs. Spiers, Hopkins and
Munro, for examination

The President reported that the Building Committee
had failed to procure the loan to erect the proposed
addition to the Hall

A conversation having taken place in reference to
the side lights of the Hall door, and the Building Com.
having reported that Mr. Ramsay had offered to emboss
the same, if the Institute provided the plate glass,

It was moved by Mr. Garth seconded by Dr. Bernard
that the Building Committee be authorized to procure
Plate Glass for the side lights, and to take advantage
of Mr. Ramsay's offer, provided the expense does
not exceed £4.0.0 (Four pounds.) — Carried

It was moved by Mr. Bertram, seconded by Mr. Spence
That the Corresponding Secretary do address the Grand
Trunk Railway Co. requesting the loan of a portable
Steam Engine for the purposes of the Exhibition. — Carried

It was moved by Mr. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Spence
That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Building
Committee should proceed at once with the erection
of the platform in the Lecture Hall, so as to have it ready
by the 31st. — Carried

The following were proposed for Membership
First Class. — Richard Thomas
Third Class. — Henry Leavitt
and the Meeting adjourned

A. A. Stevenson, Secy

The General Committee met on Monday Evening
May 14, 1855

Present — Messrs. Bulmer Bertram, Spence Garth
Bartley Millin Lambert Murray Hutchison Lyman
Mitchell and Brown

The Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

A note was read from Mr. Spiers, resigning the Chairmanship
of House Committee. — On motion of Millin, seconded by Mr.
Bertram, the resignation was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Garth, seconded by Mr. Bartley, Mr. Munro
was appointed Chairman of House Committee in room of Mr. Spiers.

Two notes were read from Mr. Lawford in reference to the plan for library furniture, furnished by the firm of Hopkins Lawford & Nelson, when

It was moved by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Milne that the Secretary be instructed to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Lawford's letters, and to inform him that his firm was employed to make a plan for the Library Furniture, which was done in a satisfactory manner, and which was all that was supposed to be necessary in the case — Carried

The question of postponement having been discussed at length, and the opinion of Committee having been taken, it was decided that it should be opened on the day named, 21st inst.

The following were proposed for Membership viz
First Class — David Dunean
Second Class — P. Lodge, P. A. Murphy
M. H. Lefebvre

The Meeting then adjourned

A. A. Stevenson Rec^d Sec^y

New Mechanics' Hall,
Montreal, May 19th 1855.

The General Committee met in the new Hall this afternoon at 4 o'clock

Present Messrs. Bertram Brown, Munro, Spence Kennedy, Garth Hutchison Bernard Murray, Ladd, Spier Mitchell and Stevenson.

Mr. Bertram having taken the Chair, it was moved by Mr. Garth seconded by Mr. Kennedy that the ^{reading of the} minutes of last Meeting be postponed till next meeting. — Carried

The Chairman stated that the Meeting had been called to consider matters relative to the opening of the new Hall on Monday next.

After some conversation, it was moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Mr. Hutchison — That all Exhibitors, and Contributors to the Fancy Fair Department, do receive free tickets of admission to these departments — the name of the party to be written on the ticket, and in no case to be transferable. — Carried

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Bernard that the members of the General Committee be admitted to the rooms of the Institute, at all hours, free of charge, during the Inauguration week. — Carried

It was moved by Mr. Garth, seconded by Mr. Spier, that the members of the different sub-Committees in

connection with the Exhibition &c, do receive free tickets of admission to the Exhibition and Fancy Fair, but not to the Concerts or Evening Entertainments

Carried

It was moved by Mr Spiers, seconded by Mr Murray, — That season tickets be issued, admitting one person to the Exhibition and Fancy Fair during the whole week, for the sum of 2/6 (half a dollar.) — Carried.

It was moved by Dr Bernard, seconded by Mr Ladd, That season tickets to the Evening Entertainments during the Inauguration week, be issued and sold at 5/ (One dollar) each. — Carried

It was moved by Mr Hutchinson, seconded by Mr Mitchell — That the price of single tickets to the Exhibition and Fancy Fair departments, be 7/2, and to the Lectures, Concerts, &c, in the evening 1/3. Carried.

It was moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Ladd, That the Musicians, and Vocal performers, assisting at the opening, do receive free tickets to the Exhibition and Fancy Fair departments, and to each of the Concerts. — Carried

It was moved by Mr Garth, seconded by Mr Munn, That the Chairmen of the different sub-Committees be authorized to issue passes ^{admitting} to the Exhibition and Fancy Fair, who may be employed on the occasion Carried

On motion of Dr Bernard, the Meeting adjourned till half-past Seven in the evening

A. A. Stevenson, Rec Secy

An adjourned Meeting of the General was held on
Saturday Evening May 19, 1855.

Present—Messrs. Brown, Spence, Murray, Bernard Ladd
Millin, Garth, Lyman Mums Mitchell and Stevenson.
Mr. Brown having been called to the Chair,
The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A conversation took place relative to the settees for
the New Hall, in course of which it was stated by
several of the members that the seats would not
be ready on Monday, as contracted for.

It was moved by Mr. Millin, seconded by Dr. Bernard
that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to
address a communication to Messrs. J & W. Hilton, informing
them that in the event of their not supplying the settees
for the new Hall by Monday next, the Committee will
expect the Hall to be seated at their expense—
they, the Contractors, being held liable for all
damages that may arise; and that Messrs. Mums
Murray and Garth, be a deputation to present
the communication, and receive their reply. — Carried

Mr. Stevenson agreed to obtain Banners and flags
from some of the vessels in port, for the purpose of
decoration.

No other business being brought forward
the Meeting adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson
Secy Secy

The General Committee met on
Wednesday Evening, May 23, 1855

Present Messrs. Bulmer, Murray, Ladd
Fletcher, Munro, Bartley Lyman, Bernard, Girth
Bertram, Hutchinson, Mitchell Kennedy and Stevenson.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

The president stated that it was the wish of the
ladies, connected with the management of the
Fancy Fair Department, to hold a Ball, after
the Soiree, to-morrow evening, and that the meeting
had been called to take the matter into consideration.

It was moved by Dr. Bernard, seconded by
Mr. Ladd, — That the desire of the ladies, to
wind up the proceedings to-morrow evening, with
a dance, be concurred in, and the following
gentlemen be appointed a Committee to carry it
out, viz: — Messrs. Bulmer, Girth Kennedy,
Bernard, Bartley and Spence, — Carried

An application for the use of the Hall was received
from the Agent of the Campbell Minstrels — the
consideration of which was deferred till next
meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Stevenson, seconded by Dr.
Bernard — That a communication be addressed
to Messrs J. W. Hilton informing them, that
inasmuch as they have failed to furnish
the seats for the New Mechanics' Hall, at
the time agreed upon; and inasmuch as those

sent to the Hall this day, are not made in accordance with the plan agreed upon and contracted for, the Committee will decline to receive them. Carried

No other business being brought up, the Meeting adjourned

A. A. Stevenson
Record & Secy

The General Committee met on Monday Evening
June 4, 1855.

Present—Messrs Bertram, Spence Bernard Miller
Reed Mitchell Hopkins Brown, Kennedy, Spiers Munro,
Fletcher and Stevenson.

Mr Bertram having taken the Chair the Minutes of former meeting were read and approved

The Secretary reported that he had enclosed a copy of the Resolution passed at last Meeting in reference to the seats for the new Hall, and that Messrs Hilton had agreed to make the letters, in accordance with the agreement made by the Committee.

Rep were submitted from

J. J. Dutton £ 5.0.0 Referred to Class Committee
Mavor & McDonald 1.14.4½ Do to Building Com.

An Application from the Horticultural Society, for the use of a Room for Meeting once a month, was read.

It was moved by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, — That the letter be received, and the consideration thereof postponed till next meeting, Carried.

Mr. Coffins letter, enclosing Fifty dollars, the amount of his subscription to the Building Fund, was read, and ordered to be placed on file.

It was moved by Mr. Millin, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, That the Finance Committee of the Exhibition be requested to prepare a Report of their Receipts and Expenditure, and submit it to this Committee at its next meeting. — Carried.

A form of Circular, expressing the thanks of the Com. to the ladies who assisted at the Fancy Fair, was submitted from Mr. Leeming, Chairman of L. F. Com.

It was moved by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Spiers, That the question of a vote of thanks to the ladies be deferred till next meeting. — Carried.

A conversation took place on the subject of letting the New Hall, as to whether it formed part of the duties of the House Committee, or should be done by a Special Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Millin, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, That a Special Committee of three be appointed for the letting of the new Hall.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Spiers, seconded by Dr. Bernard — That the question of letting the Hall be deferred until next meeting, and that the House Committee be instructed to let the Hall in the meantime to the best advantage.

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried by a majority of three.

It was moved by Mr. Spence, seconded by Mr. Brown,
That Mess. Hopkins, Lawford & Nelson be instructed to
prepare a plan for a permanent Platform in the large
Lecture Room, and submit it to this Committee at its
next Meeting. — Carried

It was moved by Mr. Millin, seconded by Mr. Kennedy,
That all monies do pass through the Recording Secretary
hands, in accordance with the Bye Laws of the Institute.
Carried.

The following were proposed for Membership, viz
R. W. Cowan — First Class.
Chas. Drummond — Second Class.

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned

A. A. Stevenson, Rec^d Sec^y

The General Committee met on
Monday Evening June 11, 1855.

Present — Messrs. Bulmer, Bertram, Brown, Garth
Hopkins, Kennedy, Murray Munro, Reed Lambert, Bernal,
Spence, Spiers and Stevenson.

The Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

Receipts were submitted from
Mess. Garven & Laurie £ 2 " 4/ — Referred to Building Com.
John Armour (Balance) £ 23 " 19/ — Referred to Treasurer for payment.

It was moved by Mr Garth, seconded by Mr Brown,
That an appropriation of £20.0.0 in addition to the
£50.0.0 already voted, making in all £70.0.0
Seventy-pounds for the Current year, be placed at the
disposal of the Library Committee for the purchase
of new Books. ——— Carried

A Statement of the Receipts during the Inauguration
week, was laid on the table, from which it appeared
that the total proceeds were £457" 18" 3.

Amount since paid ——— 13" 0" 10

In Treasurer's hands at date — £444" 17" 5

A number of aeps against the Exhibition and
Fancy Fair, were submitted, when

It was moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Spiers
That the aeps against the Exhibition and Fancy Fair
be referred for examination, to the Finance Committee
of the Institute, with instructions to have them paid if
found correct. ——— Carried.

The President having stated that the Superintendent
of the Institute was desirous of obtaining an increase
of Salary,

It was moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Garth
That a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Bulmer,
Murray and Munro, be appointed to consider, and report
upon the best mode of arranging respecting the
Superintendance of the Institute Carried.

Mr Garth on behalf of the Special Committee
on Light, reported that they ~~were of opinion~~ ^{would recommend} that
the Reading Room, Library and large Glass Room,

be lighted in the same manner as the Lecture Room,
that the Committee Room and Class Room No 2,
should be lighted with the pendants used in the old
Institute, and that a new Gasalier be procured
for Class Room No 3.

It was moved by Mr Brown, seconded by
Dr Bernard - That the Report be adopted, and that
the House Committee, with Mr Farth, be instructed
to carry it into effect. — Carried

On motion of Mr Bertram, seconded by Mr Stevenson
the consideration of the Application of the Horticultural
Society, was postponed till next meeting. — Carried.

It was moved by Mr Stevenson, seconded by Mr Bertram
That a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Balmer
Murray & Bernard, be appointed to draw up an
Advt. returning thanks to the Ladies who superintended
the Fancy Fair Department, at the Inauguration
of the new Hall, and also to all other parties
who, in any way, assisted on that occasion.
Carried.

It was moved by Mr Murray, seconded by Dr Bernard —
That, inasmuch as before this Committee meet again,
it may be necessary, in order to protect the interests of the
Institute, to take certain proceedings with regard to the
Stock in the Shop of Mr McIntosh, the President be
authorized to adopt such proceedings, under the advice
of the legal advisers of the Institute. — Carried

It was moved by Mr Spiers, seconded by Mr Bertram
That the consideration of the subject relative to the letting
of the Hall, be postponed till next meeting, — Carried

A plan for Platform in Lecture Room, was submitted by Mr Hopkins

It was moved by Mr Munro, seconded by Mr Murray that the plan be received, and the Architects be requested to obtain tenders for the Construction of the same. height of platform to be 3 ft. Carried

It was moved by Mr Spiers, seconded by Mr Gauth — That a large star, with 9 or 10 burners be substituted for the one which at present, lights the upper end of the Lecture Room, for the purpose of giving more light on the platform, than is obtained at present. Carried

The following were proposed for Membership, viz:
Samuel Phillips — First Class
William Bennett — Second Class

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned

A A Stevenson, Rec^d Sec^y

The General Committee met on
Monday Evening, June 18, 1855

Present — Messrs. Bulmer Bertram Bernard, Lambert Millin, Munro, Reid Gauth, Spiers, ^{Fletcher} and Stevenson.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

An a/c from Miss Blackie's Sons 7/6 was referred to Class Committee
Mr Hopkins' Letter respecting tenders for platform was read and placed on file.

Two sealed Tenders for the erection of platform, were laid on the Table —

It was moved by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Millin — That the Tenders be opened and read, but that this Committee will not consider itself bound to accept either.

Mr. Spiers moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Munro, That the following words be added to the motion — "if it be found, that they exceed the sum of Seventy-five Pounds, £ 75.0.0 by.

On the Vote being taken, there appeared for the Amendment 5. for the Motion 5. The president gave the Casting vote in favor of the motion, which was carried.

The tenders were then opened and read, the amounts being as follows: —

Messrs. Gill & Reid's £ 77 " 10.0

Mr. Robert Benn's 94 " 0.0

It was moved by Mr. Millin, seconded by Mr. Lambert, That the receipt of tenders be acknowledged, and that the parties be notified, that the sum stated, is greater than the Committee would be justified in expending at the present time, and that the plans will in all probability, be altered in order to reduce the cost. — Carried

The Following Donations were reported, and ordered to be acknowledged, viz: —

From Mrs. C. M. Tate — A very handsome Embroidered President's Chair

From Mr. E. Boyle — One volume, accompanied by a Dioramic View of the City of Dublin.

The Superintendants letter for an increase of Salary, was on motion of Mr. Garth, seconded by Mr. Millin, referred to the Special Committee on the Superintendence of the Institute, to be reported on at next meeting

Letter from Mr Prowse, in reference to the settlement of his acc^t, was on motion of Mr Milln, seconded by Dr Bernard, referred to the Special Committee to whom the acc^t was referred for examination.

A letter was read from the Treasurer, accompanying a statement of Building Fund, made up to 7th instant

Amount on hand at that date £ 83 " 1 " 9

Received since that date 48 " 15 " 0

£ 131 " 16 " 9

Disbursements since that date 195 " 13 " 6

Amount due Treasurer 63 " 16 " 9

The letter also stated that he had brought down the amount of receipts and payments of the current expense acc^t for the present year, from which it appears that the sum received was £ 312 " 18 " 10

Amount expended 310 " 12 " 10

In Treasurer's hands £ 2 " 6 " 0

The Finance Committee reported on Mr R. Macfarlane's acc^t for decorating the Hall at the Inauguration, & recommended that he be paid 7/6 p^r day instead of 10/ as charged.

It was moved by Mr Milln, seconded by Mr Garth, that Mr Macfarlane be paid at the rate of 7/6 p^r day in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Com.
Carried

The Finance Committee presented the following Report:-

To the General Committee of the Mechanics Institute.

In compliance with a Resolution of the General Committee held at a meeting held on April 16th directing the Finance Committee to consider and Report upon the best method of relieving the Superintendent from the duty of collecting accounts, so as to secure his constant

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attendance and services about the Hall - your Committee beg leave to report, that in their opinion, all accounts for arrears, and subscriptions due ^{to} the Institute, should be placed in the hands of a Collector, who should be paid at the rate of ten per cent. on all accounts collected.

In consequence of the defective manner in which the Books of the Institute have been kept, the Finance Committee are unable to ascertain the amount at present due the Institute for subscriptions. This labor, however, is now being performed and the Finance Committee hope to be able, at an early date, to submit a statement, containing full particulars on that subject.

The whole nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Hector Munro, Chairman.

A. Bernard.

A. A. Stevenson.

It was moved by Mr. Garth, seconded by Mr. Milln - That the Report be received, and the consideration of it be deferred to Thursday Evening next, and that a special meeting be held on that evening, for the purpose of arranging a proper system for the management of the financial affairs of the Institute. Carried

D. Bernard tendered his resignation as a Member of the Finance Committee

It was moved by Mr. Milln, seconded by Mr. Garth That the letter be received and the consideration of it be deferred till next meeting (Thursday Evg) Carried

The following were proposed for Membership, viz -
First Class - J. W. Haldimand. Second Class - Isaac Craig,
Third Class - allans. Wm. Seaton.

The Meeting then adjourned
A. A. Stevenson Recd

The General Committee met on Thursday
Evening, June 21, 1855.

Present Messrs. Bulmer, Munro, Garth, Murray Millin
Spiers, Mitchell, Hopkins Reid Spence & Stevenson

The Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Hopkins submitted a revised plan for the
platform in Lecture Room, when

It was moved by Mr. Millin, seconded by Mr. Garth,
That the reduced plan be received and adopted,
and the Architects be instructed to procure tenders for
its erection, and submit the same at next meeting
Carried.

Mr. Munro tendered his resignation as Chairman of
the Finance Committee

It was moved by Mr. Millin, seconded by Mr. Garth,
That the resignation of Mr. Munro, as Chairman of
the Finance Committee be not accepted. Carried

The consideration of Dr. Bernard's resignation, as a
member of the same sub-Committee, was next
taken up, and on motion of Mr. Spiers, seconded
by Mr. Spence, was accepted.

Mr. Garth was appointed a member of the Finance
Committee, in room of Dr. Bernard, (resigned.)

A discussion took place respecting the necessity
existing for an improved Financial system in the
management of the affairs of the Institute, after which

It was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Millin
That inasmuch as the Financial system of the
Institute is at present, and has long been in a

most unsatisfactory state, mainly attributable to ~~the~~ neglect in observing the 20th 22nd and 23rd Bye Laws, and as this Committee is of opinion, that a strict adherence to these Bye Laws will obviate, to a great extent present difficulties, Be it resolved, that from this date forward, these Bye Laws be strictly followed, and the Recording Secretary and Treasurer be at once notified to that effect, and desired to comply with this Resolution. Carried

It was moved by Mr. Spiers, seconded by Mr. Miller that the Finance Committee be instructed to prepare and lay before this Committee, within six weeks from date, an inventory of all property belonging to the Institute, together with a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Institute, and that the several officers and sub-Committees be requested to furnish to the Finance Committee such information as they may require, in order to make the statement complete. Carried.

The Report of the Finance Committee, submitted at last meeting, was then considered, and

It was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Miller that the Report be received and adopted, and the Finance Committee be authorized to employ a collector for the collection of the outstanding debts of the Institute. Carried

The Special Committee on the Superintendance of the Institute reported as follows:—

Montreal June 21, 1855.

To the General Committee of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal.
The sub-Committee, appointed at the Meeting of the 11th instant, to make arrangements regarding the more ~~effective~~ effective superintendance of the Institute, beg to Report,—

That they held a meeting on the 20th inst., and after giving the subject full consideration, determined to recommend to the General Committee:—

That in future the Superintendant give his whole time to attendance to his duties at the Hall, excepting for one hour three times a day, which he shall be allowed for meals— That he procure a suitable boy to clean out the Building, carry Messages, &c. and that the collection of the fees, be entrusted to a regular Collector at a per Centage—the Superintendant furnishing him, from time to time with Receipts, and lists of the Members on whom to call.— They also recommend that Mr. Richardson be continued as Superintendant for the present— provided he agree to follow the Rules and Instructions to be given for his guidance, and that his Salary be increased to £100.0.0 (One Hundred Pounds) *per annum*, out of which he will procure a boy to assist him.

Inasmuch also as the duties of the Superintendant are not in any Bye Law, or otherwise prescribed, the Sub-Committee recommend that a Clause be added to the Rules of the Library & Reading Room, distinctly specifying what they are, and would suggest the following:—

"It shall be the duty of the Superintendant to open and close the Hall at the hours before-mentioned, — to see that the Rooms are properly and thoroughly cleaned, and swept, — to send to the Post Office several times daily, on the arrival of the principal Mails — to receive, arrange, and put on file, the Newspapers and Periodicals, and to see that they are all duly received, — to be in constant attendance at the Hall, on all lawful days, excepting from 8 to 9, from 1 to 2, and from 6 to 7 o'clock —

to see that all the Rules of the Reading Room and Library are observed — to keep the several books with which he ~~may~~ ^{shall} be entrusted, regularly written up — to attend to the renting of the various Rooms in the Building which may be required, and collect the Rents for the same, and generally to carry out the instructions of the Committee, and attend to the interests of the Institute

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Henry Bulmer.

" H. Munro.

" A. Murray.

It was moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Spence
That the Report be received and adopted. — Carried.

It was moved by Mr Garth, seconded by Mr Milln
That no accounts or monies be paid without first
having been approved of by the Finance Committee,
and passed by the General Committee. — Carried.

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson
Rec^d Sec^y

The General Committee met on
Monday Evening June 25, 1855.

Present — Messrs Bulmer, Lambert, Hopkins, Milln,
Mitchell Spence Garth Murray, Munro, Lyman Bernard
Brown Bartley and Stevenson

The Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

The Special Committee appointed to examine Mr. Brown's acf, reported that they had discovered several overcharges in the acf, which would reduce the amount to £97¹¹/₂ instead of £114¹³/₂ as charged in the acf.

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Murray, that the Report be received and adopted, and the acf be settled in accordance therewith. — Carried.

An acf was submitted from Messrs. J. W. Hilton, for letters in new Hall, amounting to £261.0.0

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of £200.0.0 on acf the balance to lay over until the Committee were satisfied that the work was finished according to contract — which was agreed to by the Meeting.

An Application was received from Mr. B. Irwin, for the use of the Lecture Hall to hold religious services on Sundays.

An animated discussion took place in regard to the propriety of Renting it for any purpose on Sundays, and

It was moved by Mr. ~~Garth~~ Miller, seconded by Mr. Garth, that the Hall be not rented on Sundays for any purpose whatever.

Dr. Bernard moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Hopkin, that the Letter be received, and the subject be laid on the table for future consideration.

On being put to the vote, the Amendment was carried by a majority of One.

Three Sealed Tenders for the erection of platform, were laid on the Table, It was moved by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Spence,

that the Tenders be opened and read but that this Committee does not consider itself bound to accept any of them. — Carried

The Tenders were then opened, and were as follows:—

Andrew Elliott £55.0.0 — Gill & Reid £65.0.0 — Robt. Benn, £68.0.0.

It was moved by Mr Munro, seconded by Mr Bartley
That Mr Elliott's tender be accepted, and that he be
notified to that effect. — Carried

The application of the Horticultural Society, for the use
of a Room once a month was taken into consideration

It was moved by Mr Miller, seconded by Mr Munro,
That the use of a Room be granted for a meeting once a
month, at the rate of £6.0.0 (Six Pounds) p^annum — Carried

The subject of the Letting of the Hall was next considered,
and it was deemed inexpedient to appoint a Special Committee
for that purpose, as it properly appertained to the duties of the House
Committee.

The President's resignation as a Member of the House Committee
was accepted.

The President appointed Messrs. Stevenson, Murray and
Spence — Members of the House Committee.

The House Committee were instructed to have the floor
of the Library and Reading Room oiled, and to prepare
a Tariff for the Renting of the Hall.

The following were proposed for Membership, viz
First Class — Jas. C. Kayard, John Thomson,
Alex. Bissett.

Third Class — John Little, Henry Palmer,
Wm Linton, Wm Manning.

The Meeting then adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson, Rec^d Secy

The General Committee met on
Monday Evening July 2, 1855.

Present — Messrs. Bertram, Miller Reed Mitchell
Garth, Bernard, Munro, Murray and Stevenson.

Mr. Bertram, set Vice-president having taken the Chair,
the Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

accs were submitted from

Messrs. J. W. McCallan & Co. £ 23. 17/6 Referred to Buildg. Com.

W. Rodden — 10. 7/6 Do. Do.

Dr. Howard — 7/6 Ordered to be paid.

The House Committee submitted a Tariff of Rates
for renting the Rooms of the Hall, of which the following is a copy:

Lecture Room.

For Concerts or Entertainments of a Theatrical Character.

One Night — £ 5. 0. 0.

Three Nights 12. 10. 0

Six Nights 20. 0. 0

Odd days between the terms, to be charged at the same
rate per day, as the preceding term.

Lectures on Literary or Scientific Subjects, One half the above rates.

Committee Rooms.

Per Day or Night — 7. 6

Day and Night — 10. 0

Meeting during the Day 5. 0

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Reed — That the Report of
the House Committee be accepted, and the tariff therein recommended
be adopted. — Carried

The following were proposed for Membership, viz
Galbraith Ward - First Class.
John K. Spears - Second Class.

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned

A. A. Stevenson,

Recording Secretary

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal July 9, 1855.

The General Committee met this Evening

Present - Bulmer, Brown, Reed Spence, Kennedy, Mitchell
Munro, Garth, Ladd, Bernard Millin Fletcher & Stevenson

The Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Robt Macfarlane's letter refusing to accept twelve dollars in payment of his acc^t, as agreed ^{upon} by the Committee on the 18th ult.,

The consent of the mover of the resolution referred to, having been obtained, it was moved by Mr. Garth, seconded by Mr. Millin that the vote, relating to Mr. Macfarlane's acc^t, ~~passed~~ passed at Meeting on 18th June, be now re-considered.
Carried.

In course of conversation it was stated that Mr. Macfarlane had offered to accept \$12.00, with the addition of a Ticket of Membership for current year

It was moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Bernard that Mr. Spence be authorized to settle with Mr. Macfarlane, giving him Twelve dollars in cash, and a Members' ticket for the current year. - Carried

The Finance Committee submitted a list of names, which they recommended to be struck from the list of Memberships, for non-payment of arrears, and other causes.

It was moved by Mr Murray, seconded by Dr Bernard that the Report be received, and the names struck off in accordance therewith, — and that a Book be procured to register alphabetically the names of all parties expelled in consequence of non-payment of arrears, with a view to their not being re-admitted, until such arrears are paid up.

Carried

The Finance Committee reported the following accs correct which were ordered to be paid, viz: —

Robert Morris 3/- G. F. Prowse £ 1.19/0
John Rodgers £ 8.16/10 Henry Morgan £ 7.5/3.
Pilot Office £ 1.4/11.

The Finance Committee submitted three accs for the tuition of Classes during last winter, and desired information relating thereto. It was moved by Dr Bernard, seconded by Mr Brown that the accs be referred back to the Finance Committee, with a view to confer with the Lecture and Class Committee and to report at a future meeting. — Carried

The President reported that in accordance with the desires of the Committee expressed at an informal meeting, he had an interview with Mr Bidder, the General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. respecting the getting up of a Pleasure Excursion to Island Pond, at which place it was proposed to hold a Grand International Pic-nic with the People of Portland and other towns on the route. The Company would carry the party to and from Island Pond @ 7/6 per head — the Committee putting on an additional 2/6 or whatever sum they thought proper, as the per centage of the profits accruing to the Institute

It was moved by Mrs Bernard, seconded by Mr Fletcher, - That a Committee of three be appointed to arrange with Mr Bidder, for an Excursion to Island Pond, at the rate of 7/6 p head, - the Institute to receive one third of that amount - and failing this arrangement, the Committee to ascertain on what terms an arrangement can be made for an Excursion either there or elsewhere, and to report to the General Committee. Carried.

On motion of Mr Millin, seconded by Mr Brown, the President, Recording Secretary, and Dr Bernard, were appointed a Committee for that purpose.

The consideration of Mr Irwin's application for the use of the Hall to hold religious services, on Sundays, was then taken up, when it was moved by Mr Millin, seconded by Mr Murray, That the Hall be not rented on Sundays, for any purpose whatsoever. Carried by a majority of five.

Thomas Whittaker, - second Class, was proposed as a member of the Institute, and the Meeting adjourned.

A. Stevenson, Recording Secretary.

The General Committee met on Tuesday Evening, July 10, 1855.

Present - Messrs. Bulmer, Bertram Murray, Lyman, Bernard, Munro, Reed, Bartley, Garth, Fletcher & Stevens

The Minutes of former meeting were read and approved,

The President reported on behalf of the Excursion Committee,

that they had been unable to effect an arrangement for an Excursion to Island Pond, on the terms proposed at the meeting held last Evening. The Grand Trunk Railway Co., however, proposed to take the Excursionists at Two dollars each, of which they would allow the Institute 25 ¢ or 2/6 on each ticket. The Railway Co. to furnish the printed tickets, ^{good for a week} the Institute to bear the expense of Advertising &c. The Railway Co. would also grant a free pass to Island Pond and back for the Committee of arrangements, and would place the unoccupied rooms in the Station House, at the disposal of the Committee. The Institute would have the privilege of taking a Band of Music to Island Pond and back, on the day of the Excursion, without charge.

The Committee would recommend that the ~~proposed~~ proposal of the Grand Trunk Co. be accepted

It was moved by Mr Murray seconded by Mr Bertram that the Report be received, and the Excursion carried out on the terms proposed by the Grand Trunk Railway Co. — Carried,

The Sub-Committee appointed at last Meeting, were authorized and instructed to carry out the arrangements

After some desultory conversation on the subject, the Meeting adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson,
Recording Secretary.

The General Committee met on
Monday Evening, July 16, 1855.

Present — Messrs. Bulmer, Hutchison, Bernard, Garth
Munro, Mitchell, Murray, Kennedy, Spence, Lyman
and Stevenson

The Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

Resps were submitted from

Mess. Wyatt & Jackson £ 10.10.9 Referred to Building Com.
" Reed & Rogers 15/ " " Finance Com.

The Excursion Committee reported, that according to
previous arrangement, they had a meeting at Island
Pond, with a deputation from the Maine Charitable Mission
Association of Portland, consisting of Messrs. Larabee,
Boyd and Gould, with whom the details in reference
to the Excursion were arranged. The Excursion was to
take place on Tuesday, July 31, — the train to leave Montreal
at 6 a. m. in order to arrive at Island Pond about 11 1/2,
(the Portland people were expected at the same hour) — the
Return train to leave at 5, p. m. The joint Committee
had made such arrangements, ^{in their opinion,} as would afford satisfaction
to all. The matter had been taken up with great
spirit, ^{by the people of Portland,} and the Committee were of opinion that a large
number would take advantage of the trip.

A conversation took place relative to the erection of the platform
and it was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded by Dr. Bernard,

That the Architects be instructed to notify Mr. Elliott
to proceed with the work immediately, and in the event of his
failing to do so the Building Committee be authorized to have
the platform erected, as soon as possible, in accordance
with the plans approved of by the Committee. — Car

It was moved by Mr Ganth, seconded by Mr Murray,
That the President be authorized to subscribe for a
copy of a work entitled - "Contributions to the
Natural History of the United States, by
Louis Agassiz," to be published in ten volumes @
Ten dollars per volume. Carried.

The following were proposed for Membership, viz: -
First Class - John Milne, Joseph Bourdoeu,
Second Class - James F. L. Shand, Robert Macfarlane,
John Pape, George Polson, Wm Alderdice,
Joseph A. Cockburn, John Gibson, Falkner,
William Lozier, Henry Coombs.
Third Class - William J Deslondomiers, Andrew Rae.

No other business appearing, the Meeting adjourned,

A. Stevenson, Sec^y Secretary

The General Committee met on Saturday
Evening, July 28, 1855.

Present - Messrs. Bertram, Mitchell, Murray, Munro,
Kennedy, Spence and Stevenson.

Mr Bertram having taken the Chair, the Minutes of
former meeting were read and approved.

It was agreed that Commander De Belveze and the
Officers of the "Capriceuse," be invited to accompany
the members of the Institute, on their pleasure Excursion
to Island pond on Tuesday next - the Grand

Trunk Railway Co. having generously offered to place their private car, at the disposal of the Committee for the special accommodation of the illustrious strangers, and they also undertook to make such arrangements, as would ensure their return to the City by 7 o'clock p.m.

Mess. Bertram and Stevenson were appointed a deputation to wait upon Commander DeBelveze and tender the invitation.

On their return, the deputation reported that in consequence of the Citizens' Ball, in honor of the Officers of the "Capriceuse" having been announced for the same evening, Commander DeBelveze felt himself constrained to decline accepting the invitation.

After some conversation on matters connected with the Excursion the Meeting adjourned

A. Stevenson,

Recording Secretary.

The General Committee met on
Monday Evening Aug 6, 1855

Present - Mess. Bulmer Munro, Bernard, Fletcher Reed, Kennedy, Lyman, and Stevenson.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

The President stated that in terms of the Case entered

into with Mr Neil Mcintosh, the Institute was bound to erect a ^{temporary} building in rear for the purpose of storage. The matter had been delayed for some time in the hope of obtaining the necessary funds to erect a permanent building on the same site, the lower story of which it was proposed to devote to that purpose, but as there was little prospect of the money being obtained at the present time, he would recommend that the foundation be paid for a permanent building, and carried up one story in height, until sufficient funds could be had to carry out the proposed plan.

The President having occasion to leave the Meeting Mr Munro was called to the Chair.

Acqs were submitted from

Messrs. W. Lyman & Co £1.6.8 Referred to Buildg Com.
" Hogan & Henn 13.0.0 " to Finance Com
Hamilton Spectator 1.4.4 1/2 " " do do.

A conversation took place in regard to the portrait of the Hon Peter McGill, which the Committee of Subscribers intended to place in the Institute. It was stated that there remained £30.0.0 on the subscription list, to be collected, and that Mr Carlisle had a claim of £14 or £15.0.0 against it. The matter was left over till next Meeting.

The matter of the erection of a temporary building in rear, was then discussed, and it was Moved by Dr Bernard, seconded by Mr Kennedy, — That Mr Mcintosh be offered the sum of £50.0.0 to relinquish his claim to a shed in rear for the purpose of storage, and that the mover and seconder be a Committee to effect the arrangement Carried

The following were proposed for Membership, viz.
Neil McIntosh - First Class.
Henry Scott - Third do.

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned

A. A. Stevenson

Recording Secretary,

The General Committee met on Monday
Evening August 20, 1855

Present - Messrs. Bertram Bernard Miller Mitchell
Mumro, Reid Spence Garth, Fletcher & Stevenson

Mr. Bertram having taken the Chair, the Minutes of
last Meeting, were read and approved.

A letter was read from Mr. McGinnis, soliciting the
Committee to purchase two maps, at an expense of 8 dollars.
It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Garth
That in the present state of the funds, it is not considered
advisable to purchase the maps. — Carried

A letter was read from Mr. J. D. Reed, accompanying a
donation of nine volumes to the Library.

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Garth —
That the letter be received, and the donation be acknowledged
in the usual way. — Carried

The Special Committee appointed at last meeting, reported
that Mr. McIntosh had agreed to the proposal made

by the Committee. He was willing to forego all claim to the storage accommodation in rear, secured to him by the lease, in consideration of the sum of (£50.0.0) Fifty Pounds, 0s., to be paid as follows; one half (or £25.0.0) to be deducted from the Quarters Rent due on the first of November next, and the balance (£25.0.0) from the Rent due on the first of February, 1856.

The Committee submitted Mr. McIntosh's letter to that effect, which was read,

It was moved by Mr. Millin, seconded by Mr. Fletcher - That the letter be received, and the thanks of the Institute, be tendered to the Gentlemen, who effected the arrangement. — Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Millin, That three Water Closets be erected forthwith, for the use of the Institute and proprietors of Stores, the three to be erected under one roof, on the end of the lot adjoining the property of Mr. Campbell, and that a cesspool be dug of sufficient dimensions, enclosed all round with Masonry, the structure above ground to be of Brick, and also that the Fence in St Peter Street be erected without delay, and that the Building Committee be instructed to proceed immediately with the work. — Carried.

Mr. Munro reported that the amounts subscribed for the portrait of the Hon. P. McGill, had been all collected — there existed claims upon it to the amount of £27.10/ — It was agreed to let the matter lie over till next meeting for further consideration.

The Finance Committee reported that in consequence of their not having received any reports from the Sub-Committees, they were unable to lay before the General Committee, the Statement of the affairs of the Institute, which they were requested to prepare by the first of August. They requested that the time be extended till the first Monday in October.

The following were proposed for Membership, viz:-
J. Lade - First Class,
John Donoghue - Third Class,
Richard Birdsell - Third Class.

Mr. Miller gave notice that he would move, at next meeting, for the appointment of a Committee to make arrangements for a Course of Lectures, during the ensuing Winter.

The Meeting then Adjourned

A. A. Stevenson

Recording Secretary

The General Committee met on Monday
Evening August 27, 1855.

Present - Messrs. Bulmer Bertram Munro Mitchell
Murray, Ganth Reed and Stevenson

The Minutes of former Meeting were read and approved.

A letter was received from Mr. Jas Langlands, requesting payment of his fee for teaching the Drawing Class, last winter.

It was moved by Mr Murray, seconded by Mr Munroe
That the accts of Messrs. Dutton, ²²⁰ Dunsen and Langlands
for teaching the Classes, during last Winter, be referred
to the Treasurer for payment — Carried.

A letter was read from Mr Dingwall, recommending
the admission of members for the period of three
months, instead of an annual subscription as at
present

It was moved by Mr Garth, seconded by
Mr Murray — That the letter be received, and the
Corresponding Secretary be instructed to address a
reply thereto, stating that inasmuch as the price
of admission is so small, the Committee do not
consider it advisable to depart from the present
mode. — Carried

The Finance Committee reported the following accts
correct, which having been read, were referred to the Treasurer
for payment, viz —

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Messrs R. & A. Miller | £ 3 " 19 " 7 1/2 |
| Mrs R. W. S. Mackay | 7. 0 |
| Mess Hogan & Penn | 13. 0. 0 |
| Mess McDonochy & Cunningham | 1. 14. 5 |
| Mr Collo Campbell | 1. 4 1/2 |
| Mr John Rodgers | 8 " 16 10 |
| Mr Wm Rodden | 7 " 11 3 |
| Mr Robt Morris | 5. 0 |
| Hamilton Spectator | 1. 4 4 1/2 |
| G. H. Brouse | 1. 19 0 |
| Messrs Reed & Rogers | 15 0 |
| Wm Lyman & Co | 1. 6. 8 |
| Mr John Whaling — | 3. 10 0 |
| Mr J. C. Beckett | 1. 2 6 |

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The President stated that complaints had been made respecting the late delivery of certain Magazines to the Institute — the Art Journal especially, being usually received by other parties in the City a week previous to its appearance upon the table of the Reading Room.

The Library Committee were instructed to look into the Matter.

It was moved by Mr Garth, seconded by Mr Munro, That in consequence of Mr Millin's absence from the City, his notice of motions do lie over till next meeting Carried

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned

A. A. Stevenson

Recording Secretary

The General Committee met on Monday Evening Sept 3, 1855

Present — Messrs Bulmer, Bertram, William Mitchell Munro, Kennedy, Lyman, and Stevenson

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved,

Acq were submitted from

John Leaning — 11/8 — Referred to Finance Committee
Nathan Tekonison £102. 14/7 1/2 Referred to Building Corporation of Montreal £45. 0. 0

It was moved by Mr Millin, seconded by Mr Munro — That the acq be referred to the Corresponding Secretary, with instructions to draft a petition to the City Corporation, praying that

body to relieve the Institute, from paying assessment
on the Building. ——— Carried

A conversation took place regarding the heating
of the Building, and

It was moved by Mr Munro, seconded by Mr Kennedy
That a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs.
Bertram, Lyman & Millin, be appointed to make
arrangements for the erection of an efficient
apparatus to heat the Building, and that they be
authorized to contract with the party, furnishing,
in their opinion, the most suitable apparatus
for that purpose ——— Carried.

It was moved by Mr Millin, seconded by Mr Munro,
That a Committee be appointed to make arrangements
for a course of Lectures during next winter.
Carried

The President named Messrs. Murray, Millin,
Bernard, Munro and Kennedy, a Committee for
that purpose

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned

A A Stevenson

Recording Secretary,

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The General Committee met on
Monday Evening Sept 17, 1855.

Present—Messrs Bulmer Reed, Munro, Milln, Spence
Bartley, Kennedy and Stevenson

The Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

Rep were submitted from

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| Hopkins Lawford & Nelson | £23.0.0 | Referred to Building Com. |
| Do Do Do | 6.0.0 | Do to Library Com. |
| Owler & Stevenson | 19.1.10 | Do to Finance Com. |

Mr Milln reported progress on behalf of the Special
Committee appointed to make arrangements for a
heating apparatus.

It was moved by Mr Milln, seconded by Mr Spence—
That the Secretary be instructed to insert, in the
Montreal Transcript, an advertisement for Teachers
for the following classes, viz. Mechanical Drawing,
Architectural Drawing, Practical Geometry, and
the French Language.—the advert to be inserted three
times. Carried

The Chairman of the House Committee reported
that an application had been received from the
managers of a Bazaar in aid of the St Patricks
Orphan Asylum, for the use of the large Hall, at
a reduced rate, during the first week of October.
The established tariff left the House Committee no
discretionary powers in such cases—they therefore
submitted the matter for the decision of the Genl Com.

A conversation took place thereon, when it was moved by Mr. Milln, seconded by Mr. Fletcher, That the House Committee be authorized to grant the free use of the Hall, during the first week of October, to the managers of the Bazaar in aid of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, — they paying the expense of Gas, Cleaning, and other incidental expenses. — Carried

The following were proposed for Membership,
Wm. Nolan — First Class
Chas. G. Dagg — Second Class
W. J. Kirby — Second Class

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned

A. Stevenson

Recording Secretary.

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The General Committee met on
Monday Evening, Oct. 15/55.

Present — Messrs. Bulmer, Hopkins, Kennedy, Bartley, Spiers, Brown, Bertram, Murray and Stevenson.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from Major Coffin, soliciting a room in the Institute, to be used as an Armory by the Volunteer Militia Field Battery of Artillery

It was moved by Mr. Spiers, seconded by Mr. Kennedy,

That the Communication remain over for the consideration of the new Committee. Carried.

Acps were submitted from

| | | | | Referred to | |
|----------------------------|---|----|----|-------------|--------------|
| Quebec Morning Chronicle — | £ | 1 | 7 | 6 | Finance Com. |
| Richard Thomas — | | 5 | 1 | 1/2 | Do Do |
| J. Starke Esq. — | | 9 | 2 | 6 | Do Do |
| H. Morgan Esq. — | | 10 | 12 | 10 1/2 | Do Do |
| C. Bryson — | | 4 | 8 | 10 1/2 | Do Do |
| Robert Mitchell — | | 28 | 19 | 7 | Do Do |
| William Kennedy. — | | 5 | 10 | 4 | Do Do |
| Alexander Ramsay. — | | 1 | 5 | 0 | Do Do |

The following acps having been certified correct, were referred to the Building Committee for payment, viz:

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| Hopkins Lawford & Nelson, £ | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Edward Maxwell | 10 | 11 | 1/2 |
| Do Do | 71 | 15 | 9 |

It was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Brown, That the President be authorized to communicate with the Bank of Montreal, with a view to making arrangements for the settlement of the larger outstanding balances, due to the Contractors for the Hall, by granting them the notes of the Institute, @ 3 months, to be discounted by the Bank, and renewed at maturity for another 3 months, if necessary, and that, if this arrangement can be made, the President and Treasurer be authorized to settle the outstanding accounts against the Building, in accordance therewith. — Carried

The following were proposed for Membership, viz

First Class — John Kamena

Second Class — Vere Stapleton, Thomas Brown,

David Macfarlane, C. A. McIntyre, Wm Henry Smith,
Edward Coyle, Jr, Wm Gray, Richard S. Latham,
J. R. Creighton, Michael Maloney.

Third Class. — William Fisher, John Middlemiss,
Daniel Walter Barber, Henry Scott, Alex. Rose,
and Thomas Shorthouse.

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson,
Recording Secretary.

The General Committee met on
Monday Evening Oct 22, 1855.

Present — Messrs. Balmer, Hopkins, Bertram, Spiers,
Bernard Munro, Garth Mitchell and Stevenson.

The Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from ^{Rev} Mr. Rodgers, on behalf of the
Diocesan Library and Reading Room, applying for use
of large Hall for the delivery of a course of lectures
during the winter — The letter was referred to the
House Committee.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Ladies
of Charity, St. Patrick's Congregation, expressing the
thanks of the Committee for the free use of the Hall,
in which the Bazaar ~~is~~ held for the benefit of St.
Patrick's Orphan Asylum was held. The letter was
ordered to be placed on file.

Acqs were submitted from

John Fletcher £1.12.6 — Referred to Finance Committee
Reed & Rogers, — 7/16/0 — Do Do Do Do

The Finance Committee reported the following acqs correct,
which were ordered to be paid, viz:—

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|-----------------------|------|----|---|
| D. McDonald | £ 18 | 15 | 2 |
| Messrs Blackie & Sons | | 7 | 6 |
| Owen McGarvey, | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| D. Kinnear & Co | 8 | 16 | 5 |
| John Leeming | | 11 | 8 |
| John Whalen | 1 | 17 | 6 |
| Owen Stevenson, | 14 | 18 | 6 |
| Do Do | 4 | 3 | 4 |

The Special Committee appointed to make arrangements for
an apparatus to heat the Building, reported verbally, that, the
cost of two of Chilson's Hot Air Furnaces would be about £158.0.0
an Apparatus on the Hot Water principle about £200.0.0.

It was moved by Mr Munro, seconded by D. Bernard, — That
the Report be received, and that the Committee be instructed
to contract, with as little delay as possible, for an
apparatus to heat the Building on the Hot Water
principle — Carried.

The President reported that he had communicated with
the Directors of the Bank of Montreal, with reference
to the granting of Notes, for the Balances due to
the Contractors, — It was the opinion of the Legal
adviser of the Bank, that the President and Committee
had no authority to grant notes.

The Building Committee submitted the following Statement of the Amounts due by the Building and Inauguration Funds, to the Contractors, &c; - and the mode of payment, which they proposed for settlement, -

Building Fund.

| Amounts due to | | | | Proposed mode of payment, | | | | | | Total | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-------|--|----|-----|------|----|-----|-------|-----|-------|--|
| | £ | s | d. | Cash | | | Note | | | £ | s | d. | |
| G. P. Prowse | 97 | 1 | 11½ | £24 | 5 | 5% | £72 | 16 | 5% | 97 | 1 | 11½ | |
| Edward Macneil | 158 | 16 | 7 | 39 | 14 | 14% | 119 | 2 | 5% | 158 | 16 | 7 | |
| Hilton & Morrison | 102 | 14 | 7 | 25 | 13 | 7½ | 77 | 0 | 11½ | 102 | 14 | 7 | |
| Ramsay & McArthur | 72 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 0 | 0 | |
| Hopkins, Laiford & Nelson | 23 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 10 | 0 | | | | 23 | 0 | 0 | |
| W. J. McLellan & Co | 23 | 17 | 0 | 12 | 10 | 0 | | | | 23 | 17 | 0 | |
| W. Lyman & Co | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 8 | | | | 1 | 1 | 8 | |
| W. Rodden | 2 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | | | | 2 | 5 | 0 | |
| Walker & Stevenson, | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | | | | 4 | 3 | 4 | |
| A. Young, | 4 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 10 | 0 | | | | 4 | 10 | 0 | |
| | | | | Balance due H. L. & N. 10 10 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Balance due W. J. McLellan & Co 11 7 6 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 21 17 6 | | | | | | | | | |
| | £ | 489 | 10 7½ | | | | | | | £ | 489 | 10 7½ | |

Inauguration Fund.

| Amounts due to | | | | Proposed Mode of Payment | | | | | | Total | | |
|---------------------------|----|-----|------|--------------------------|----|---|------|---|----|-------|-----|------|
| | £ | s | d. | Cash | | | Note | | | £ | s | d. |
| Messrs Hilton | 61 | 0 | 0 | £11 | 0 | 0 | £50 | 0 | 0 | £61 | 0 | 0 |
| E. Macneil | 82 | 6 | 10 | 52 | 18 | 0 | 29 | 8 | 10 | 82 | 6 | 10 |
| Hopkins Laiford & Nelson, | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| B. Mitchell | 28 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 0 | | | | 28 | 0 | 0 |
| A. McGarvey, | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | | | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| | £ | 179 | 8 10 | | | | | | | £ | 179 | 8 10 |

It was moved by Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. Garth - That the Report be received, and the several contractors be paid in accordance therewith, excepting that part of the Report which relates to the granting of Notes - Carried

The following were proposed for Membership, viz
First Class — P. D. Carrigue.

Second Class. — Wm Bain, John Turner, J. Badnach,
J. Wynd, James Knose.

Third Class — Andrew Brown, William Collins,
George Weaver, Jr. Tho^s Montgomery, James Moore,
Robert Greene, and Lewis Clement.

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson
Recording Secretary.

The General Committee met on
Friday Evening, Nov 2, 1835.

Present — Messrs. Bulmer, Bertram, Bartley, Milln, Spiers,
Hutchison, Hopkins, Murray, Garth, Kennedy Munro, Bernard
Reed, Lyman and Stevenson.

The Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

An a/c was submitted from

Messrs. J. W. Hilton £ 82.12.4 — an item of £ 17.10/11 being
Benches partly made,

It was moved by Dr. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Milln — That ~~the~~
Special Committee be appointed to confer with Messrs.
Hilton, on the subject, and that the Committee be
authorized to make such arrangements in regard
to the seats, as ^{they} may deem necessary. — Carried.

The President named Messrs. Munro, Stevenson
and Kennedy, a Committee for that purpose.

The Secretary submitted the draft of the Annual Report, to be presented on the 5th inst, which was approved and adopted.

The Treasurer submitted statements of the Current Expense Fund, the Inauguration Fund, and the Building Fund.

The President appointed Messrs. Munro, Murray and Hopkins, a Committee to audit the accs.

The following were proposed for Membership;—

First Class—Abraham Wilson.

Second Class—John Cassels, James Spiers, Phillip Ross, George Blyth, G. B. Fraser, and Charles Estcourt.

Third Class—W. H. Dawson, Matthew Hannan, Wm McKenzie, Robert Wardlaw, Jas Dunbar, R. S. Dunbar, John Sait, William Miller, Alfred Keller, Henry Childs, Richard M. Bernard.

The Meeting adjourned till to-morrow evening then to meet to receive the Report of the Building Committee.

A. A. Stevenson
Recording Secretary.

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The General Committee met on Saturday
Evening, Nov. 3, 1855.

Present— Messrs. Bulmer, Brown, Bartley, Garth,
Kennedy, Lyman, Miller, Murray, Munro, Spiers
and Stevenson.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer read the Report of the Building Com.

It was moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Bartley,
that the Report be received and adopted, and that it
be embodied in the Annual Report of the General
Committee — carried.

The following were proposed for Membership, viz:—


First Class— A. J. Harrison, D. Handyside.

Second do— James Benton, George Broster,
John Henderson, John Thompson, Rob^t Sutherland,
Archibald Campbell Martel, John Thornton,
Wm Tilford, James Wood, Tho^s Thomas, Edward Hughes,
Wm Fairbairn, John Campbell — Mr. Afee.

Third Class.— James Christie, Robert Miller,
John Dyer and Wm Jessenden.

No other business appearing, the Meeting adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson,
Recording Secretary.



The General Committee met on Monday
Evening, November 12, 1855

Present,

Present, - Messrs Palmer, Munroe, Lyman,
Wrauer, Spiers Bartley Bertrim, Grey Murray,
Reid, Rose McGibbon, Agilvie Kennedy, Miller
Spence, Bernard, Garth, McDonald,
Stoenson, Dingwall Mitchell,

Chairman
Minutes

The President, Mr Palmer, in the Chair,
The Minutes of last General Committee
were read and confirmed

Minutes of
An. Meeting
read.

The Minutes of the General Annual
meeting of the Members of the Institute
having also been read Mr Palmer vacated
the Chair and Mr Garth President elect
assumed the duties of his office.

The new Committee also assumed
their duties

Deputation

A Deputation from the St.
Andrew's and Caledonian Societies
here entered the room and made applica-
tion for the use of the Hall, and
Rooms on the second floor, for hold-
ing a Soiree and Ball on St Andrew's
Night, Nov. 30

Letting the
Hall

After some conversation, it was
moved by Dr Bernard seconded by
Mr Bartley, and adopted.

That the St. Andrew's and Cale-
donian Societies be allowed the
use of the Hall and rooms re-
quired, including lighting and firing,
for the sum of £10.00

Standing
Committees

The President appointed the following
Standing Committees for the year 1855-56. -
Library and Reading Room, Messrs.
Murray, McDonald Brown and Reid,
Lectures and Classes, Messrs Spence,
Millar, Stevenson, Kennedy, Weaver, and
Baillie.

Deputation

Finance, - Messrs Bernard, Rodden,
Fletcher, D'Inghall Ogilvie and McGibbon
House and Lecture Hall, Messrs.
Bertram Kennedy, Spence, and Grey.

A deputation here again entered
the Room, from the St. Andrew's and
Caledonian Societies, and asked,
as their proposed ball and soiree
was for charitable objects if the
Committee ^{would} reduce the rent of the
rooms.

Reconsider

After some discussion Mr Reid
moved, seconded by Mr D'Inghall
That Mr Bernard's Motion in refer-
ence to the rent of the Hall, be
reconsidered.

Motion lost
Dept. withdrew

The motion was declared lost.
The deputation then withdrew,
and the subject was dropped.

Resignation
of Treasurer.

Mr. A. Munro resigned his office
as Treasurer for the Institute

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

Resignation
accepted.

That the resignation of Mr
Munro be accepted

Dis of Scientific
Subjects

A conversation having arisen in re-
ference to a Resolution passed at the Annual
Meeting, with regard to having monthly meetings
for the discussion of scientific subjects

It was moved by Mr Bernard, seconded
by Mr Ogilvie

That the President have the power
of fixing the time and calling a meeting
of the members for the purpose of carrying
out the object of the resolution referred to.

It was moved in amendment by Mr
Kennedy, seconded by Mr Bertrino,

That the meeting for scientific classes
be postponed for twelve months

The motion was declared carried

Present from
Mr Dutton

A letter was read from Mr. Jos. T.
Dutton, presenting the Institute "eight
copies in oil from the Antique, and from
"West sketch of Sampson as Patterns for
"the pupils of the Institute. They are all
"but one the work of William Spence, Esq.
"a Celebrated Sculptor of Liverpool, England, and
"father of John Spence, Esq. one of the
"Vice-Presidents of the Institute."

Moved by Mr Millin, seconded by Mr
Murray, and carried unanimously

Vote of thanks
to Mr Dutton

That the thanks of this meeting
be tendered to Mr Dutton for the gift.

Canada
Gazette of

An account for 15 months sub-
scription to the Canada Gazette, was
presented and referred to Finance
Committee.

Ref. to F. Com.

Communications

Communications were read from

Communications

Messrs. James Duncan, James Langland, Charles F. A. Markgraf, Wm McLean, and H. C. hevalier, offering to superintend classes during the winter months

Ref to Com.

In motion Communications referred to Lectures and Class Committee

Propositions

The following were proposed for membership.

First Class. Messrs John Ogilvie John McGovern, and William Ogilvie

Second Class. - James Evans James Robertson J. McGrath Wm. Martin Lewis Saunders, Tho. Brennan Alexander Mitchell, J. H. McRider, Cha. Baird, John McDougall.

Third Class. - Wm Patterson, Sydney Brush, Alex Fisher Wm Morris, James Barrett Robert Barrett John Savory Jergus McFee, John William Edward Clerk.

Platform in Lecture Hall.

A conversation having arisen in reference to the completion of the platform in the Lecture Hall.

Moved by D. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Spence, and carried.

That the House Committee be requested to complete the platform, fit up a desk, and have the whole painted and finished as speedily as possible.

Printing Annual Report

The subject of printing the Annual Report having been brought up, It was moved by Mr. Bartley, seconded by Mr. Munway, and agreed to That 500 copies be printed for circulation

President's inaug-
ural address.

The President having read his inaugural
address.

It was moved by Mr Miller, seconded by Mr Rose,
and unanimously carried

That the address be engrossed in the minutes
"Gentlemen,- In naming the foregoing Com=
"mittees, which I trust will meet your approval,
"I would respectfully beg leave to draw your
"attention to what I conceive requires imme=
"diate attention on the part of the various
"Committees.

"1st. - Finance Committee,- To examine the
"financial statements of the late committee
"and make up, as soon as possible, a correct
"statement of the assets and liabilities of
"the Institute to the 1st of November last, in=
"cluding therein a correct inventory of the pro=
"perty of the Institute, its probable value,
"the nature of its liabilities, and when they
"become due; the probable revenue of the
"ensuing year, the proposed means of meeting
"the deficiency, and the best mode of collecting
"the arrears and subscriptions; and the ascer=
"taining of the actual number of paying
"Members; as I am of opinion that there
"has been always a number stated on our
"list who do not pay their subscriptions, many
"of whom, after having been proposed and
"admitted have not been called upon.

"2nd. - Lectures and Classes Committee,- It is
"very desirable that this Committee should
"immediately use every means at their dis=
"posal to get up, as soon as possible, a

President's
Inaugural
Address. "Lecture once a week, commencing as soon as
"practicable, such lectures to be, if possible,
"in courses on scientific subjects, but at the same
"time made as amusing as possible, and as
"we have now got a spacious Lecture Hall, I
"think there would be little risk in engaging some
"of the best native or foreign talent that can be
"procured. I do not anticipate that this would
"be a profit to the Institute in cash, but even
"should it be a small loss I think the
"money well spent as it is carrying out the
"legitimate objects that the Institute has in
"view, and at the same time providing useful
"and entertaining amusement and instruction
"to not only the members and others, but also
"to the female portion of the community.

"3rd Classes. - This in one sense is the
"most important part of the Institute, though
"the least profitable, but in fact it is the most
"useful, and an object to which the Institute
"is pledged to pay every attention; I would
"therefore suggest that competent teachers
"should be procured, with the least possible
"delay, and the various classes got into oper-
"ation, as the season is now far advanced,
"and if not attended to at once, their use-
"fulness this winter will be much impaired

"4th - Library and Reading Room. To these
"departments I trust the sub-committee
"will pay every attention, as I am of opinion
"we derive more members through them than
"from any other source. I would there-
"fore suggest that our new catalogue, which

President's 'is now in the Printer's hands, be got out with the least
Inaugural possible delay; that the Committee have placed
Address. at their disposal a sum of money (same as last
year) to enable them to add the new publica-
tions as soon as they are issued; and that all the
Periodicals be bound up as soon as possible; and
that a Register of all new books added be placed
in the Reading Room. The reading matter in the
Room should also be increased, by the addition
of a few more newspapers and scientific works.

5th - House and Lecture Hall. - As
we have now a building of our own, it is nec-
essary that it should be made as well adapted
to the purpose for which it is required as it
is possible for us to do and as there is yet much
to be done, I trust this committee will go ener-
getically to work and have the building finished
that every portion of it will be available for
the use of the Institute. To do which I would
they leave to suggest the propriety of having
the following ameliorations and improvements
attended to without delay - 1. The Ventilation
of the Lecture Hall, the completion of screen
and Platform, also the Gasfitting, and the placing
of double doors at the foot of each staircase,
to prevent the noise being heard so plainly in
the Reading Room. 2. The fitting up of the large
Class Room in such a manner as would make
it available for small meetings, etc, as some
parties might take it in preference to the large
hall, and at the same time, in fitting up
care must be taken not to prevent its being
used as a class room, which necessarily must

President's be its use until we can find means to build
Inaugural Cup on the vacant lot in the rear 3. The com-
Address. pletion of the other three rooms, one as a class
room, one as a Committee room, and the other
as a reception room, which should be
neatly furnished. 4. The proper arrangement
of the outside doors, to keep out the cold in
winter, and the procuring of double windows
more particularly for the first floor, and
also for the Lecture Hall, if possible, as the
amount saved in fuel will go far to
pay these expenses. 5th the practicability of alter-
ing the principle stairs, to improve its appearance
&c. 6. The completion of the painting, and the
completion of the Warming apparatus, and
7. The introduction of water into the build-
ing."

Additional The subcommittee, appointed at a previous
seats for meeting, to confer with Mr Helton in reference to
the Hall. additional seats for the hall, reported that
they thought it advisable to have the re-
mainder of the seats furnished, when

It was moved by Mr Miller, seconded by
Mr Murray, and carried.

That the Report be received, and the
House Committee be empowered to procure
the seats required.

There being no other business, the
General Committee then adjourned.

J. M. Rose Recording Secretary.

The General Committee met on
Monday evening, Nov. 19, 1855

Present

Present, Messrs Garth, Murray, Gray, McGibbon
Ogilvie, Rodden, Dingwall, Bertram, Kennedy,
Bernard, Rose Millu, Stevenson and Fletcher

Chairman

The President in the Chair

Minutes

Minutes of last meeting read and approved

Errors in

In reference to the motion for printing the

Ann Report

Annual Report, passed at last meeting, it was
to be corrected

before pub-

lication

Resolved, - That it is the opinion of this
meeting, that, should any errors be found in the
figures, the same be corrected before the Report
be published

Armoury

A communication was read from Mr Coffin,
requesting the use of a room to be used as an
armoury, when

It was moved by Mr Bernard, seconded by
Mr Bertram, and

Resolved, That the communication be re-
ferred to the House Committee, to report next meeting.

It was moved in amendment by Mr Rodden,
seconded by Mr Ogilvie.

That it is the opinion of this General Com-
mittee that the Hall shall not be let for any
purpose but the meeting of the members or officers
of such Corps as the artillery; that the storing
of arms, and the consequent difficulty of ac-
commodating implements of war, is not con-
sistent with the convenience or uses for which
this building was erected.

Casty note

The amendment was carried by the

80
Casting vote of the President-

Com. from Caledonian Society, asking for a room in which to hold its meetings

do. from E. Rodgers in reference to procuring the Hall for lectures.

do. from W. Martin, asking the use of the Hall for a concert.

On motion these communications were to House Committee.

Lectures. A letter was read from Chairmen of Lecture and Class Committee, giving an account of the arrangements for the Lectures.

Fin. Com. Report. The Finance Committee's report was read, and after some discussion, adopted.

It was moved by W. Rodden, seconded by W. Reid, and

Inventory of Immovable property. Resolved, That the Sec. Secretary be requested to procure an inventory of the property of the Institute from the various committees.

House Com. Report. The Minutes of House Committee was read, and It was moved by W. Miller, seconded by Dr. Bernard, and

Resolved, That the House Committee be requested to make all necessary preparations for the winter, as recommended in their report.

It was moved by W. Miller, seconded by W. Fletcher, and

Parties to examine building. Resolved, That the President be requested to procure the services of Messrs. Brownson, Whitlaw and Mann, to examine the building, and ascertain if it has been built according to plans and specifications.

Treasurer
 Secretaries
 Mr Corse elected
 To be notified
 New members

The Committee then proceeded to ballot for Treasurer.
 The President appointed Messrs Fletcher and Dingwall to act as scrutineers.
 After balloting, Mr Corse was declared elected Treasurer for the term.
 The Corresponding Secretary was requested to notify Mr Corse of his election.
 The following were proposed as new members -
 1st Class. Messrs John Smith, John M. Gilbert
 2nd Class. Messrs. Louis Levey, Chas Conacher
 3rd Class. Messrs. James Hayer, John McKenzie, Andrew Morgan, Chas Watson, Wm. Wright, Wm. Kellmeyer, William Sloan.
 There being no other business, the Committee adjourned.

J. M. Rose, Recording Secretary

The General Committee met this evening,
 Thursday ^{Nov.} 29, 1853.

Present: Present: - Messrs. Garth, Gray, Reid, Rodden, Miller, Dingwall, Corse, Kennedy, Pertrine, Brown, Rose, Murray, Stevenson, Ogilvie, and M. Gibbon.
 Chairman The President in the chair.
 Minutes. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.
 Communications. Communications were read from Mr. Sailer, of the German Church, and Fanny Evans, of the Ladies Benevolent Society, asking use of hall for bazaars.

Referred to H.C.
House Com. Report.

On motion referred to House Committee
The Secretary of House Committee read his report.
Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr Reid and
Resolved, - That the House Committee be
instructed to procure double windows, made in
two pieces, on as reasonable terms as possible,
Also, that the committee room be fitted up as re-
commended.

Double windows

Fitting Com. Room.

Tariff for Rooms.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr Reid and
Resolved, That the Tariff recommended
by House Committee be adopted, and that the
President and the Chairman of the House Com-
mittee shall in future have charge of the renting
of the Rooms, to obviate the necessity of applicants
suffering delay and inconvenience of waiting the
action of committees, it being understood that in
all cases they shall adhere to the annexed Tariff.

Tariff-

Tariffs - Lecture Room, for one evening £5.0.0
Lecture Room for three evenings 12.0.0
Lecture Room for one Week 20.10.0

The above rates to be charged for Concerts or
entertainments of a theatrical nature.
When the Hall is required for Bazaars, Concert
or anything for a charitable object, it shall
be charged at half of the above rates.

For a course of Lectures, one a week occupy-
ing about three months, amounting from 15 to 20,
The price shall be £2.0.0 per night.

Odd days between the terms to be charged at
the same rate per day as the preceding term.

Lectures on Literary or Scientific subjects
one half the first-mentioned rates

For one of the Committee Rooms 7/6 per day

Tariff

or night; 10/- per day and night. A meeting during the day shall be charged 5/-.

For the season exceeding 4 months weekly meetings, at the rate of 5/- per night.

The remainder of the House Committee's Report was received without amendment.

Class Committee

The Class and Lecture Committee reported, That if the General Committee would vote them £50, they would be in a position to open four classes at an early date.

Class Committee Report

After some consideration it was moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Miller, and

Resolved, That Class Seats be exhibited in the Reading Room, stating that a charge of 5/- for each pupil would be made for the course, and intimating at the same time that the organization of such classes would depend on the number enrolled.

Graves etc

An a/c was presented from Mr. Graves for books, £10.19. Accounts were also referred from Mr. Ramsey for balance due, one £75.13.5, the other £6.5.2

On motion accounts referred to Finance Committee

Donation

A Donation was received from Dr. E. B. O'Callaghan of 8 Vols. U.S. Patent Office Reports.

On motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Stevenson it was

Resolved That the thanks of the Institute be presented in the usual manner to Dr. O'Callaghan

New Members

The following were then proposed for membership,
1st Class - John Galbraith and Robert Forsyth
2nd Class - Messrs Cookfield, Wm Shaw, Alexander Power, Gordon Selman
3rd Class - Messrs. Timothy Coffey, Robert McKay, and George Lynch

Pay interest
in Quebec
Collector

On motion the President was instructed to remit
the amount of interest due Mr. Jeffrey, Quebec,
Moved by Mr Rodden, seconded by Mr. Ogilvie and
Resolved, That the President be empowered to
employ a person to act as collector for one month
There being no other business, the meeting ad-
journed.

J. M. Rose, Recording Secretary.

The General Committee met this evening
Monday, Dec. 3, 1853.

Present. - Messrs Gault, Bertrand, Gray, Reid,
Gorse, McDonald, Kennedy, Rose, Rodden,
Ogilvie, Miller, Murray, Spence, and Stevenson,
The President in the chair.

Hall
letting

Mr Gault reported that the hall had been
rented to the German Church, for the week
ending 22nd Dec, for the sum of 50 dollars.

Also, that it had been let to the
Ladies' Benevolent Society, for 13th, 14th and
15th Dec, for £^{6.5} 0/-

Comm. from
Mr Gibb

A communication was read from
Mr. J. C. Gibb, offering to sell an Improved
Phantasmagoria Lantern, for 50 dollars.

afes

On motion referred to Finance Committee
Accounts were presented from Lambert
& Mcintosh (J.S.) from Evans (Profr 10/-) from
R. Thomas £5.2-6. Referred to Finance Committee

Graves afes

The subject of Mr Graves account being
brought up, and no one being able to say

Graue &c who had given Mr. Graue orders for the books charged.

It was moved by Mr. Rodden, seconded by Mr. Miller, and

Resolved, That the Library Committee purchase the work "Railway Machinery," 2 Vols. provided Mr. Graue gives a sufficient time for payment.

Fin. Comm. The Finance Committee's Report was read.
Moved by Mr. Rodden, seconded by Mr. Miller, and

Advertising Resolved, That the Finance Committee Report in reference to calling in the accounts be adopted, and that the time be limited to the 15th Dec., and that it be advertised in the Transcript and Gazette.

Lenders for Windows The House Committee presented two estimates for Windows, from Messrs. Shear and Otell.
On motion referred back to House Committee

Power to Comm. Moved by Mr. Rodden, seconded by Mr. Gray, and
Resolved, That House Committee be empowered to ask such questions of Messrs. Brownson, Whitelaw and Mann, in reference to the building, as they may think proper, and that such questions be in writing, also, that the Chairman of the Building Committee be requested to be present.

Lecturers The Lecture Committee reported that His Lordship the Anglican Bishop, Prof. Dawson, and Rev. Mr. Desola had offered to lecture.

Moved by Mr. Rodden, seconded by Mr. Miller and
Resolved, That the committee be instructed to open the course of lectures this month.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. ...
That the Committee be instructed to open the lectures

Lectures lectures as early in the month of January as practicable

On being put from the chair, the amendment was declared lost and motion carried.

Lecture Night Moved by W. Stevenson, seconded by W. Raddeu, and Resolved, That the evening for the delivery of the Lectures be that of Tuesday.

Names & Subjects Moved by W. Raddeu, seconded by W. Murray, and Resolved, That the Lecture Committee be requested to submit the names and subjects to the General Committee of the Lectures, before adopting them.

Rent of large Class Room Moved by W. Miller seconded by W. Reed, and Resolved, That the large classroom be charged at the rate of from \$3 to \$5 each night.

New Members The following were proposed as new members.
1st Class. - John F. F. Amey, J. H. Isaacson,
2nd Class. - John Gordon, Alex. Kay,
3rd Class. - Rich^d Wormington, John Cox, Robt. Hardy, Wm Ryan, John Pillow, Wm Massay, George Massay.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned

Geo. Rose Sec Secretary.

The General Committee met this Evening
Monday, December 10. 1855.

Present: Messrs. Gault, Britton, Spence, Gray,
Ogilvie, McDonald, Reid, Kennedy, Bernard, Miller,
Murray, Dignwall, Rose.

The President in the chair

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

A Communication was read from Rev W Rodgers,
asking for use of Lecture Hall for The Colonial Society's
Annual Meeting, on this Tuesday (24th) in January, 1856.
Also accepting the offer made for Lectures on the Monday
evening, the first of the course to commence early in
January, 1st Monday, and to consist of 8, 10, or 12 as they
may arrange.

An application was made by Rev W Baird for
use of Lecture Hall, on the evening of Thurs-
day, 31st January, for Colonial Church and School
Society.

On motion, the use of the Hall granted.

Mr Spence asked for use of Rooms for a night
about the latter end of January.

On motion, application granted, the rent to be
£12 10s.

An a/c (£54) was presented from the Society
of Matheal.

On motion referred to Finance Committee.

The President reported that the Committee
of Investigation on the Building had commenced
operations.

The House Committee's report was read, and

Reported on motion adopted.

Mr Redden offered to supply a metal Railing
for the Platform, and Mr Gault two gas stands for table or desk.

Acceptance The offers of Messrs Rodden and Garth were accepted.

See Com The Lecture Committee reported.

Report- Moved by Dr Bernard, seconded by Mr Kennedy That the next lecture, after the opening one, take place on the second week in January, 1856. - Carried.

Moved by Mr Kennedy, seconded by Mr Ogilvie That the Lecture Committee make the best arrangements possible with Dr Barnetow for a course of three lectures. - Carried.

The remainder of the report was adopted without amendment.

Notice of Motion. Dr. Bernard gave notice of a motion to reconsider the Resolution fixing the lecture night for Tuesday.

Complimentary Tickets to be presented to Moved by Mr Miller, seconded by Mr Gray and Resolved. That complimentary Tickets for the Course of lectures be sent to the offices of the various Literary and Scientific Societies in the city, to the Editors of newspapers, to the Life Members, and to the lecturers.

Insurance Moved by Mr Murray, seconded by Mr Miller That the President be empowered to insure all the property of the Institute not already insured for the sum of £300. - Carried.

Madgey & Abbotts Donation of Slate. Moved by Mr Murray, seconded by Mr Rose and Resolved. That the President be instructed to confer with the Solicitor for the Institute in reference to Madgey & Abbotts subscription in connection with the offered donation of slate.

New Members The following were then proposed as New Members.

1st Class. Messrs A. Coulter, John Keller, and A. M. Kuczyński

New Members

2nd Class. - Messrs Andrew Boyd, Jr. Nicholson,
Michael Heylin, John Oliver, J. C. Rodden,

3rd Class. - Alex. Nimmo, Chas. Dutton Gaye
Redpath,

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned

J. M. Rose, Secy.

The General Committee met this evening
Monday, December 17, 1858.

Present

Present Messrs. Garth, Ogilvie, Weaver, M. Gibbon
Gray, Rodden, Kennedy, M. Donald, Miller, Bestwin
Dunwall Reid, Stevenson, Rose, Murray.

Chairman

The President in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Use of Hall

A letter was read from Mrs. Yuseworth asking
Mrs. Yuseworth for use of Lecture Hall, for a Concert, on 22nd
January.

The motion referred to the President and
Chairman of House Committee.

Reconsideration

of Motion

According to notice, it was moved by Mr.
Ogilvie, seconded by Mr. Rodden and
Resolved, that the motion fixing the night
for Lectures be reconsidered.

Moved by Mr. Ogilvie, seconded by Mr. Rodden,
That the night for the lectures be Thursday, ex-
cept on extraordinary occasions, when the night may
be altered by the President and Chairman of the
House Committee, in the event of the Hall
being required for any important object, by giving
one week's notice of proposed alteration.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Reid

Lecture nights

That the night for Lectures remain as already passed, namely Tuesday night. This amendment was last,

On being put from the Chair, the motion was declared Carried. That is the motion for alteration of night to Thursdays

Notice of motion

Mr Miller gave notice of motion to reconsider Resolution fixing night for Lectures

F.C. Report

The Finance Committee reported, and as motion Report received and adopted.

Jan Comm

The President reported that the Committee, as the Building was progressing in their investigation.

A/c for wood

An a/c was presented by D. McNaughton for wood \$2.3-6, and as motion ordered to be paid.

Donation

A Communication was read from Mr H. Chapman presenting the Institute with two French Works.

The motion received, and thanks ordered to be communicated in regular way.

Drawing Class

Moved by Mr Miller, seconded by Mr Stevenson, and Resolved - That the Class Committee be instructed to open the Mechanical Drawing Class forthwith, and that the Committee make the best arrangement with the teacher possible, and report at next meeting.

New Members

The following new members were then proposed

1st Class - Mr. Manning

2nd Class - Messrs. Malcolm Thompson, Edward Manny, Samuel Young, Donald McDonald, Wm Anderson, Fred. Hunt, Jos. Townsend, Daniel Boyd.

3rd - Thos. Craig, A. Dutton, D. McDonald, John Anderson, S. Hardisty, J. Goldthorpe, J. Curran, D. Anderson, jr, D. McDonald, A. Mullins, John Armstrong, J. Mason

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned

Mr Rose, Sec. Secretary,

The General Committee
adjoined this evening
December 24th for want of Quorum

The General Committee
adjoined this evening
December 31st for want of Quorum

The General Committee met this evening
January 7th 1856

present
Chairman

Major A. Bertram, W. Rodden, Corse Weaver, Mr. Gibson - of
Grey, Spence, Kennedy Reid, Mc Donald, Dingwall

Vice president Bertram in the chair
In the absence of the Recording Secretary W. Rodden
was requested ^{to take} minutes of Meeting

Resignation
Secretary

Minutes of last Meeting read altered and approved
A Letter of Resignation from S. M. Rose resigning his office
of Recording Secretary, which was unanimously accepted, with
thanks for past services -

Resignation
A Fletcher

A Letter of Resignation from J. Fletcher resigning his
connection with the General Committee was unanimously
accepted with thanks for past services

rent of Clap
room for P.W.

A letter was read from James Lea inquiring terms of lease
for use of Clap room for public worship by motion it was referred
to house Committee with instructions to report on the nature
of the application and the expediency of renting the room out
at what rate

Clap
Committee

Clap Committee report that they engaged a teacher for the
Choruses. Drawing Clap and regret to say, he out of three
Clap nights only was present one night therefore wish to
discharge their engagements with him and engage another
if approved by this meeting

Motion

Moved by Ogilvie & seconded by McMillan that the report
be accepted another suggestion approved.

Motion vote
of thank's to L.B

Moved by Spence seconded by Kennedy
That the Lord Bishop be given a vote of thanks for his
lecture given before this Institute to open the course of lectures
A Communication was received from Mr Chapman with two volumes
as a present.

Communication
Chapman.

- 1st Historical Sketch of the Electric Telegraph
2. Which the Right or the Left

Vote of thanks

by motion they were received and a vote of thanks ordered
to Mr Chapman

Donation from

William P. Muir Ottawa City presented the following
volumes.

P. Muir Ottawa
City

- 1 Graham's American Monthly Magazine for 1854
2. a " " " " " " 1847
- 3 American Indians
- 4 Oriental Fairy Tales
- 5 Lines of Wellington & Pub.
- 6 The Robin Hoods Story
7. A Notice or Chief Notices in the South Seas
- 8.
- 9.

Vote of
thanks

All of which were received by motion and a vote of thanks was
ordered to Mr P. Muir

acts

There was three accounts presented from the Herald office
6. E. 2. 13.4 - 3. 17.6 - 2. 12.1 - 9. 2. 11

Motion

By motion of Dr. Bernard
seconded by Mr Kennedy the Herald office accounts were referred to
the library Committee.

account

Dr. Bernard presented an a/c for 2/6 for wood on
Motion of Dr. Bernard seconded by Mr Reid it was ordered for immo-
mediate payment.

account
£181-11-8

Mr Kennedy presented for one hundred and eighty one pounds 4/8 by which on motion of Mr Cow seconded by Mr Ogilvie was referred to the house committee to examine and report, at the next meeting passed

account
£7. 14. 10

Mr Reid Moved seconded by Mr M. Donald That Mr Kennedy account of seven pounds 14/10 be as reported in his letter to find if found correct, by the vice president in the absence of the president, unanimously passed
The following members were proposed.

Members proposed

- 1st class Mr Tate, W. H. Mobery, John Jones,
- 2nd " James Ferris Joseph Bennan, W. Wright A. H. Tracey A. Moughy.
- 3rd " W. E. Jackson, Edward Myers, J. M. Ferris, Wakefield Wakefield

The following members were read and approved

Members
Elected

- 1st Mr Manning - 2nd class W. Henderson, Fred. W. Hart Donald M. Donald, Edward, Murray Samuel Gray, David Boyd, Mr Thompson Joseph Townsend.
- 3rd class Geo. Herderty D. M. Donald, Jas. Craig, James Mason, D. M. Donald - J. Anderson, J. Armstrong D. Henderson A. Sutton J. Curran J. Goldthorpe H. Mullins -

Motion

reduction of expenses

Moved by Dr Bernard seconded by Mr Ogilvie that A. Murray and W. Rodden be a committee to draft petition to the City Corporation for the permission of payment and assistance.

Motion
accepted to Lyon
& Perry

Moved by Rodden seconded by Ogilvie that a committee be appointed to draft a address to Messrs Lyon & Perry Committee named Messrs Rodden, Kenzie, Murray (See Copy of motion handed in)

Moved

Motion
Festival

Moved by Dr Bernard Seconded by Mr Ogilvie, that
the Institute should hold their annual festival before Lent
Carried

Motion Festival
5th July

Moved by Dr Bernard Seconded Mr Dingwall
that the festival be held on Tuesday the fifth of February
Carried

Motion of
arrangement
for festival

Moved by W Rodden Seconded by Mr Corse
that the Vice president be authorised to make the necessary
arrangements for the festival that is such arrangements
for the festival as cannot be postponed for the return
of the President - Carried

Notice of
Motion for
paid Secretary

Notice was given by W Rodden of his intention at next
meeting to move that the Secretary of this Institute should be
a paid officer with charge of all the affairs of the Institute
its Library & Reading room &c under the direction of
the officers

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned
W Rodden
Acting Secy

The general committee met this evening
the 14th January 1856 -

Present

Messrs Bertram, Rodden, Lourse, Wear, Stevenson,
Kennedy, Reid, Ugelby, Murray, Spence
Bernard,

1st Vice president Bertram in the chair

In the absence of recording secretary A Murray, C. S. acted
in that capacity

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved
A letter was read from Mr Mouring making a proposition
to heat the building by a new hot air apparatus on certain
conditions

Moved by Mr Stevenson seconded by Mr Spence
that inasmuch as the heating apparatus now in the
Building does not give satisfaction a special committee
consisting of Messrs Bertram, Rodden and Kennedy be
appointed to take such action on the matter as they
may deem necessary carried

acc^{ts}
101..6.3
1.2.3

The following accounts was presented from J & W. Hilton
the sum of one hundred and one pounds 6s (Referred to house
committee) Bon Acreau, one pound 2s. - Referred to house com

The house Committee reported that tenders had been
received for glazing out side windows from the following
parties

| | |
|-----------------|-------------|
| John M. Arthur | £ 31. 14. 2 |
| Wagers & Wright | " 28. 0. 0 |
| George Kinn. | £ 24. 0. 0 |

The last tender was accepted and read to the meeting and placed
on file amounting to Twenty four pounds and to give 12 moth credit

A letter was read from Joseph Lee. applying for the
large clop room for religious purposes on Sunday & the house committee reported
that they should not consider it should be rented for a less sum than
£ 24 per Annum. And reported the matter for the decision of the general committee

Tenders
for out side
Windows glaz

Communications

Motion Moved by Mr Stevenson seconded by A Murray
That the rooms be not opened on Sundays for any purpose
whatever.

amendment to
Motion Moved in Amendment by Mr Reid. Seconded by Kennedy
That the Committee does not deem it expedient to rent
the clop room on Sunday at present.

Amendment Carried. & main motion lost

Donation 1300/6 A donation of 1000 Camp before Sebastopol
from W Chapman Esq. Motion that the donation be placed
on records and a vote of thanks returned in the usual manner

Members proposed. 1st Class Mr Samuel P D Brown

2nd Class Joseph Lee, John Rogers, George Silby,

Geo Thompson, Bernham, Jas. Arkless.

3rd Alex Watson, Matthew Watfield, John Watfield
Robert Rogers, Jas P onster

Motion Moved by Mr Kennedy seconded by Mr Murray
That as the collecting of subscription is not being properly
attended to the Finance Committee be authorised to make
such arrangements as they deem fit in order that such may
be collected without delay. Carried

Motion Moved by Mr Rodden seconded by Mr Spence
That it is necessary to the efficient management of the business
of the Institute and the proper care of its property & effects that the
office of secretary should be accompanied by a suitable sallyer
and that the present vacancy to the office of Recording Secretary
should be filled as early as possible by a person competent to
discharge the duties & that a compensation be given in
accordance with the time and abilities he can devote
to the business

amendment Moved by Mr Kennedy seconded by Mr Reid in Amendment
That this meeting do now proceed to the Election of
vacant officers (Amendment Carried) main motion lost 5 to 4

Election
of officers

The Chairman Having reported the office of Recording Secretary vacant and also one member of General Committee, the meeting proceeded to ballot when Hector Murray was unanimously elected in the place of G. M. Rose resigned and Nyles Pennington a member of General Committee in the place of John Fletcher resigned

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

A. Murray -
Secy pro tem

General Committee met this evening
January 21st 1856

Present

Messrs. Gorth, Bertram, Stevenson, Corse
Kodden, Ogilvie, M^r Gibbon, Weaver
Keid, Murray Dingwall, Kennedy
Gree, Spence Bernard, Murray
President in the Chair

present

Chair

Minutes

The Minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed

reported

Special
Committee

on heating
apparatus

Report of the Special Committee regarding the heating apparatus they have to report that they had waited upon Mr Gorth's Foreman who stated the hot water apparatus ordered by him for the Mechanics Institute was ready to be put in on Mr Gorth's return - therefore they cannot assume the responsibility of engaging another. But pending the return of Mr Gorth they prevailed on his foreman to make some alterations upon the present mode of heating which has been done and so far the alteration has given more satisfaction

Motion

Moved by W. Rodden. Seconded by Kennedy
that the Report be reviewed and that the Special
Committee appointed to investigate the Vesting
apparatus. be discharged and the report adopted
Carried

Finance

Finance Committee Be leave to report pro and
regarding the Collections due upon the subscrip-
-tion List of Memberships
Agreed to

Motion
and
Communication

Motion. Moved by W. Rodden seconded by
N. Corse. ~~and~~ that the Communication from the
Ladies of the Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum
Be reviewed and the C. S. be instructed to
acknowledge the receipt of the Communication
and to state that as many of the office bearers
and Members of the Institute as can possibly attend
will patronise their concert on the 29th inst -
Carried

Motion

for articles to
the Chomby
Institute

Moved by W. Rodden seconded by A. Bertram
That the application through Dr. Morris from the
Mechanics Institute Chomby for the use of any articles
that we may have for the purpose of decorating their
Hall, on their approaching Festival the 24th inst the
same to be left in the hands of the house Committee to use
their discretion in the matter ~~in granting the request~~ by
either granting or refusing ~~their request~~ them any articles
which we do possess, and may be useful to them at the same
time the house Comm^t will be held responsible for what
ever they may grant them that such articles as they may
grant to them will be returned in due time for our own festival
on the 4th Proximo.

Carried

Motion
Lecture
Committee.

Moved by Dr Bernard Seconded by W. Kennedy
That the Lecture Committee be requested to
postpone the Lecture on Thursday evening
in consequence of the Anniversary meetings
until Thursday Evening the 7th February
Carried

Accts

The following accts were submitted and referred to the
Finance Committee

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Robt Mitchell | £ 29. 7. 9 |
| Charles Cottrell | " 7. 10. 0 |
| do | " 10. 0 |
| James Simpson | 8. 6 |

The following new members were proposed

1st class William Gorman, John McDougall, James Patton
2nd William Cottingham, R. Gyan, William Almour
George Layan, Peter Gawn, C. Nightingale
Steven Johnston, James Wood, Robt Low,
Archibald Sinclair

3rd A. M. Farley, Joseph Pitman, William
Simpson, David Wilson, George Lairy,
John Webster, James Fraser for all 20 members
proposed

Their being no other Business the
Meeting adjourned

Hector Murray
R.S.

Members
proposed

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Montreal 28th January 1856 The General Committee
Met this Evening 28th.

Present

Messrs Barth, Bertram, Weaver, Gray, Mc Gibbon
Mc Donald, Dingwall, Murray, Kennedy,
Spence, Bernard, Corse, Rodden, Milne
Brown, Bartley, Stevenson, Reid Ogilvie
Munro

The President in the Chair

The Minutes of former meeting were read and
Confirmed

A Letter was read addressed to A Murray
Cous. from W. J. Paterson of Boston. intimating that
he would accept the second proposition made to him
to come to Montreal to deliver a course of Lectures
Say 3, with the understanding that he is to have his
Expenses paid to and from Montreal and while
here - To furnish the Hall for the course. And
To undertake the Management of the course. And
to divide with ~~him~~ him the net proceeds - Carried

Moved by Dr Bernard Seconded by Mr Corse
that the letter be received and placed on file
and that Mr Patersons course of Say 3
Lectures be charged admission to all - And
that the sum of 1/3 be the amount charged
for admission to the each Lecture. - - -

Moved in Amendment by A Murray Seconded
by A Bertram. that the Lecture Committee be
authorised should they deem it Expedient to
reserve a certain number of seats at an
advanced rate of admission - The amendment
was lost the main motion Carried on a Division of 9 to 9

present

Letter from
W. J. Paterson
Lecture

Motion
for admission

Motion
in
Amendment

Communication

A letter from Henry H Jean addressed to the president accepting the Hall for the 2^d proximo requesting the use of the Hall for his concert at a reduced rate.

Motion
on Communication

Moved by W Rodden seconded by Dr Bernard that this Committee do not deem it expedient to interfere with the letting of the Hall. Carried

Motion

Moved by W. Rodden seconded by Dr Bernard that the Lecture Committee be authorized to arrange for the admission of members, (Students) to the course of Mr Patersons, say 3 lectures, at the reduced rate of 2/6 for the course or 10 each Lecture. Carried

Communication

A Communication was received from S. F. Pouse addressed to the President regarding his account demanding an immediate settlement

Motion

Resolved that the President and Treasurer be a Committee to confer with Mr Pouse regarding the settlement of his account - Carried

Motion

Moved by A Murray seconded by A Berton that the Cor^y Secretary, be authorized to make application to the St Andrews Society and Caledonian Society to patronise the course of Mr Patersons lectures and to allow the same to advertise under their patronage, but on diversion 5 for 10 against

Report
Special Com^t
to draft Prop^s
allneys

W. Hodden Keys came to report on behalf of the Special
Committee appointed on the 7th inst. to draft an address to
Messrs. Layan & Perry. That they had by invitation
attended a preliminary meeting at the Board of
Trade Rooms, on the 26th inst. And at that meeting
they were requested to cooperate with the Committee
then named, for the purpose of assisting in
getting up a testimonial to Messrs. Layan & Perry
and asked leave to that effect

Motion
on the above
report

Moved by W. Hodden Seconded by W. Corse
that the report be received and that this Committee
cordially respond to the invitation by authorising the
Committee named with the President to extend all the
assistance in their power towards the operations of the
Committee of the preliminary ^{"meeting"} held on the 26th at the
Board of Trade Rooms. And that the use of the Mechanics
Hall, be given for the public meeting appointed for
Wednesday first free of all charge, and further
the president and ^{"General"} Committee are requested to cooperate
with any committee that may be named at the
Public meeting on Wednesday the 31st provided
always that the action of the said Committee shall
not prevent the presentation of an address from the
Mechanics Institute to Messrs. Layan and Perry as
previously contemplated by resolution of this Com^t
on the 7th inst. Carried

Moved by W. Miln Seconded by W. McGibbon
that the whole of the Institute be closed on
Thursday Evening the 31st inst at 8 o'clock P.M.
to accommodate the few masons for their Bell

Motion
in
amendment

Moved by A Stevenson seconded by A Murray
in Amendment That the reading room and Library
be not shut until 9 o'clock In accordance with
the previous Arrangements lost, the main motion
was also lost. 8 voting for and 9 against it

Motion
shutting rooms

Moved by W Hodder seconded by P Bartley
That the president and chairman of the house
Committee be a special Committee to Cooper with
a committee from the Masonic order regarding the
hour that they will require the reading room and
Library on the 31st Inst and that the settlement
of such be left with the parties to finally settle
Carried

Donation

Mr Miln presented a donation of two
volumes Maccauley's History of England third
and fourth volume when it was resolved that
the Corresponding Secretary be requested to return
a vote of thanks in the usual manner
Carried

There being no other Business the
Meeting adjourned.

H Murray
R S
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The General Committee met this Wednesday
Evening the 30th Inst. July 1856
Specially called by the president.

present

Present

Messrs. Gurnth Kennedy Weaver, Corse,
McDonald, Ogilvie, Gray, Murray, Thomson
Reid, Miln, Bernard, Murro.

The President in the chair

minutes.

The minutes of former meeting were read and
Confirmed

A Communication was received from D Rinear of
Bedford. enclosing a communication from Alex. P. Waldrice
Bedford. requesting a place for a sawing and planing
Machine. at the approaching Festival for Exhibition
Moved by Mr Miln seconded by Mr Reid
that the Communication from Mr Waldrice be
received and that the Corresponding Secretary be
requested to send him the necessary information
^{regarding} the nature and objects of our annual
Festival and that he can have the space
necessary for the Exhibition of his Machine
if it does not take more than 15 feet square
And that the Machine will be brought
and taken away free of all Expense to the
Institute - Carried

Motion

Motion
life membership
Ticket

Moved by Mr Kennedy seconded by Mr Ogilvie
that in Consideration of the valuable services
rendered by Mr A Perry Jr so well having
represented the Mechanical Industry of Canada
at the Exhibition of London & Paris that
this Institute tender him a life membership
Ticket - Carried

Motion
to draft
address to
A Perry

Moved by Mr Nibb seconded by Mr Bartley
That the special committee appointed to
draft ~~an~~ address to Messrs Layan & Perry be
requested to draft a copy of address to Alfred
Perry for the approval of this Committee on
Friday evening, the 1st Proximo, so that it
may be presented on Monday evening at
the City Council Hall on the 4th Proximo the
evening of the Festival — Carried —

The following account was presented
from Messrs

Brown & Swan
To goods at fancy fair, 2 18 1/4

referred to finance Committee

act.

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Meeting adjourned to Friday evening at
7 o'clock the 1st Proximo to consider the draft
of Perry's address

H. Munn
R. S.
Munn

This evening the 1st February 1856
An adjourned meeting of the General Com-
tee was held to receive the Address from the
Special Committee which is to be presented
at the Festival 4th Inst To Alfred Perry

present

Mrs. Ganth, Bertram Kennedy Murray
Ogilvie, Corse, Miln, Weaver, Grey
Rodden, Munn

present

Chair

The President in the Chair

Minutes

The minutes of former meeting were read
and confirmed

Special Comtee

The Special Committee ^{appointed} to draft the address
to Mrs Logan & Perry, presented the
Address to the General Committee for their
consideration which was then presented to A.
Perry Esq.

Motion

Moved by Mr Rodden Seconded
by A Bertram, that the Report of the Special
Committee appointed to draft the Address
to Mr Perry be accepted and the address
accompanying it be accepted and expressed
on parchment, with Seal of Institute and
presented on Monday, Evening next, if
Mr Perry is present — Carried —

Motion

Moved by Mr Miln Seconded by Mr Ogilvie
that the President and Special Committee that
prepared the address, to be presented to Mr Perry
be requested to wait upon him to morrow
Morning to solicit his attendance at the
Festival on Monday evening to receive
the same. — Carried

Members
proposed

The following members was proposed
Alex^r Fisher, 2nd class, St Joseph Street
G. McC. Millin 2nd do — W^m Pherson
Duncan McC. Lennan do do T. Shortispool
Charles Ballineau 2nd do — Lu Weaver?
John McPherson, 2nd.
G. W. Lundie 2nd.
No other Business appearing the Meeting
adjourned

The following is copies of the
Letter to A Perry Esq. and his reply

Address
to A Perry

To Mr Alfred Perry Esq

As president of the
Mechanics Institute of Montreal, I have been
desired by the general Committee of that body
to invite your presence on this occasion to receive
the congratulations of your Brother Members on your
safe return to your home and family, and to accept
an Expression of their high appreciation of your
services to the Province of Canada

The Members of the Institute have
observed with praise and gratification the
numerous accounts of your zeal, energy,
and efficiency in the position to which you
were appointed, as Curator of the Canadian
Department in the Paris Exposition of 1855
and they do not hesitate to express the conviction
they feel, that to you the Country is indebted for
much of the success which has attended the
Canadian Exhibitions at London and Paris and
which has now placed Canada in a high and

hon

Honourable position among the Nations

Your Brother Members, are happy on this occasion to have the opportunity afforded them of being the first public body to welcome your return, to mark their appreciation of your many services and in so far as they are able to be honoured to one who has done honour to the Country,

They are prepared to join fully and cheerfully in the further marks you will yet receive of the Estimation in which you are held, by your fellow Citizens and in the mean time, they request that you will accept this Honorary Title of Life Membership, as a small token of their regard and Esteem.

The members join me in wishing you a speedy return of that good health which they are sorry to learn has suffered from your exertions and they fervently hope that you may long live to witness in the increasing prosperity of the Country one great result of those Exhibitions towards the success of which you have so materially contributed and to experience and enjoy the well merited esteem and gratitude of your fellow men

Montreal 4th Feb 1855

W. Charles Gauthier
President

Mr President and Fellow Members of the
Mechanics Institute

From no one could I desire
more heartily to receive a kind greeting on my return
from abroad, than from my fellow members of the
Mechanics Institute of Montreal. No welcome could
be more grateful to my feelings than Yours.

I accept the life membership you
are pleased to confer upon me with a feeling of sincere
gratitude I trust that I may be enabled in return
to prove myself hereafter no idle or unworthy member
of an Institution of which the Mechanics of Montreal
have so much reason to be proud. I shall esteem
it a pleasure and a duty, ever to use my humble
exertions to extend its usefulness and promote its prosperity.

In what I have done at Paris
and London you are pleased to praise me beyond
my desert, I did indeed labour at Paris as I had
never laboured, ^{before} but I felt, that my exertions might
benefit My Country and give her a higher position in
the eyes of the world, and that thought was sufficient
to sweeten the severest toil. I however did not
by any means do all that was done and I should be
guilty of unpardonable egotism if I accepted all the
Commendation you bestow upon my labours or have
others to suppose that the position Canada took in
Paris, was attributable to my labours.

In the first ^{place} your own Local Committee did their part
well, and the Provincial Commission though I
thought them backward sometimes, acted on the whole
liberally and judiciously, and in addition to these
facts I am glad to refer to one more important if
possible than either, to remind you that Canada

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Reply
to admp

was represented and most worthily represented
at Paris by Mr Logan, - a man of whom
Canadians are so justly proud. To him more
than to myself is the Credit of Canadian success
due. I esteemed it as great good fortune
to act under such a man. You are sure you have
seen with pleasure as those that the Govern-
-ments of France and Britain have recognised
in a becoming manner his ^{great} services - not to Canada
alone, but to the whole scientific world -
London had too, several friends resident in
Paris who laboured zealously, and effectively
for her good with such assistance how could
I do other way than well -

I thank you for your kind ex-
-pression of solicitude for my health. You
indeed somewhat worn out and weak from
sickness and fatigue, but the quiet comfort
of my own fire side - the cordial greetings
of friends, the kindness which my fellow
citizens have so spontaneously and generously
extended to me, have already done much to
refresh and cure me, they are at once a
reward to me for my labours and a cordial
for my ailments. I hope yet to live many
years, among you and to do something more
ere I die for my kind friends in Montreal and
the people of Canada

Montreal 4th February 1856

Signed

Alfred Perry

The General Committee met this Monday
Evening 11th July 1856

Present

Mr. Girth, Forre, Bentram, Guy, M'Gilbon,
Keates, Kennedy, Dingwall, Berwood, Reid
Miles, Murray, M'Donald, Spence, Stronach
, Bartley, Munro

present

Chair

President in the Chair

minutes

The minutes of former meeting were read and
Confirmed

Communication

A letter was read addressed to the President
from the Ladies Benevolent Society regarding
the charges made by the Superintendent for
extra pay in attending some extra hours during
the time of their Bazaar

Motion to
pay —

Superintendent
for his extra
services at the
L.B.S. Bazaar

Moved by Mr Miles seconded by Mr Reid
that in all future meetings of the Hall the
President and Chairman of the house Court
give the parties to understand that the Superintendent
has to be paid for extra services if he is kept
later than ten o'clock and that this Court
assume all liability to Mr Richardson for
his services at the Ladies Benevolent Society
Bazaar, and that the Treasurer be authorised
to pay him 10/- on that account Carried

Communication

A letter was read from Mr Mochoie regarding
the furnishing of the refreshments to the Festival
Moved by Mr Murray seconded by
Mr Bernard, that the same be referred
to Festival Committee Carried

Resignation

William Rodden tendered his resignation as chairman of the Finance Committee in consequence of being unable to attend to the duties required

Motion

Moved by Mr. Mils seconded by Mr. Coxe that the Finance Committee be authorized to employ the services of a competent accountant to open a proper set of books, and to bring the financial condition of the Institute into tangible shape and that the Chairman of the Finance Committee be respectfully requested to withdraw his letter of resignation

Carried

Motion

Moved by Mr. Stevenson seconded by Mr. Spence that in consequence of Mr. Rodden still persisting in resigning his situation as Chairman of the Finance Committee from his inability to attend to the duties his resignation be accepted - Carried

Resignation

Dr. Bernard also tendered his resignation as a member of the Finance Com. when it was moved by Mr. Rodden seconded by Dr. Bernard that in consequence of the resignation of Chairman and members of the Finance Committee it is expedient to reorganize that Committee and the President is hereby authorized to that effect

Motion

Carried

Motion

Finance Com.

Moved by Mr. Mils seconded by Mr. Bernard that the President, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary be a Finance Committee

Carried

act's.

William Kennedy

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|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| do 1. £75. 7. 4 | do 2. £16. 8. 6 | = £91. 15. 8 |
| do 3. £1. 12. 0. | do 4. £9. 2. 5. | £60. 14. 5 |
| do 5. £22. 3. 11 | do 6. £6. 17. 8 | = 29 1. 7 |
| | | <u>£181. 11. 8</u> |

Referred to finance and house committees

Neil Mcintosh, per act fouldes - £5. 8. 8

Ferris & Co. No 1. 2. 3 - 5. 19. 5

Green & White do 1 - £0. 13. 9

Seals & Ties do 1 stand for desk. £0. 5. 0

Brown & Swann. fancy fair out - £0. 18. 6

The whole of these accounts was referred to the finance committee to report upon them at their earliest convenience

The following members were proposed

Ward King, Henry Spear +

George Rogers, W. W. Henderson

Rev. John Bethune, James Goudrey

James Thomson Munroe

Lewis Benjamin clerk, J. Nicholls

Edward Murphy, James Chip chose

Alexr. Collic David Sinclair

Holmes Wilkes

Their being no other business the meeting adjourned

J. Munroe
R.S.

W.C.

finance

1st class

2nd class

3 do.

The General Committee met this evening
Monday 25th Feb 1856 February

Present

Members

Messrs. Barth, Mihn, Corse, Bernard,
Weaver, Bartley, Bertram Dingwall
Greg, Mc Donald, Pennington

Chair

The President in the Chair.

Minutes

The minutes of the 11th Inst were read and
Confirmed

Secretary

Owing to the absence of the Secretary Mr Mihn
was requested to act pro Tem.

Letter

A Letter was read from Messrs Hopkins Lawford
and Nelson, requesting a settlement of their act and also
for the tracings and original drawings & Specifications of the
Building

Motion

moved by A Stevenson Seconded by Mr Corse
That the letter be received and the Consideration of it be
postponed until the Committee can ascertain the position
in which the Institute is placed in reference to the plans
and Specifications and that the Corresponding Secretary
be requested to obtain the necessary information by the
next meeting of Committee Carried

Report

Report from the House Committee was read
and adopted (present Bertram Kennedy Spencer Greg)
By leave to Report after examining the Entrance with regard
to the appearance find such to be disrespectful as a leading
Entrance to so public a building with a view to economise
as well as to improve the general appearance we would
recommend a Kemp Walling on the main Entrance and
principle stairs and landings to landing room and
Committee & Clop room. and to include the stairs to
the Lecture Hall the Cost would be 30 £ and
not to exceed 40 £

And

report
Continued

And also to require a proper Gop Pendant
for Committee Room. and remove the one
now in use And also a Gop Pendant for drawing
room in the form of a Swivel and three lights
at each End. - Also Mat pine for Committee
room behind Entrance door And wire or
guards of iron ~~and~~ trap on lobby doors -
The General Committee to Notify Messrs Mcintosh
Wilson ~~and~~ Gibbith & Brown to keep the Yard
doors shut.

Signed W^m Kennedy Secretary
House Committee -

Moved by Mr Allyn Seconded by Dr Bernard that
the price of Six Dollars per night for the course of lectures
now being delivered by the Corporation of the McGill
College this sum is made in view of the members of
the Institute being admitted free - and the Corresponding
Secretary be requested to notify them to that effect

Carried

Moved by Mr Allyn Seconded by Mr Bertram
that Mr Paterson have the use of the Hall
free for one Lecture for his own benefit on
such a night as may be agreed on - Carried

Moved by Mr Corse Seconded by Mr Kennedy
that a Committee consisting of Messrs Gorth -
Stevenson & Murray for to draft a Petition
to Government for aid to the Institute - Carried
Resolved

Cowan Son of the Late William
Cowan have his Fathers life membership of the
Institute transferred to him - Carried

forward

Motion

Motion

Motion

Resolved

Corow

Life member

Motion

Moved by Dr Bernard. Seconded by W Kennedy
that the President furnish without delay -
Tickets of life membership to all parties entitled
to receive them - Carried

Members

The following members was proposed
and passed. at the ordinary meeting
no other business being brought on the meeting
adjourned.

W Munro M.S.

present

The General Committee met
this evening March 9th 1856
Present

members

Mr Garth, Bertram, Murray, Dingwall
Weaver, Grey, Kennedy, Rodden,
McDonald, Stevenson, & Munro.

Chair

The President in the Chair

Communication

Minutes of former Meeting read & confirmed
A letter was read from Henry Bulmer Esq.
in reply to one from the Corresponding Secretary
addressed to him regarding the plans of the new
Building whether such was the property
of the Institute or of Messrs Hopkins Langford
and Nelson. his reply confirms the general
impression entertained by the Committee that such
was the property of the Institute

Motion

Moved by A Murray seconded by W Munro
that W Bulmer's letter be received and placed on file
and a Communication be addressed to Messrs Hopkins
Langford.

Motion

Continued

Corresponding ^{secret} request to
reply

Lawford & Nelson in accordance therewith
that they be informed that the Committee consider
the plans to be the property of the Institute and
also that the balance of this account £10.10
will be paid at as early a date as possible
Carried

Communication

A letter was received from the Secretary
(Mr McAulay) of the 1st Company of the Montreal
Whiffles for the use of the Committee room for
six months one evening a month and for such
occasional other meetings which Sub Committees
might require

Motion

Moved by Mr Rodden Seconded
by Mr Kertram that in as much as the offe-
-lication is only for six months No alteration
can be made in the present tariff rates unless
they become yearly tenants when they can have
the use of room referred to for four pounds
per annum, and that the Corresponding Secretary
notify them to that effect. - Carried

Communication

A letter was received from Mr Gilmore of the
late firm of Gilmore & Hunt, in regard to the
cleaning of the windows during the fancy fair
when it was unanimously resolved that the
account and letter be referred to the Finance
Committee and that they are hereby ins-
tructed to settle the amount claimed
£1.6.3 in the best possible manner.
Carried

Report

A report was read from the finance Committee and submitted to the General Committee for their approval having passed twenty five accounts for payment amounting to the sum of £110.8.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ —

Resolved

unanimously that the report be received and the Recording Secy be authorized to make out vouchers for the payment of the same on the Treasurer, and that such shall be paid by him as the funds of the Institute admit of Correct

Resolved that

The account from Mr Green for his services in collecting the outstanding debts of membership amounting to the sum of £5.8.9—
be referred to the finance Committee for payment if found Correct, Correct,

Memberships

A list of membership was submitted by the finance Committee and read over ^{in Consulting} of such members as could not be found and of others who had left the City and others who refused to pay—

When it was unanimously resolved that the list be referred back to the finance Committee to take up the whole of the Membership up to the 1st of Nov last and to have such properly revised and corrected and that a competent collector be employed to collect the outstanding debts. Should Mr Green's offer to give five hours daily for 2/6 per day not be arranged for— Correct

Motion

Moved by Mr Rodden seconded by Mr Portman that the Corresponding Secretary be authorized to address complimentary notices to the different Churches within the City & suburbs informing them that the Minister or Ministers in connection

with

Motion
Continued

with each and every Congregation will be admitted to the reading room and Library free of all Expense — Carried —

Communication

A letter was received from Mr Herbert Notre Dame Street - requesting payment for a Seal Skin for Cop which his son had lost, at the Late festival.

Motion

Moved by Mr Murray Seconded by A Murray That the letter from Mr Herbert be received and the Corresponding Secretary be requested to reply and state that the General Committee of the Institute cannot recognise the principle of paying for articles which may go amissing at the Festival — Carried —

Motion,

Moved by Mr Rodden Seconded by Mr Kennedy. That a placard be put up in the reading room and Library notifying members who have not paid their annual subscriptions that they cannot be allowed to enjoy the privileges of membership beyond the 1st April next without their previous payments. of amounts due in newly admitted members. will be expected to pay their subscriptions before being allowed to use the Library and reading room nor enjoying any other privilege until payment is made — Carried —

Donation
Resolution

Resolved that the Sum of £2.10.0 as a donation from Mr Spire arising from Arbitration fees be acknowledged in the usual manner —

Resolution
Continued

Manner. And also any other donations that
has been received but not acknowledged, be
done so in the usual manner.

Members

a list of members was proposed -
1. - Messrs Thomas Finney, Edward H. Parsons,
2. - John Mar., Arthur Wentel

accounts

The following accounts. was submitted
Abner Brown removing fence. 12/5
Referred to Festival Committee

"

Frederick Carlisle framing Singsing 1.17.6
Referred. to finance Committee

Report -

The Lecture Committee By Leave to Report
that they present a statement of Receipts and
Disbursements Connected with Mr Patersons
Lectures, and that the Balance amounting
to the sum of, Ten pounds £10.0.0 has been
paid over into the hands of the Super-
-intendent

Lecture Comt

243. 11. 3 Recd

33. 11. 3 p.d.
10. 0 0 Paid

no other business appearing

The meeting adjourned

J. Munro
Secy

Committee
met
present

Committee met this evening 7th March Specially Called by
The president,

present,

Mr. Barth, Mr. Miln, Murray, Weaver, Portman
Mr. Donalds, Mr. Gibbon, Reid Kennedy, Corrie, J. J. Bernard
Stevenson, Munn.

President

President in the chair

Special Committee
report Petition

The Special Committee appointed to draw up a Petition for
aid to the Institute¹³ presented a draft. after some discussion
it was

Resolved

Resolved, that the draft of said Petition do lay
on the Table untill Monday evening 10th for further consideration
A Perry Esq. having been requested by the President to
attend the Special meeting of Committee this evening - To give any
further details regarding the Mechanics Museum of Paris, The general
working of the Department and from what source such is
supported, and carried on. In his reply he stated that he
had given very general information regarding the working of these
schools of Science as Paris Correspondent, to the Montreal Gazette
and which has since been appended to the Annual Statement
of 1855 the Museum thus referred to was supported principally
by the government, in donations and grants of money to further aid
and assist them in developing the resources of their Country and
that such was the interest and duty of our Gov^t. to do so
whenever before us as a Colony could. Attempt to compete upon
general grounds with other Countries further advanced in the Arts
Science and Literature and would recommend the Mechanics
to get up a Petition to the House Branches of the Legislature for aid
to assist us in view of establishing model schools of science
and instruction

Perry
Meeting the
Committee

over

Resolution

Resolved that the Institute request the Provincial Secretary of Canada, to advise the Secretary of the Board of Trade of London for such Models maps &c. as they may pass, and would be willing to give to the Mechanics Institute of this City to aid and assist us in more fully establishing Model schools of reference and instruction for the benefit of the young Mechanic.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

W. Munro Secy

Meeting

The Committee met this evening 10th March 1856

Present,

Present

Mr. Hart, Gray, Kennedy, Weaver, Corse, Bertram, Reid, Dingwall, Murray, Bernards, Rodden, Stevenson, Munro.

Chair

The President in the Chair

Minutes

Minutes of former meeting and Minutes of special meetings were read and confirmed.

Report investigating Committee

The report from the investigating Committee on the Building was read.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Rodden seconded by Mr. Reid that the said report of the investigating Committee be referred to the house Committee to report to this Committee at their earliest convenience. Carried

Communication

A letter was received from Messrs Hopkins, Lufford & Nelson regarding the plans and tracings of new Building demanding the return of the same in accordance with a promise given by the president at the time. he received them from the office for the investigating committee

Motion

Moved by Mr Rodden Seconded by Mr Reid that the president and Corresponding Secretary be authorized to explain to Messrs Hopkins, Lufford & Nelson the cause of the views being taken as represented in the late letter of the Corresponding Secretary. And further that they be authorized to arrange the matter in dispute as amicably as possible with Messrs H. L. & Nelson. At the same time it is the opinion of this committee that the plans & specifications are the property of the Institute and that the tracings are the property of the Architects -

Carried

Petition to the
Three Branches
of the Legislature

The Petition which was laid before the General Court at a special meeting held on the 7th inst was this evening submitted to the General Committee for consideration

Motion

Moved by Mr Reid Seconded by Mr Stevenson that the draft of the Petition as submitted be engrossed and delivered to each branch of the Legislature and given in charge to the City Member Mr A. J. Otter

Carried

Members proposed

William C. H. Lyate first class, John H. Arnold do
Thos Mc Lellan 2^d class

no other being appearing the meeting adjourned

J. Murray 1st
W. C.

Province
of Canada } To wit {

To the Honorable the Knights Citizens
and Burgesses of the Province of Canada
in Provincial Parliament assembled

The Petition of the Mechanics
Institute of Montreal
Humbly Sheweth

That the Institute was incorporated in
the year 1845 by Special act 8 Victoria cap. 93 and numbers
about eight hundred Members chiefly Mechanics to whom at
an almost nominal Subscription is afforded instruction and
assistance in the objects of Mechanical and general Science
to a very large and satisfactory extent

That aided by
the liberality of the Citizens of Montreal who subscribed for the
purpose upwards of £ 3000, a large building for the purposes
of the Society has been erected at a cost of about £ 8500 and
which enables the Institute to increase the sphere of its useful-
-ness by affording accommodation for an extensive Library
a Model Room, Free Classes, and the delivery of Lectures
and also, it is hoped, to establish an annual Mechanical
Exhibition now in contemplation

That the amount sub-
-scribed and a loan of £ 4250 obtained for a term of
years on the security of the Building are yet insufficient
to clear the property of balances due to contractors and others
amounting to the sum of £ 1059. 4. 6 and that this ind-
-stead of materially lessens the amount of good which
the Institute could otherwise afford the Community

That

That Considering that the accomplishment of the
useful purposes of an Institute of this Magnitude
is an object, which cannot be deemed of a merely
local nature in as much as a large number of the
Young Mechanic who receive instruction from the
Institute have Montreal to settle in different
parts of the province your Petitioners are
induced respectfully to solicit an appropriation
from the Public Revenues.

Wherefore your Petitioners
respectfully pray that in the grants of Public
monies for public purposes such an amount
as your wisdom and liberality may determine
may be appropriated to them to aid in liqui-
- dating the debt, which is now a heavy
burthen on the Institute

And your Petitioners
as in duty bound will ever pray

Montreal March 18th 1856

President
Secretary

His Excellency Sir Edmund
Walker Head, Baronet Governor
General of British North America
&c. &c. &c.

To the Honourable the Legislative
Council of the Province of Canada in
Provincial Parliament assembled
wherefore your Petitioners respectfully pray that your
Honourable Body (or your Excellency) will be pleased
to sanction any appropriation which may be made to them
to aid in liquidating the debt which is now a heavy burden
on the Institute

a True Copy
W. Murray MS

Meeting

The General Committee met this evening
14th March 1856

Present

Mr. Smith, Murray, McDonald, Kennedy, Gray,
McGibbon, John Wever, Reid, Forse, Stevenson,
Kodden, Brown, Spence, Bernard, Munro

President in the Chair

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed

The President stated Major Campbell had written
upon him during the past week and in conversation
stated that the Board of Agriculture of Lower
Canada had recommended in their report to the
Gov^t that the money granted to aid them in
the Mechanical portion of their Annual Exhibition
be transferred to the Mechanics Institutes to render
the Competition more general and to give a higher
tone and character to the Exhibition which would
also relieve them from the responsibility of duties
for which they by their pursuits were incom-
petent to discharge

Moved by Mr Kodden Seconded by A. Stevenson
that the General Committee understands that the
report of the Board of Agriculture of Lower Canada
refers to the Mechanics Institute of Montreal as being
about to hold annual fairs, or Exhibitions, such
being the Office of this Institute this Committee
therefore authorises the Corresponding Secy to
write the provincial Secretary with the
view of informing him of the willingness of
this Institute to give every attention in its power
to facilitate a suitable annual Exhibition
in connection with the annual agricultural
Exhibition in this province and with
that

Present

Chair

Minutes

Explanation by the
President upon a conversa-
tion he had with
Major Campbell

Motion

Motion Continued

That view would be pleased to be put in communication with parties authorized to act in the Matter. Carried

Motion

Moved by Mr Gibbon Seconded by Spence that a committee be appointed consisting of Messrs Bernard, Spence, Munro, Stevenson & Mr Gibbon for the purpose of considering the expediency of holding a series of Promenade Concerts - with a view of raising funds and that they report at next meeting of Committee Carried

Communication

a Communication was received from Messrs W Hilton & Son for a settlement of their account on or before the end of the present month

Main

Motion

Moved by Mr Kennedy Seconded by McKie that the letter of Messrs W Hiltors do lay upon the Table until next Monday Evening

Motion in

amendment

lost

Moved in Amendment by Mr Munro Seconded by Mr McDonald that a special committee be appointed consisting of the president and Cashier to wait upon the Messrs Wiltors and explain that in a few weeks a full statement of all our liabilities will be laid before the Court when we will be more fully enabled to make some definite arrangements to liquidate the debt due. (lost by one vote) the main Motion Carried

over

Motion

Moved by Dr Bernard Seconded by Mr Miln -
that the Library Committee be instructed
to purchase Books to the amount of £10.0.0
in the Meantime untilt further orders Carroll

Donation

Donation 2 Volumes. Letters of an Architect,
from R Miller + R of Woods

1 Volume. Accadin geology from
Mr Dawson

Members proposed

Proposed 3rd class James Dyer

No further Business appearing
the Meeting adjourned

H. Munn R.S.
A.M.

Committee

The Committee met this evening the
24th March 1856

Present

Present
Messrs Barth Bertram Murray, Kennedy,
Deares, Guy, Forso, McGibbon, Mith
Dingwall, Stevenson, Munro

Chair's

PRESIDENT in the Chair

Minutes

The Minutes of former meeting were read and
approved.

President's
Report

The President stated that he had
waited upon L R Molton Esq M.P.P. And
stated that we had drawn up a petition to
the three Branches of the Legislature for aid to
assist us in Liquidating our debt upon the
new Building which he kindly consented to take
charge of in the Lower house and stated that
he would do all in his power to forward our
interests with the Government, to obtain the grant
And also that the Hon^d James Fenier had kindly
consented to take charge of it in the upper house

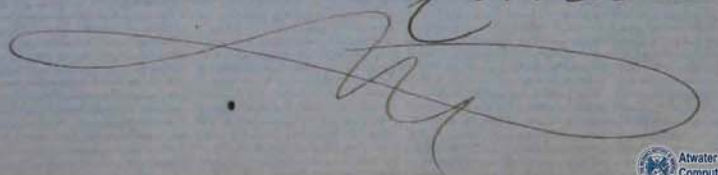
Communications

A Communication was received from J.P. Labell
requesting the Hall on the 1st April at a reduced
rate on account of his having performed at the
Inauguration free of Expence.

Resolution

Moved by A Bertram
Seconded by W Kennedy, that Mr Labell can
have the Hall for the sum of £5⁰ 0 and at the
same time that he be allowed from the above
amount the sum of £2¹⁰ 0 for his services at the
Inauguration of the new Hall in the month of May
last, by his granting a receipt for the same

Carried



Report of the Special Committee ^{appointed} at last
Meeting to consider the propriety of holding Two
Concerts and a Ball.

Report of
Special
Committee
to get up the
Concerts and Ball

By leave to report

That inasmuch as during the month of April there is
little probability of the Lecture of all being often rented
we think it expedient that the Institute hold two
promenade Concerts and a Ball, which if properly
managed we think would yield a fair return. The
Expense of getting up two Concerts would be very
inconsiderable for Instrumental Music £4.10.0 for the (Fing)
Vocal Music £5.0.0 Advertising printing £0.0.0 - in
all £9.10.0 The Expense of a Ball would be much
greater for one night say for music and pinery £15.10.0 -
The tickets for the Concert to be 4/3 and for the Ball
10/- admitting two; Mr Alexander will supply refreshments
for the Ball at 4/10² per head. Refreshments if required
at the Concerts will have to be provided by the
Institute and sold to the best advantage. We therefore
recommend that the two # Concerts and ball be
tried as an Experiment being confident that if the
matter be properly laid before the public the result
will be satisfactory. All which is respectfully
Submitted (Signed) A. C. J. Stevenson Secretary (Concerts
and Ball)

Moved by Mr Murray Seconded by Mr Weaver
that the Report from the special Committee
be received and the Committee instructed to
proceed immediately to get things with the view
to enable us to liquidate some small portions
of our debts.

L. G. G. G.

Report of House Committee

Report of
House Committee

Having examined an account of James Shearer for the whole of the outside Sashes for the two stories of the Institute as per Tender and acceptance for the sum of Twelve pounds five shillings £12.5.0 which was found correct, and certified for payment which will become due as per agreement in the Month of December 1856 - Also an account from Mr George Nunn, for painting and glazing the outside sashes in accordance with his Tender and acceptance for the sum of Twenty four pounds £24.0.0 which was found correct, and certified for payment which will become due on the 11th day of January 1857 as per agreement, and that it is desirable according to the arrangements to grant the above parties Certificates for the fulfilment of their Contracts payable according to the above dates James Shearer on or about the 20th December 1856 the sum of £12.5.0 (without Interest) Mr George Nunn, on the 11th January 1857 the sum of £24.0.0 by without Interest The Report of the Investigating Committee was brought before us and would be liable to report progress - All which is respectfully

Submitted - Signed - William Kennedy Secretary
House Committee

Moved by A Bentham seconded by W Kennedy that the Report of the House Committee be received and that the President be authorized to grant Certificates of work done and payments to be made to the above named parties as per Certified accounts at the respective dates as agreed to namely the 20th Decr 1856 and the 11th Jan'y 1857

Carroll

Requisition for
By laws

The Mercantile Library Association of
New Milton requested a copy of By Laws.
Ordered to be sent.

Requisition for
By laws

The Mechanics Institute of Bellville
requested a copy of Constitution and By laws
Ordered to be sent.

Accounts

M^r Green, Collector, requested payment of
his accounts former acct submitted on the 3rd March
for £5. 8. 9 and acct since that date for £1. 2. 6
they were both referred to finance ^{com^{tee}} for payment
if found correct.

Financial
Statement

The president presented a statement
of the financial affairs of the Institute

Referred to the
Finance Committee to report upon at their
earliest convenience and in the mean time that
the president do wait upon the Messrs Mitton and
explain to them the cause of delay in not answering
their communication.

Account

W^m Mcintosh presented an account
for work done by Robert Mitchell in the cellar
Resolved that the Institute cannot acknowledge
the account, ^{such} being done for his own benefit
and not for anything connected with the
Institute, and that he be notified to that
effect.

Hall

M^{rs} Gibb request to know if she can get the
Hall on the 3rd of April, and at what rate
Resolved that she gets the Hall for 80 -
per night.

Members

- The following members was proposed
- 1st Chap John A. Lawrence. Thos Pugh
 - 2nd Chap Wilkins Houghton.
 - 3rd O. Henry Bailly Thos W. Pugh
Nicholas Morwen -

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

W. A. Munro R.S.
Secy

Copy of Certificate issued to the two Contractors named in the Report of the House Comtee March 24th 1856

Certificate of Contract

To James Sheares Esq.

as per agreement
W. A. Munro

Sir According to resolution of general Committee of this date I have been instructed as president of the Mechanics Institute of this City to grant to you a certificate for the due fulfillment of your Contract for the outside winter sashes for the two stories of New Mechanic Hall. Am amounting to the sum to the sum of Twelve pounds five shillings by which said sum of £12.5.0 The Institute through their president will hold themselves responsible to you your heirs or legal representatives on full payment of the said sum of Twelve pounds five shillings. Without Interest

W. A. Munro
£ 12.5.0

Signed Charles Garth
President

By resolution of General Committee hereby certify that the payment of the amount due was authorized for payment on the 20th day of Decemr. of this date 1856 &

24th March

1856

W. A. Munro
Secy

Certificate to George Munro in the same words the sum amounting to the sum of Twenty four pounds by. payable on the 11th July 1857

Montreal 31st March 1851
The general Committee met this evening

Committee

Present

present

Messrs Gauthier, Kennedy, Weaver, Corse, Brown
Grey, Dingwall, McGibbon, Reid, Bernard,
Murray, Stevenson, Hodson, Munro

chair

President in the Chair

report

A report was received from the finance committee recommending that the Superintendent take two hours each day from 10 to 12 o'clock to collect outstanding debts from the Members

motion

Moved by Mr McGibbon Seconded by Mr Grey that the report of the finance committee be adopted and the Chairman of the Library Committee instruct the Superintendent to close the library from 10 to 12 o'clock each day and that notices be placed on the library door stating the reasons and the hours when that and further the Superintendent as collector will require to give a statement of each days collection to the President or Secretary, Carried

communication

A Communication was received from Mr John Dunlop of Sherbrooke requesting a copy of the Constitution and by laws ordered to be sent

donation

A Donation from Henry Chapman of 2 vols. 1 French poems, 1 Torrence on Commercial and Colonial policy resolved that the donation be acknowledged in the usual way

communication

A Communication from the proprietors of the Herald requesting payment of their arrear -
to the sum of £4. 10. 10

Motion

Moved by H. Murray Seconded by Dr Bernard that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the account of the Herald. and that no further advertisements be sent to that paper unless the proprietors consent to insert them on the same terms and conditions as the other City papers. Carried

Motion

Moved by H. Murray Seconded by Mr Dingwall that the adoption of the report of special committee and resolution of general committee (at last meeting) be now reconsidered with the consent of the mover and seconder which having been received the motion for reconsideration was carried

Motion
lost

Moved by H. Murray Seconded by Mr Weaver that the original resolution of ^{the} committee and the report of special committee ~~at~~ ^{of} the last meeting be adopted lost, on division

Motion
lost

Moved in amendment by D. Brown Seconded by Mr Corse, that the report of special committee be adopted with the exception of that portion of the report which refers to the Ball be struck out lost

Motion
Carried

Moved by Dr Bernard, Seconded by Mr Peil that inasmuch as several members of the general committee are opposed to having a Ball, in connection with the Institute the report of the special committee recommending one be not received Carried

Moved by W. Rodden Seconded by Mr Dingwall that this committee are of opinion that it is not expedient to undertake the proposition of the committee on ~~amendments~~ and ball in the name of the Institute but will support the measures insofar as they conveniently can of got up by gentlemen connected with the Institute

Continuation
of motion

Lost

Membership

adjourned

Institute on their own responsibility

the main motion as amended by Dr Bernards ^{lost} was put and
carried

The following members were proposed
David Miller 3rd Class Samuel Taylor &
Samuel Johnston. &c

No other business appearing the
meeting adjourned

H. Munn R.S.

Committee

April 14th 1856
The Committee met this evening
Present

Present

Mrs. Garth, Corse, Weaver, Egeling, Peir, Kennedy
Grey, Bartley, Miln, Dingwall, Rodden,
Stevenson, Spence Bernard, McGibbon, Munn

Chair

President in the Chair Minutes of former

Letter

^{meeting read and confirmed}
A letter was read from John Leming presenting two
volumes of the Montreal Courier of 1835 and 1836 to
the Institute

Donation

Resolved that the donation be received and
the thanks of the Institute be given in the usual manner Carried

Treasurer
Statement
Festival

The Treasurer presented a statement of the receipts and disburse-
ments of the late Festival having a balance in his hand
amounting to the sum of £103. 5. 5

Moved by Mr Kennedy Seconded by Mr Miln that
the thanks of the Institute be due and on hereby tendered to
the Treasurer for his promptness in bringing up his statements and
final settlement of all the festival accounts at so early a date

Motion voted
Thanks

Carried

Motion for the
appropriation of
Festival funds

Moved by Mr Stevenson Seconded by Dr Bernard that
the sum of £103. 5. 5 the net proceeds arising from the
late festival be placed to the credit of the Institute fund

Carried

Motion for a
Special
Committee

Moved by Mr Rodden Seconded by Dr Bernard
In the absence of the report of the house Committee on
disputed accounts the consideration of ways and means
of making payment of accounts against the Institute
is postponed till next meeting in the mean time the
President with Mrs Corse & Weaver are authorized to
make such arrangements in the matter as they can and
submit a report at next meeting if possible

Carried

Motion in amendment by Mr. Mils seconded by Mr. Bartley that the House Committee be requested to hold in their report, respecting the accounts of Maxwell and Ramsay to this meeting in the absence of the chairman. Lost the main motion was put and carried

Motion in
amendment
lost

David McFarlane presented his account for attendance on the drawing classes being 20 nights at 10/- amounting to £20.0.0 Referred to Clasp Committee and if found correct to refer to Finance Committee for payment Carried

acct for
claps £20.0.0

acct for collection
15/-

John Hoggard presented his account for payment for Commission out 5/- on 15.0.0 collected amounting to the sum of 15/- authorized for payment

acct for the
investigation of
the building
£6.0.0

Joseph Mars presented his account for payment amounting to the sum of six pounds £6.0.0 being for services rendered to the Institute on the Investigating Committee in regard to the Building and Contractors acct referred to the Finance Committee for payment if found correct

The following members was proposed

1. Clasp Henry Hape Matthew Crulmon
3. Alexander Smith

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

W. Munro P.S.
J.M.

April 28th Received the following
 Donation from A Perry Esq
 1 vol. Les Guefes 1841
 3 vols. L. Figure principale Meaurantes
 Institute des Artisans -
 1 Conditions and prospects of Canada 1854
 3 vols. Pochet traits de Physique Institute des Sciences
 1 vol. M. Bibliothecque Francaise
 2 - Henry Martenson
 1 Eugene Aram
 1 Catalogue of the works exhibited in the British
 section of the exhibition 1855
 2 Circular fans. & 2 Square fans -
 R. Muoro Esq

He has requested
 me that they be
 not publicly
 acknowledged
 H. M.

Committee met
 present

April 28th 1856 The committee met this
 evening present.

Chair

Wm. Gault, J. Orse, Brown,
 Ogilvie, Grey, Weaver, Kennedy, McDonald
 McGibbon, Miln, Stevenson, Muoro,
 President in the Chair's Minutes

Letter of resignation

A Communique was received from A. Bertram
 tendering his resignation as chairman of the house
 committee

Motion upon
 letter of resignation

Moved by R. Muoro seconded by
 Mr. Miln that the resignation of A. Bertram as
 Chairman of the house committee be accepted and
 that Mr. Weaver be appointed a member of that
 committee Corried

Communication
 from R. Anderson

A letter was received from R. Anderson
 suggesting the propriety of the Institute getting up
 classes for the purpose of practicing vocal music
 and that a charge be made for the same.

Motion upon
Anderson's Letter

Moved by D Brown Seconded by Mr Miln that
the letter of Mr G. Anderson be referred to the Lectures
and class Committee and Report at next Meeting
Carried

a Communication
from Mr Reid about
Life Memberships

A letter was received from Mr Reid in regard to the
Tables he made for the Committee room stating that
he would pay over to the Institute the sum of Twenty
Shillings with the account amounting to the sum of
£9.0.0 would entitle him to a life Membership of the
Committee approved of it

Resolution

Moved by A Stevenson Seconded
by Mr Gelvie that the account and letter be referred
to finance Committee and if found correct that they
are hereby instructed to accept his offer and to
settle the account and grant him a life membership

account for
gap
£ 26. 14. 0

Account for gap was presented £ 26. 14. 0 referred to
Finance Committee for payment if found correct

Campbell Bryson
act 7. 8. 72

Account from Campbell Bryson was presented
£ 7. 8. 72 referred to finance Committee for payment
if found correct

report of House
Committee 1872

A Report was received from the House Committee
in answer to the general replies submitted by the
investigating Committee to the General Comtee
in the form of questions and answers

resolution upon the
report of investigating
Committee

Resolved that before any action
be taken upon the report of the house Committee that the
report of the investigating Committee as presented to
the general Committee on the 10th March last
be now read

Motion upon
report of house committee

Moved by Mr Nibb Seconded by Mr Kennedy that
the report of the Experts appointed by the General Court
and the report of the house committee be referred to the
Finance Committee and to procure an immediate
settlement of all the claims due to the Contractors on the
best possible terms for the interests of the Institute
Carried

Motion in
amendment

Moved in amendment by A Stevenson Seconded by
D Brown that the report of the house committee be not
accepted but that the report of the investigating Court
be referred to the Finance Committee with a view to
procure an amicable arrangement with the
Contractors - Cost 3 voting for 7 against

Motion in
amendment

Moved in amendment by D Brown Seconded by
A Stevenson that the resolution be amended by
omitting the words (with the report of the house committee)
Cost 3 voting for 6 against

Main motion put
and carried

The main motion was put and carried on division
6 voting for 5 against

Report from
Special Court
upon acts

A report was received from the special committee
appointed to arrange with Mr Prouse about his
account stating that he had refused to accept
as a final settlement the sum of £1000 0 0 by

Resolved that the report be

resolutions
referred to Finance
Committee

referred to Finance Committee and to be arranged
by them upon the same terms and conditions as
all the other Contractors accounts.

Report of house
Committee - 2-

A report was received from the house committee
regarding the painting and glazing and sundry other
repairs deemed necessary in so far as the funds of the Institute
will admit of

Motion upon
report of house
Committee

Moved by Stevenson Seconded by Mr Ogilvie
that the report of the house Committee
(No 21) be adopted and the suggestions
carried out providing the finance Comtee
deem it expedient to recommend the same

Members
proposed

List of members proposed

1st Class Greys M Greys, David Philbeam

William Hoag James Clark

2nd Charles Freeman Francis McBride

John McGarvey, Henry Woodman, Hugh Brodie

James Allen Robert Graham, Charles Clark

John Shields

3rd John Kenney George L Howie

No other business appearing the
Meeting adjourned

A. Stewart

The General Committee met this evening
May 12th 1856

Present

Present.

Messrs. Milne, Murray, Bernard, Kennedy, Reid,
McDonald, Brown, Ogden, Gray, Weaver,
Stevenson, Munro.

Vice P. Chair

Vice president Milne

In the Chair

Minutes

The minutes of former meeting were read
and confirmed.

Comm. Communication

from W. Rodden
Donation

A Communication was received
from William Rodden. Copy was accompanying
the same with the donation of an iron safe
Manufactured here for the Institute.

Resolved

Resolved that the thanks of the
Institute be given to William Rodden for the
donation and noticed in the usual manner.

Donation
Prison Discipline
Boston U.S.

Three volumes Prison Discipline was received
from the President Samuel A Elliot of the
Prison Discipline Society Boston United States
of America from 1836 to 1854 both years inclusive.

Resolved

Resolved that the Corresponding Secretary
be instructed to return thanks by letter for the
donation received.

Report of
Lecture
Committee

The report of the Lecture and
Class Committee was received regarding Mr Anderson's
proposition contained in his letter of 28th ult. -
to get up classes for vocal music they beg
leave to state that they have arranged with
Mr Anderson to give one concert during
the month of May. The Institute furnishing
room and lights he Mr Anderson to provide

Report of
Lecture Comt
Continued

The performers as well as all Music required
for this one occasion the proceeds to pay first
for all necessary printing required or ordered
and the remaining proceeds or Balance to be
Equally divided betwixt Mr Anderson
or his party on the one hand and the Institute
to receive their half share on balance on the other

Motion

Moved by Mr Reid seconded
by Grey that the report be received and the
Lecture Comt instructed to carry the same
with Mr Anderson into effect Amend

Library Comt
and
Motion

Moved by Dr Bernard seconded
by A. O. P. that the list of Books
submitted by the Library Comt
be received and they be instructed to have
the same placed on the shelves of the Library
of the Institute for the use of Members
at as early a date practicable. & carried

acct. —
£2.0.0

Account from Mr Sibley was presented £2.0.0
referred to Finance Comt for payment of same
Carried

List of Members
proposed.

List of members proposed
2. Capt John Jackson, Edward Thompson, Andrew
Thompson, Robert McLormack, Robt. Jeffrey,
Robert Jameson, James Reeves,

3. Henry Peans, Robert Elliot, William Pugh Borge

Resolved that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed
to tender the thanks of this Institute to Alfred Pugh by
letter as he expressed a desire that such should
not be done in the usual manner through the papers
for his liberal donations to the Institute

Resolved that the
Comt be instructed to
congratulate of thanks
to Mr

adjourned

No further Business appearing the
Meeting adjourned. H. MUMFORD

Meeting

A Special Meeting was called this Evening May 19 of the General Comtee present

present

Mr. Gault, Murray, Weaver, Kennedy, McGibbon, Bernard, Miln, Bertram, Forse Spence, Murro.

Chair

The president in the Chair

Minutes

Confirmed

The minutes of former meeting were read and Confirmed

Resignation

James Dingwall tendered his resignation as a member of the General Committee in consequence of his leaving the City

Motion

on resignation

Moved by A Murray seconded W. W. Miln that the resignation be accepted - Carried

Explanations

given by A Perry before the Comtee upon the models bought at the Paris Exhibition

A Perry being present, was requested to give some explanations of the models which was opened for the purpose of repacking and to examine what state they were in he stated they were purchased at the request of Dr. Keppson School Superintendent of Education in Upper Canada, and altho he would be most desirous to allow them to remain over for a short time for examination at the Institute but he could not take upon himself to do without an order to that effect the ^{examined} few of the models, was the products of Austria and was made to one fifth their size --

and were much admired by the members of Committee present for their beauty and style of workmanship

Donation

provincial books

Donation from the provincial Government through the hands of the President to the Institute of 2 vols upon Trade and navigation The donation thankfully received and placed on the shelves of the Library

Donation from

Vote of Thanks

Henry Chapman Esq. 1 vol. upon the
Agatable products of Scotland

Resolved that a vote of thanks be given
in the usual manner.

Donation from

Vote of Thanks

Alfred Perry Esq. 2 Engravings of the
great Exhibition London 1851 (not framed)

1 do. — " — (ilt framed)

2 Volumes of perspective drawings &

Resolved that the Corresponding Society return
a vote of Thanks by letter for the Liberal Donations
of A Perry Esq. & also 1 vol. of Reports on the
Paris Exhibition. being designated as Part
pt

Motion for a
standing Comtee
to be styled the
Museum Committee

Moved by N. B. Corse Seconded by W. P. Russell
That the following Members of General Committee
be a permanent Committee for the purpose
of making the necessary arrangements for
Establishing a Museum in Connection with
the Institute and to report upon the practi-
cability of the scheme which the Institute is so
desirous to be properly established at their earliest
convenience viz Messrs. Mich. Spence Weaver
McDonald & Reid. — Carried

Motion of Election
A Perry to fill the
place of J. Dingwall

Moved by Dr Bernard Seconded
by W. M. Mich. That Alfred Perry Esq. be
Elected to fill up the vacancy of General Comtee
declared vacant by the resignation of James
Dingwall — Carried unanimously

Motion that A. P.
be added to the Standing
Comtee

Moved by Dr Bernard Seconded by W. M. Mich.
That Alfred Perry be added to the Standing
Committee appointed to establish a Museum
— Carried —

Members

proposed

The following members was proposed

1st Capt. James Thompson Samuel W Holmes
W J Holmes Dr Van Burckirk

2nd John Tuelker.

3rd Thomas Moore. Arthur Ross -
I England James Leslie

No other Business being brought

Before the meeting adjourned

H J Elmore P.S.

Committee met

The general Committee met this evening 26th May 1852
"present"

Mesrs.

Garth, Kennedy, Perry, Weaver, Grey,
Stevenson, Algernon, Rodden, Reid, Munro
president in the Chair

Present
Chair

Minutes of former meeting confirmed

The minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

A verbal communication for a deduction of Hall rent

A verbal communication was received through the president from the committee of the protestant Nonconformist Benevolent Association requesting a deduction upon the rates of Hall as charged them, upon the consideration of its being a benevolent institution.

Motion not to grant reduction unless yearly tenants

Moved by W. Weaver seconded by H. Munro. That it would be injudicious on the part of the general committee to make any alterations upon the existing tariff as established for the use of the Hall. At the request of the Committee for the protestant Nonconformist Benevolent Association unless they become yearly tenants at the same rates, and upon the same conditions as the other societies has agreed to pay - Under such circumstances they will be allowed on their yearly rental the sum of £130/- from the amounts paid for use of Hall as per act ordered. to date "Corried"

acc^d rendered
3 night hall £1.000
reception room 10/-
800/0

Motion forwarded

Motion for the
concert

Moved by A Perry Seconded by W Ogilvie
that the lecture and class cont^d be
instructed to make preparations for the
Experimental concert, as authorized and
agreed to by general committee on the 12th inst
on Saturday evening first if found practicable
and if then successful to be continued
weekly
Carried

Motion for
a refrigerator

Moved by A Perry seconded
by W Munro that the house committee
be instructed to provide a refrigerator for
the use of the Institute
Carried

Motion regarding
the old wooden

Building adjoining

Moved by A Perry seconded by W Kennedy
that the Corresponding Secretary be requested
to draw the attention of the fire inspector
of the city to the wooden building adjoining
the Institute the property of W Campbell
~~and~~ whether making use of barrels or
stoves in such a place is in accordance
with the Bylaws of the Corporation.
Carried

Members proposed

Members proposed

3rd class. Thos W Saylor, William Anderson

Meeting adjourned

No other business appearing the
Meeting adjourned

W O Munro, Secy
All

The General Committee met
This evening June 9th 1854
Present

Messrs. Gorth Spence Rodden Kennedy
Reid Weaves Stevenson

The president in the chair

The minutes of last meeting were read and
confirmed

In the absence of the Secretary
Mr Stevenson acted in that capacity

Moved by Mr Kennedy seconded by Mr Reid
that the president and the chairman of the lecture
committee be a committee to wait upon Messrs
Pyne & Harrison with a view to ascertain
whether an arrangement could be made
with them to give one or two concerts for the
Benefit of the Institute and that they be
authorised to make such an arrangement
as may seem to them advisable. Carried

Moved by Mr Spence seconded by
Mr Reid that the president with Messrs
Weaves Rodden Stevenson and Pinnington
be a committee to consider the subject of a
Pleasure excursion and be prepared with
a report for next meeting. Carried

Dr Holmes, letter accompanying
a donation of books in all 24 volumes, was
read and ordered to be placed on file
and the donation acknowledged in the
usual manner.

present

Members -
Chair's

Minutes read

Secretary present

Motion for
two or three
concerts by
Pyne & Harrison
for the Benefit of the
Institute

Motion for a
pleasant Excursion

Donation of
Books

Communication

John C Spence addressed a communication to the president, tendering his resignation as a member of the house committee.

Motion for the acceptance of Resignation

Moved by W. Rowden seconded by H. Reid that Mr Spence's resignation as a member of the house committee be accepted and that W. McDonald be appointed to succeed him & carried

and the appointment of a Successor

Accounts were submitted from the following and referred to the finance committee

accounts

William Bristow £ 17. 6. 9

amounting to

Albion New York 1. 10. 0

£ 19. 4. 3

Garnin and Laurie £ 4. 6
£ 19. 4. 3

Memberships

The following members

were proposed for membership

2' Messrs John Craig & Webster, William Cooley & Pinfold David Petrie

3' Messrs Shost & Gray

Meeting adjourned

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

H. Munn R.S.
[Signature]

Montreal June 17th 1856
The general committee met this evening
Tuesday June 17th &

present

present

Wm. Girth (or) Wm. Gibbon, W. Carew,
Mr. Donald, Gray, Reim Kennedy (or)
Stevenson,

Chair

minutes confirmed

The President in the chair
the Minutes of former Meeting were read and
confirmed

Secretary pro tem

In the absence of the R. S. W. Stevenson
acted in that Capacity

Report from the
President

The President reported having seen Mr. Garrison
in reference to giving one or more concerts for the
Benefit of the Institute but their engagements
were such that no arrangements could be
made

Report from the
President with
a donation of
a Book

The President reported a donation from
J. S. Saunders Esq. of London (Forwarded from
New York by Mr. Bader Esq. through Messrs.
A. Buxton, & Co. of this City) A very valuable
Book containing specimens and an Historical
Notice of the Manufacture of Paper, got up
Especially for the Paris Exhibition and the
only Book of that description in existence
Mr. Bader's letter in reference thereto having
been read, it was moved by A. Stevenson
Seconded by W. G. that the Corresponding
Secretary be instructed to forward a letter to
Mr. Saunders of London, and another to Mr. Bader
of New York acknowledging receipt of the Book and
expressing the thanks of this Committee for the valuable
donation and also a letter to Messrs. A. Buxton & Co. of
this

Motion upon report
and vote of thanks

Motion Continued

this City for their liberality in delivering it
free of expense. *L. Orswell*

Communication
from Neil McJutorch
about the hoisting
hook

A letter was read from Mr Neil McJutorch
complaining of the giving way of the "Hoisting
Hook" and requesting the Committee to put
the matter to right

Moved by William Houston seconded by
Mr Weaver. that the Committee cannot acknow-
ledge their liability to Mr McJutorch in the matter
of the hook. Still as they wish to treat the
question with all possible Justice they have
appointed Mr Garth President, & Mr Kennedy
as a Committee to confer with Mr McJutorch on the
question of arranging the hoisting hook, and
that the Corresponding Secretary write to Mr Mc-
Jutorch to that effect *L. Orswell*

The Excursion Committee reported having
conferred with the Montreal & New York R. R. Co
for a trip to St Anns their terms were \$6 each
The Grand Trunk R. Co. offered to take the
Excursionists to Cadriac at \$4 each and the
Committee being of opinion that even a better ar-
rangement could be made with the Grand Trunk
R. R. Co. desired to have further instructions on
the subject

Moved by Mr Reid seconded by
Mr McDonald that the Committee be instructed
to make arrangements with the Grand Trunk R. R. Co
for the Excursion to St Anns *L. Orswell*

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

R. Orswell

The General Committee met this
Evening June 23rd 1856

Present
Chair

Mr. Barth, Mr. Rodden, Kennedy, Gray
McDonald, Reed

The president in the Chair

The minutes
not read

The Secretary not being present
and the minutes Book not forth concerning the reading
of last minutes was left over to next meeting

Report of
the
Excursion
Committee

William ^{Rodden} reported on behalf of the Excursion Com-
-tee that they had entered into arrangements with
Mr. Bidder of the Grand Trunk R.R. Co. and after
conferring with the Colonization Society in ad-
-tainment was put in the news papers that the
Excursion would take place on the 2nd July. The terms
of the G. T. are as follows a guarantee of a about
400 adults and 200 juveniles the charge for the
adults to be 1/6 and the juveniles 1/8 each - And
it is further agreed to by the Committee to charge
1/10 for juveniles 1/6 for ladies - 1/4 for gentlemen going
and coming on the excursion - They also report
that the arrangement with the Colonization Society is as
follows, sharing in the duties of Management, sharing
in the duties of Management and taking for their share
of the proceeds one fourth of the net profits after paying all
Expenses - And agreeing that should they go to Lovelock
or elsewhere later in the season our Committee will
assist them and to 1/4 of their net proceeds
Moved by W. Kennedy seconded by W. Reid that
the Excursion Committee be fully authorized to
make the necessary arrangements and carry
out the proposed Excursion and that they
have powers to add to their numbers -

Motion
authorising Excursion

Carried

Moved by Mr. Reil Seconded by Mr. Kennedy
that what is actually necessary for the improvement
of the ventilation of the house the cost not exceed
£50-0-9 five pounds be done at once carried

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned

A. A. A. A. A.

Noticed June 30th 1856
The General Committee this evening at eight
o'clock.

Present

Messrs. Galt Rodden Corne Ogilvie Gray
Perry, Keane, McIn Spence Stevenson Reil Kennedy
Munn

The President in the Chair

The minutes of former meetings were read and
confirmed

The president stated that the meeting
had been called to take into consideration the expediency
of postponing the pleasure trip to Banarick, when after
due consideration with the Committee of management
for the Caledonian Society and the Committee of this
Institute it was unanimously agreed to proceed in
accordance with the arrangements previously made
weather permitting.

The statement was unanimously
agreed to and the Members of Committee requested to
use their utmost endeavors to sell tickets and to give
all publicity to the excursion

Moved by A Perry Seconded by W Rodden that the
Corresponding Secretary be instructed to write to Mr
Robert Campbell and inform him that this Institute
See with regret that his property is a serious nuisance
to the Members and others as well the Roof of the Shed
being without a spout to carry of the water which
is a serious injury and damage to the walls of the
Institute Such being the case we respectfully request
his attention to it immediately

Moved in amendment by W Miln Seconded
by W Munro that the President and treasurer be
requested to write upon Mr Campbell and if the nuisance
complained of still exists to have the same removed
without delay and also to have the shed furnished with a
sufficient spout to carry of the water from Roof that
is at present thrown into the foundation of the new
Building of Institute causing serious damage And if no
attention is paid by Mr Campbell then request that the
president is hereby fully authorized to take such immediate
steps as may be deemed necessary to secure the interests
of the Institute. Carried by a majority of one
The main motion being put was carried by the
same majority

Moved by W Rodden Seconded by A Perry that
in the event of the adjoining property owned by
R Campbell not being put on a safe and
legal way forthwith the president be authorized
to enter a protest with the view of protecting
the interests of the Institute

Carried

Mr. Mils requested the use of the Hall
for the purpose of delivering a lecture before
the Institute upon conditions that such was granted
in the usual manner for Institute Lectures

Moved by W. Rodden seconded by A.
Bertram that Mr. Mils request be referred
to the Lecture and Class Committee with
to arrange the matter and to confer with
the President regarding the night that said
Lecture will come of force

The following account was presented

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| To Hobald Old Building | L 2. 9. 2 |
| " New Building | 11. 0. 0 |
| " Lecture by Malone Raymond | 7. 6 |
| | <u>L 3. 16. 8</u> |

The following Members was proposed

1. John Liff Engineer
2. James Gould. William Humphrey
3. Mr. Kennedy Thomas Groves, Thos H Groves
Walter Herbert, James Leslie, L. Eglon

No other Business appearing the
Meeting adjourned

M. Murray R.S.
J.C.

July 4th 56 The General Committee
met this evening present

Messrs Bertram, Reid, Weaver, McDonald
, Miln, Conner, Perry, Ogilvie Spence
Brown Stevenson Rodden Munro

The Minutes of former meeting was read
and Confirmed

A Communication was received from
the No 1 A F Pump Minister of the St Gabriel
Street Church requesting the use of the
Mewhall for three sabbaths for the purpose
of holding divine service during the time that
his own church was undergoing repairs —

Moved by A Perry seconded by
W Ogilvie that the request of the No 1
A F Pump for the use of the Mechanics Hall be
granted with the understanding that every
expense as gas light and cleaning the room
&c? be paid by the said congregation
Lost

Moved in amendment by N Munro
seconded by J C Spence that this Commi-
tee does not deem it expedient to open
the Mechanics Hall on the Sabbath for
any purpose whatever

Amendment carried by a
majority of two —

A Perry requested that the
names of the Year and was ~~inserted~~
which

which are as follows
for the Amendment
M^r Munro, Spence, McDonald
Wearer, Rodden, Stevenson, Corse
Seven

against
M^r Perry, Miln, Reid, Brown, Ophie
Five

the main motion was put and lost by
the same minority

- No other Business appearing
the Meeting adjourned

A. Munro R.S.
M

1856
July 14th

The ordinary meeting of the General Committee met this evening July 14th 1856

Present

present

Mrs Kennedy, Reid, Grey, Weaser, Stevenson, Corse, McDonald, Munro

chair

In the absence of the President and the vice presidents Mr Corse was unanimously called to the chair

minutes

The minutes of former meeting was read and confirmed

Report of house committee

The house committee reported that they had succeeded in expending the amount appropriated for ventilation and that such has been expended judiciously and fully completed the same in accordance with the understanding of the general committee and also the roof the privies has been covered with wares patent roofing. Also the yard Bars at outside end doors fixed up. The whole respectfully submitted

acts

Act. Montreal Post office amount £0.50 1/2

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the same

Mrs R. S. W. MacKay Directory 56 1/2 7.6 -

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the same £0.12.6 1/2

Samuel Bayson act tendered £4.8-1

--- sum. 1.8 1/2 £5.16.10

Report of previous committee

Members proposed by J. Water 1st class John W. MacKie 2nd class no other business appearing the

adjourned

meeting adjourned

H. Munro M.S.

Mechanics Institute 28 July 1856
The General Committee met this evening, Present,

Members present Messrs Gault, Milne, Weaver, Grey, McGibbon, Rodden, Ogilvie, Kennedy, Laise, Stevenson, Munro,

Minutes I The Minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed,

Government Grant, II The President stated that he had transmitted to the Treasurer the Government Grant of Fifty Pounds, for this year,

Accounts read and referred Greaves a/c III The following accounts were brought up and read

Mr Greaves a/c when it was moved by Mr Rodden seconded by Mr Stevenson "that the a/c of Mr Greaves be referred to the Finance Committee & if found correct to be paid as soon as practicable carried,

Evans a/c Messrs Evans a/c of £12.2.6 & C Bryson a/c of £7.8.7 $\frac{1}{2}$ were referred to the Finance Committee for payment if found correct,

Elliott's a/c Mr Elliott's a/c of £15.6.0 was read and referred to the House Committee,

Dawson's a/c Mr Dawson's a/c of £42.6.0 was read and referred to the Library Committee,

Corporation Assessment a/c IV A Letter from the City Treasurer was read, requesting that the a/c for assessment of the New Hall for the last 3 years and now due be paid,

(St

Continuation of 28th July 1856

It was then resolved "That the account
"of the Corporation for assessment, be
"referred to the Finance Committee to
"make the best arrangement for the
"interest of the Institute",

Report of
Music Com.

V The Music Committee reported through
their Chairman Mr Kennedy,

"That they would be permitted to
"discontinue the Saturday evening
"concerts until a more favourable
"opportunity, and to return the Piano-forte,
"and that they would report more fully
"at the next general Committee Meeting"

It was resolved, That the Report of the
Music committee be adopted,

New Members

VI The following persons were admitted
Members of the Institute,

A. Leveque, First Class.

Robert Lockie, Second do

W^m Thompson do do

John Humphrey Third do

Adjournment

The Meeting then adjourned,

Mechanics Institute August 11th 1856

The General Committee held their meeting this evening, The President in the Chair; Present,

Attendance of Members

Messrs Coase, Rodden, Kennedy, Ogilby, McGibbon, McDonald, Renward, Weaver, Spence, Perry, Reed, & Grey,

Minutes

I The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed,

From 39th Regt,

Reception Committee

II A communication was read and received from the 39th Reception Committee, thanking the Institute for the use of the committee room, and presenting some flags &c to the Institute,

Accounts

III The following accounts were laid before the committee and referred to the Finance, Library & Lecture committees,

viz. R. & A. Miller £ 13. 6. 4

" H. Rose " 11. 8. 2

" Henry Morgan " 2. 14. 3

" Meil W. Sutosh " 21. 11. 3

The House Committee reported

A. Elliotts ac^t correct and it was referred to the Finance Committee for payment, to report at next meeting

Address to

His Excellency

IV The President, C. Gault, informed the committee that according to instruction, the following address had been presented His Excellency Sir Edmund Head Governor General, and to which His Excellency had made the following reply.

(Address)

Address To His Excellency 1st Aug. '36

At noon His Excellency the Governor General accompanied by the Hon. Col. Tache, and Attorney General Carter, visited the Halls of the Institute. The President W. C. Gault, Vice Presidents W. W. Rodden & C. C. Spens, Treasurer N. B. Coase, and Messrs A. Perry W. Kennedy, M. Pennington, G. Kennard & C. W. Ogilvie of the General Committee and other Members, were present to receive His Excellency and presented him with the following address,

" To His Excellency Sir Edmund Head, Baronet,
" Governor General and Commander in Chief of the Provinces of
" Canada, New Brunswick &c. &c.

" May it Please your Excellency,
" The President, Officers & Members of the Mechanics Institute of
" Montreal, beg leave to approach your Excellency to renew the
" assurance of their loyalty to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen,
" and of respect for your Excellency, her worthy representative in
" Canada,

" When we waited on your Excellency upon the occasion of your
" previous visit to Montreal, to offer our congratulations on your
" assumption of the reins of Government in Canada, your Excellency
" was pleased to become Patron of the Institute, to express a deep
" interest in the progress of our Institution, and your surprise at
" the display of the handiwork of our Mechanics then on exhibition
" there, since then it has been our endeavor to make our Institution still
" more worthy of the chief City of Canada, and though many of the
" objects we had hoped to accomplish have not been realised, through lack
" of means—though your Excellency's advisers, and the Parliament of the
" Country have not deemed it compatible with the due administration of
" the

Address Continued.

" The public finances, to grant us the assistance we sought, to further
" our efforts to raise the standard of intelligence among the working men
" of the Province - yet our means of usefulness have been increased, and our
" collection of books & models &c, are now lodged in our new Hall, a building
" more commodious and better fitted for our use than we were then possessed of,

" Believing as we do, that the condition of the mechanic or
" manufacturer in Canada yet needs much improvement, that they should be
" given here, either by private or public endowment, those means of instruction which
" the Governments of France & Britain are now affording with such wise liberality
" to the mechanics of those countries, we venture to express a hope that the time
" is not far distant when the mechanic may have his college in either section
" of the Province, not less than the professional man, and when his ingenuity
" will be judiciously fostered by rewards, as the labor of the Canadian Agriculturist
" is to day,

" We trust to Your Excellency's just appreciation of our position,
" to your sympathy with the labors by means of which we have striven, in
" this "our day of small things" to lay the foundation of an Institution capable of
" raising up a class of well instructed mechanics to furnish the Towns and Villages
" of the Province with handicraftsmen and manufacturers, we trust to that interest
" which we are assured Your Excellency feels in all that will promote the true
" prosperity of the country you have been called upon to govern, as guarantees
" that no effort or influence will be wanting on your Excellency's part, to
" encourage ~~and~~ the good work we have in hand,

" In conclusion we again offer you the assurance of our sincere respect for
" your Excellency and Lady Head, proffering to both yourself and Her
" Ladyship a hearty welcome to Montreal."

(Signed)

Charles Gauthier
President.

L. B.

Montreal August 1. 1856

(Reply)

Reply of His Excellency.

" M^r President and Gentlemen of the Mechanics
" Institute, "

" I have always felt pleasure in reflecting that I had done
" myself the honor of becoming the Patron of your Society,

" What can be effected by the Mechanics of Canada has
" been shown in London and Paris, you as a body, have already taken
" your place by the side of the best artificers of Europe, you may rely on
" my desire to promote by legitimate means the welfare of the Mechanics of
" Canada, If the state of the public finances, or other considerations, have
" not allowed my council to advise the grant of such assistance as might
" have promoted the cause you have at heart, you must attribute the failure
" to afford it to a sense of public duty, both on my part, and on theirs,
" not to any ill will towards the great interest which you labor to support,

" I thank you heartily for the address just read and for the
" welcome to myself and Lady Head,

" I have great satisfaction in receiving this address in the
" building devoted to the service of your Society

(Signed)

Edmund Head,

From
Mr Smith

V The President said that he had received an
answer from Mr Smith in reference to the engagement
of the Hall, but it was not read,

Steamboat
Explosions

VI The following Resolution was moved by Mr
Revy and seconded by Mr Grey, and carried
unanimously, " That the following Gentlemen
" form a Committee to draft a set of Laws
" to prevent Steamboat Explosions and
" like accidents that may occur, viz.
" Messrs Gault, Rodden, Revy, Milne &
" Bartley with power to add to their number,

VII The President brought under the notice

(F)

Secretary's
absence,

Neil W^o Intosh
a/c,

Mr Rodden's
motion relative
thereto

Minutes of 11th August continued,
Of the Committee, the continued absence of the
Secretary, Mr Murro, after some discussion the
matter was left over to next meeting,
Mr Neil W^o Intosh a/c, was brought up
for discussion and after much discussion the
following resolution was passed by a majority
of two, "Moved by Mr Rodden and seconded
by Mr Ogilvie," "In reply to Mr W^o Intosh
demand, that the Committee of the Mechanics
Institute have already expressed their opinions,
that they are not in any way accountable for
the accident in his store to the hoisting hook
in upper floor, it was the improper use of the
said hook by the tenant which occasioned the
loss or accident, and not the insufficiency
thereof, the Institute cannot be expected to
watch the use of the premises in the prop-
- erty of Mr W^o Intosh or any of its appendages,
the Committee cannot acknowledge the claim
of Mr W^o Intosh, or the a/c now presented,
with the exception of the item for whitewashing
it is hereby proposed that it be referred
to the Finance Committee & if found correct
pay it, and should Mr W^o Intosh refuse to
pay the quarters rent forthwith, that the
President & Treasurer are authorised to
take legal advice on the subject, and if it
is advised that Mr W^o Intosh has a legal
claim, the said Officers are authorised to
make the best settlement they can about it,
but should the advice be to the contrary,
they shall insist on immediate payment
of the Quarters Rent, which if he refuses,
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Minutes of 11th August continued,

"They are authorised to institute immediate legal proceedings to recover the Quarters Cent at the approaching term"

The Meeting then adjourned.

Mechanic's Hall, August 25th 1856

Attendance of members

The General Committee held a Meeting
W^m A. Bestram Vice President in the Chair,
Present Messrs Beaver, Spence, N. B. Louse,
Grey, Rodden, Perry, McDonald & Brown,
W^m Perry acting as Secy. Protem,

Accounts,

Mitchels & Co.

Canada Gazette,

Morning Chronicle,

Holmes & Co.

The following accounts were read and referred, W^m Mitchels & Co. to House & Finance Committees, Canada Gazette & Morning Chronicle, & Co. to Finance Committee, H. & Co. to House do, The Secretary was ordered to write to the Proprietors of the Canada Gazette to see if they would be kind enough to send the Gazette free,

Secretary's Absence

The subject of the continued absence of the Secretary in Upper Canada, was again brought up, and after much conversation the following resolution was submitted, and passed unanimously, Moved by W^m Rodden & 2^d by W^m Beaver,

Motion to employ a Person to write up Books

"That the President & Treasurer be authorised to obtain the services of a person competent to make up the Minute & accounts Books of the Institute, and report on the first Monday in October, to enable the

(Committee

Minutes of 25th August continued

"Committee to prepare their annual statement
"at that time, such person so employed to be
"paid a suitable sum as may be agreed upon,

Members
admitted.

The following persons were admitted
3rd Class Members, C. W. Gregor, Jas. Elliott
Thomas Fitch, & William Connolly,

The meeting then adjourned,

Mechanics Hall September 25th 1856

The general committee met for business
this evening, the President being absent
it was resolved that J. Barnard do take
the Chair, and that W. Kennedy do act as
Secretary, Present, Messrs Philm, Weaver
Ogilvie, McDonald, & Gray,

No Business
done.

The minutes of last meeting not being on
hand, it was unanimously resolved that the
meeting do now adjourn till Monday the
29th instand,

Mechanics Hall, 29th Sept. 1856

Members
present.

The Committee met this evening for business, C. Garth Esq. President. in the Chair, Present Messrs Rodden, Weaver, Corse, Bernard, Millne, Gray, Kennedy & Mc Gibbon,

Reading of
Minutes postponed

I On account of the Minutes of last meeting not being forth coming, it was moved by Dr Bernard seconded by Mr Weaver, that "the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting be left over till next meeting" Carried,

Application of
Ladies of Charity
for Hall,

II A Communication was read from Mrs Mary G. Cadle's, applying for the use of the Hall for a Bazaar, when it was moved by Dr Bernard seconded by Mr Mc Gibbon,

Dr Bernard's
motion

"That Mrs Cadle's be informed that the Hall is at present occupied by Mrs Smith's Parsonage, who has signified his intention to continue the use of the Hall so long as he shall find it profitable, which he hopes will be for sometime to come, the Committee therefore regret that they cannot at present arrange with the Ladies of Charity for the use of the Hall at the time mentioned"

Mr Rodden's
Amendment,

An Amendment was then moved by Mr Rodden, seconded by Mr Grey "that the President be authorized to make the best possible arrangement for the accommodation of the Ladies of Charity, of St P. V. A. but with the understanding that Mr Smith have the preference if he is willing to engage the room, if he is not willing and the Ladies will not put off their Bazaar, it may be placed at their disposal On

Minutes of 29th Sept. continued,

Amendment lost

"On the usual terms," the amendment upon being put was declared lost, the main motion

Motion carried

was then put and carried,

III A motion was then made by Dr Barnard seconded by Mr Milne, "That the Finances of the Institute will not allow the Committee to rent the Hall to the Ladies of Charity at a less sum than to other Charitable Associations viz £12.10.0 per week, Carried,

Hall not to be

let under £12.00.0

at a less sum than to other Charitable Associations viz £12.10.0 per week, Carried,

Donation from

Mr W. Gibbon Esq.

Mr W. Gibbon presented the Institute with a donation of "Colton's Maps" it was then moved by Dr Barnard, seconded by Mr Grey

Life members

Ticket granted

"That the donations of "Colton's Maps" together with other donations previously made by Mr W. Gibbon, entitles him to receive a Life Members Ticket. Carried,
The Meeting then adjourned,

McManis Hall Montreal 13th October 1856

The General Committee held their regular meeting this evening, C. Garth President in the Chair, Mr S. Fletcher acting as Secretary, members present Messrs Brown, Milne, Stevenson, Spence Perry, Coase, Reid, Rodden, Kennedy, Grey, Barnard, Weaver, & McDonald,

Attendance of members,

Minutes read,

I The Minutes of last & previous meeting were read and confirmed.
II The President reported, that he had reviewed

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Minutes of 13th October continued,

Mr Entosh's Letter

A letter from Mr N. W. Entosh about his claims to the effect, that as he had paid his Quarters Rent that day (the 6th inst), without any deduction being allowed him on account of the loss of the Molasses, that he wished to come to an amicable arrangement and would therefore wait for a week longer, and at expiration of that time, if a satisfactory answer was not received, would institute an action against the Institute," he the President had therefore called upon Mr W. Entosh, and made a satisfactory arrangement with him by allowing the sum of £10.0.0 to be deducted off the current Quarters rent when due, and Mr W. Entosh signing an agreement to take the premises occupied by him at his own risk, and agreeing to leave the sink erected by him when he vacates the premises, a motion was then made by Mr Milne & seconded by Mr Weaver "That the arrangement made by the President with Mr W. Entosh be confirmed," Carried

Matter arranged with Mr Entosh.

III The President reported that in accordance with a motion made at a previous meeting he had secured the services of Mr S. Fletcher as acting Secretary, and that he had commenced his duties, confirmed by the Committee,

Mr S. Fletcher to act as Secretary

IV The President reported that Mr Smith had occupied the Hall for six weeks and had paid £60.0.0 for Rent, had paid for the gas used, and had also paid \$5. for some slight damage done to the room. The President

Smith's lease of the Hall terminated.

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Hall leased to the Ladies of Charity

President also stated that the Ladies of Charity had rented the Hall for one week, that the "Italian Singers" had rented the Hall for this evening, but they had, at the very last moment, postponed the concert, and had not paid the money, and he doubted very much if it could be got from them.

Accounts read. Unwrens a/c

V The following a/c's were read and referred, an a/c of £9.20 for Roofing from C. M. Warren reported correct by the House Comr, was referred to the Finance Comr.

Unwrens a/c Globe Com. Advertiser

an a/c from S. Arnover of £3.16.3 from the Globe office 20th 2.14.2 and from the Commercial Advertiser 5/ was referred to the Library Committee

Motion to procure a Loan.

VI The subject of the liabilities of the Institute was brought up and after some discussion, it was moved by Mr Milne seconded by Mr Brown "That a sub-committee composed of the Pres, Mr Bernard & Treasurer, be appointed to make arrangements about procuring a loan at a rate not exceeding 10 percent, of Five Hundred pounds by £500, the loans not to exceed 4 percent, and to report at the next meeting.

Reports promised.

VII The House and Library Committees promised to report at the next meeting

Committee to prepare Annual Report.

VIII Moved by Mr Milne seconded by Mr Grey "That the Chairman of the several Committees together with the Pres. Secy & Treasurer, be a Committee to draft the annual report.

IX Carried, Mr Milne enquired of the Chairman

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Public Meeting
about Grand
Railway Celebration

Chairman, what the object of the Meeting was, that he had seen advertised in the Public papers to be held here tomorrow evening, the Pres. stated, that he had called the Meeting upon the requisition of 15 Members, and that the Meeting was for the purpose of discussing the propriety of taking part in the proposed Grand Railway Celebration, it was then moved by W^m Brown, seconded by W^m Milne

Committee to
prepare business
for Public Meeting

"That a Committee be appointed to prepare business for the Meeting tomorrow evening and that the following Gentlemen be the Committee, the President, Messrs Perry, Milne, Rodden, Barnard, Spence & Stevenson" Carried.

members
admitted,
proposed.

A. D. W^m Loud & A W^m Lean were admitted as 2nd Class Members, W^m Piskley Engineer was proposed as 1st Class Member by W^m Weaver, The Meeting then adjourned

John Fletcher
" Acting Secretary.

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 20th October 1856

The General Committee held their meeting this evening, C. Gault President in the Chair.

Members present

Members Present, O'Barnard, Messrs Rodden, Weaver, W. Gibbon, McDonald, Gray, Kennedy, Ogilvie, Stevenson, Coase, Milne & Secretary, Brown

Minutes confirmed,

and confirmed,

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed,

President's Report of Finance

II ^{approval} The President laid before the Committee a statement of the assets & liabilities of the Institute, up till 1st Nov, showing that the liabilities amounted to £1549.18.0 and the available assets to about £410.0.0 but that many of the creditors will be willing to wait for a year and longer for the payment of their accounts, the ^{total} sum for which they were willing to wait, amounted to £823.13.6 leaving a balance to be paid at present of only £425.4.6 and that there would likely be funds enough on hand at the Annual Meeting to pay off this amount, he would therefore on behalf of the Committee appointed at the last meeting to procure a loan, report "That it is not advisable at present to borrow money as it cannot be obtained under safe and especially as the creditors are so liberal in agreeing to defer the payment of their accounts" W. Milne then moved, seconded by W. Weaver "That the report be received and concurred in and the Committee discharged, Carried,

Adoption of Report

Committee to settle a/c's

III Moved by W. Kennedy seconded by O'Barnard "That the President, Treasurer & W. Rodden be

Minutes of 20th October continued

"be a Committee to close all the accounts
"of the Institute to the best possible advantage
"and to report at the next meeting, Carried

Letter from
Hamilton
Institute

IV A letter was read from the Secretary of
the Hamilton Mechanics Institute, asking
for the names of proposed Lecturers here
such as we have been accustomed to engage,
&c. It was by motion resolved "That the
Secretary be authorised to write to the
Hamilton Institute, stating that we have
always depended for Lectures upon Amateurs,
"and that there are parties at present in
Montreal to recommend in that capacity,

Renting of
Hall

V The President reported that he had made
arrangements to rent the Hall ~~once a week~~
to the Young Men's Christian Association for
Lectures during the winter, on Thursday evening
the first week, and on Tuesday evenings after-
wards, at the rate of £3.10.0 per night, he had
also rented the Hall for concert on Friday
evening for £5.0.0 - upon motion it was
Resolved, "That the arrangements made
"by the President for renting the Hall be
"confirmed"

Library
Committee
Report

VI The Library Committee gave in their
Report, which was read and by motion referred
to the Committee appointed to draft the annual
report, Mr Stevenson was added to the
Annual Report Committee,

meeting of
Chairman

VII Moved by Mr Rodden seconded by Mr Milne
"That the Secretary be required to write to
"the Chairman of each Committee, that they
"be

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"Requested to attend a meeting on Friday evening
"next with their several reports, Carried

Members
admitted,

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Mr. Risley, Engineer proposed at last meeting
was admitted a 1st Class Member,

The following were proposed for Membership

Thos. Bennett 2nd Class

H. Berner, Leverage Maker do

Childs, Merchant do

Robert Watson, Cabinet do Second Class

Jacob McGowan, Tailor do

Stephen Tucker, Student Third do

The meeting then adjourned,

J. H. Fletcher
Acting Secretary

Montreal 27th October 1856

The General Committee held their
regular meeting this evening. President in
the Chair, Members present, J. Bernard
Messrs. Grey, Kennedy, Reid, Weaver, W. Paul
Lorse, Brown, Rodden, Miller & Perry, in the
absence of the Secretary, W. Miller was requested
to act in that capacity.

Attendans

Minutes

I The Minutes of last meeting were read
and confirmed.

House

II The House Committee gave in their report
and it was by motion referred to the Committee
upon the Annual Report.

Committee Report

III The Report of the Lecture & Class Committee
was

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Lecture & Class
Com. Report was read and by Motion referred to the same
Committee,

Music Com.
Report
Referred
The Music Committee gave in their report
of the Experimental Concerts, shewing a
balance on hand of 16/10^{rs}, it was then
moved by Mr Miller seconded by Mr Weaver that
"the report be received and placed on file, and
"the balance be handed over to the Treasurer,
Carried,

Annual
Report to
contain certain
Statements
A Motion was made by Mr McDonald seconded
by Mr Brown "That the Annual Report shall
"state the number of paying members and
"non-paying members in Classes, with a
"recommendation to the next Committee,
"that all members not paying their arrears
"on or before the 1st December next, shall be
"dealt with in accordance with the Bylaws
"and prevented from enjoying the privileges of
"membership" Carried,

Members
Admitted
The members proposed at last meeting
were admitted,

Proposed
The following persons were proposed
for membership, Richard Tate, Duggist 3rd Class
Charles Rice 3rd Class, Apprentice
Thomas Walsh do Law Student
Alex Patterson 3rd do Clerk,

The meeting then adjourned till Friday
evening next,

W W Miller
John Fletcher
Acting Secretary

Mechanics Hall 31st October 1856

Adjourned
meeting

An adjourned meeting of the Committee was held this evening, A. Bertrand 1st Vice Pres. in the chair, the President being absent from the City, Present, J^r Barnard, Messrs Rodden, Grey, Reid, Weaver, Ogilvie, Kennedy, Perry, Miller, W^m Gibbon, Coase, & Murray.

Attendance

Minutes

I The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Communication

II A Communication was read from the Chairman of the Trades Procession asking the Loan of the Union Jack & flags belonging to the Institute for the Procession, moved by W^m Rodden seconded by W^m Perry "that all the Flags & Banners belonging to the Institute not in use on that day, be placed at the disposal of the Trades Procession, Receipts to be taken for them from the Secretary of Procession," Carried.

Draft of
Annual Report

III The draft of a portion of the Annual Report was read by W^m Rodden in the absence of W^m Gault President, and submitted for consideration, upon motion it was resolved that "the report now read be taken up and discussed, which was accordingly done and several amendments made, a resolution was then passed to refer the Report and the Financial Statement, to a meeting of the General Committee to be held tomorrow evening.

The meeting then adjourned.

John Fletcher
Acting Secretary

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Mechanic's Hall, Nov. 1st 1856Adjourned
Meeting

An Adjourned Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening, President in the Chair, Present, Messrs House, Weaver Kennedy, Grey, Rodden, Ogilvie, Brown, Miller, Bertram, Perry & J. Barnard,

Report read

The Draft of the Annual Report as amended last evening was brought up and partly passed, the remainder was deferred till Monday evening, the Committee to meet at 6.0 clock previously to the Annual Meeting, The Financial was read over and agreed upon,

Auditors

By Motion it was resolved that Messrs "Weaver, Kennedy & J. Barnard be appointed Auditors,

Adjourned

The Meeting then adjourned till Monday evening at 6.0 clock,

John Fletcher
Acting Secretary,

Adjourned
Meeting,

Monday Evening 3rd November 1856
The General Committee held an adjourned meeting at 6.0 clock, all the Members present. The Report was brought and finally passed, The Treasurer's Report was also read,

Finale of
1855 & 1856

The Meeting then adjourned to attend the Annual Meeting and thus the business of the year ending 1st Nov. '55 was closed,

John Fletcher
Acting Secretary

Mechanics Institute, 10th November 1856

The New General Committee met this evening C. Garth Esq. President in the Chair. Present Messrs Beaver, Rodden, Harris, McDonald, Grey, Miller, Murray, Reid, Kennedy, Coase, Miller, Doyle, Brown, Hyatt, Stevenson & Dr Bernard, Mr Fletcher Secretary being absent from Town, Mr Stevenson acted in his place.

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

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting were read, The President, Mr Garth having been re-elected, submitted a list of the Sub-committees, as follows

Finance, Messrs Garth, Coase, Beaver
& Fletcher,

House, Messrs Beaver, Brown, Palmer,
Ogilvie & Bartley,

Lecture & Class, Messrs Rodden, Kennedy,
Hyatt, Doyle, Miller & Stevenson,

Library & Reading Room, Messrs Murray,
Stevenson, Miller, McDonald
& Bernard,

Museum, Messrs Perry, McDonald,
Fletcher, Harris, & Bertrand,

The list was approved of by the Com-
mittee,

Moved by Dr Bernard seconded by Mr Miller "That the Rooms of the Institute be thrown open to visitors during the "celebration" Carried unanimously,

Moved by Mr Rodden, seconded by Mr Miller

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Miller, "That ^{this} Committee deems it expedient to obtain if possible, the City Concert Hall for the purpose of holding a Service on Friday next in connexion with the Mechanics Institute, and that the following Gentlemen be a Committee to make the necessary arrangement." The President Messrs Rodden, Brown, Coase, Doyle, Weaver Murray & Stevenson, Carried.

The President and Mr Rodden were then appointed a deputation to wait upon the Executive Committee of the Celebration to ascertain if they were favourable to the project. On their return, they reported that the Executive Committee highly approved of the scheme and would do all in their power to forward our interests.

A Communication was read from Mr Bowen of Boston, which was ordered to be laid over till next meeting.

A Communication was read from Mr J. Patten which was on motion of Dr Barnard seconded by Mr Miller, Referred to the Lecture & Class Committee.

Accounts were read from the Secretary of Montreal £54.0.0 and from V. Hoggard .15. for Collection, they were referred to the Finance Committee.

The following were proposed for membership.

Second Class, Mark C. Dawes, John Colman
(S.)

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J. W. Keon, John Gibson, John Wilson,
Thos. Clapp, John W. Leau, Ed. Wilson,

W. Milne gave notice that he would
move at next meeting of Committee, that
a sum of money be placed at the disposal
of the Finance Committee for the purpose
of paying the services of the Recording
Secretary.

Moved by J. Barnard seconded by W.
Boyle! "That this Committee does not
"consider" expedient to take into consider-
"tion the subject of paying the services of a
"Secretary."

Moved by W. Milne seconded by W. Coxe
"That this meeting adjourn" on being put
to the vote the motion of adjournment was
lost. J. Barnard's motion was put to
the vote and carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson
Secy. Rec. Com.

Montreal 17th November 1856

This evening the general Committee held their regular meeting, C. Gault Pres, in the Chair, Present Messrs Weaver, Miller, Harris, Remond, Kennedy, Corse, Hyatt, Bertram & Stevenson & Fletcher,

I The minutes of last meeting were read and approved,

II The Communication from Mr Bowen of Boston laid over from last meeting was brought up, and was read, it was in reference to an Exhibition of Mechanical Skill, which he understood was to be held this month in Montreal, and offering to contribute thereto, Moved by Mr Miller, seconded by Mr Weaver, "That the Cor. Sec, be directed to answer the letter, by giving the necessary information relative to the contemplated Exhibition next year." Carried,

III Accounts were read from the Hamilton Spectator 40¢ & from the Review 10¢ upon motion they were referred to the Finance Committee,

IV Moved by Mr Miller, seconded by Mr Bartley "That a Committee of three consisting of the Pres, Cor & Sec, Secy's, be appointed to prepare a synopsis of the annual report for publication in the City Papers." Carried,

V J. Remond Moved seconded by Mr Kennedy "That the President be authorized to arrange with Mr Richardson, so as to relieve him from the out door work of the Institute & enable him to attend to the
(Writing

17th November 1856, Continued.

"Writing on and that a Boy be hired by the
"President, also that a woman be hired to do
"the cleaning," Carried.

vi The List of arrears Building Fund was
referred to the President, Treasurer & W^r
Remond, to visit the Justices.

vii The Pres. reported that the Game had
taken place, but had not proved successful
showing a loss of £10. the members present
were willing to pay their share of the deficiency,
so that the Funds of the Institute would not
suffer.

viii The following persons were proposed as
Second Class Members, S. M. Atkinson, Painter,
Third do do, D. Murray, Pupil
" " " S. Dawson, Carpenter,
The Meeting then adjourned

John Fletcher
Sec. Secretary, M.S.

Mechanics Institute Montreal 24 November 1856

A Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening, President in the Chair, Present, Messrs Brown, Weaver, Harris Ogilvie, Kennedy, Perry, O'Barneard, Miller Fletcher, Coase, Hyatt, Murray & Rodden, I The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved,

II A Letter was read from W^m H. Palmer resigning his office as member of Committee Resolved "That his resignation be accepted" for the reasons assigned in his letter

III A Letter was read from W^m J. Pell of Toronto, thanking the Institute for the kindness shown to him by the Members of Committee, while on a visit to this City during the Celebration, and making a donation to the Institute of 14 volumes of valuable works, moved by W^m O. Brown seconded by J. Fletcher "That the letter and donation be received, and that he be proposed to be elected an Honorary Member, and the Com. Secy. be directed to acquaint W^m Pell of the same"

IV A Letter was read from the Secy. of the St Patrick Society, tendering the sum of six Pounds in full for rent of Hall for Mr Gess's Lectures & that the Lectures had proved a failure, the President stated that he had accepted the amount being only 30/- less than the full amount,

V A Letter from V. J. Brown was read stating that he had been appointed one of the Local Committee of the Agricultural Exhibition

(to

Minutes of 24th November continued,
to be held in this City next year, and asking for
suggestions from this Committee relative to the
Mechanical part of said Exhibition.

"Resolved that the letter be received and that
the Com. Secy, be directed to acknowledge the
receipt thereof and to state that the Committee
had the subject under their consideration
and would communicate the result of their
deliberations at as early a date as possible."

vii A communication was read from Mr Deplac
agent of "Lamarque", requesting the support
of the Institute to his "Emile's Course of
Literature", moved by Mr Rodden seconded
by Mr Murray "That the Institute subscribe
for one copy"

viii Mr Rodden reported that he had seen Mr
Prowse about his amount, and that Mr P.
would not abate anything from his former
demand, namely £110, equal to cash at
the day his ac^t was presented. Mr Rodden was
requested to see Mr Prowse again and
report at the next meeting.

ix The Finance Committee reported that they
had passed several accounts.

x The Lecture & Class Committee, reported
that they had agreed to open classes for
"Drawing, Writing & Arithmetic & Mathematics, and
asking for an appropriation of £30, the
members of the classes paying 5/- each,
but that they, the Committee, did not feel war-
ranted in taking any steps about Lectures
without instructions from the General Committee,
moved by Dr Barnard, seconded by Mr Ogilvie

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Mr Ogilvie "That the report be received, and that the portion of the report relative to Classes be adopted, Carried,

X Moved by Mr Barnard seconded by Mr Ogilvie "That arrangements be made for short course of lectures, consisting of not more than six or eight, to commence after the holidays, and that the Lecturers be provided free of expense if possible. Carried,

The following Gentlemen were suggested as Lecturers, Messrs Dawson, Parsons, Baynes, Cordner, Dunkin, Chamberlain Heffer, Morris, and the Com. Secy, was directed to write to them, informing them that the Committee had expressed a desire that they should be invited to lecture before the Institute, and that a deputation would wait upon them,

XI An account from Messrs Bryant & Sutcliff was read, of £28. 15. 9, it was by motion referred to the House Committee,

XII The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr Bulmer, was brought up, when it was moved by Mr Brown seconded by Mr Ogilvie "That the Committee do now proceed to ballot for a member to fill the vacancy, Carried. The ballot resulted in the election of Mr George Grey in Mr Bulmer's stead,

The Committee then adjourned

John Fletcher
Secy.

An Ordinary Meeting of the Institute was

Ordinary Meeting 24th November. 1856
was held afterwards for Proposing and electing
members, Pres. in the Chair, Present
Messrs. Brown, Weaver, Harris, Ogilvie, Kennedy,
Kerry, Barnard, Miller, Fletcher, Wyatt, Murray
& Rodden,

Proposed, as Hon. Member, J. E. Bell, Toronto
" Second Class do O. Ryan, Capt. Iron Works
" do do do J. Ryan Engineer
" do do do J. Harrison Mason
" Third do do A. Nelson, Pupit
Admitted Second do do S. M. Atkinson, Painter
do Third do do O. Murray, Pupit
do do do do S. Dawson Carpenter

The Meeting then adjourned

John Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Institute, Montreal 3rd Dec. 1856

This evening a special Meeting of the General
Committee was held, their President in the
Chair, Present Messrs Weaver, Grey, Doyle,
Couse, Miller, Kerry, Ogilvie & Fletcher,

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and
approved,

A Letter was read from the Secy of the Young
mens Christian Association, offering to
admit the members of the Institute to
their course of Lectures, if no charge was
made for the use of the Room, it was then
moved by Mr Kerry seconded by Mr Ogilvie that
a respectful reply be sent to the Y. M. C. A.,
informing

Minutes of 3^d December continued.

"Informing them that it is not in the power of the
"Committee of the Mechanic's Institute to accept
"the privilege offered in exchange for the use
"of the Hall" Carried.

IV Letters were read from J. S. Brown
regarding a Mechanical Exhibition in con-
nection with the Agricultural Fair to be
held here next Fall. Moved by W^m Fletcher
seconded by W^m Ogilvie, "That this Committee
"so cordially approve of the suggestions offered
"by W^m Brown, and that Messrs Gault, Weaver
" & Rodden be a Committee to confer with the
"Agricultural Association in order that
"arrangements may be entered into to procure
"a proper representation of Mechanical Skill
"at the Provincial Exhibition to be held in
"this City next Autumn. Carried

V The President brought before the Board
the necessity of appointing a Committee to carry
out the Resolution passed at the annual meeting,
calling upon Government for assistance to
to a proper Exposition of the Manufactures of
United Canada, it was then moved by W^m
Weaver, seconded by W^m Couse "That the following
"be a Committee to carry out the Resolution
"passed at the Annual Meeting, and that
"they report with the least possible delay,
"Messrs Miller, Rodden, Murray & Perry, Carried
VI it was further Resolved, "That this Sub-Com.
"Committee do request the Government to place a
"sum of money at the disposal of the Mechanic's
"Institute of Toronto C. W., and that of Montreal
"C. C. to grant Premiums at all future
Exhibitions

Minutes of 3^d December continued,

"Exhibitions held in Canada, and that they
"communicate with the M. Institute of Toronto
"asking them to cooperate with in accom-
"plishing this object."

11 The following Persons were proposed
for Membership,

as First Class, E. J. Jones, Saw-Maker
do do H. N. Tubb, Bricklayer

Second do George Smithe Cooper

" do W^m Lloyd Plasterer

" do W^m Pharis Druggist

" do Geo. Hodgson Clerk

Third do Louis Returneau Apprentice

" do Thos Stratton Pupul

" do W^m Crocker Apprentice

" do S. W. Fillock do

" do C. Piquenault do

" do Arthur Wiley do

The Meeting then adjourned,

Wm Fletcher
Rec. Secy,

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 8th December 1856

This evening the General Committee held their meeting, G. Gauthier President in the Chair Present, Messrs Weaver, Perry, Grey, Miller & Barnard, Coase, Rodden, Fletcher

I The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

II The Committee upon the Exhibition

reported that they had met Mr Brown but as yet had done nothing of any consequence, the Agricultural Association were to meet on Tuesday at St Helaine when the subject would be brought up.

III The President reported on behalf of the Finance Committee, that the Committee had held a meeting and had agreed to raise the sum of Three Hundred Pounds on a Joint note, and with that sum together with what the Treasurer had in his hands, they would be enabled to pay off over 50 per cent of the floating debt, and the whole of some of the smaller accounts, it was then moved by Mr Miller seconded by Mr Murray,

"That the Finance Committee be authorized
"to raise by loan the sum of £300. £
"£100 of which to be repaid every three months
"out of the available Funds of the Institute,
"this sum with the amount now in the
"Treasurers hands to be divided amongst
"the Creditors in such manner as the
"Finance Committee may deem most ad-
"vantageous for the interests of the Institute,
"Carried unanimously.

An ad for "St Johns News" was read and

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and referred to the Library Committee,
The following Persons were proposed to be
Members of the Institute,

- 1st Class J. S. Campbell, Saw Maker
" do W^m Stuart, Gas Fitter
" do Alex Rose, Carpenter
2^d do Joseph Lee, Fitter
3^d do Joseph Bury, Apprentice
3^d do Richard C. Brien do

The Meeting then adjourned, and
An Ordinary Meeting of the Institute was
held for the purpose of electing Members,
Twelve Members present, President in
the Chair, The Persons proposed at the
Meeting on the 3^d December & previous
Meeting were duly elected Members, viz

- Hon. Mem. J. E. Bell, Toronto,
1st Class H. N. Tabb & E. J. Jones
2^d do G. Smithe, W^m Pharis, J. Hodgson
D. Ryan, Thos. Ryan, J. Harrison
William Lloyd,
3^d do S. W. Filleck, Arthur Wily
Albert Nelson, W^m Crocker
Louis Lamoureux, Thos. Stratton
C. Piquenault,

The Meeting then adjourned,

Wm Fletcher
Secretary

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 10th December 1856

A Special Meeting of the Committee was held this evening, C. Garth President in the Chair, Present, Messrs. Weaver, Brown, Stenerson, Kennedy, Coase, Fletcher, Rodden, Miller, Murray.

The President stated that he had called the Committee together this evening for the purpose of laying before them an application from D. Bethune for the use of the Hall on Sundays for the Congregation of Christ Church, on account of the destruction by fire of the Cathedral this morning. All the members present concurred in the propriety of the Meeting, when a Motion was made by W. Rodden seconded by Mr. Miller,

"That the Rooms of the Institute be placed at the disposal of Christ Church Congregation on the Sabbath, and that the House Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for that purpose, Carried unanimously.

The Meeting then adjourned

John Fletcher
Secy.

Montreal 15th December 1856

This evening the general Committee held their regular meeting, President in the Chair, Present, Messrs Meaves, Rodden, Revy, Brown, Ogilvie, Miller, Grey, Stevenson, Kennedy, Barnard, Miller,

- I The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved,
- II A Letter was read from S. Cordner desiring to Lecture,
- III A Letter was read from the Secy of the Toronto Mechanics Institute with copy of Resolutions passed by T.M.I. when it was moved by Mr Miller seconded by Mr Brown "That the Com. Secy, be authorized to acknowledge the letter and forward a courteous reply, stating, that we do heartily reciprocate the friendly sentiments contained therein, carried.
- IV The President reported that the finance Committee had made considerable progress in the settlement of the accounts, so far they had obtained deductions amounting to sixty Pounds Cy,
- V Mr Revy intimated that while in Toronto he had an interview with the President & Members of Committee of the Institute, and that they had consented to a Co-operation with our Institute for the purpose of taking measures to urge the claims of the Institute in obtaining from Government the funds and control of the Mechanical portion of our Provincial Exhibition, it

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It was then moved by D^r Barnard, seconded by W^m Stevenson, "That the matter be referred to the sub. Com. upon the Prov. Exhibition",

VI W^m Rodden requested to be relieved from the appointment as one of the Com. upon Prov. Exhibition, W^m Brown was appointed in W^m Rodden's Place, and W^m Garth was added to the Committee,

VII W^m Kerry moved ^{seconded} by W^m Miller "That the Exhibition Com. be authorized to confer with a similar Com. from the Toronto Institute on the subject of obtaining an appropriation and control of the Mechanical Portion of our Provincial Exhibition" Moved in amendment by D^r Barnard seconded by W^m Miller

"That the resolution lie on the Table until the Committee shall present a formal report to this General Committee" the amendment upon being put was carried

VIII The Pres. called attention to the approaching Festival,

IX A Donation was received from H. Chapman Esq^r of 3 books
"Yankee travels through Cuba"
"Howitt's German Experiences"
"Wanderings in Western Africa"

X The following Persons were proposed for Membership,

2^d Class, A. Gray, Tailor,
2^d Class

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2nd Class Members, Wm. Howden, Draughtsman
do do Thorburn Clerk,
3rd do do R. Hamilton Apprentice
do do J. McDiarmid do
do do J. Allan do
do do J. C. Dawson do

The Meeting then adjourned,

John Fletcher
Rec. Secy.

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 25th Dec 1856

The General Committee of the Institute met this evening in ^{the} Hall, President in the Chair, Present Messrs Miller Ogilvy, Gray, Kennedy, Coase, Beaver, Boyle, Murray & Stevenson, in the absence of the Rec. Secy, the Cor. Secy, Stevenson acted in his stead.

- I The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II A Letter was read from C. Dunkin Esq and referred to Lecture & Class Committee,
- III Accounts were submitted from
Boudreau & Cullen £1.14.9 } Referred to
Andrew Elliott 5.7.3 } House Committee
- IV The following were proposed for Membership
First Class, W. T. Bell, Geo. Perry, Geo. Hughes
Second do W. Grinton, Joseph Asherwood
James Curran, Patrick Braynor
Third Class, Donald Baynes, R. Washman &
William Ferndale Esq,

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The President reported that Mr. Thos
Bell had qualified himself as a Life Member
of the Institute by paying the sum of £12.10.0
The Meeting then adjourned.
A. A. Stevenson
Cor. Secy.

Montreal 22^d December 1856
An Ordinary Meeting of the Mechanic's
Institute was held after the adjournment
of the Committee Meeting. President
in the Chair. 14 Members present,
Mr. Stevenson acting as Secy.
The following persons were duly admit-
ted members
First Class, Geo. Hughes, Geo. Perry, W. T.
Bell, S. S. Campbell, W. Stewart, Alex. Rose,
Second Class, W^m Grinton, Jos. Asherwood
James Cowan, P. Traynor
And^o Young, Jos. Lee, Thorburn
W^m H. Hodson,
Third Class, Donald Baynes, R. Workman
W^m Hendle Jr., S. W. Mearns
J. C. Dawson, R. Hamilton
J. Allan, James Bury &
Richard O'Brien.
The Meeting then adjourned.
A. A. Stevenson
Cor. Secy.

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Mechanics Hall, Montreal 5th January 1857

This evening the General Committee held their usual meeting, C. Garth President in the Chair, present Messrs Weaver, Perry, Miller, Gray, Bertram, Ogilvie, McDonald, Lorse, Stevenson, Murray & Fletcher.

I The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

II A Letter was read from Messrs Bartley & Dunbar making a donation of their proportion of the Trades Protection Allowance. The thanks of the Committee were given to these Gentlemen for their donation, £9.

III Accounts were read from

Mr Luskis for Brushes 17/6

Post office 4/6

& Herald Office 2.7.6 & £3.12.10. They were upon motion referred to the House & Library Committee.

IV The President on behalf of the Finance Committee, reported, "That they had in accordance with the resolution passed at the meeting of the 8th Dec, been enabled to borrow the sum of Three Hundred Pounds by, and to settle accounts amounting to the sum of £640.19.8, and save to the Institute in deductions and interest struck off, the sum of £120.0.0 by"

It was then moved by Mr Miller seconded by Mr Perry, "That the Report be received and the thanks of the Committee be given to the Finance Com., for the able manner

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"In which they performed the settlement
of the accounts." Carried.

A Letter was read from J. S. Brown
together with an answer from the Ex-
hibition Committee, Moved by Mr
Stevenson seconded by Mr Ogilvie

"That the report or Letter now read be
received and laid on the table till next
Meeting" Carried.

ii The Class Committee reported "That
they had engaged Mr Young to superintend
the drawing Class at the rate of 10/- per
night. 2 nights per week.

iii The President brought the matter of the
Festival before the Meeting, after some
conversation on the subject, it was moved by
Mr Kertram seconded by Mr Gray,

"That we do hold the usual Festival this
Year, Carried.

Moved by Mr Miller seconded by Mr Perry

"That the Festival be held on the 10th February
and in the Mechanics Hall," moved in
amendment by Mr Kertram seconded by Mr
Stevenson "That the Festival be held on the
10th Feb and in the ^{City} Concert Hall," the
amendment upon being put was Carried.

iiii Moved by S. Fletcher seconded by Mr
Stevenson "That the House Committee be
authorized to purchase 1 dozen chairs for the
use of the Rooms" Carried.

The following persons were proposed
for membership.

First
Class

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First Class, Louis Lesage, Water Works
" " St. Led, Cormantriger, S. O. F.,
" " S. S. Hall, Last Maker
Second do J. McQuillan Tailor
do do W. M. Dow, Clerk
do do J. Boardman Tin Smith
do do S. C. Strother Clerk
do do G. Benton do
Third do S. Thornton Tailor.
There being no further business
the meeting adjourned.

J. M. Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall Montreal 12th January 1857

- A Meeting of the Committee was held this evening, C. Gault President in the Chair,
Present, Messrs Murray, Miller, Kennedy,
Perry, Brown, Geary, Bertram, Weavers,
Bernard, Rodden, Millin & Fletcher, & Gilvie
I The Minutes of last meeting were read and
confirmed.
II A Letter was read from Mrs. Howes enclosing
£2.10.0 for rent of Hall for Concert in aid of
the Home & School of Industry, it was then
moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by J. Bernard
and resolved "that the money be received and
"handed to the Treasurer."
III An application was received from the Pres,
of the Chambly Mechanics Institute, for
some Banners to decorate the Room for
their

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then Festival, the President stated that in
answer thereto he had loaned the decorations
required.

11 Mr J. S. Brown's Letter and the Report of
the sub-committee upon the Exhibition,
laid on the Table at the last Meeting, was
brought up for discussion, after having
been read, it was moved by Mr Stevenson,
seconded by Mr Agilvie "That the Report
of the sub-committee be adopted, and that
they be authorized to carry out the recom-

mendations provided that in any arrange-

ment which may be made with the Board

of Agriculture, it be distinctly understood

that the Mechanic's Institute of Montreal,

shall not be liable for any deficiency

that may arise, but that the whole pecuniary

responsibility shall devolve upon the Board

of Agriculture" an amendment was moved

by Dr Barnard, seconded by Mr Redman

"That the Report be received and adopted,

and a special committee consisting of seven

be appointed to carry out its suggestions

as far as it can be done without in any way
involving the funds of the Institute, said
special committee to report to this general
committee from time to time," another
was then moved by Mr Willm seconded by
Mr Perry "That a general meeting of the
Institute be called at an early day, to take
into consideration the propriety of the
Institute taking the management of the Industrial
Exhibition in connection with the Agricultural
Society

x This was
added by
consent of the
meeting after
Dr Barnard's
amendment
was made
x

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"Society Lower Canada" Mr Miller's amendment upon put was lost, Mr Barnard's was then put there appeared an equal number of votes (7) for and against it, the President gave his casting vote against the amendment, another amendment was then made by Mr Barnard, seconded by Mr Miller, "That the Report be adopted and the Committee discharged, and that Messrs Gault, Weaver & Rodden desire to carry out the suggestions of the Report, this Committee have no objections to their doing so with the distinct understanding that the Mechanics Institute shall not be in any way involved in the matter" this amendment was also lost, moved again in amendment by Mr D. Brown seconded by Mr Percy "That the Main Motion be amended by adding thereto, two additional Members to the subcommittee" this amendment was carried, the Main Motion as amended was then put and carried,

It was resolved that the two Members be added by ballot, an election was then held and the result was the election of Mr D Brown and J. Fletcher as additional members,

Moved by Mr Stevenson, seconded by Mr Agilvie "That the Sub-committee just appointed be instructed to report to this Committee from time to time" Carried.

A donation of £2.12.6 was received from Mr Rodden, being his proportion received

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from the Celebration Committee towards
his expenses for the procession, the thanks
of the Committee were given to Mr
Roddan,

Mr Malshe having offered to the Institute to
furnish free Teachers for French & Mathe-
-matical Classes, it was moved by Mr Rodden
seconded by Mr Weaver "That the Lecture &
"Class Committee be authorized to arrange
"with Mr Malshe for the opening of Free
"Classes in Mathematics & French, keeping
"in view the interests of the Institute,"

The following Persons were proposed
to become members of the Institute,
First Class, G. W. White & Geo. Starke
Second do A. Hewston, Thos. Bauff
do Geo. Gibson, Jas. Matheson, W^m Percut
do Geo. Martin, W^m Martin, W^m Kerr
do Geo. Cameron Sam. Clancy, J. Re Kaboy
do A. Mulholland, J. W. Connick A. Donaldson
do Sam. Hicks, John W. Henry, W^m Hardey
Third Class, Sam. Whittaker, Geo. Bennett
do Thos. Conway, Richd Conway,
do Ed. Perry, Alex. Bell, John Coyne
do John Murphy, Gilbert Stanley, Jas. Kelly
do A. Grant, John W. Kay, W. Kempsey
do John Grant, Thos. Smith

John Fletcher
Secy.

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Ordinary Meeting 12th January 1857

An Ordinary Meeting of the Institute for elections of Members, was held this evening, C. Garth President in the Chair, present, Thirteen Members, The names of the Persons having been read over, the following were duly elected Members of the Institute,
First Class, Louis Lesage, St. Ed. Ernauntyer
& S. S. Hall.

Second do J. McQuillan W^m M. Dow,
J. Boardman, S. C. Brooker,
G. Denton,

Third do J. Thornton,

The Meeting then adjourned to hold a Festival Committee Meeting,

J. M. Fletcher,
Secretary

Montreal Mechanics Hall, 19th January 1857

The General Meeting of Committee was held this evening, C. Garth President in the Chair, Present, Messrs Brown, Perry, Lorse, Rodden, Weaver, Barnard, Kennedy, McDonald & Fletcher,

I The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed,

II A Letter from J. Redpath Esq was read conveying a donation of £22.15.0 being his share of allowance made to him by Celebration Committee, upon motion it was resolved "That the thanks of
(the

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"the Committee be given to Mr Redpath for
"his liberal donation".

III Accounts were read from
Mr Barston for Lectures last year £7.10.0
J. Young for teaching Drawing Class 4.0.0
Pilot Office, advertising, £1.10.0 + 1.18.0
upon motion they were referred to the Finance
Committee.

IV The Lecture & Class Committee brought in
a report relative to the drawing classes,
moved by Mr D. Roward seconded by
Mr Grey, "That the report of Mr Rodden on
behalf of the Class Committee, be received
and adopted" Carried.

V Moved by Mr D. Brown seconded by
Mr Rodden "That the sum of Twenty five
Pounds be appropriated to the Library
Committee for the purchase of Books"
Carried.

VI The following persons were proposed
as members,

- 1st Class Members Mr Hollmer.
- 2^d do do Alex. Chapman
- 3^d do do W. Greaves.

The Meeting then adjourned
for Festival Business,

John Fletcher,
Secretary.

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Mechanic's Hall, Montreal 26 January 1857

This evening the General Committee held their regular meeting, President in the Chair, present, Messrs Rodden, Stevenson, Milne, Barnard, Bertram, Gray, McDonald, Perry, Kennedy, Coase, Brown, Weaver, Harris, & Fletcher,

I The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

II A letter was read from James Dunbar and others requesting to be allowed to establish a debating class in connection with the Institute, it was then moved by Dr Barnard seconded by Mr Stevenson that the communication be received and that this committee sanction the formation of a debating club by members of the Institute to be governed by Rules and Regulations in accordance with the By-Laws of the Institute, That a Room be placed at the disposal of the club, on such evenings as will not interfere with any of the classes now in existence, members of the General Committee to have access to all meetings of the club, Carried.

III The Finance Committee reported that they had examined and passed the following accounts,

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| Boudreau & Cullen | 1.14.9 |
| Thomas Young | 4.0.0 |
| Andrew Elliott | 5.7.3 |
| Dr. Barnston | 7.10.0 |
| Lyman & Savage | 11.11.1 |
| | 20.3.1 |

moved by Dr Barnard seconded by Mr Brown

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"That the report of the Finance Committee
"be received and adopted," Carried,

"The Library Committee submitted for the
approval of the General Committee, a list
of Books that they had selected for the
Library, in accordance with the motion
passed at last meeting, Moved by Mr
Stevenson, Seconded by Mr Weaver, "That
"the list of Books submitted by the
"Library Committee be approved of,
Carried,

The subject of the Drawing class was
brought up, when it was moved by
Mr Perry seconded by Mr Milne

"That the services of Mr Young be
"dispensed with" Moved in amend-
-ment by Mr Barnard seconded by
Mr Kennedy "That as having been
"stated that Mr Young is incompetent
"to teach Mechanical Drawing, and also
"that were he capable, his illness prevents
"his attending the class, and further that
"members of the class have generally
"neglected to pay their subscription to the
"class, it is therefore desirable to
"discontinue the services of Mr Young
"and that in case no competent teacher
"can be procured, the class should be
"closed, and hereafter no person shall
"be permitted to attend the class until
"he shall have paid the amount of
"subscription required, any subscription
"which has been paid on account of the

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 "drawing class be refunded, in case of its
 "being closed." The amendment was put
 and lost, The main motion was then
 put and also lost.

Messrs Rodden, Stevenson, Kennedy &
 Milne handed in their resignation as
 members of the Lecture & Class Committee
 moved by J^r Barnard seconded by
 Mr Perry "That the valuable services of
 "Messrs Milne, Rodden, Stevenson &
 "Kennedy on the Lecture & class committee
 "can not well be dispensed with, with-
 "out embarrassing the Institute & that
 "therefore they be not accepted"
 moved in amendment by Mr Stevenson
 seconded by Mr Rodden "That the resignation
 now tendered be accepted and that the
 Committee be discharged, and remodelled,
 a second amendment was then made
 Mr McDonald seconded by Mr Weaver
 "That it is not expedient to accept the
 "resignation of Messrs Rodden, Kennedy
 "Milne & Stevenson, as members of the
 "Class Committee least the interest of
 "that department suffer from so precipitate
 "a movement. Mr McDonald's amend-
 -ment was put and carried by a vote
 of 8 to 6.

The following persons were proposed
 2 Class. G. Cookran, R. Turner, Richardson,

The meeting then adjourned

John Fletcher
 Secy.

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 26th July 1857.

An ordinary Meeting of the Members of the Institute was held this evening for the election of Members, C. Garth President in the Chair.
15 Members present.

The following persons were duly elected members of the Institute, their names having been proposed at previous Meetings of Committee.

1st Class, D. Hollinger, Geo. Starke, G. W. White

2^d do J. T. Rickaby, A. Chapman, S. Hicks & W.

do do W^m Peacock, G. W. Conner, W. W. Conner

do do W^m Fern, Geo. Connor, S. Clancy, S. Matteson

do do G. Gibson, Thos. Buff, A. Newston

do do W^m Huston, Geo. W^m A. Donaldson

do do James Kelly,

3^d do G. Stanley, Thos. Smith, S. Marsh,

do do Alex. Bell, John Cayne, R. Conway,

do do Ed. Conway, S. Murphy, Thos do,

do do Geo. Bennett, Sam. Bennett, W. Stanley,

do do John Massey, (all these are from W^m Garth's)

The Meeting then adjourned.

Wm Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall

Montreal 2 Feb 1854

This evening the General Committee held a regular meeting, the President in the Chair, Present Messrs Weaver, Gray, Hyatt, Restraun, Miller, Perry, Kennedy, Brown, Ogilvie & Fletcher.

- i The Minutes were read and confirmed,
- ii A Letter was read from his Excellency's Secy, presenting to the Institute 2 Copies of a Pamphlet from the Society of Arts London, Resolved "That the Com. Secy, be directed to reply with thanks,
- iii A donation was received from W. Latour Esq of "The Annual report of the Historical Society and a Pamphlet entitled "Servantes de Dieu en Canada". Resolved that they be received and the thanks of the Committee be given to W. Latour,
- iv The House committee reported that they had purchased 12 Chairs & 50, the af was read and referred to the Finance Committee, the Committee were also authorized to purchase another dozen,
- v The Class Committee reported that 12 of the members had paid their subscriptions
- vi The following persons were proposed as members
1st Class, W. Barnston
2^d do Louis Blache, Thos. Hodgson, E. L'Esminthe
M. Hodgson, W. Hodgson.
3^d do John Rafter, W. Costigan,
- vii An application having been made for the use on loan of the Flags, Banners & devices belonging to the Institute, by the Chambly Institute, it was moved by W. Perry, &

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seconded by Mr Rodden, "That the President
"be authorized to loan the Flags, Banners &
"to all Incorporated Bodies and National
"societies, but that all other Parties wanting
"the loan of them to apply to the Committee,
The Committee then adjourned to
transact Festival business,

Wm Fletcher
Secy,

Mechanics Institute, Montreal 16th Feby 1857

This evening the General Committee held
a regular meeting, The President in the
Chair, Present, Messrs Brown, Weaver, Perry
Rodden, Harris, McDonald, Bernard, Doyle
Gray, Kennedy,

I The minutes of last meeting were read and
confirmed,

II A Communication was read from the St Lawrence
Debating Club, stating the subject of the next
debate, it was by motion approved,

III Accounts were read from the Fri-weekly Globe
and from New York Herald, they were both
referred to the Finance Committee,

IV A Communication was read from the Irish
Protestant Benevolent Society, applying for
the use of the Flags & Banners, they were
by motion granted,

V An application was read from Mr Robertson
offering to lecture upon the subject of Telegraphs

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The application was referred to the Lecture & Class
Committee,

vii The Lecture & class Committee reported that
Mr Chamberlain would lecture on Friday
evening next, and Mr Dunthorn on the
succeeding Friday,

viii A communication was read from Mr Walsh
wanting to know what the Committee would
charge for the Lecture Hall per night for Free
Lectures, also for a Room to hold an
examination of his Pupils, it was moved
by Mr Stevenson seconded by Mr Gray, "That
Mr Walsh in consideration of his valuable
services, have the use of the Lecture Hall
for the sum of two pounds per Lecture",
Moved in amendment by Mr Barnard
seconded by Mr Doyle, "That it is inexpedient"
"to alter the usual tariff of the Hall viz £2.10.0"
a second amendment was made by Mr Harris
seconded by Mr Weaver "That the Hall be
granted to Mr Walsh for the sum of one pound
of, both amendments upon being put were
declared lost, the original motion Carried.

ix Mr Barnard gave notice "That at next meeting
he would move for a reconsideration of the
above motion, allowing the use of the Hall
for a less sum than £2.10.0."

x An Application was read from Mr Beaumont a Turk,
offering to lecture for the Institute, the Institute
to pay all expenses and the net proceeds to
be equally divided, it was then moved by
Mr Brown seconded by Mr Doyle "That it is
inexpedient to enter into an arrangement

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with Mr Pearyan under existing circumstances,
Carried.

- X Moved by Mr Stevenson seconded by Mr Brown
that the admissions to the Lectures be free
to the Public, Carried.
- XI A donation was received from Mr Bigelow of
the amount received by him as his proportion
from the Trades Procession, to be acknowledged
in the usual way.
- XII Moved by Mr Bernard seconded by Mr
Kennedy "That it is inexpedient to publish
a synopsis of the Annual report, and that
the Committee appointed to prepare the
synopsis be discharged, Carried.
- XIII The following were proposed for Membership
- 1st Class, A. Walsh, M. Hogan, & G. Eadie,
 - 2^d do J. M. Tuggy, W^m Tuggy, W. D. Gunn
 - " do C. Henry, H. M. Evans, Geo. Carter
 - " do Thos. Coyle, J. A. Levinge, W^m Dooin
 - " do Geo. White, C. Perry, Robt. Brown
 - " do James Pickett W^m Miller, W^m Rivers,
 - " do W^m Woodell, W^m Coghlan, W^m Nibley
 - " do Alfred Hursey, W. Coburn,
 - 3^d do W. G. Ross, John Traborn, Jas. Ross
 - " do S. H. Stevens, Lachlan Cameron,
 - " do A. Turner.

- XIV Mr Weaver reported on behalf of the Festival
Committee, "That the Festival held on the
10th inst had been very successful and that
the net proceeds amounted to £79.10.10

The meeting then adjourned,

John Fletcher
Secy;

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Mechanics Hall, Montreal 23rd Feby.

The Committee met this evening for Business, G. W. Weaver Vice. Pres. in the Chair, Present Messrs McDonald, Harris, Gray, Brown, Kennedy, Rodden & Perry,

I The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved,

II The consideration of Mr Bernard's motion was postponed in consequence of his absence,

III A Communication was read from Mr Walsh requesting to withdraw his application for the Lecture Hall, his request was granted,

IV Accounts were read from John Duggall, 3/9, & Lambert & McIntosh £ 5. 11. They were by motion referred to the Finance Committee
The meeting then adjourned

Wm Kennedy Secy, Pro Tem
per John Fletcher, Recy.

Mechanics Hall 23 February

Immediately after the Committee had adjourned an Ordinary Meeting of the Members of the Institute was held for the purpose of electing Members from the Persons proposed when the following were admitted,

1st Class, Geo. Edin, A. Walsh, H. Hogan, 2^d Class S. H. Stairs, W. Hodgson

2^d do A. Turner, W. Hodgson, Geo. Cochran, J. Richardson, J. Thorburn,

do C. Serinick, J. Blake, W. G. Ross, W. Hodgson, J. Cameron,

do J. Ross, 3^d Class, W. D. Gunn, W. Tuggey, J. W. Tuggey, W. Hubley

3^d do W. Mackay, C. Henry, W. A. Evans, W. Woodley, W. H. H. H. H.

do W. Miller, F. Walker, J. Rafter, W. Costigan, J. Keiket, R. Clendinning

do G. Carter, J. A. Jennings, J. Cayler, J. W. Malton, R. Brown, E. Adams

do C. Perry, G. Whyte, W. Doone,

The Meeting then adjourned
J. Fletcher
Recy.

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Mechanics Hall, Montreal 3^d 1857

The General Committee held a regular Meeting this evening, the Pres. being absent by sickness
L. W. Weaver vice Pres. occupied the Chair,
Present Messrs Rodden, Perry, Harris, Hyatt
Dr. Rainard, Stevenson, & Kennedy,

I The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

II A Report was read from the Lecture & Class Committee relative to the Lecture to be given by Dr. Roberts, it was by Motion received,

III The following persons were proposed for membership.

- 1st Class, Arthur Griffiths,
- 2^d do Henry Garrison, R. Salter, J. McCulloch
- 3^d do Michael Carroll, Thos. Mahon,

It was then moved by Mr Hyatt seconded by Mr Kennedy, "That this Meeting do adjourn till tomorrow evening" Carried,

The Meeting then adjourned,

John Fletcher
Ricg, Secy,

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 3^d March 1857

An adjourned Meeting of the Committee was held this evening, Mr Weaver V.P. in the Chair, Present Messrs Harris, Rodden, Mr Donald, Bertram, Hyatt, Grey, Ogilvie Perry, Kennedy, & Fletcher,

I The Minutes of last Meeting were read over,

II Mr Perry read the report of the Sub-Committee appointed to take action upon the subject of Petitioning the Provincial Government to secure to the Mechanics an Annual Grant of Money for

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"of enabling it to further one of its principle
"objects of existence, the improvement of
"Mechanics & Apprentices who are from their
"daily avocations debarred from participating
"in the advantages of educational Institutes
"of the day." Carried.

The hour being late the Meeting adjourned
till tomorrow evening.

John Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall. 4th March 1857

An adjourned Meeting of the General Committee
was held this evening. W^m Weaver Secy. Pres.
in the Chair. Present Messrs Rodden, Gray,
J^r Barnard, Kennedy, Harris, Miller, Perry
Agilvie, & Fletcher.

I The Minutes of last Meeting were read over.

II The subject of the Report was read and
brought up, when it was moved by W^m Harris
seconded by W^m Perry "That the Sub-Committee

"to be appointed, be instructed to request of the
"Government, the enactment of a Law

"which will give the Mechanics the Manage-
"ment of the Industrial Exhibition held at

"present in connection with the Agricultural
"Society of Canada, East & West, for the grant-

"ing to them a sufficient sum of money to
"award premiums." Carried.

The 3^d Clause of the Report was adopted.

The 3^d, 4th & 5th Clauses were struck out.

III It was then moved by W^m Perry seconded by
W^m Agilvie "That in the opinion of this
"Committee"

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"for the advancement of the Arts & Sciences in
"in Canada" when it was resolved, "that the Report
"be received and its merits discussed and that
"the Committee be discharged,"

111 Moved by Mr Rodden seconded by Mr Ogilvie
"That the Com. Secy, be instructed at once to write
"our sister society at Toronto, with a view of
"obtaining information as to the propriety of
"an immediate conference by joint deputation
"with Government to the end that measures
"may be secured to carry out the advancement
"of an act for the encouragement of the Mechanical
"Industry of the Province" Carried,

112 Another motion was made by Mr Rodden
seconded by Mr Harris "That as the Mechanic
"Institute of Montreal has at present in operation
"Classes for the instruction of its members in the
"various branches of Artistical & Mechanical Ed-
"ucation, essential to a large and important
"portion of the inhabitants of the Province, and
"inasmuch as the instructions so given are
"essentially of provincial advantage, the
"members of the Institute being in a large
"degree made up of Artizans and apprentices
"who are receiving the said instruction and
"migrating from time to time to all parts
"of the Country, some of which parts of the
"Province are not provided with the place
"and means of affording such instruction
"as this Institute affords, therefore it par-
"ticularly urged upon the intended deputation
"that they lay before the Government the claims
"of the Institute to a grant for the purpose"

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"Committee a Deputation should be sent to
"Toronto at the proper time for the purpose of
"protecting the interests of this Institute, &
"Mechanics generally in the formation of a Bill
"by Government, as intimated in the Speech
"from the throne, that said Committee should
"consist of two Members of the Institute.

"Subject to the instructions of this general
"Committee," Moved in Amendment by
"Dr Bernard seconded by Dr Harris,

"That a Committee of three, be appointed
"to communicate to the Government the
"views entertained by this Committee
"and secure if possible the Co-operation
"of Toronto Mechanics Institute, and if
"in the opinion of the said Committee, the
"interests of this Institute should at any
"time require the presence of one or more
"Members of the Institute at the Seat of
"Government, they be requested to report
"forthwith to this Committee" the Amendment
upon being put, was Carried.

The further discussion of this matter was
postponed till next Monday evening, the
meeting then adjourned.

Wm Fletcher
Secy.

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Mechanics Hall. Montreal 9th March "57

A Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening. G. W. Weaver D. P. in the Chair in the absence of the President from sickness. Present, Messrs Gauth. Grey, Murray McDonald, Kennedy, Stevenson, Bentham, Harris,

I The Minutes of last meeting were read approved also the Minutes of March 3 & 4.

II The Chairman read over an app. from Green & White Painters of £3. 16. 1² it was by motion referred to the Finance Committee,

III A letter was read from the President in reference to matters now before Government and upon the subject of the Exhibition, this letter was by motion received,

IV Moved by Mr Harris seconded by Mr Grey "That two members be added to Committee ^{to be} appointed to confer with Government and the Institute of Toronto," Carried,

V Moved by Mr Harris seconded by Mr McDonald "That the following Members be from the Committee to confer with Govt, and the Toronto Institute" Messrs Gauth, Weaver, Perry, Rodden & Murray" Carried,

VI The following persons were proposed for membership, J. Clapp, R. Cummings & F. Chandler, 3rd do John Collier,

The Meeting then adjourned

Wm Fletcher
Secy.

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Mechanics Hall, Montreal 9th March 1857

An Ordinary Meeting of the Members of the Institute was held after that the Committee had adjourned. G. W. Weaver 1st Pres. in the Chair, 13 Members present.

The following persons were elected Members having been proposed at regular meetings of the General Committee,

- 1st Class Arthur Griffith, W. Garrison
- 2^d do Frank McCulloch R. Sutton
- do do R. Cummings F. Chandler.
- 3^d do Thos. Mason, Alfred Hurley,
- do do Mi. Carroll, W^m Coburn,
- do do Richard Stearn, John Collis

The Meeting then adjourned

John Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall Montreal 16th March 1857

The General Committee held a regular Meeting this evening. The President being still sick, G. Weaver 1st Pres. occupied the Chair. Present, Messrs Rodden, Brown, J. Barnard, Grey, Corse, Perry, Stevenson, Kennedy ^{Harris} & Fletcher.

I The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved,

II Accounts were read from Thos. Young for Teaching Drawing Class, and from the Gazette Office for Advertising, the former £ 5. 0. 0 & the latter £ 9. 15. 3 they were both by motion referred to the Finance Committee.

" Mr. Geo. Anderson tendered a requisition for the use
of a room in the Institute for one night in each
week during the year for the purpose of Glee singing.
In reply to which the Cor. Secretary was instructed
to inform ~~him~~ Mr. Anderson, that previous arrange-
ments prevented his requisition from being entertained. "

The President reported that he had received the
present of a rare species of Fish from Mr. A.
Ramsay accompanied by a note, for which the Cor.
Secretary was requested to return the thanks of
the Gen. Com. in the usual manner.

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III A Letter was read from Mr Dutton with a donation of a set of Models of Instruments employed in the Whale Fishery, it was by Motion "Resolved," that they be received and a Letter of Thanks be given to Mr "Dutton"

IV A Letter was read from Mr Ramsay on behalf of the Unitarian Society, Frattning Application for the Hall on Sundays, in the event of the Christ Church Congregation giving it up, when it was moved by Mr Brown, Seconded by Mr Miller

"That the Letter be received and that the Cor. Secy. be directed to intimate to Mr Ramsay, that as we have no notice of the Church of England leaving the Hall, we can give no decided answer, but will do so at an early date, Carried & Moved by Mr Rodden Seconded by Mr Harris

"That a Sub-Committee of three Members of this Committee, be named to call upon the President to know the terms on which he has given possession and allowed the Hall to be used up to the present time by the Congregation of Christ Church, also to confer with the said Congregation as to the payment of the sum due, and as to their intention with reference to the future use of the Hall, and also to confer with the Committee of the Unitarian Church, as to their views with reference to the time for which they desire to rent the Hall, and the Rent they are willing to pay, and should it

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"it be necessary to call a Special Meeting of
"this Committee, they may do so and report"
"Monday, or at latest on Monday evening next,
Carried,

ii The following persons were proposed to be
- some members,

J^d Claph, L. Fitzpatrick, Nailor

" do Robert Jenner, Blacksmith

iii Mr Perry asked of the House Committee
if they would be kind enough to report
at the next meeting, whether the Heating
apparatus was efficient, and what the pro-
-bable cost of it would be,

The Meeting then adjourned.

John Fletcher
Secretary

Montreal 23rd March 1857

A Meeting of the General Committee was
held this evening, G. Weaver Vice President
in the Chair, Present Messrs Rodden,
Perry, Murray, Grey, Kennedy, Mr Donald
Harris, Doyle, Fletcher,

The Minutes of last Meeting were read &
confirmed,

ii A Letter from the Toronto Institute was
read and referred to the Exhibition
Committee,

A Letter was read from C. Cowan
with a copy of a Report from U. S. Patent Office
it was by motion received and the thanks

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of the Committee given to Mr Downin,
iii The Committee appointed at the last meeting
to confer with the Congregation of Christ Church
reported, Moved by Mr Rodden seconded by
Mr Kennedy "That the Report be received
and the Committee discharged, carried,

iv Moved by Mr Doyle seconded by Mr Gray
"That Mr Ramsay be written to informing
him that as long as the congregation of
Christ Church occupies the Hall, the
Committee cannot enter into any arrange-
ments with any other religious body,
but that in course of a week the Committee
will know whether Christ Church will
require the Hall after the 1st of May"

v The Treasurer stated that he had rec'd
from Messrs Grant & Hall their proportion
of the sum allowed from the celebration
Committee, the money was received with
thanks, £ 4. 16. 11

vi The Finance Committee reported having
passed the following accounts,

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| Mr Sutosh | £ 5. 11. 1 | Mr Arthur | 11. 17. 3 |
| S. Dargal | 3. 9 | R. S. A. Miller | 13. 6. 4 |
| Ferris & Co | 1. 1. 6 | J. Young | 5. 0. 0 |
| Greer & White | 3. 16. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | | |

vii The House Committee reported on the
Heating Apparatus, Moved by Mr Rodden
seconded by Mr Doyle "That the House Com.
be authorized to employ a competent person
to examine the flue to see whether the
draught is sufficient, and whether the
apparatus is large enough to heat the
Hall

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"Hall, and so situated and constructed as to meet the wants of the Institute," Carried
The following were proposed for Membership,
Mr Tetu, & Clapp,

It was agreed upon by the Committee that the Meetings be held only on the 2^d & 4th Monday evenings of each month, except special Meetings be called for any other evening.

The Meeting then adjourned,

John Fletcher
Rec. Secy.

Montreal 23 March, 1857

An Ordinary Meeting of the Institute was held Mr Weaver vice President in the Chair, Ten Members present.

The Candidates proposed at the last Meeting were admitted members, viz,
L. Fitzpatrick, R. Berner, Mr Tetu & Clapp, there being no further business, the Meeting adjourned,

John Fletcher
Rec. Secy.

Montreal, Mechanics Hall 6th April 1857

A Special Committee ^{meeting} of the Corporation was held this evening, C. Garth President in the chair, the Secretary being absent from Town, Mr Kennedy acted in his stead, present Messrs Rodden, Harris, Weaver, Perry, Coase, Doyle, Bernard.

I The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

II An account from George Young for teaching Drawing class £3.0.0 was read and referred to the Finance Committee, Carried

III Mr Rodden tendered his resignation on the Parliamentary Committee, which was unanimously accepted.

Mr Perry also tendered his resignation on the same Committee, which was also accepted.

IV Moved by Mr Bernard seconded by Mr Rodden "That the House Committee report at the next meeting whether the congregation of Christ Church will continue to occupy the Hall, and if not when will they vacate it, and to ascertain if any other body wish to rent it for religious services on the Sabbath, Carried,"

V Mr D. Brown was added to the Committee "on conferring with Parliament"

There being no further business the meeting adjourned, Mr Kennedy

per John Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 13th April 1857

The Committee held their regular meeting this evening, C. Garth President in the Chair, Present Messrs. Coxe, Rodden, Barnard, Weaver, Doyle, Perry, Kennedy, Harris, Weaver, & Murray

i. The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved,

ii. A Communication was read from J. Sutton conveying a donation to the Museum of a case of Casts from the Antiques, the donation was thankfully received and to be acknowledged in the usual way,

iii. The Parliamentary Committee read a document sent to Government, together with a letter received from Government, moved by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Doyle that the documents be received and placed on file, Carried,

iv. Accounts were read and referred to the several Committees, from

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| John Kenshaw for Wood | £ 3. 10. 0 |
| P. Blanchet, "Fays" | . 5. 6 |
| S. Fletcher, "Dictionary" | . 12. 6 |
| H. Bulmer, Building | 39. 15. 3 |
| Canada Gazette | 3. 5. 0 |

The Com. Secy. was requested to write to the Proprietors of the "Canada Gazette" to ascertain if the "Gazette" could not be obtained on the same terms as the Mercantile Library obtain it,

v. An Application was read from W. P. Lalor for the use of the Hall for a Dinner to the St. Georges Society, moved by Rodden

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seconded by Mr Perry "That it is not expedient
to grant the use of the Hall for that purpose"
Carried.

vii The President was authorized to settle an
account owing by the Mercantile Library,
for the sum of £12.10.0.

viii Moved by Dr Barnard seconded by Mr Perry
"That it is expedient that 3 Life memberships
in this Institute be offered as premiums at
the exhibitions to take place in Sept. next,
and that Messrs Girth, Weaver, Rodden
Brown & Felton be authorized to determine
the objects for which, & the conditions on which
the said memberships shall be awarded,
Carried"

ix Moved by Dr Barnard seconded by Mr Rodden
"That the committee desiring to further the
objects and designs of the Convention of the
American Association for the Advancement
of Science, to be held in this City in Aug.
next, do authorize the President to tender
the use of this Hall, Reading Room & Library
for their accommodation" Carried.

Moved by Dr Barnard seconded Mr Perry,
that that this Committee express their
regret that the absence of the Recording
and Corresponding Secretaries has
occasioned much inconvenience to the
business and real interests of the Institute
and that it is expedient to intimate to
these Gentlemen, the impossibility of
carrying on the business without the
more regular attendance of its officers and

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it is hoped that this Committee will be put in a better position in that respect.

* The House Committee reported that Christ Church Congregation would vacate the Hall on the 1st May.

The President stated that the Prize list would be ready in a few days.

* The following persons were proposed for membership.

2nd Colaff, B. D. McConnell

3rd do H. Bitts

" do O. McKenzie

" do Thos. Connelly

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

John Fletcher
The Secretary

Mechanics Institute, Montreal 27th April '57

The General Committee held their regular meeting this evening, C. Garth Pres. in the Chair. Present, Messrs Weaver, Kennedy, Reay, Stevenson, Agilvie, Fletcher, Rodden, Doyle, & McDonald.

* The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

* A Communication was read from the Auditors office Toronto requesting the annual statement to be sent without delay.

The Com. Secy. stated that he had prepared and sent the statement already.

* A communication was read from J. J. Scott

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Minutes of 27th April continued with a donation of a piece of the Atlantic Telegraph wire cable, the thanks of the Committee were given to Mr Scott,
 10 The President stated that since the last meeting, Elisha Burritt had visited the City, and that while here he had visited the Institute, and that he with several members of Committee had taken the opportunity of presenting him with an address, and the tender of an Hon. Membership.

Moved by Mr Murray seconded by Mr Ogilvie
 "That the President's report regarding the address to Mr Elisha Burritt and the other transactions in connexion with that gentleman be received, and the action of the Executive Officers & other members of Committee, be approved of. Carried
 11 The President stated that he had been applied to for the use of the class room for the use of the Unitarian Society for 2 or 3 Sabbaths, but that on account of the Hall being occupied at present by the Christ Church Congregation, he had thought it advisable to decline granting it to them.

The President stated also that the Mercantile Library Association had not accepted the proposal made by this Committee and that Mr Thomas had said they would look further into it before they would say it,

11 The President brought before the Committee the state of the Roof of the Hall when

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When it was moved by Mr Rodden seconded
by Mr Doyle, "That the President and
members of the House Committee be authorised
to cause an examination of the concert
Hall ceiling & roof timbers bearing thereon,
and report at our next meeting what is
necessary to place the security of the roof
and ceiling beyond doubt, and the best
means in their opinion of effecting this
forthwith," Carried.

The following persons were proposed
as members.

1st Class Geo. Lulham
3rd do W. H. Lulham
" do Wm Johnston,

The meeting then adjourned.

John Fletcher
Secy.

Montreal 27th April 1857

An ordinary meeting of the Institute
was held. The President in the Chair
Ten members present.

The following members were admitted.

1st Class H. Birks, Geo. Lulham
2nd do B. D. W. Council
3rd O. W. Kendrick, Thos. Connolly, Wm Johnston,
W. H. Lulham,

It was then moved by Mr Murray seconded
by Mr Fletcher "That Mr Elisha Burritt
be elected an Honorary Member of this
Institute" Carried unanimously, the
meeting then adjourned

John Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 11th May 1857

The General Committee held their regular meeting this evening, C. Garth Esq Pres. in the chair, Present Messrs Weaver, Rodden, Bertram, Kennedy, Thois, McDonald & Fletcher.

- i The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- ii Communications were read from the Prov. Secy. acknowledging the receipt of the Annual Report, Received to be placed on file.
- iii Accounts were read from the Gas. Co £39.5.6 & from Mr Tate for Interest £6.8.9 they were referred to Finance Committee.
- iv The President presented the Institute with a Book of Charts & Maps of the entire course of the Channel of the St Lawrence, a valuable work, which he had procured while on a visit to Toronto lately, this Book was thankfully received, it was agreed that the Book should ~~be~~ be placed in the Library for the use of Members, and not to be taken out on any account from the Building.
- v The following were proposed for membership
 - 1st Class, C. S. Monk, Advocate
 - " Mr John Booth
 - 3rd do G. R. Green, R. Fisher, A. Cooper.The meeting then adjourned,
John Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall 8th June 1857

The Meeting of Committee was held this evening, E. Garth Pres, in the Chair Present, Messrs Weaver, Grey, Harris, Bestram, Ogilvie, Perry, & Fletcher, & Stevenson.
I The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

II Communications were read from.

V. Massey applying for the use of the Class Room on Sundays for Free Lectures,
from Mrs Jeffries acknowledging the receipt of £20.10.0 being the interest on loan, due the 4th inst.

from the Seminary. Receipt of £144.0.0 being balance of arrears of 'Constitute'.

III Accounts were read from the Seminary of £54.0.0 & £8.6.8 for rent of 'Constitute' referred to the Finance Committee,

from R. Libbery £1.18.9 for services in distributing Posters, referred to Finance Committee,

from J. Milne 15/9 for Books, referred to Library Committee,

IV Mr Massey's application for the Room was brought up, when it was moved by Mr Perry seconded by Mr Weaver, "That it is not expedient to rent the Rooms of the Mechanics Institute for Religious Services to any Religious denomination, unless from some unforeseen circumstances such as the destruction of their place of worship by Fire, Cleaning &c." Moved in Amendment by Mr D. Brown seconded by Mr Fletcher "That the Lecture Room be offered to (Mr

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IV Mr Massey for Mr Baynes use on Sundays
at the rate of Ten Dollars per Sunday
with the understanding that they vacate
the Hall at 3 weeks notice.

The amendment upon being put was
carried.

V The Chairman of the House Committee
reported that he had caused an exam-
-ination of the roof, and the party who
examined it stated that the roof only
required to be keyed up, which was
accordingly done.

VI Moved by Mr Perry seconded by Mr Stevenson
that the House Committee be authorized
to engage Cuthbert & Morrison to clean
the ceiling, and that they the Committee
do report upon the cost of Papering and
Painting the Hall, at a meeting to be
held on Wednesday night. Carried.

The House Committee were authorized
to have the picture of Miss Nightengale
framed.

VII The Act of Parliament relative to the Board
of Arts & Sciences was laid before the meeting
when it was agreed that it would be brought
up at the meeting on Wednesday night.

VIII The following persons were proposed for
membership.

1st Class G. Roberts
3^d do W. Frankha. E. Armstrong, S. Alexander
C. Howan, Jas. Betts, 2^d Class S. Silverman
& Wilkenson, S. Alexander. The meeting
then adjourned.

John Fletcher
Rec. Secy

Mechanics Hall 8th June 1857

An Ordinary Meeting of the Institute was held this evening, C. Farth President in the Chair, Eleven Members present, The following persons were duly elected Members of the Institute

1st Class, S. C. Mott, J. Booth, G. Roberts,

2^d do W. Guffie, J. Silverman

" " J. Wilkinson, J. Alexander

3^d do Alex Cooper, G. R. Grant

" " R. Fisher, W. Frenkham

" " E. Armstrong, Sam. Rowan

" " Jas. Petts,

There being no further business the Meeting then adjourned,

Wm Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall 10th June 1857

Special Meeting of the Committee this evening, C. Farth President in the Chair, Present, Messrs. Weaver, Bertram, Brown Kennedy, Bernard, McDonald, Gray, Murray & Fletcher,

The House Committee produced samples of papers and tenders for papering Hall, moved by Dr Bernard seconded by W Kennedy "that the decision on the question ^{possibility} be postponed until the expense of that mode, ^(Fresco) be ascertained, and that the House Committee be requested to enquire and report at as early a day as possible," Carried,

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Special Meeting of 10th June continued

The President stated that the principal reason he had for calling this meeting, was to take into consideration the Bill just passed the Legislature for the encouragement of Arts + Manufactures. The President then read over the Bill.

Moved by A. ^{Murray} Stevenson, seconded by J. Fletcher "That this Committee desires to express its satisfaction at the passage of the Bill now before the Committee, tending as it does to foster and encourage the Mechanical Arts in Canada, and hereby instruct the Pres. + Com. Secy. in such manner as they deem most fit, without committing the Institute in its details, to express their sentiment to the Minister of Agriculture, and the willingness of the Institute to cooperate with the Government and the other M. Institutes in Canada in carrying out the general intention expressed by the Preamble to the Act." Moved in amendment by Dr Bernard seconded by G. Weaver.

"That a Committee of five be appointed by the President to consider the Provisions of the bill + report to the general Committee at as early a day as possible, what will be the probable effect upon the interests of this Institution by a compliance with the provisions of this Act." The amendment was lost and the main motion carried.

The meeting then adjourned
John Fletcher
Recy Secy

Mechanic's Hall 17th June 1857

A special meeting of the Committee was held this evening, C. Garth Pres. in the Chair. Present, Messrs Weaver, Fletcher, Miller, Harris, Bartley, Brown & Stevenson.

The President stated that he had called the present meeting to consider Tenders for Fresco Painting of the Hall, which he expected to have had ready to lay before the meeting, but the parties had not been able to get them ready, they however had promised to have them ready by next Monday evening.

It was agreed to postpone the matter till Monday evening next when the regular meeting of the Committee would take place, after some conversation about the propriety of Papering the Room with Mangle Paper, the meeting adjourned.

John Fletcher,
Secy.

Mechanics Hall Montreal 24th June 1857

A Special Meeting of the Committee was held this evening, C. Garth Pres, in the Chair, Present, Messrs Weaver, Rodden, Gray, Kennedy, Brown, Coase Fletcher, McDonald & Stevenson

I The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved,

II The President stated that he had called the meeting to consider the matter of Fresco Painting, or Papering in Marble, the Hall, as the regular meeting was not held last Monday for want of a quorum,

Tenders were read from J. C. Spence to Fresco Paint the Hall for the sum of £75, and J. W. Arthur to Paint or Marble the Hall, price varying from £30. to £100. it was then moved by J. Fletcher seconded by N. B. Coase "That the House Committee be authorized to have the ceiling cleared & whitened, the walls of the Hall Marbled and the wood work grained, the expense not to exceed £75.0.0 by £50. of which to remain unpaid for a year, the balance to be paid as soon as convenient." Carried

The meeting then adjourned,

J. Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 13th July 1857

The General Committee held their regular meeting this evening, C. Garth Pres. in the Chair, Present. Messrs. Brown, Coase, Hyatt, Weaver, Bartley, Stevenson, Kennedy, Bertram, Pyllvie, Gray, D'Bernard, Rodden, Harris & Doyle.

The Minutes of last meeting were not read on account of the absence of the Minute Book,
I A Letter was read from the Hon. P. Van Roushmet in reference to the formation of the Board of Arts Sciences for Lower Canada. The Act of Parliament relative to the said Board was also read, after some discussion it was moved by Mr Rodden seconded by D'Bernard, "That in the opinion of this Committee it is expedient and desirable that this Institute should avail itself of the privileges contained in the Act of Parliament for the establishing of a Board of Arts and Manufactures, and with that view the President is authorized to communicate with the Minister of Agriculture to that effect, and that this recommendation be reported to an ordinary meeting of the members of the Institute"
Carried unanimously.

II Applications for the Concert Room were read from "Emma Stanley" and from Mr Belton of the Theatre Royal, referred to the President.

III Accounts were read from the following parties, Alex. Fleck £ 1. 6. 8

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This amount if found correct was to be placed to his credit, from Henry Rose £5.18.9 referred to the Lectures Class and Finance Committees and if found correct, to be paid, from the "Herald" £2.0.0 from the "Morning Chronicle" £1.5.0 from Mrs. Shields £2.2.6 from W. Russell 10/- these four were referred to the Finance Committee.

11 The House Committee were authorised to have the Entrance Hall cleaned and whitened.

12 The following persons were proposed for Membership.

1st Class G. S. Hobart, Druggist

2^d do W. Russell, Clerk

" " Geo. Crookshanks do

" " Henry Hardisty do

" " James Davis Painter

3^d Class, Peter Steel, Pupit.

" do Thos. Walker Painter

" do W^m Bartley Clerk,

" do W^m Rutledge Plumber,

" do Alex Patterson Piano Maker,

The Meeting then adjourned

John Fletcher,
Secy.

Mechanics Hall Montreal 13th July 1857

An Ordinary Meeting of the Members
of the Institute was held this evening
C. Garth President in the Chair,
19 Members present.

The following persons having been
regularly proposed were elected members
of the Institute

- 1st Class G. S. Hobart
- 2^d do W. Russell, Geo. Crookshanks
- " do H. Hardisty James Davis,
- 3^d do Peter Steel, Thos. Walker, W. Bartley
- " do W^m Rutledge Alex Patterson

The subject of the Board of Arts
& Manufactures was brought up,
when it was moved by W^m Stevenson
seconded by W^m Doyle, "That this
"Meeting do adjourn till the evening
"of Thursday the 23rd instant, and that
"the members be notified publicly of
"the meeting and of the purpose for
"which it is called viz the consideration
"of the Act of Parliament authorizing
"the formation of Boards of Art &
"Manufactures, and for the election
"of Delegates thereto," Carried,

The meeting then adjourned

Wm Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall

Montreal 23rd July 1857.

An adjourned Ordinary Meeting of the Members of the Institute, as called by advertisement, was held this evening in the Class Room, C. Garth President in the Chair, 25 Members present. The President stated the purpose of the meeting to be, to take into consideration the act of Parliament passed at last Session, to establish Boards of Arts & Manufactures in each section of the Province, and to elect delegates to said Board. The President then read the clauses of the act relative to the formation of the Board. It was then moved by Mr Wood seconded by Mr Ogilvie "That we proceed at once to the election of Delegates to the Board" Carried, Moved by Mr Hyatt seconded by S. Fletcher, "That the President, Mr Murray & Mr Doyle be a committee to prepare a list of names to act as delegates, Carried.

The Committee soon after reported a list of 22 names, the number the Institute would be entitled to elect, after the list had been read over, the members present suggested an additional list of 11 names, out which to make a selection, it was then moved by Mr Doyle, seconded by Mr Perry "That the list of names selected by the committee, as also the list

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 "List suggested by the members be now
 "read, and that as the names on the origi-
 "nal list are read over, it shall be
 "competent for any member to move that
 "any name on said list be struck out
 "and filled up by a name from the
 "suggested list," Moved in Amendment
 by Mr Hyatt seconded by Mr Stevenson
 "That each name on the list of proposed
 "delegates be read over consecutively, so
 "that the members present may transmit
 "the requisite number of 22 therefrom,
 "and that from those ballots the names
 "of 22 who have the highest number of
 "votes be declared elected," the Amend-
 ment upon being put was Carried,
 by a large majority,

Mr Stevenson & Mr Murray were
 appointed Secretaries, the Ballot was
 taken and the following were de-
 -clared duly elected members or deleg-
 -ates to the Board of Arts & Manufactures
 for Lower Canada,

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| 1 David Brown | 12 | J. Grant |
| 2 N. B. Lorse | 13 | J. A. Converse |
| 3 J. Fletcher | 14 | Wm Rodden |
| 4 H. Bulmer | 15 | Jr Barnard |
| 5 A. A. Stevenson | 16 | John Lovell |
| 6 Alex Murray | 17 | W Parkyn |
| 7 H. Lyman | 18 | J. P. Doyle |
| 8 W ^m Speer | 19 | A. Perry |
| 9 G. W. Weaver | 20 | J. Redpath |
| 10 Alex Ramsay | 21 | Hon. J. Young |
| 11 B. Chamberlain | 22 | J. C. Spence |

The meeting then adjourned,

J. Fletcher
 Secy

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 27th July 1857

The General Committee held their regular meeting this evening, C. Garth Pres, in the Chair. Present, Messrs Beaver Fletcher, Stevenson, McDonald Bertram, Rodden, & George Perry.

- i. The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.
- ii. The President stated that he had not written to the Minister of Agriculture in accordance with the resolution passed at a meeting on the 13th inst, but had seen that Gentleman while on a visit to Toronto, and that he, the Minister of Agriculture, had expressed himself as ^{desirous of} having action taken at once by our Institute, and that he was surprised that our Institute had not already moved in the matter, as he had spoken to Mr Perry sometime ago to have this business acted upon, and also that in writing to Mr Chamberlain he had requested him to endeavor to get us to act in accordance with the requirements of the Bill, that he, the President, stated to the Minister, that he had not been spoken to on the subject by either of these Gentlemen, and it was not till he had received the Circular that he had thought it right to bring the subject before the Institute, Mr Van Roushnet then explained several clauses satisfactorily, and stated that the Delegates would have to be elected at the first meeting after the first of

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July, or if not elected at that time they could not be elected till after the 1st of August next, and further that the advertisements would be out in a few days calling upon the Delegates to the Boards, to meet at the Mechanics Institutes of Toronto & Montreal respectively, about the middle of August.

III The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 23rd at which the delegates to the Board were elected, were then read and approved, it was moved by Mr Rodden seconded by Mr McDonald "That the Recording Secretary be requested to notify the Delegates elected at that Meeting, of their appointment to represent the Institute at the Board of Arts & Manufactures" Carried.

IV Moved by S. Fletcher seconded by Mr Weaver "That the Treasurer be authorised to pay the sum of Five Pounds for the purpose of transmitting the same to the proper quarters in connection with the Board of Arts & Manufactures, as the contribution of the Institute to that Body, in accordance with the terms of the act" Carried.

V Moved by Mr Stevenson, seconded by Mr Bertram, "That the Recording Secy. be requested to prepare a list of the Delegates to the Board of Arts & Manufactures, elected at a meeting held on the 23rd July, together with a verified statement of the number of members on the roll of

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"the Institute, and that the Corresponding
"Secy. be instructed to transmit the List to
"the Hon. P. van Ronghmet without delay
"and also to intimate that the Institute
"is prepared to pay the sum of Five Pounds
"in accordance with the provisions of the Act
"to the party who may be authorized to
"receive the Contributions of the Several
"Institutes"

vi The House Committee reported,

"That they have had the Ceiling of the
"Hall cleaned & whitened, and the walls
"coloured, and made arrangements with
"Mr W. Withers to paint all the wood work
"and grain it, & Bronze the ventilators,
"that they had also got the Reading Room
"& Library cleaned & whitened, and the
"walls in all the passages & Stair Cases
"Colored, as it was not found advisable
"to paper the walls of the Hall as was
"first proposed" this report was by
"motion received and adopted,

vii Accounts were read from

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| R & A. Miller | £ 12. 18. 7 |
| Mrs W. Kay for Directory | . 7. 6 |
| Tri weekly Globe | 2. 0. 0 |
| C. Bryson | . 3. 9 |
| Hill & Martin | 26. 6. 8 |
| Lawson | 5. 8. 4 |

Messrs Millers &c was referred
to the Library Committee, the others
to the Finance Committee.

The following persons were proposed
for

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membership.

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| Brown Chamberlain M.A. | 1 st Class |
| Mrs. Crane Merchant | 1 st do |
| D. Smith Locker | 2 ^d do |

The Meeting then adjourned
John Fletcher
Secy.

Montreal 10th Aug, 1857

Meeting of the General Committee,
Present Messrs Gault, Brown, Weaver
Rodden, Louse, Barnard, & McDonald,

I The Minutes of last Meeting were read
and approved.

II An application was read from Mr Geo
Anderson for the use of a Room for a
singing Class, in reply to which the
Com. Secy. was directed to inform Mr
Anderson that previous engagements
of the rooms prevented his application
from being entertained.

III In consequence of the House Committee
reporting that Mr W. S. Sutherland was not
regular in his payment of Rent, it was
moved by Mr Barnard seconded by Mr
Rodden "That such are the liabilities
of the Institute, that prompt payment
of the rent is indispensable to enable it
to meet its engagements" Carried

IV In reference to the approaching meeting
of the Scientific Association in this City
it was moved by D. Brown seconded
by Mr Barnard "That the President
(he

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he advised to have an advertisement
inserted in the "Advertiser" "Gazette" &
"Transcript" for the 12th inst, informing
"the members of the above Society that
"the Reading Room, Library & Hall will
"be at their disposal during their visit
"to this City," Carried.

v The President reported that he had
received the present of a very rare spe-
-cimen of Fish from Mr Ramsay of
Scotland, accompanied by a note, for
which the Secretary was instructed to
return the thanks of the Committee in
the usual manner.

The President also presented the Com-
-mittee with a book containing maps
of Canada, for which the thanks of the
General Committee were duly returned.

Accounts were read from Messrs
Lowe & Chamberlain £ 11. 16. 9 up to
18th July '57. referred to Finance Com. for
payment if found correct. from Smiley
& Gillespie for "Spectator" to 1st July '57. £ 3. 11. 4
& from B. Dawson for books £ 30. 7. 2
referred to the Library Committee.

vi Mr W^m Robinson was proposed as
a 2^d Class member.

The meeting then adjourned.

Wm Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 24th Aug. 1857

The General Committee held their regular meeting, C. Garth President in the Chair, Present Messrs Weaver, Gray, Bertram, McDonald, D. Barnard, Course Rodden, Fletcher, Stevenson.

- I The minutes of last meeting were read & approved
- II Moved by D. Barnard seconded by Mr Rodden "That a copy of the motion passed at last meeting be sent to Mr W. Lintock and the Corresponding Secretary be requested to inform him that the resolution must be enforced, and that no further delay can be granted," Carried
- III Moved by Mr Stevenson seconded by Mr Fletcher. "That the Institute subscribe for the Young Men's Magazine" Carried.
- IV Moved by Mr Rodden seconded by Mr Bertram "That D. Barnard & Mr Stevenson be a committee with power to add to their numbers, to prepare a design of a new Ticket for Life Members," Carried
- V A Copy of the Milwaukee Directory was received, and the Secy was directed to acknowledge it in the usual way, A Copy of Maps of Canada was received from L. H. Holton M. P. P. to be acknowledged as above.
- VI Moved by Mr Rodden seconded by Mr Course "That the House Committee be permitted to send for Exhibitions any article belonging to the Institute,
- VII The following persons were proposed for

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Thos. Abel machinist 2^o Class
W^m Robinson Paper Hanger do
Robertson Lead Pipe Maker 1^o Class.
The meeting then adjourned,
John Fletcher
Rec. Secy.

Mechanics Hall, 24th August 1857
An Ordinary Meeting of the Institute
was held this Evening, President in the
Chair, 13 Members present.

The following persons proposed at
former meetings were regularly ad-
mitted members of the Institute,
1^o Class, B. Chamberlain,
" J. Mc Lora
" Robertson
2^o " D. Smith
" W^m Robinson
" J. Abel

The meeting then adjourned,
John Fletcher
Rec. Secy.

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 7th Sept, 1857

The General Meeting of the Committee was held this evening, C. Garth President in the Chair, Present Messrs Weavers, Fletcher, Perry, Coase, Doyle, Ogilvie, McDonald, Bartley, Rodden, Harris,

i The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

ii The President brought before the meeting the fact that Mr W. Lutzsch had sub-let his cellar to a Beer Man, who emptied all his washings into the cellar under the foundations.

Moved by Mr Perry seconded by Mr Doyle "That the House Committee be requested to examine the lease to see whether the cellar can be sub-let without the consent of the committee, and to see whether a sink could be erected to empty into the street drain." Carried

iii The Chief Engineer of the Fire Department Capt. Bertram, made an application for the loan of the Parson's reception Ball. Moved by S. Fletcher seconded by Mr Perry "That the application be granted." Carried.

The Meeting then adjourned

John Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 14th Sept. '57

The Committee held a general Committee meeting this evening. C. Garth Pres. in the Chair, Present, Messrs Weaver, Gray Rodden, Bartley, Harris, Brown, Bertram McDonald & Fletcher,

I The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved,

II The President having read a transfer of Lease from Mr Neil McIntosh to Messrs Chapman, Sinclair & Ewing McLucas, when it was moved by Mr Rodden seconded by Mr Bartley

"That the President be authorised to accept the transfer of lease from Neil McIntosh to the above parties, as soon as the conditions of Mr McIntosh's lease are complied with & rent paid up to the time of transfer" Carried,

III The following were then proposed as members, 1st Class, W^m Dorman of the Model School, J. D. Gray M^ggee, of the New Era, Joseph Durr Nail Maker,

The Meeting then adjourned

John Fletcher
Secy

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 21st Sept, 1857

A special meeting of the Committee was held this evening, C. Garth Pres, in the Chair, Present Messrs Garth, Weaver, Hunt, Course, McDonald Brown, Stevenson, Course, Dr Barnard, Fletcher, Gray, Kennedy, Bartley, Miller, Rodden,

I The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved,

II An application was read from Mr Baynes for the use of the Hall on Sundays for religious services and offering the sum of fifty Pounds per annum including light & heat.

Moved by Mr Stevenson seconded by Dr Barnard "That the letter be received and that the Com. Secy be instructed to reply to the effect that inasmuch as the offer made for the Hall would barely cover necessary expenses the Committee respectfully decline accepting the proposition." Carried

III A Letter was read from the Secretary of the Board of Arts & Manufactures applying for the use of Rooms, the Hall for a Model Room, and a Committee Room for meetings, say one a month,

Moved by J. Fletcher seconded by Mr Course, "That the President be authorized to make arrangements with the Board of Arts & Manufactures about the number of Rooms required and the amount of Rent for the same." Carried

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Minutes of 21st September 1857th Continues
The President brought up the subject of
heating the Hall,

It moved by Mr Kennedy seconded by
Mr Hyat "That the House Committee
"be requested to report at next meeting
"meeting what arrangements are ne-
"cessary to the proper heating of the
"Hall" Carried,

Another application was read from
Mr Anderson for the use of a small
room for a singing class, moved by
D. Brown seconded by Mr Gray "That
"the Committee cannot rent any of the
"rooms with the exception of the Hall,
"for the purpose of a singing class"
Carried,

It moved by Mr Brown seconded by
Mr Course "That the President be in-
"trusted to take the necessary steps
"tomorrow to secure the rent of the
"Premises occupied by Mr McIntosh,
Carried,

Mr Hayley, Engineer was proposed
as a 2^d Class Member,

There being no further business
before the Committee, the meeting
adjourned,

John Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall Montreal 28th September 1857

The Regular Meeting of the Committee was held this evening, C. Garth Pres, in the chair, Present, Messrs Weaver, D. Barnard, Hyatt, Gray, Perry, Brown, Ogilvie, & Fletcher

I Another Application was read from Baynes for the use of the Hall on Sundays and offering sixty five Pounds per annum, Moved by D. Barnard seconded by W. Ogilvie, "That the Com. Secy, be directed to inform W. Baynes that the Hall cannot be leased for a less sum per day than \$10." Carried.

II The President reported on the subject of the payment of Rent by W. W. McIntosh, that he had obtained a guarantee for the Rent from W. Chapman & W. W. Kenner which was considered satisfactory, and the President was authorized to complete the transfer of the lease.

III The House Committee reported "That they would recommend that W. Garth be allowed to connect the Heating Apparatus with another Chimney, by an Iron pipe not less than 10 in dia, the cost to be about £10.0.0 The report was received and adopted.

IV An a/c was read from W. Reed, £12.19.3 referred to Finance Com, Gazette 9, 15.3 Com, Advertiser £10.6.10 St Johns News £2.0.0 to Finance Com, B. Dawson £30.7.2 Pays £1.0.0 to Library Committee, S. Fletcher for services £6.5.0 to Finance Committee

Minutes of 28th September continued
The subject of the Annual Report was
brought up, when it was moved that
"Mr Brown, J. Fletcher, Murray, Perry
& Weaver be a Committee to draw
up a Report, (this was moved by Mr
Ogilvie, seconded by Mr Hyatt.)
Carried.

The following Persons were proposed
for Membership.

1st Class, Mr W. Finnon Baker
do Thos. Sedman Trismith

The meeting then adjourned,

J. H. Fletcher
Rec. Secy,

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 12th October 1877

The General Committee held their
regular meeting this evening, C. Garth
President in the Chair, Present
Messrs Weaver, Rodden, Hyatt, Ogilvie
Stevenson, Perry, Louse, Harris &
Barnard, McDonald, & Kennedy,

I The minutes of last meeting were read
and approved.

II The President gave notice to the Chair-
man of each of the Committees to report
or prepare their reports in time to enable
the Annual Report to be made out in
time

III A Box of Minerals was received from
W. J. Cox Esq. Collingwood, Lake Huron.

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which was received, and that the Cor. Secy,
be directed to acknowledge the donation
with thanks, donations were also
received from Mr Alfred Sutton of a vol.
"Diary of a Living Physician" and an
address delivered by Judge Mondelet
before the American Association,
both were acknowledged with thanks,
Donations of money were received from
Messrs Pease & Date ^{30/-} & Messrs Grant
& Hall ^{30/-} being prizes taken at the
late Exhibition, the thanks of the Com-
-mittee were given to these Gentlemen,
11 The following persons were proposed
for membership.

1st Class, Frederick Perma, J. P. Craig
J. D. Hood, Robert Watson
Chs. H. Hudson, Geo. S. Pyke
John Watson Henry Hogan
Geo. Hughes.

The meeting then adjourned

John Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall Montreal 12^o Oct. 1857

An Ordinary Meeting of the Institute was held this evening, when the following members were admitted,

1st Class, M. Soran, J. D. Argyll Gee,
do M. Finnon, Joseph Daur
do Thos. Sedman, Geo. Hughes
do J. Penn, S. P. Craig
do J. D. Hood, Robert Watson
do C. H. Hudson, Geo. S. Ryke
do John Watson, H. Hogan
2^d do W. Hayley,

The meeting then adjourned
John Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 19th Oct. 1857

A regular meeting of the General Committee was held this evening C. Garth President in the chair.

Present Messrs Rodden, Weaver, Coase Harris, Hyatt, Gray, Ogilvie, Bartley Brown, D. Barnard, Kennedy,

I The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

It was agreed that the minutes of the Ordinary Meetings be inserted in the Book kept for the minutes of Annual and General meetings.

II The Finance Committee were allowed till Saturday night to prepare their report.

Minutes of 19th October continued
iii The Report of the House Committee was read and received,

The Report of the Library & class Committee was also received, both of these reports were referred to the Committee appointed to draft the Annual Report,

iv An account was read from Messrs Course & May for wood furnished last winter this account was ordered to be paid if found correct, another was read from G. W. Weaver of £7.9.3 referred to the Finance Committee.

The meeting then adjourned
John Fletcher
Rec. Secy.

Montreal 26th October 1857

a Regular meeting of the General Committee was held this evening C. Garth President in the Chair, present Messrs Weaver, Course, Ogilvie Gray, Barnard, Rodden, Bartley Fletcher Bertram, McDonald & Harris

I The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved,

ii The Report of the Library Committee was read, when it was received and referred to the Committee upon Annual Report,

The meeting then adjourned till Saturday night next,
John Fletcher
Rec. Secy.

Montreal 26th October 1857

An Ordinary Meeting of the Members of the Institute was held this evening C. Garth President in the Chair, 13 Members present.

1 The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

2 The following persons having been regularly proposed were elected to be members of the Institute,

1st Class, Sol Rivotte, Ed. Thompson,

Ed. Reuter, C. Smith, W. Smith,

2^d Class Thos. Wilson, J. B. Cager, R. Henning
H. Watson, R. Whyte, H. Tait

W. Reed, M. Lollery W. Green,

3^d Class, G. W. Hazell, W. Murphy, R. Watson
Thos. Hardisty, Alex. McIntyre

The meeting then adjourned.

John Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 31st October 1857

An adjourned meeting of the General Committee was held this evening, G. W. Weaver, ^{his} President in the Chair, present Messrs Rodden, Ogilvie Gray, Kennedy, Coase, Hyatt, D. Barnard, Fletcher, Brown, & Harris,

i The minutes of last meeting were read and approved,

ii Mr Rodden read a report of the Exhibition Committee, moved by D. Barnard seconded by Mr Ogilvie, "That the thanks of the General Committee be given to Messrs Garth, Weaver, Rodden, Brown & Fletcher the gentlemen composing the Exhibition Committee, for the very able, efficient & successful manner in which they carried out the duties entrusted to them, and that their report now read, be received and adopted," Carried

iii The secretary then read over the draft of the annual report, several amendments were made to it, and it was finally approved of,

iv Messrs Ogilvie, Hyatt & McDonald were appointed auditors of the Treasurers Books & Papers,

The meeting then adjourned till 6 P. M. Monday the 2nd Nov.

John Fletcher

Secy.

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 2^d November 1857

An adjourned meeting of the General Meeting was held this evening at 6, o'clock
C. Garth President ~~President~~ in the
Chair, Present Messrs Weaver, Rodden,
Myatt, Fletcher, Gray, Miller, McDonald
Perry, Brown, Ogilvie, Harris, Stevenson
D. Raymond, & Kennedy & Conser,

I The Minutes of last meeting were read
approved,

II The Report of the Finances were read
also the Treasurers Annual Statement,
They were both approved of,

This being the night of the Annual
Meeting of the Members of the Institute
the Committee closed their business
for the past year and adjourned to
attend the Annual Meeting,

John Fletcher
Secy.

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 9th November '57

The First Meeting of the newly elected
officers and members of General
Committee was held this evening.

G. W. Weaver Esq^r President elect in the
Chair, present Messrs Brown, Murray,
Ogilvie, Munro, Kennedy, Fletcher, Gray,
W. Barnard, Perry, Bertram, Grant,
Corse, Swain, Wood & Smith, Bartley

I The Minutes of last meeting
were read and approved.

ii The Minutes of the Annual Meeting,
and the names of the Officers &
Committee elected at that meeting were
over, the following are Gentlemen
elected,

G. W. Weaver President
David Brown, 1st Vice do
H. Munro 2^d do do
Alex. Murray 3^d do do
Alex. Ogilvie 4th do do
A. A. Stevenson Cor. Secy
John Fletcher Rec. Secy
N. B. Corse Treasurer
J. C. McDonald Librarian

Committee

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 John Grant | 7 W. P. Bartley |
| 2 W. Kennedy | 8 R. Swain |
| 3 W. Barnard | 9 C. Garth |
| 4 Alex. Bertram | 10 Geo. Gray |
| 5 W. Rodden | 11 John Wood |
| 6 A. Perry | 12 John Smith. |

The President elect then assumed
the duties of his office, and proceeded
to

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to name the the Standing Committees
viz, Library & Reading Room

to Rose

Alex Murray Chairman

John Fletcher

J. C. McDonald

Robert Linn

Lecture & Class

Hector Munro Chairman

A. A. Stevenson

W^m Kennedy

W^m Rodden

Finance

G. W. Weaver Chairman

D. Brown

N. B. Coase

C. Garth

House & Lecture Hall

David Brown Chairman

W. P. Bartley

Alex Bertram

Benn

J. Barnard

The above list was approved of.

III It was then moved by Mr Murray
and seconded by Mr Gray, and carried
unanimously, "That a special Com-
-mittee be created in accordance with
"the recommendations of the last Annual
"Meeting Report, to be termed the Mem-
-bership Committee, and whose duty
"it shall be to devise and adopt means
"to increase the number of members of
"the Institute, and to make from time to
"time returns to the General Committee

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- "regarding the standing of members in
"connexion with the payment of subscriptions"
- The Committee was then named as follows, A. W. Ogilvie Chairman
Alfred Perry, John Grant, John Wood
John Smith & George Gray,
- iv The President made a statement of the Financial affairs of the Institute, which was referred to the Finance Committee,
- v An application was read from Mr Cheverie for the use of a small room three times a week for a French class, referred to the House Committee,
- vi An application was made by several parties ^{members} members & others, for a French Paper "Journal des Debats" to be taken for the Reading Room, this application was referred to the Library Committee,
- vii Accounts were read from the City Corporation £1.18.2 for water, and from Alex Wand 12/6 for altering Flues, they were both referred to the Finance Committee,
- viii A motion was made by ~~Allen~~ Murray seconded by J. Fletcher and carried unanimously
"That the Lecture & Class Committee be
"requested to report at next meeting as to
"the feasibility of getting up a course of
"Lectures, and the formation of Classes
"for the ensuing winter"
- ix A motion was then made by A. G. Stevenson seconded by D. Brown
"That Hesper Magazine be discontinued
"from this date." an amendment (was

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was made by R. Erwin seconded by A. W.
Ogilvie "That in consequence of the Article
"in the last number of Harper's Magazine
"relating to the Queen of England (page
" 842) we do cease to subscribe to said
"Magazine" the amendment upon
being put was lost. 8 voting for, and 9 against
it. The main motion was then put & carried
unanimously.

7 The following persons were proposed
for membership.

- 1st Class J. W. Lean
- 2^d do John W. Chace
- 3^d do Patrick Hughes

The meeting then adjourned

John Fletcher
Secy.

Montreal 16th November 1857

A meeting of the General Committee
was held this evening, G. W. Weaver Pres.
in the Chair. Present. Messrs Munro, Brown
N. B. Corse, Perry, Kennedy, Ogilvie, Grant,
Gray, Erwin, Bartley, Bernard, Garth,
Rodden & Smith.

I The minutes of last meeting were read
and approved.

II The following accounts were read &
referred to the Finance Committee,

viz

Minutes of 16th November continued.

From Campbell Bryson 8^{1/2}, J. W. Pherson 10^{1/2}
John Lovel 25^{1/2}.

iii The Minutes of the proceedings of the
Lecture & Class Committee was laid on the
Table, also a copy of a letter to the Secretary
of the Board of Arts, when it was moved by
O. Brown seconded by W. P. Bartley

"That the Report of the Lecture & Class Com-
-mittee as submitted to this meeting from
"their minute Book, be received, and that
"further action for the engagement of a
"Teacher for the following classes, viz
"Writing, Book-keeping, Arithmetic, &
"Mathematics, be deferred until next
"Meeting, in the meantime, that notices
"be posted up giving members an oppor-
-tunity to enrol their names for the above
"Classes" Carried.

iv Moved by Dr Bernard seconded by E. Wood
"That a Committee of three be appointed
"to ascertain by whose authority the article
"which appeared in several of our City
"papers in reference to the expulsion of
"Harpers Magazine from the Institute
"was published" this motion upon being
put was lost, 3 voting for & 12 against it.

The following were proposed for Membership

- 1st Class, Robert Gardner,
- 2^d do John Savin, Geo. Spier, W. Best, A. Lindsay
- 3^d do Alex Munro, Pat. Hanahan, David Ross,
" H. Hall, R. W. Laren, H. Cassidy
" R. Duncan, Jos. Guyon.

The meeting then adjourned.

For John Fletcher
Secy

H. Munro Secy
Pat. Hanahan

Mechanics Hall, Montreal 23rd November '57

The General Committee held their regular meeting this evening, G. W. Weaver President in the Chair, Present Messrs Ogilvie, Grant, Brown, Rodden, Coase, Swain, Smith, Kennedy, Munro & Wood,

I The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed,

II an A/c was read from E. M. Warren for repair of roof, \$4.00, referred to the Finance committee,

III A Communication was read from W^m W^m Cunningham regarding his Prize & Diploma from the Exhibition Committee, This letter was referred by a Resolution to the Exhibition Committee,

IV A Letter was read from Dr Bernard tendering his resignation as a member of Committee, when it was moved by H. Munro seconded by W. Kennedy

" That the letter do lay on the Table till next meeting, and in the meantime, that the Com. Secy. be instructed to write to the Dr, and inform him that it was the unanimous wish of the Committee that he would be pleased to withdraw his resignation." carried.

V Moved by W^m Munro, seconded by W^m Kennedy " That the sum of Twelve Pounds 10/- be granted to the Lecture & Class committee, to employ competent Teachers for the Classes during the 3 winter months, in Drawing

- "Writing, Book Keeping, Arithmetic & Mathematics,
" and to give 3 insertions in the following
" Papers, viz Transcript, Gazette & Advertiser
" the classes to open on the 30th inst." Carried.
- vii Moved by D. Brown, seconded by R. Irwin
" That the Membership Committee be author-
" - ized to employ a competent person, to
" collect the outstanding accounts which are
" past due, Carried.
- viii Moved by R. Irwin seconded by A. Ogilvie
" That the Corresponding Secretary be in-
" - trusted to write the late President
" C. Garth, to know why the Synopsis
" of last annual Report has not been
" published, in accordance with the resolution
" of that meeting" Carried.
- There being no further business
the meeting adjourned.

John Fletcher,
Secy.

Mechanic's Hall, Montreal 14th December 1857

A Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening, G. W. Weaver Pres, in the Chair, Present, Messrs Brown, Rodden, Lorse, Kennedy, Ogilvie Grant, Fletcher, Munro, Perry, McDonald Erwin, Garth & Wood, &

I Minutes read & approved,

II A letter was read from Dr Bernard in answer to the letter from the Com^{tee} relating to his resignation, stating that he could not withdraw his resignation, it was then moved by Mr Erwin, seconded by S. Fletcher "That this Committee regrets exceedingly that Dr Bernard has seen fit to resign his appointment as a member of this Committee, and that upon further request to withdraw the same, he reaffirmed his determination, and that therefore we are compelled to receive his resignation" Carried,

III Mr Rodden read the Report of the Exhibition Committee, it was then moved by Mr Kennedy seconded by Mr Ogilvie, "That the Report be received and the Thanks of this Committee be given to the Gentlemen forming the Exhibition Committee" Carried,

IV A Report was read from the Library Committee, recommending some alterations in the Reading Room, several Papers to be added, and some additions to be made to the Library,

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VI Proposed by Mr Rodden seconded by Mr Girth. That the Report be read - and that the Lib^{ry} Com^{tee} and the house Com^{tee} be requested to submit at the next Meeting the probable expense of the alterations & additions.

Corrill

VII The Lecture and class Com^{tee}. Read a Report of the proceedings of the Com^{tee} about procuring teachers for the classes &c - and submitted the following statements. Letter from Mr Chamberlain Sec^y Board of Arts. was Received dated 1st Dec^r - Regarding the free classes. and offering fifty pounds to establish the following classes - Writing Book Keeping Arithmetic & Mathematics Drawing and French and to be kept open open during four months. and to have the privilege of introducing ten free scholars to the classes. which was accepted - And that the Committee had engaged two Teachers for the English and French at 8.12 per Month - the Drawing was conducted by Mr Hughes and Mr Kennedy free of all expense to the Institute

VIII An account was read from W Hilton 2^d for repairing hall seats referred to the house Com^{tee}.

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111 Moved by D Brown, seconded by A Perry that inasmuch as the Rental of the Shop below is not paid for Regularly that the President notify the assignees that unless the Rental be paid when due that the goods will be seized —

Council

Membership proposed

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Class 1 st | Daniel Somerville | Class 3 rd | William Keall |
| Class 2 nd | Geo Thompson | | James Brown |
| " | John Roberts | | Robt. Mc Laughlin |
| " | Daniel Spenser | | Duncan Munro |
| " | Amiey Bulgin | | William Turner |
| " | John Gorin | | John Mc Intyre |
| " | Alex Mc Graw | | Robt Duncan |
| " | Will ^m Moor | | John Mac Dermont |
| " | Robt Campbell | | W. Saucumb |
| " | John Mc Neil | | Will ^m Fitts |
| " | Benj ⁿ Holland | | John Walker |
| " | Ruben Beaumont | | Gen. Hewit |
| " | Patrick Conab | | Gen Wilson |
| " | Chas Eustas | | J. Cleghorn |
| " | Benj ⁿ G. Parker | | Gen Grey |
| " | C. Mc Ellen | | William Grey |
| " | G. W. Gurdie | | Edw. Samuels |
| " | Francis Keenan | | W. C. Mc Clinton |
| " | John O'Leary | | Alfred. Passleston |
| " | James O'Neil | | Brothers Samuels |
| " | William Bowman | first class | J. H. Ferrous |
| " | Gen. Kull | | their being no further |
| " | Gen. Rose | Business | the Meeting |
| | adjourned | | |
| | | | John Fletcher Secy |

Mechanics Hall 28th Decem^r. 1857

a Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening by W. Munro Jones in the Chair Present Messrs Munro Fletcher, Perry, Corse, Kennedy, Wood Mc Donald.

- I Minutes of former Meeting Read and Confirmed
- II A Report was read from the Library and House Comtee. about the Expenses of Making the alterations in the Reading Room the probable expense ~~to~~ be about £500.00
- III Moved that the houses and Library Committee be authorised to erect in the Reading room two Reading stands with seats. the expense not to exceed fifty pounds Carried this motion was made by J. Fletcher seconded by D. Brown
- III An ap. was read from W. H. Holmes amounting to £5.5.9 Refer to Finance Comtee
- IV Moved by Mr Rodden seconded by H. Munro that the Institute subscribe for the London Times - Carried
- V Moved by H. Munro seconded by J. Fletcher that the Institute subscribe for the Edinburgh Scotsman and the Dublin Warden - Carried
- VI Moved. By H. Munro seconded by D. Brown that the house committee be authorised to put in a Cast Metal Column below the centre of ceiling above Brick Wall in centre of proposed new desks and also to raise the floor to a proper level if they deem such a course requisite (W. Rodden offering the cast Metal Column for that purpose free of all Expense to the Institute) Carried

Minutes of Meeting Dec^r 28th 1857

VII Moved by Mr. Murrey Sec^y. by J. Wood
That ~~to~~ hold the Annual Festival
this Year on the 9th July 1858 in the
Bonescourt Hall.

VIII Moved in Amendment by Mr. Perry
Seconded by J. Fletcher. That the Festival
be held on the evening of the 9th July and
that dancing be included. The amendment
upon being put was decided in the negative
by the casting vote of the Chairman. The
Main Motion was then put and carried
Members proposed

- | | | | |
|---------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Class I | Mr. Cornhill | Class III | John Jyulis |
| " " | W. A. Picate | " " | Stephen White |
| " " | G. B. Scott | " " | Thos. Marshall |
| " 2 | Jas. Smith | " " | Arthur Fletcher |
| " " | D. Wark | " " | Wm. H. Dicks |
| " " | Robert French | " " | Geor. Searles |
| " " | William Campbell | " " | Robt. Jones |
| " " | D. Gurney | | |
| " " | L. Blomley | | |
| " " | Jas. G. Hart | | |
| " " | G. B. Burland | | |

" " This being no further Business the
Meeting adjourned

John Fletcher
Sec^y

Mechanics Hall Jan^y. 11th 1858

This evening the General Committee met by W Weaver President in the Chair present. Messrs. Coase, Kennedy, Bertram, Woods, Grant, Stevenson, Algovic - Mc Donald, Perry, Brown, Prinn, Bartley, Rodden, Munn

I The Minutes of former Meeting, was read and Confirmed -

II The President presented an account from the Pages Newspaper. £ 2:0:0
Referred to Library Committee

III Moved by D. Brown seconded by A. Perry, that no monies be voted by the General Committee until the same be first submitted to the Finance Committee and Reported on by them to this Committee (Carried)

III William Rodden Resigning from the above

IV Moved by A. Perry seconded by John Woods that this Committee proceed by Ballot to elect a Member in the place of Dr Bernard's Resigned (Carried)

IV The President appointed William Kennedy and Robt Prinn scrutineers

IV The President declared Robert Benn duly elected by a Majority of votes

Members proposed

Over

Monies voted

Election

R Benn.

Minutes of Meeting Continued 18th July 58

- I class
S F Jones
William Satter
James Chambers
F. G. Tiffle
James F. Black
- II class
James Connors
John Hamilton
James Cogan
Chas. Chisholm
Abner Dues
G. F. Liffington
Thos. Healey
- III class
John Ryan
James Ryan
John Took
Joseph Gaydo
John Wright
James McEane
Richard Salton
Richard Took
- No further
Business appearing the Meeting
adjourned

John Fletcher
Sec. Secy
Mechanics Hall January 25th 1858
This evening the General Court
Met by W. W. Warner, President on the Chair
present. Messrs. Wood, Berrin, Corse-
grant, "Garth", Rodden, Bertram
Kennedy, Irwin, Ogilvie, Smith
Hatcher, Perry, Munro, Stevenson

- I The Minutes of former Meeting
was read and confirmed
- II A Letter was received from John
Luminy Esq, presenting 12 bob. as
a donation to the Institute Resolved
that they be acknowledged in the
usual manner.
- III An ap. was presented from B Dawson
amounting to £11. 13. 6¹/₂ - Referred
to the Library Committee -
An ap. was presented from R. Mitchell for
£2. 7. 9 Referred to the same Committee

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- IV R & C Mellar presented an offer amounting to £1.19.9. Referred to the Library Committee
- V A Ramsay presented an offer for 1655 & 56 for 17/2 Referred to House Court
- VI Green & White presented an offer for £4.7.7 Referred to House Court
- VII Ferris & Co presented an offer @ 10/11. Referred to House Committee
- VIII The president stated that Mr. Pease the present occupant of Stone below was desirous of having the Lease of Stone transferred to himself personally
- IX Moved by W. Rodden seconded by Mr. Garth that the president procure a copy of the transfer of Lease to the Trustees of Neil Mcintosh Estate Council
- X Moved by Mr. Garth seconded by Mr. Grant that the bulky Engineer Sub. -mitted by Mr. Garth, be referred to the Library Committee with instructions to report thereon through the financial Committee that the Report of both Committees be submitted to our next Meeting & carried
- XI Mr. Irvine spoke of the Iron Railway bound with wood now laying in the passage and would feel grateful to have the same presented to the Methodist New Connection if not otherwise Required

over

Minutes of Meeting 25th January 1858

~~I~~ The question of proprietorship was raised. When it was stated that the iron portion had been presented by Mr W Rodden and the wooden portion was attached by the Congregation of Christ Church Late tenants of this Hall and the whole was now the property of the Institute —

~~II~~ Moved by Stevenson seconded by Mr Grant that the house committee be requested to report to this committee whether the iron Railway formerly used by Christ Church or any part of it will be required for any purpose by the Institute Carried —

~~III~~ Moved by Stevenson seconded by Ogelvie that the thanks of the Institute be given to Mr William Rodden for his liberal donation of the iron Railway to the Institute Carried —

Membership proposals:

| | | | |
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| I class | John Paxton | III class | Alfred Cooper |
| | John Gordon | | William Water |
| | John Murphy | | William Humblin |
| | E G Green | | Michael Burt |
| | G Bush | | Geo Smith |
| II class | William Ballan | | Edwin Stewart |
| | Walter Duffit | | John Gaurge |
| | John Mc Rully | | Howard Bernolish |
| | James Harvey | | John Lounely |
| III | Charles Nimmo | | Edmond Shepherd |
| II | John Kinnett | | John Suller |
| | | | Philip Gatehouse |

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III Clg. Phelip Gatehouse

J Felkin

James M'Comack

Joseph Waller

No other business appearing
the Meeting adjourned

John Fletcher

Rec. Secy.

The General Committee Met this
Evening Feb 1st 1858

J W Weaver President In the Chair
present. Messrs Perry, Kennedy, M'Donald,
Corse, Stevenson, W. Rodden, Ben. Gray, Brown
Woods, Bartley, Munro

The Minutes of former Meeting was Read
and Confirmed.

The President stated that he had
procured a Copy of the Transfer of Lease
of shops Below from Neil McIntosh to the
Assignees of his Estate. Making themselves
individually Responsible for the payment
of Rental as per Neil McIntosh Lease and
agreement with this Institute

A Letter thus Received from James

Maclean present occupant of Stone Requesting
that the Lease Transferred to the Assignees of Estate N.
McIntosh be Transferred into his own Name
stating that he had Goods amounting to
the Sum of £2120.

Moved by Mr Rodden Seconded by Mr Bartley
that this Committee will Transfer the Lease
providing the Mr Maclean will give
to this Committee ^{satisfactory} ~~as~~ Names as surties
for the payment of the Rental that he now has

The Minutes of 21st Continued
The following acct. was laid on the Table and
Referred to the Finance Committee for payment
of found Correct and Sufficient funds in the Treasurers
hands to meet them.

| | | |
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| Mr. Jones & White House Committee | } | £ 4. 7. 7 |
| Reported the account Correct amounting to | | |
| Mr. Ferris H. House Committee | } | - 10. 11 |
| Reported the account Correct amounting to | | |
| Robert Mitchell H. House Committee | } | 2. 7. 9 |
| Reported the account Correct amounting to | | |
| A. Ramsay. House Committee | } | - 17. 2 |
| Reported the account Correct amounting to | | |
| B. Dawson. Library Committee | } | £ 11. 11. 1 |
| Reported the account Correct amounting to | | |
| R & A Millar Library Committee | } | 1. 19. 9 |
| Reported the acct. Correct amounting to | | |
| | | <u>£ 21. 14. 3</u> |

Moved by Mr Rodden Seconded by Mr Grey
That the Synopsis of the last Annual Report
be now Read. — Carried

Moved by Mr Rodden Seconded by Mr Wood
That the Synopsis of the Annual Report as has now
been Read be published in accordance with the
Minutes of Annual Meeting in the City papers —
Carried.

The House Committee Reports that some evil
disposed Boys had destroyed one of the Statues
at the Entrance Hall stating that Mr Cately would
Repair them ^{at cost} for 30/- and place them in any suitable
position that this Committee may point out

Resolved

Minutes of 1st Feb Continued
Resolved that the Report of the house committee
be referred back to the finance committee to report
at next meeting if they possess sufficient funds
to ~~the~~ make the necessary repairs if required
— J Brown spoke of a plate for the front
door to be plated and to correspond with one
putting in for the Boards of Arts & Manufacturers
at a cost of 815.— Ordered to be sent to the
Finance Committee to report on.

Moved by A Perry seconded by W Kennedy that
the above subject be not sent to Finance Comtee
or any action taken to secure a plate for the
Institute ^{announced} Lost. Voting for it and
against it of the house committee reported and ^{the} ^{orderly} the Finance
Comtee was carried by the same majority to put the plate on

No other Business appearing
The Meeting adjourned

Hector Munro Secretary
pro Tem

Montreal Feb 8th 1888

The General Committee met this evening
by W. Weaver President in the chair present —
Messrs Perry, Corser, Wood, Grey, Ben. Grant
Kiddan, Smith, Kennedy, Stevenson
& Munro. The Minutes of former Meeting
was read and confirmed

An account was presented from the Daily Argus £ 1.10.0
A report was submitted from the Library Comtee
accompanied by a report from the financial
Committee in favour of subscribing for the
Engineer and purchasing the 18 chairs as
Recommended in the Report of the Library Comtee
Carried

Meeting of 14th by 8th Continued
 Report of the Library & Finance Committee
 They have to report that a No. of The Engineer
 London, having been submitted to the Library Committee
 for their examination Recommend the paper as
 being suitable for the Reading Room. And
 would recommend the same to be subscribed for.

Report of
 Finance & Library
 Committee

The Library Committee have also to state that
 in consequence of the recent improved arrange-
 -ments in the Reading Room it will be necessary
 to procure eighteen plain chairs to take the place
 of the present seats for which there is not
 sufficient space around the Tables.

Signed John C. McDonald -

The financial Committee Recommend the adoption
 of the above Report having sufficient funds at
 their disposal to meet the increased liabilities

Signed. G. W. Wears

D. Brown

N. R. More

Membership

- | | | | |
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| 1 st Class | Apodoin | 3 rd Class | Daniel Nolan |
| " | William Morgan | | John Simpson |
| 2 nd | John McDonald | | William Bondy |
| " | Geo. Scott | | Cunningham Shephard |
| " | Robt. Darling | | John Gibson |
| " | John Progen | | John Dickson |
| " | William Smith | | John Gaff |
| | | | David Tailor |

There being no other Business The
 Meeting adjourned

A. Munn
 Secretary pro Tem

The Committee Met this Monday Evening
July 28th (58) by W Weaver President in the
Chair present Messrs. Grant, Perry, Corse,
Brown, McDonald, Gray, Wood, Bertram
Muss, Rodden.

- I The Minutes of former ^{Meeting} was read and confirmed
- II An account was^d from Messrs. Hill & Martin
amounting to £5.3.6¹. Referred to Library
and Finance Committee to report upon
- III Mr A Elliot presented an account for £10.15.0
Referred to Finance & House Committee to report
upon
- IV Mr Mullins presented an account for
Repairing flags at pont for 8/9 Referred
to Finance and House ^{Committee} to report upon
- V A Communication was received from John
Fletcher tendering his Resignation as the
Recording Secretary of the Institute
- VI Moved by Perry seconded by Gray that
Mr Fletcher's Resignation as Recording Secretary
be accepted of (Carried)
- VII An Application was received from the Thrift
Society requesting the use ^{one} of the Rooms for the
Transaction of Business in Connection with the Society
which was Referred to House Committee to
Report at Next Meeting
- VIII Moved by Perry seconded by Gray that
this Meeting proceed to the Election of Recording
Secretary in the place of J Fletcher Resigned (Carried)
- IX The President appointed Mr Grant Scrutineer
- X From the Return of the Ballot by the Scrutineer the
President declared John Wood duly Elected
Recording Secretary in the place of J Fletcher
Resigned

Meeting Continued from the 28th. 1858

XI

Resolved that this Meeting proceed to the Election of a Member to fill the place of John Wood Elected as Recording Secretary The President Declared the Result of the Ballot to be unanimously for Henry Rose Member of General Committee in the place of John Wood Elected Recording Secretary -

Membership proposed.

- 1st - George Drummond ✓
- 2^d - Robert Hammond ✓
- 3 John Hammond
- 2^d John Hallam ✓
- 2 Daniel Sexton ✓
- 2 Francis B McNamee ✓
- 2 William B Conner ✓
- 2 Josias Fannel ✓
- 3 William H Cunningham
- 3 James Atley
- 3 Joseph Laverty
- 3 Charles B Benidge
- 3 Henry Hammond
- 3 John A Hays

No other Business
Appearing the Meeting adjourned
Dud H. Munroe
Secy for Jan

1858
Mechanics Hall Montreal 8th March 1858

The General Committee met this evening
David Brown Esq. 1st Vice President in the Chair
There were Present Messrs Brown, Munro,
Gray, Benn, Kennedy, M^r. Donald, Brown,
and Wood,

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

2nd An Account was presented to the Meeting from
the Montreal Post Office amounting to £ 0.3.4²
which was referred to the Finance Committee

3rd An Account was presented for the Canadian
Merchants Magazine amounting to £ 1.0.0
which was referred to the Library Committee

4th An Account was presented from Campbell Bryson
amounting to £ 1.3.2² which was referred to
the Finance Committee

5th An Account was presented from Messrs. Hill
& Martin amounting to £ 2² 5/10 which
was referred to the Library Committee

6th A Communication was received from Mr. C. Brearton
stating that he had been occupying a portion of the
bellar for the last eight months as per agreement
with Messrs. Mcintosh & McLean and wishing to
lease the same from the 1st of May next for the space
of one year for the purpose of storing Ale and
Porter by paying the same Rent as has been done
to Mr. McLean

7th Resolved that the Recording Secretary be
authorized to write to Mr. C. Brearton to inform
him that the leasing of the bellar is in the hands
of the Assignees of the Estate of Messrs.
Mcintosh & McLean

Over

1858

Minutes of Meeting on 8th March continued

8th Mr. Truitt drew the attention of the Meeting to the following Books of Interest to wit
(Burns Dictionary of Mechanics in 2 Volumes £2.17.6
The Million of Facts by Sir Rich^d Phillips 0.18.
Information for Engineers by Fairbairn 1.5.)
and recommended the same to the notice of the Library Committee

Gentlemen proposed for Memberships

1st Class Alexander Morris
2nd " William Burns

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Hall 22 March 1858

The General Committee of the Institute met this evening

G. W. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair

Present There were present Messrs Weaver, Kennedy, Brown, Gray, Garth, Corse, Rose, Wood

Minutes The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

Mr. Millin's Lecture In consequence of Mr. W. M. Millin's Lecture this evening before the Board of Arts & Manufactures it was Resolved that the Meeting adjourn till Thursday evening next

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Rec Secretary

1858

Mechanics Hall Montreal 25th March 1858

An adjourned Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening

G. W. Weaver Esq. President in the chair

Present Present Messrs Weaver, Rose, Corse, Gray, Mr. Donald Munro, Garth, Kennedy, Stevenson Wood

resignation A. W. Ogilvie Esq. tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Membership Committee in consequence of him not having time to attend to the duties

resignation Moved by A. B. Corse Esq. Seconded by Charles Garth

A. W. Ogilvie Esq. That A. W. Ogilvie Esq. resignation as Chairman of the Membership Committee be accepted

A. W. Ogilvie It was Resolved that Mr. Ogilvie be still a member of the Membership Committee Carried

Moved by G. H. Munro Esq. Seconded by C. Garth Esq. that the Secretary be requested to call a Meeting of the Membership Committee as soon as possible and that they then elect a new Chairman in room of A. W. Ogilvie Esq. resigned

A requisition was read to the Meeting from Mr. J. B. McNamee and others requesting the Committee to procure the "Dublin Nation Newspaper" and "University Magazine" for the Reading room

Dublin Nation & Magazine Moved by A. A. Stevenson Esq. Seconded by William Kennedy Esq. that the requisition be referred to the Library & Finance Committee and that they be requested to report on same at next Meeting

Accts An account from Mr. Wm Kennedy amounting to £9.7.5 or \$37.48 was presented to the Meeting and referred to the House & Finance Committee Carried

1858

Minutes adjourned Meeting 25th March Continued

Letter
Mr Henderson
& Son

A letter was received from Mr Wm Henderson, 105 St Constant Street (addressed to Mr Wm Kennedy) tendering his & Son's resignation as being Members of the Institute
It was Resolved that the resignation of Mr Henderson & Son be accepted & the letter placed on File

Motion
Toronto
Daily Globe

Moved by Mr H. Munro Seconded by Mr A. A. Stevenson that the Library & Finance Committees be requested to report at next Meeting on the desirability of subscribing for the Daily edition of the Toronto Globe in room of the Truvelly

The following were then proposed for Memberships to wit

Persons
proposed
for
Memberships

- | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Henry Hemming | 1 st | St. Charles |
| A. White | 1 st | " |
| J. W. McLaughan | 2 nd | " |
| James Middleton | 2 nd | " |
| Alexander Boulton | 3 rd | " |

No other business appearing the Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Rec Secretary

Mechanics Hall Montreal

12th April 1858

The General Committee of the Institute met this evening
G. W. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair

Present Messrs Weaver, Bartley, Perry, Irwin, W. Donald
Rose, Bertram, Kennedy, Stevenson, Corse, & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

Present
Minutes

Continued

1858

Minutes Meeting 12th April 1858 Continued

The following accounts were presented to the Meeting and referred to the various Committees

Accts

Lowe & Chamberlain \$9.30 Finance Committee

Robt. Mitchell & Co \$65.20 House & Finance Committee

M^{rs} Lean & M^{rs} Antosh \$21.88 Finance Committee

The following report was then read from the Library Committee

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 6th April 1858

The Library and Reading Room Committee beg to report

That at a meeting held this day present Mess^{rs} Murray

M^r Donald and Rose a communication from

J. B. M^r Kamee and others referred to them by the

General Committee was taken into consideration, when

it was resolved that the Library and Reading Room

Committee cannot recommend that the "Dublin Nation"

Report of Newspaper be again subscribed for inasmuch as it was

formerly and for several years taken by the Institute

and only discontinued upon the ground of the want of

interest taken in it by the members as manifested by the

appearance of the paper itself after remaining over a

week upon the table. As it was evident that that news

paper was seldom if ever read, the General Committee

in 1856 substituted in its stead, "Wilmer & Smith's"

European Times and your subcommittee have no reason

to doubt but that the exchange has been generally ac-

ceptable to the Members

If the Finances of the Institute warrant

any additional Contributions to the Reading Room

but present your Sub-Committee would recommend

that the other periodical mentioned in the above

communication, "The Dublin University Magazine" be subscribed for by the Institute

Continued

1858

Minutes of Meeting 12th April 1858 Continued

The above Committee would also recommend that instead of Report of of the Tri-weekly Toronto Globe, the daily edition of that Library paper be taken as giving the earliest and fullest accounts of the proceedings of Parliament
Continued all which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) A. Murray
Chairman

Above report Moved by Mr. A. Parry Seconded by Mr. H. Rose adopted that the Report of the Library Committee be received & adopted

Carried

The following report was then read from the Finance Committee
Mechanics Institute

April 12th 1858

In the present state of the funds of the Institute the Finance Committee cannot recommend large additions to the list of papers & periodicals at present received

Report of the Library Committee Substituting the Daily for of the Tri-weekly Globe and adding the Dublin University Finance Magazine
Committee

They however concur in the report of your sub-committee would also recommend that a Time piece of some sort be purchased for the Reading Room and if the one now placed there by Mr. M. P. Pearson is approved of it can be obtained for the sum of Five pounds (£ 5.00)

They would further advise an appropriation be made to pay the expense of preparing the specimen of the "Alligator Gair" (presented by Mr. Ramsay) in a manner suitable for its preservation. Or if thought advisable it be placed with some other Society where its value as a specimen would be more highly appreciated

(Signed) Geo. H. Weaver } Chairman
Norton B. Coxe }

1858

Minutes Meeting 12th April 1858 Continued

Finance Moved by Mr. J. C. Mc Donald Seconded by Mr. J. C. Committels Rose That the report of the Finance Committee be received report adopted and adopted

Carried

Report of N. P. Bartley Mr. N. P. Bartley reported that the parties who signed the requisition for the procuring of the "Dublin Nation" newspaper and University Magazine had informed him that if for want of funds the Finance Committee could not recommend the procuring of the "Dublin Nation" they would procure it themselves and send it into the Reading Room provided the Committee had no objections and would give it a place there

Report of N. P. B. Moved by Mr. A. Pury Seconded by Mr. W. Kennedy That in view of the present depressed state of the accepted Finances the proposition of Mr. Bartley be accepted

Carried

Motion Moved by Mr. N. B. Corse Seconded by Mr. J. C. Old Clerk Mc Donald That the old clock in the Reading Room be presented to the Superintendent (Mr. E. H. Richardson)

Lost on a division

Motion to adjourn Moved by Mr. John Wood Seconded by Mr. A. Pury That the Meeting do adjourn

Carried

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

1858

Mechanics Hall 25th March 1858

Extract from Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held this evening

Complaints having been made against "Samuel Price" the Superintendants Assistant for non performance of his duties

It was Moved by Mr. G. Munro Seconded by Mr. John Wood that in order for the more efficient performance of the duties of "Samuel Price" the Superintendants Assistant he be left under the sole control of the President

Carried

It having been stated to the Meeting that the Alligator from a very rare specimen of Fish in the Museum was in a decaying state that it could be got put in order for
Moved by Mr. G. Munro Seconded by Mr. John Wood that the stuffing of the Alligator from be referred to the Finance Committee to report upon

Carried

Mr. Wm Roddew reported for the Exhibition Committee that the Board of Agriculture had agreed to accept the sum of \$140 for the sale of Tickets and waving their claim for advertising Bills for about \$120 additional

Moved by Mr. William Roddew Seconded by Mr. A. A. Stevenson that a deputation be appointed to wait upon the Institute Canadian for the purpose of adopting such means as may be necessary in conjunction with them for the purpose of getting that this Institute freed from Taxes & Water rates
Deputation Weaver, Murray, Stevenson & Bartley

John Wood

1858

Mechanics Hall 26th April 1858

The General Committee met this evening
H. Munro Esq. in the Chair

Present Messrs Rodden, Gorse, Kennedy, Irvine
Mr. Donald, Benn, Bertram & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

Mr. Mr. Donald reported for the Library & Reading
Room Committee that the Dublin University
Magazine was procured and placed in the Reading Room

The following Account was then presented to the
Meeting to wit

To W. W. Smith for 5 years subscription
for St John's News from Feb. 24 to Feb. 29 \$10

The Secretary was authorized to ascertain before next
Meeting by whom the St. John's News was ordered
and if anything has been paid on A/cct since
ordered

Notice of Motion

At next Meeting for the discontinuance
of the Westminster Review of London for certain
writings from page 77 to page 80 being such
as to corrupt the youths of civil Society

Signed Wm Kennedy

Mr. Mr. Donald reported on behalf of the
Library Committee that they had received a com-
plete copy of Dr. Wes Dictionary of Arts as a
Donation from J. R. Bronckow Esq.
Resolved that the donation of J. R. Bronckow
Esq. be acknowledged in the usual way

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Minutes Meeting 26th April Continued

Mr. Alexander Bertram reported that Mr. Mason of the Grand Trunk Railway had a Pattern of a Snow Plough which he was desirous of Presenting to the Institute provided it would be of any value to it and some person appointed to call for it

Resolved that Mr. Richardson be authorised to call upon Mr. Mason for the Pattern of Snow Plough

The following persons were then proposed for Membership to wit

- 1st class Oliver Wells
- 1 " G. B. Ferguson
- 1 " Louis Marchand
- 1 " Dunbar Brown
- 2 " Francis Smith
- 2 " S. Holt
- 2 " John Livingston

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
R. Secretary

1858

Mechanics Hall 10th May 1858

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute met this evening

G. W. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair
Present Messrs Irvine, Mr. Donald, Rose, Rodden, Brown, Kennedy, Gray, Corse, Wood

The President stated to the Meeting that his absence from last Meeting was owing to him having to Preside at the Lecture of the Board of Arts and Manufactures in the next room

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

Owing to the smallness of the Meeting the discussion on Mr. Kennedy's Motion for the discontinuance of the Westminster Review was postponed till next Meeting

Mr. W. W. Smith's Account was reported Correct Moved by Mr. Robert Irvine Seconded by Mr. John Wood that Mr. W. W. Smith's Account for the St. Johns News up till the present time be paid and the Paper discontinued

Carried

The following persons were proposed for Membership

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|--------------|---------------------|
| Second Class | John James |
| " " | George Webb |
| " " | William Mitchell |
| Third | George Hagar |
| " " | Alfred Berry |
| " " | A. Ramsay, Mr. Duff |
| " " | Thomas Moore |
| " " | John Moore |
| " " | Charles Fildes |

The Meeting then adjourned John Wood Secy

1858
Mechanics Hall 24th May 1858

No Meeting this evening for want of a
Quorum

John Wood
P. Secretary

Mechanics Hall 1st June 1858
A Special Meeting of the General Committee of
the Mechanics Institute convened by notice was
held this evening

Present G. W. Weaver Esq. President - in the Chair
Messrs Rodden, Munro, Ogilvie, Brown,
Mr Donald, Perry, Kennedy, Corse, Brown
Guth, Smith, Bartley, Wood

The President stated to the Meeting that the
object for which it was called was to take into con-
sideration the Exhibition of 1858 He stated
that as the Board of Arts & Manufactures could
not undertake the Industrial Department of the
Exhibition for want of Funds the Board of
Agriculture were anxious that a Committee from
the Mechanics Institute would take charge of
that Department same as last year

Moved by Mr William Rodden Seconded by Mr
A. W. Ogilvie That the President be authorized
to negotiate with the Board of Agriculture for the
appointment of a Committee from the Members of
the Institute for taking charge of the Industrial
Department of the coming Exhibition on same terms
as last year The whole of the Buildings &c to be
furnished and Prize list paid for £1375

Carried

1858

Minutes Special Meeting 1st June Continued

The following Gentlemen were then appointed a Committee to take charge & carry out the Exhibition to wit. Messrs W. P. Bartley, C. Garth, R. Iruin, A. A. Stevenson, & J. C. McDonald

The President reported that the Board of Agriculture wished to rent the Committee Room for the Term of one year

Moved by Mr. A. Perry Seconded by Mr. W. Kennedy That the President be authorised to rent the Committee Room to the Board of Agriculture for a sum not less than £40 say Forty Pounds £ for the Term of one year carried

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned
J. Wood
Secretary

Mechanics Hall 14th June 58

The General Committee of the Institute met this evening

Present G. H. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair
Messrs Brown, Gray, McDonald, Benn, Smith & Wood.

The Minutes of last Meeting also those of Special Meeting held on 1st June were read & confirmed
The President reported that he had got no answer from the Board of Agriculture relative to the Exhibition as the Board got no answer from the G. S. N. B. Co. Relative to the Building for the Industrial Department

1858
Minutes Meeting 14th June Continued

The following Accts were presented to the Meeting
from

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|---------------|-----------------|--------|--|
| D. Winmar | 16 ^o | £ 8.00 | Referred to Finance Committee |
| Scale & Fees | 11.20 | " | " House & Finance Do |
| Charles Garth | 158.85 | " | House Committee |
| Charles Garth | 821.03 | " | " House Committee to report on the usefulness & economy of the Heating apparatus at present in use furnished by Mr. C. Garth |

The following persons were proposed for Membership

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 nd Class | James Marsh |
| 3 rd " | John M ^r . Lean |
| 3 rd " | William Pullen |
| 3 rd " | Alfred Adams |
| 1 st " | J. H. Atwater |

The President reported that the following Societies
he had rented rooms for one year &c to wit

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| St Andrews Society | 4 Meetings | £ 16. |
| Caledonian Society | 11 ^o | " 30 |
| Irish Pro Bent. Society | 18 " | " 30 |
| Horticultural Society | 4 " | " 10 |
| Montreal Field Battery | 11 ^o | " 20 |

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

1858

Mechanics Hall 28th June 1858

The General Committee met this evening
G. W. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair
Present Messrs Brown, Munro, Gray, Binn, Bartley,
Shaw, Kennedy, Girth, Stevenson, Mc Donald & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The President reported that he had received a note from the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture stating that the Board had perfected an arrangement with the G. T. R. Co. for the use of the Building which was occupied by the Industrial Department of the Pro. Exhibition of last year. The report was received & the President urged upon the Sub Committee who had taken upon them the duties of conducting the Industrial Department of the Exhibition to use every exertion in carrying through the Department with energy.

A report was received from the House Committee regarding the two Accounts of Mr Charles Girth the one for Sundries amounting to £39. 14. 3 was recommended for payment the other amounting to £205. 5. 2 being for Hot water Heating apparatus. The Amount was considered reasonable but the Committee would not recommend the payment of the Account for reasons therein stated, which were in substance that the Apparatus had not warmed the Building so as to give satisfaction. An additional furnace had also been substituted at an additional cost of Heating but was unable to state whether such had given satisfaction or the time such was in use was short and had not got a fair trial.

Moved by Mr. Brown Seconded by Mr. C. Girth that the report of the House Committee be received Carried

1858

Minutes Meeting 28th June Continued

After the consideration of the report of the House Committee and expression of opinion as to the success of the Heating apparatus it was on Motion of Mr. A. A. Stevenson seconded by Mr. Robert Irwin Resolved that a Meeting of the House Committee with Mr. C. Gorth be held to consider the matter more fully and report at an early date

Carried

In accordance with the notice of Motion given at a Meeting of General Committee on the 26th of April it was Moved by Mr. W. Kinney seconded by Mr. David Brown that the Article referred to commencing from page 77 to page 80 of the Westminster Review of London be referred to the Library Committee to report whether in their opinion the Article referred to will have a tendency to corrupt the minds of the youth amongst us and if so do they recommend its Discontinuance

Carried

The following persons were then proposed for Membership

- 1st Class William Thambet
- 2nd Class E. Belmain
- 3rd Class Charles Gurdy

No other business appearing the Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute 12th July 1858

The general Committee Met this evening

G. H. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair

Present Messrs Ogilvie, Perry, Krwin, Corse, Rose,
Garth, Murry, Munro, Mr. Donald, Rodden
Wittram, Brown & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The following Accounts were presented to the Meeting
Messrs W. & A. Miller £41.15 Referred to the
Library Committee

J. D. McGeer £4.00 Do Do

The President then read a report from the Library Committee
respecting the Westminster Review of London which was
in substance that they did not recommend the
discontinuance of said review for reasons therein stated

Moved by Mr. H. Munro Seconded by Mr. A. H.
Ogilvie that the report of the Library Committee
be received & adopted

Carried

The Chairman of the House Committee reported that said
Committee had held a Meeting at which Mr. Garth was
present and they recommended that he (Mr. G.) be paid
on Account of heating apparatus he guaranteeing to put
the same in sufficient order to warm the Building next
Winter and if not to put an apparatus in which will
heat the same. Mr. Garth to send a man twice a day
during the Winter to see that the apparatus is properly
attended to. But the Committee would not
recommend that over fifty per cent of the
Account

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Minutes Meeting 12th July Continued

Account be paid by the Finance Committee to Mr Garth if the Funds will admit on receiving his guarantee that he will furnish an apparatus to warm the Building sufficiently without any additional charge

Moved by Mr. William Rodden Seconded by Mr. John Wood that the report of the House Committee be received & referred to the Finance Committee with instructions to confer with Mr Garth and make the best arrangement they can with him not exceeding in payment the Recommendation of the House Committee fifty per Cent on the Account

Carried

A letter was read from Mr. John Fletcher resigning his seat as a member of the Board of Arts & Manufactures in consequence of his departure from this City to join the 100th Regiment and requesting to be elected a Corresponding Member of the Institute

Moved by Mr. Wm Rodden Seconded by Mr. A. N. Cochrane That the resignation of Mr. Fletcher be received & that he be elected a Corresponding member of the Institute

Carried

The following persons were the proposers for Membership

1st class J. J. Clayton
2^d " C. G. Wand

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

1858
Mechanics Institute 26th July 1858

No Meeting this evening for want of a Quorum
John Wood,
W. S.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 9th August 1858

The General Committee met this evening
The President G. H. Weaver Esq^r in the Chair
Present Messrs Mann, Kennedy, Perry, Gault, Case,
Benn, Stevenson, Sherrin, Rose, Redden, Ogilvie Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The following Accounts were presented to the Meeting and
referred to the various Committees

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| from Mrs. Munro for Staffing a fish | £0.17.6 | Finance Committee |
| Gas Rent | \$99.45 | Finance Committee |
| Mr. Dawson | £32.17.6 | Library Committee |
| Lampough & Campbell Sec | \$4.00 | Finance Committee |

The Finance Committee reported that she had arranged
with Mr. Gault in accordance with the Resolution of
12th of August

The following persons were proposed for Memberships

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|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 st class | W. Bell |
| 2 ^d " " | W. Johnson |
| 2 ^d " " | Andrew Styles |
| 2 ^d " " | Geo Souk |
| 2 ^d " " | Geo Hudson |
| 3 ^d " " | A. Kirkbride |
| 3 ^d " " | W. Malby |
| 3 ^d " " | J. M. Fabbro |

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Minutes Meeting 9th August Continued
Moved by Mr. A. Perry, Seconded by Mr. C. Gault that
a Committee be appointed to get up an Illumination
for this Institute and to place themselves in Com-
munication with other public bodies to get up a
general demonstration to Celebrate the great "fete"
of the Laying of the Atlantic Cable. The following
persons to compose the Committee with Mr. Gault
Seconded. The President, Rodden, Kennedy,
The Amount of expenditure not to exceed fifty dollars
and that the same be referred to the Finance Committee
and to report at an early date so as to guide the Committee
to proceed with the necessary arrangements

Mr. Rose proposed to have the Atlas newspaper from
Toronto which was addressed to him to send it to
the Institute which was received

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute 23 August 1858
The General Committee Met this evening.
J. W. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair
Present Messrs Brown, Gault, Case, Rose, Brown
Mc Donald, Irvine Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed
The President reported that the Committee appointed at last
Meeting had conferred with the City Corporation and they
found them willing to take part in the Celebration of the
Laying of the Atlantic Telegraph Cable

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Minutes Meeting 23^d August Continued

A Letter was read from Mr. James M^c Lean asking if the Committee would be willing to take Miss^{rs} Galbraith Brown as Tenants for that part of the Building at present occupied by them, instead of Miss^{rs} Chapman, Sinclair & M^c Lean

Moved by Mr. David Brown Seconded by Mr. C. Garth That the Institute do take Miss^{rs} Galbraith Brown as from the first of May last for that part of the Building at present occupied by them and do release the assigns of Miss^{rs} M^cintosh & M^c Lean from said part of the Building still holding them for that part occupied by Mr. James M^c Lean

The following persons were then proposed for Membership Carried

- 1st Class James G. Hearle
- 2^d " Samuel G. Watson
- 2^d " Henry Wright

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Montreal 13th September 1858

The General Committee of the Institute Met this evening

G. W. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair
Present Miss^{rs} Munro, Corse, Rose, Kennedy,
M^c Donald, Irwin & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

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Minutes Meeting 13th September Continued

And Also from Mr W^m Kennedy for the Telegraph Celebration amounting to £ 8.15.10 was read to the Meeting & referred to the House Finance Committee

The sum appropriated to defray the expenses of the above Celebration being insufficient

It was Moved by Mr A. Munro Seconded by Mr Robert Muir That a further appropriation of £ 6.15.0 be referred to the Finance Committee to meet Liabilities connected with the same carried

The following persons were then proposed for Memberships

- 1st Class S. H. May
2nd Class W^m Craven
2nd " John Fabian
3rd " " James Shaughnessy

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Hall 27th September 58

No Meeting this evening for want of a Quorum consequent upon a large number of the Committee being absent at the Exhibition grounds

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Hall • 11th October 1858

The General Committee met this evening

G. W. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair
Present Messrs. Munro, Irvine, Kennedy, Stevenson,
Mr. Donald, Brown, Coxe, Bertrand, Bartley,
and Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

An Account from Mr. Robert Mitchell for the
Telegraph Celebration was presented to the Meeting
and referred to the Finance Committee for
payment if found correct

The President reported that a letter had been
received from the Government Auditor at
Toronto (which he read to the Meeting) stating
that the Government Grant of \$140,000 was ready
to be paid on the order of the President the same
being the dividend to this Institute of \$200,000
appropriated for Mechanics & Literary Institu-
tions

The following were then proposed for Membership

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 st Class | W. W. Campbell |
| 2 nd " " | Jeffre Garceau |
| 2 nd " " | Oliver Garceau |
| 2 nd " " | Robert Staveland |
| 2 nd " " | Mr. Lottier |

The following report of the Exhibition Committee
was then read to the Meeting

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Minutes Meeting 11th October Continued

Report

To the President & Members of the General Committee of the Mechanics Institute

The Industrial Committee of the Provincial Exhibition beg to report

That shortly after their appointment, an arrangement was entered into with the Agricultural Association of Lower Canada whereby that Association agreed to pay to your Committee the sum of £1375.0.0 for which they were to erect proper buildings affording as much space for exhibition purposes as was taken up for the Exhibition of 1857. To advertise a prize list equal in amount to that of last year and to assume the entire management of the Industrial Department of the Exhibition. Your Committee were also bound to deduct from the above sum such an amount as the Horticultural Building would cost in the event of the Committee deciding to use a Tent which course as you are doubtless aware they finally adopted.

Your Committee early in the season brought the Exhibition prominently before the Mechanics and Manufacturers by circulating Prize Lists which were principally done by the agent employed by your Committee (Mr. J. J. Telfer), who visited most of the Manufacturing Establishments in the City. Copies were also mailed to all the Manufacturers in both Upper & Lower Canada who would be at all likely to contribute anything to the Exhibition.

The Buildings were constructed by Mr. Francis Xavier Gougen for the sum of Three Hundred Pounds G

Minutes Meeting 11th October Continued

and your Committee embrace this opportunity of expressing their entire satisfaction with the manner in which he fulfilled his Contract

The Exhibition was held (as you are already aware) on the 29th and 30th of September and 1st of October, and as every member of the general Committee had an opportunity of examining the various articles Exhibited your Committee deem it unnecessary to give a lengthy report in reference to the details it suffice to say that the whole of the large Building kindly granted for the purpose, by the Grand Trunk Railway Co, was occupied by the Industrial Department. The Poultry Department which last year took up 50 feet of that Building was this year transferred to another Building in order to afford room for the articles entered in the Industrial Department. A few general remarks will convey all the information which your Committee consider necessary, in order to arrive at a just estimate of the superiority of the late Exhibition over any that has yet taken place in this portion of the Province. The number of Exhibitors this year was 360 last year 300 The number of Articles entered were far more numerous than last year. The display in some of the departments was such as to throw into the shade anything ever before attempted here. Amongst these was the Show of Fur, Furniture, Musical Instruments, ~~Stone Cutting~~, Architectural Drawing, Architectural Stone Cutting, Specimens of Typography, and the splendid assortment of elegant and costly goods exhibited in the Ladies department. Your Committee are aware that the Merits of the Exhibition were not set before the public in such a favourable light as they ought to have been they venture to say that had the Press of Montreal followed the example of their competitors in Toronto

Minutes Meeting 11th October Continued

The Exhibition here would not have been made to appear so insignificant an affair as any one would be led to suppose from the accounts given in our City papers. From a comparison of the space taken up by the Industrial Department of the Toronto Exhibition and that of our own your Committee are led to believe that the Exhibition here must have been equal in extent to that of Toronto and the published lists of Prizes awarded demonstrates that over \$200⁰⁰ more was paid in premiums in Montreal than was awarded in Toronto. As is usual in regard to Exhibitions there had been some dissatisfaction with the decisions of the judges but as the mal-contents have not been more numerous nor their complaints of a more serious character than on former occasions your Committee did not deem it necessary to reverse or set aside any decision given but have occupied themselves more profitably in winding up the affairs connected with the Exhibition. They are happy to have it in their power to inform you that all the Prizes awarded have been paid and the Diplomas forwarded to the Parties entitled to receive them. And it affords them great satisfaction to report that after paying all expences there will remain the sum of between £500 and £550 which sum will be handed over to the Treasurer of the Institute at the latest by the middle of this week \$1850⁰⁰ being now in his possession. In conclusion your Committee deem it fitting that they should acknowledge the invaluable services rendered by J. H. Beaver Esq. the respected President of this Institute whose unwearied and indefatigable exertions tended greatly to the success of the Exhibition.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted

Signed

W. P. Bartley Chairman
A. A. Stevenson Secretary and Com
Robert Irwin
John C. Mc Donald

Minutes Meeting 11th October Continued

Moved by Mr. Hector Munro Seconded by Mr. David Brown that the report of the Exhibition Committee be received & adopted and that the President be requested to tender the thanks of this Meeting to the Subcommittee for their zeal and exertions in carrying out the Exhibition

Carried
Mr. D. Brown reported that the Stone Butters of Christ Church offer the Window Architectural Stone Cutting which was Exhibited by them at the Exhibition to the Institute

Moved by Mr. Alexander Bertram Seconded by Mr. D. Brown that the Window be accepted and acknowledged in the usual way

Carried
A Banner was submitted to the Meeting which was used by the various Trades at the Trades Procession held in 1856 in honour of the completion of the Grand Trunk Railway & was to be presented to this Institute by said Trades as soon as finished in a Workmanships manner

Moved by Mr. David Brown Seconded by Mr. John Wood that the Institute do accept the Banner in its present state and that Mr. C. Garth Chairman of the Procession Committee be instructed to pay for the same

Carried
The Secretary was authorised to notify the Chairman of the SubCommittees to have their reports for the past year ready to submit to the next Meeting of Committee to be held on the 25th Instant

Moved by Robert Innes Seconded by Mr. H. Munro that a report of the attendance of Committee during the year be prepared to submit to the Annual Meeting

The Meeting then adjourned

Motion withdrawn
John Wood
Sec Secretary

1858

Mechanics Hall 25th October 1858

The General Committee met this evening
Geo. H. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair
Present Messrs Brown, Gray, W. Donald, Kennedy,
Ogilvie, Munro, Beltram, Rodden, Perry, Corse,
Rose, Stevenson & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed.

The following Accounts were presented to the Meeting
and referred to the Finance Committee for payment

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| From William Reid | \$ 5.80 |
| " Montreal Pilot | 7.05 |
| " Messrs. Hilton | 5.00 |
| " Mr. Holmes | 21.15 |
| " B. Dawson | 24.00 |
| " Hill & Martin | 3.50 |
| " Canada Gazette | 27.30 |

Moved by Mr. William Rodden Seconded by
Mr. A. H. Ogilvie That the President be authorised
and requested to confer with Government on the subject
of the Annual Grant & remonstrate as to the
injustice of the division made and that a
Committee of two Members in addition to the President
be appointed to wait on our City Members on the
Subject. Committee the President, 1st Vice President
and the Corresponding Secretary

Carried
Moved by Mr. H. Munro Seconded by Mr. A. H.
Ogilvie That no apprentice be admitted a member of this
Institute unless recommended by his employer or a member
of the General Committee and that the Superintendent
be instructed to that effect and that the Bylaws will
be fully enforced

Carried

1858

Minutes Meeting 25th October Continued

Moved by Mr A. Munro Seconded by Mr A. Perry
The Chairman of the Membership Committee be respectfully
requested to submit a report of the Present Mem-
bership of the Institute by a proper division of Classes
1st 2nd & 3rd and how many of each Class are good,
upon the Books of the Institute and how many are bad
with an accompanying recommendation as to what
course they recommend this Committee to adopt
Carried

A report was received from the Lecture Class
Committee and read to the Meeting
When it was Moved by Mr David Brown Seconded by
Mr Alexander Kirkman that the report now read
be received and adopted
Carried

A report was received from the Library Reading
Room Committee and read to the Meeting
Moved by Mr A. H. Ogilvie Seconded by Mr A. Munro
That the report now read be received and adopted
Carried

- The following persons were then proposed for membership
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|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 st Class | Peter Moir | 3 rd Class | John Travis |
| 1 " | J. McLean Bell | 3 " | William Craine |
| 1 " | S. Compaun | 3 " | A. Sutherland |
| 1 " | C. Demore | 3 " | A. Birrell |
| 1 " | Robert Weil | 3 " | Robert Hampson |
| 2 " | Thomas Warner | 3 " | Joseph Blackburn |
| 2 " | William Patton | 3 " | Louis Livingston |
| 2 " | W. Burgess | 3 " | William Travis |
| | | 3 " | John Munro |
| 3 " | Charles Allan | 3 " | Julian Dargy |
| 3 " | Samuel Campbell | 3 " | Henry Jackson |

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Minutes Meeting 23rd October 1858 Continued
 Commercial Exhibition 1858 - Balance Sheet

To
 1858

To bank received from Board of Agriculture as per agreement £3500
 Do do for Extras & Advertising 364.3
 Do do from Local Committee being amount expended on their acct during the Exhibition 42.50
 £ 1419.19.3

£ 1419.19.3

By Amt. paid Gougeon as per contract £300.0.0
 " " for Insurance 7.10.0
 " " for Cartage Water &c 19.17.6
 " " for Alerts Wages 17.0.0
 " " for Watchmen & other help 11.7.6
 " " for Stationary Adv. Printing Postages &c 24.28.2
 " " for Local Committee 42.15.0
 " " for Prizes awarded 382.2.6
 " " for Gougeon as Extras 23.5.0
 " " for Job Camp for Saw Dust 10.0.0
 " " for Erecting Machinery 10.13.9
 " " for Lumber &c 20.0.0
 " " for Glazing, Painting &c 3.0.0
 " " for Smiths Expenses 8.6.5.2
 " " Over to the Treasurer of the Mechanics Institute being amount overplus } £538.18.10
 £ 1419.19.3

Signed A. A. Stevenson Secretary

Received from A. A. Stevenson the sum of Five Hundred & thirty eight pounds Eighteen shillings & six pence being balance in my hands after paying all expenses connected with the Industrial Dept. of the Exhibition
 £ 538.18.10 Signed Norton B. Corle Treasurer N.S.

1858

Minutes Meeting 25th October Continued

Moved by Mr H. Munro Seconded by Mr A. W. Ogilvie that the Balance Sheet now read be received and adopted

Moved by Mr J. C. McDonald Seconded by Mr A. W. Ogilvie that the report of the Exhibition Committee be read for information

Carried
Carried by the Casting vote of the Chairman
Mr D. Brown

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned
John Wood,
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute 5th November 58

A Special Meeting of the General Committee of the Institute was held this evening

The President (J. W. Weaver Esq) in the Chair
Present Messrs Ogilvie, Bartram, Barkley, Gray
Mr Donald, Kennedy, Stevenson, Corse &
Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The President reported that the Committee appointed at last Meeting to remonstrate with the Government respecting the Government Grant had not yet done anything in the matter but as the Board of Arts & Manufactures were going to have a meeting tomorrow he thought the matter should be brought before them which he would do

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1858

Minutes Meeting 5th November Continued

The following Accounts were presented to the meeting
from Mr McDonald £ 2.17.10 referred to
The Finance Committee

" J. H. King & Co. \$ 145.00 Do Do
" New City Gas Co of Montreal \$ 143.60 Do Do
" Currier & Stevenson £ 9.3.9 Do Do
" G. W. Weaver £ 10.7.0 Do Do

The President then read the Finance report
for the year, to the Meeting

Moved by Mr A. W. Gilbre Secounded by Mr
A. A. Stevenson that the report be received and
adopted

Carried

Mr A. A. Stevenson then read a draft of
the Annual Report which was also received and
adopted

The President stated that the Committee of the
Mercantile Library Association were desirous to engage
the Hall for a Course of Lectures (say Twelve)
provided they would get the Hall for the sum of £20.0.0
for the Course and they would admit the Members of the
Institute free

Moved by Mr Alexander Bertrams Secounded by Mr
H. P. Bartley That the offer of the Mercantile Library
Association be accepted provided the President be
satisfied with the Synopsis of the Lectures

Carried

The Meeting then adjourned

Jim Wood
R. Secretary

1858
Mechanics Institute 8th November 1858

The General Committee met this evening
G. W. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair
Present Messrs Cairnie, Munro, Kennedy, Irvine,
Mr. Donald, Rose, Gault, Corse, Stevenson
Gray, Roddew & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed
The President read the Balance Sheet to the
Meeting which was approved of

The following persons were then proposed for Membership

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|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 st Class | C. G. Simpson | 2 nd Class | J. G. Kennedy |
| 2 nd " | Henry Gault | 3 rd " | James Oliver |
| 2 nd " | J. M. Mitchell | 3 rd " | W. Harper |
| 2 nd " | H. M. Seaborn | 3 rd " | William Dart |
| 2 nd " | David Ballantine | 3 rd " | Daniel M ^c . Callum |
| 2 nd " | Thomas Brennan | 3 rd " | R. G. Brown |
| 2 nd " | R. Bolton | 3 rd " | Alfred Elliot |
| 3 rd Class | Robert Turnbull | | |

No other business appearing the Meeting then
adjourned to attend the Annual Meeting

John Wood
Recording Secretary

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Mechanics Institute 15th November 1858

The General Committee of the Institute met this evening
G. H. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair
Present Messrs Munro, Brown, Stevenson, Gray, Rose
McDonald, Bernard, Bartley, Ogilvie and
Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed
The Minutes of the Annual Meeting were also read for
information

The following is a list of the newly elected officers &
Committee

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| President | Geo H. Weaver |
| 1 st Vice | " David Brown |
| 2 nd " | " Hector Munro |
| 3 rd " | " William Watson |
| 4 th " | " A. A. Stevenson |
| Corresponding Secretary | Alexander Murray |
| Recording | " John Wood |
| Treasurer | Norton B. Coxe |
| Librarian & Cabinet Keeper | John C. McDonald |

General Committee

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| 1 William Kennedy | 7 Robert Irvine |
| 2 Daniel McQueen | 8 Charles Gault |
| 3 A. W. Ogilvie | 9 George Gray |
| 4 A. Bertram | 10 H. P. Bartley |
| 5 Mrs Rodden | 11 Alfred Perry |
| 6 Dr A. Bernard | 12 Henry Dalme |

The President elect then assumed the duties of his
office & proceeded to name the following Standing
Committees to wit

Library Reading room Committee

Messrs Murray, McDonald, Bernard, & Irvine

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Lecture Class

Messrs Munro, Kennedy, Rodden, & Ogilvie
House Committee

Messrs Brown, Bertram, Bartley
Finance Committee

Messrs Weavers, Corse, Brown, & Watson
Memberships Committee

Messrs Stevenson, Wood, Gray, Pelly, Gault, McShire & Sulman

The above list of Committees were approved of
The President then read for the information of the
information of the Meeting the following statement of the
probable revenue & expenditure of the Institute during
the coming year

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| Cash in Treasurer's hands after paying all checks drawn to date | £175.0.0 | |
| Rents due 1 st November | 128.0.0 | |
| Government money not drawn | <u>35.0.0</u> | £338.0.0 |

Probable Amount to be collected from
all sources before November 7th 1859

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|-------------------------|---------------|------|------------------|
| Rent of Shops | £225.0.0 | 1000 | |
| " Rooms & Hall | 350.0.0 | | |
| " Members Subscriptions | 250.0.0 | | |
| Sale of Papers | 7.0.0 | | |
| Government Grant 1859 | <u>35.0.0</u> | | £867.0.0 |
| Total | | | <u>£1206.0.0</u> |
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Amount of Revenue Brought forward £ 1206.0.0

Disbursements

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| Interest on £ 2350 to Mr Jeffrey | | |
| payable 2 nd June & Nov | £ 141.0.0 | |
| " on £ 107.5.0 to Mr Tate in May | 6.8.9 | |
| " " £ 1800.0.0 to Summary May & Nov | 108.0.0 | |
| " " 138.7.6 " " | 8.6.8 | |
| Total Interest | £ 263.15.5 | |
| Insurance | 44.0.0 | |
| Gas | 110.0.0 | |
| Salaries | 140.0.0 | |
| Newspapers & Periodicals | 61.0.0 | |
| Binding Books | 13.0.0 | |
| Board of Arts | 3.10.0 | |
| Printing & Advertising | 20.0.0 | |
| Postages & Stationery | 7.10.0 | |
| Water Wood | 9.0.0 | |
| A per due not in | 25.0.0 | |
| Classes | 30.0.0 | |
| Cleaning floors Carpenter | | |
| Gas fitting | 24.0.0 | £ 750.15.5 |
| Balance | | £ 455.4.7 |

Moved by Dr. A. Bernard Seconded by Mr John C. M. Donald That the Thanks of this Committee are due and are hereby tendered to the President for the very able finance Statement just read and that the same be received and placed on record.

Carried

A Communication was read from the Board of Arts & Manufactures respecting the Class which was received and referred to the Lecture & Class Committee

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Another Communication was also read from the same, for information as to what Terms the Books forming the Library of reference could be transferred to the Board and was referred to the Library & Reading Room Committee

Letters of resignation as Members of Committee were read from Messrs Henry Bulmer Robert Irwin & J^{nr} Kennedy

It was Moved by Mr Hector Munro Seconded by Mr A. W. Ogilvie that the resignation of Messrs Bulmer & Irwin be received but that that of Mr Kennedy do lie over & that a Committee of two be appointed to wait on Mr Kennedy and endeavour to get him to withdraw his resignation Committee the President & the Movers

Carried

An account amounting to £54.0.0 from the Seminary was read to the Meeting referred to the Finance Committee for payment

Moved by Mr Hector Munro Seconded by Mr John C. Mc Donald that from the Statement submitted by the Finance Committee to this that there is an apparent surplus of funds in the hands of the Treasurer which would justify this Committee in appropriating the sum of One Hundred pounds (£100.0.0) for the purchase of New Books for the Library and that the Library Committee submit a Catalogue of works to this Committee for approval

Carried

The President then appointed Messrs J. C. McDonald and Henry Rose Scrutineers to superintend the Ballot for the Election of a member in room of Mr Henry Bulmer resigned

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The Scrutineers having taken up the Ballots Mr. Alex Bryson was declared to be unanimously elected all the Ballots being in his favour

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute

22nd November 1858

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute met this evening

Geo H. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair

Present Messrs Munro, Brown, Mr. Donald
Barthly, Ogilvie, Watson, Stevenson, Gray, Bryson
Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

A Lengthy report was read from the Lecture & Class Committee

Moved by Mr H. J. Barthly Seconded by Mr
John C. Mr. Donald That the report of the Lecture
& Class Committee be received, Adopted, and placed
on File

Carried

A Letter was read from Mr C. Garth tendering his
resignation as a member of the General Committee

Moved by Mr A. Munro Seconded by Mr A. W.
Ogilvie That the resignation of Mr Garth be accepted

Carried

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Minutes Meeting 22 November Continued

Mr. Mr. Donald reported on behalf of the Library and Reading Room Committee that nothing had been done with reference to the Letter referred to them from the Board of Arts & Manufactures in consequence of the absence of the Chairman of said Committee.

The following persons were then proposed for Membership

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| 1 st Class John Shinnock | 3 rd Class D. Knight |
| 1 st " " Allan Ramsay | 3 rd " " James Somerville |
| 1 st " " William Notman | 3 rd " " Joseph W. W. Corrigan |
| 1 st " " Henry J. Shaw | 3 rd " " Archibald Grant |
| 1 st " " Capt Alexander Slater | 3 rd " " James Foster |
| 2 nd " " R. W. Cowan | 3 rd " " Andrew Muirhead |
| 2 nd " " Hugh Livingstone | 3 rd " " Thomas Bready |
| 2 nd " " Wm Manson | 3 rd " " James Maxwell |
| 2 nd " " Frederick Graham | 3 rd " " Wm Mc Nider |
| 2 nd " " Thomas Long | 3 rd " " Alexander Sutherland |
| 2 nd " " Robert Notman | 3 rd " " Robert Wright |
| 2 nd " " Robert Smith | 3 rd " " Charles Mc Nabb |
| 3 rd " " James Young | 3 rd " " Wm Muirhead |
| 3 rd " " Andrew Grant | 3 rd " " John Casey |
| 3 rd " " Louis Livingstone | 3 rd " " |

The President reported that Mrs Redfield was getting up Maps of the Animal Kingdom and a Book descriptive of the same, for which she wished the Institute to subscribe referred to the Library and Reading Room Committee

The President reported that Mr W. Kennedy could not consent to withdraw his resignation as his time would not permit of him attending to the duties

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Minutes Meeting 23 November 1858 Continued

The President then appointed Messrs John C. Mc Donald & Geo Gray Scrutineers and the Meeting proceeded to Ballot for two Members of Committee in room of Messrs R. Irvine & W. Kennedy resigned.

The Ballots having been taken up were declared to be in favour of Messrs William Rutherford & Edward Murphy.

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute 13th Dec 1858

The General Committee met this evening

G. H. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair

Present Messrs Stevenson, Munro, Corse, Gray, Murray Rutherford, Mc Donald, Murphy, Bertram, Ogilvie Bryson, & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

A Communication was read from Mr S. V. Pearce respecting a
Prize

Moved by Mr A. Munro Seconded by Mr W. C. Stevenson that the Communication be received & that a Committee of three be appointed to confer with Mr Pearce on the subject

Carried
Committee Messrs A. Munro, A. A. Stevenson & W. B. Corse

A report from the Library & Reading Room Committee recommending a few additional Periodicals to be subscribed for was read to the Meeting

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Minutes Meeting 13th December Continued

Moved by Mrs H. Munro Seconded by Mr John Wood
That the report now read be received and adopted
Carried

Another report was read from the same respecting the
Books of reference and recommending them to be
transferred to the Board of Arts & Manufactures on
certain conditions therein stated

Moved by Mrs C. O. Stevenson Seconded by
Mr George Gray that the report of the Library
and Reading Room Committee be received & adopted
Carried

The following persons were then proposed for Membership

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| 1 st Class George Wilson | 2 nd Class George Jones |
| 1 " Wm Armstrong | 2 " Joseph Pouelle |
| 1 " John Spring | 2 " James Strachan |
| 1 " George Martin | 2 " James Barret |
| 1 " Daniel Lander | 2 " James Martin |
| 1 " John Parslow | 2 " James Robertson |
| 2 " Wm N. Puelt | 2 " James Kennedy |
| 2 " John McFarlane | 2 " Charles Tanner |
| 2 " John McLaughlin | 2 " Cornelius Moloney |
| 2 " Wm McLaughlin | 2 " James Haldane junr |
| 2 " John Munn | 2 " Alexander Manson |
| 2 " Donald Ross | 2 " Henry P. Weston |
| 2 " Samuel Fleet | 2 " John B. Bryson |
| 2 " Samuel Dawson | 2 " David Hoerner |
| 2 " Samuel Hammond | 2 " Charles Baillie |
| 2 " William Wood | 2 " S. H. Bolster |
| 2 " S. S. Hall | 3 " Archibald Kyle |
| 2 " John MacLaurin | 3 " Wm Craig |

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| 3 rd Class George Scott | 3 rd Class Jeremiah Savage |
| 3 " James Brannan | 3 " Alex. Bryson Junr |
| 3 " John Bryson | 3 " Abraham McRay |
| 3 " John Stonehouse | 3 " John Munro |
| 3 " John Fleet | 3 " James Thorn |
| 3 " John Miller | 3 " Thomas Haughes |
| 3 " Robert Elliot | 3 " Samuel Robertson |
| 3 " Henry Gatehouse | 3 " Benjamin Robinson |
| 3 " Andrew Kirkpatrick | 3 " John Sloan |
| 3 " Robert Curran | 3 " Henry Baillie |
| 3 " Robert McAllan | 3 " William Eward |
| 3 " Robert Moffat | 3 " William Bruce Junr |
| 3 rd Class James Howden | |

The Members Committee were then empowered to engage a Collector

The President then appointed Messrs Murphy & Bryson Scrutiners and the Meeting proceeded to Ballot for a Member of Committee in Room of Mrs. C. Garth resigned

The Ballot being taken up Mrs. Alexander Hutchison was declared duly elected

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

1858
Mechanics Institute 27th December 1858

The General Committee of the Institute Met. This evening Geo. W. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair

Present Messrs Murray, Munro, Gairnie, Brown
Mr. Donald, Roddie, Mr. Nicoll & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed.
An A/c of \$2.05 from Mr. Prowse was presented to the Meeting & referred to the Finance Committee

The following persons were then proposed for Memberships

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 st Class John Perry | 2 nd Class Allan Cameron |
| 2 nd " " Thos Sweeney | 2 nd " " James Norval |
| 2 nd " " William Loury | 2 nd " " Nelson Bryson |
| 2 nd " " Alex Taylor | 3 rd " " William Townsend |
| 2 nd " " Alfred Davis | 3 rd " " William Wait |
| 2 nd " " H. North | 3 rd " " Mrs M. Affery |
| 2 nd " " W. D. Tucker | 3 rd " " Mrs Farguhar |
| 2 nd " " William Munro | 3 rd " " John Farguhar |
| 2 nd " " Mrs Ross | 3 rd " " George M. Arthur |
| 2 nd " " H. M. Dougall | 3 rd " " William Allan |
| 2 nd " " Alex Fraser | 3 rd " " Alex Batchelor |
| 2 nd " " George Clarke | 3 rd " " John M. Namee |
| 2 nd " " Henry Cheney | 3 rd " " William Patterson |
| 2 nd " " Thos. Johnson | 3 rd " " John Sebold |
| 2 nd " " Augustin Dorroult | 3 rd " " Mic Hemmington |
| 2 nd " " William Campbell | 3 rd " " James Perry |

The President then appointed Messrs A. A. Stevenson
A. Murray & D. Bernard as a Committee to
revise the Byelaws of the Institute & report to an
extraordinary Meeting to be held on the 3rd Jan^y next
The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
R. S.

Mechanics Institute Montreal 3 July 1859

A Special Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening

G. H. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair
Present Messrs. Bartley, Murphy, Corse, Watson, Munro
Mr. Nivens, Murray, Brown, Bernard, Rodden,
Rutherford, Pomy, Bertram, Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The Committee appointed at last Meeting to revise the Byelaws of the Institute reported that it would be inadvisable to amend the same until the Act of Incorporation was altered in order to admit of such alterations as the requirements of the Institute demanded

Moved by Mr. H. Munro Seconded by Mr. H. J. Bartley that the Report be received and adopted Carried

Moved by Mr. H. Munro Seconded by Mr. H. Watson that in consequence of the many Concerts & other for Charitable purposes being got up during the present winter we do in consequence of such dispence with the usual Festival Carried
after some discussion

It was Moved by Mr. H. Rodden Seconded by Mr. Alex. Murray that the further consideration of the question be postponed till next Meeting Carried

The Meeting was adjourned

John Wood
R. Sec.

Mechanics Hall 10th January 1857

The General Committee Met this evening
J. H. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair
Present Messrs Munro, Bernard, Corse, Pardy,
Mr. Donald, Brown, Murphy, Watson, Hutchison
& Wood.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed
A Communication from Mr W. Kennedy was received stating
that Mr Boyd had twentyfive Volumes which he
wished the Institute to purchase

The following Accounts were presented to the Meeting
and referred to the Finance Committee

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| Mr. Gibson for Wood | \$ 10.50 |
| Montreal Water Works | 4.50 |
| D. Winnear & Co | 8.56 |
| J. Hillton | 5.65 |

The following persons were proposed for Memberships

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| 1 st Class Mr. B. Burnett | 3 rd Class Alexander Leith |
| 1 " John Smith | 3 " " John Headdon |
| 1 " W. G. A. Davis | 3 " " William Condlisk |
| 2 " John Bonallock | 3 " " John Hayden |
| 2 " William Mc Lury | 3 " " Charles Lundrennan |
| 2 " James Mc Cormick | 3 " " Alexander Law |
| 2 " William Nightingale | 3 " " John Howdlow |
| 2 " Donald Tracy | 3 " " Benjamin Wandrless |
| 2 " Charles Leblaw | 3 " " Francis Holiday |
| 2 " Andrew Thompson | 3 " "annis McWilliam |
| 2 " H. Williamson | 3 " " Robert Smith |
| 2 " James Fraser | 3 " " Henry Levy |
| 2 " Geo Smith | 3 " " William Bell |
| 2 " Robert Nelson | 3 " " James Speirs |
| 2 " Alex Mc Donald | 3 " " John James Mculloch |
| 2 " A. J. Barnett | 3 " " Clovis Horn |

Minutes Meeting 10th January 1859 Continued

Mr J. C. Mc Donald reported, that the Library & Reading Room Committee had decided to extend the Shelving in the Library Room in order to make room for the new Books

Moved by Dr. Bernard Seconded by Mr. Perry that the Meeting do now adjourn

Lost on a division
Moved by Mr. H. Munro Seconded by Mr. A. Perry that the Library Committee be and are hereby instructed to have the additional Shelving Carried out as contemplated provided the amount do not exceed £ 12. 10. 0

Carried
The discussion on Mr. H. Munros Motion to dispence with the Festival that took place when at the suggestion of Mr. H. Rodden it was amended and Carried as follows, That in consequence of the many public Concerts & others for Charitable purposes being got up during the present Winter we do in consequence of such dispence with making any arrangements at present for the usual Festival

Moved by Dr. Bernard Seconded by Mr. C. Murphy that a Committee of three be appointed to prepare Amendments to the Act of Incorporation

Carried
Committee Messrs Stevenson, Bernard & Murray

The Meeting has adjourned

John Wood
Sec Secretary

Mechanics Hall 2nd January
1859

The General Committee of the Institute Met this evening
G. W. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair
Present Messrs Brown, Hutchison, Munro, Corse,
Rodden, Perry, & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The following persons were then proposed for membership

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| 1 st Class | John Stafford | 3 rd Class | Andrew Donald |
| 1 " " | Edward Lennan | 3 " " | John M. Hutchison |
| 1 " " | Daniel Drummond | 3 " " | Henry N. Corse |
| 2 " " | Alex Brown | 3 " " | Thomas Tate |
| 2 " " | G. W. Hunt | 3 " " | William Clark |
| 2 " " | Geo Perry Junr | 3 " " | Philip Hart |
| 2 " " | Edward H. Church | 3 " " | William Wellstead |
| 2 " " | Narcise Guibeaull | 3 " " | Archd. O. Weaver |
| 3 " " | Henry Price | 3 " " | Charles Madden |
| 3 " " | Joseph Barrett | 3 " " | Thomas Brennan |
| 3 " " | James Walsh | 3 " " | John Menick |

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned
John Hood
R. Sec

Mechanics Hall 14th Feb 59

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of
Montreal Met this evening
David Brown Esq. 1st Vice President in the chair

Present Messrs Munro, M^r Donald, Perry, Gray
Botram, Bernard, Murphy, Hutchison, Brown
and Wood.

Minutes Meeting 14th Feb 1859 Continued

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The following persons were then proposed for Memberships

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| 1 st Class J. C. McAuley | 2 nd Class Robert Ballentine |
| 1 " " James O'Hear | 2 " " J. A. Clodrigde |
| 1 " " A. M. Conochy | 3 " " Thomas Savage |
| 1 " " William Power | 3 " " James Robertson |
| 1 " " John W. Lunn | 3 " " James Jennings |
| 2 " " Henry Maril | 3 " " William Hunt |
| 2 " " Alex. Hunt | 3 " " James Sharples |
| 2 " " Thomas Birrell | 3 " " Henry Nimmo |
| 2 " " N. Hearle | 3 " " Henry Smith |
| 2 " " Wm. M. Donald | 3 " " Robert Kemmure |
| 3 rd Class William Worrington | |

Moved by Mr. A. Pory Seconded by Mr. Geo Gray
That the House Committee be requested to report at
next Meeting whether the Heating apparatus has
given satisfaction if not what course they intend
to recommend to this Committee

Carried

No other business appearing the Meeting then
adjourned

John Wood
Vice Secretary

Mechanics Hall 28th February 1859

The General Committee met this evening
In the absence of the President H. Munro Esq
2nd Vice President in the Chair

Present Messrs Barley, Gray, Bryson
Perry, Hutchison & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The following Accounts were presented to the meeting
from Hill & Martin £ 28.05 referred to the Library
Finance Committee for payment
" H. B. Martin £ 11.90 referred to the Library
and Finance Committee for payment if correct
" Harper & Brothers £ 16.90 referred to the same

The Secretary read a communication from Mr George
Poulton of Woodsville C. H. asking for a copy of
the Bye Laws & Act of Incorporation of the Institute
and any other information that might be of service
to him in establishing an Institute in that part
of the Country Ordered to lie over till next
Meeting

The following persons were then proposed for
Memberships

1st class William Brown
3 " " Peter Jackson
3 " " Thomas Damm
3 " " Andrew Fleck
3 " " Arthur Sweet

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute 14th March 1859

The General Committee met this evening
Geo. H. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair

Present Mess^{rs}. Bryson, Munro, Bertram, Brown
Rutherford, Stevenson, and Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to
Answer the Communication of Mr. G. Ruitou read
at last Meeting and send him all available
information

An Acct from H. N. King & Co. for Coal amounting
to \$ 12.50 was referred to the House Committee
thence to the Finance for payment if correct

The President read a Communication from the
Hon^{ble}. John Young relative to the procuring of
Works of the British Patent Office for the
Institute

On account of the smallness of the Meeting the
consideration of the same was left over till next
Meeting

The following persons were then proposed for
Membership

- 1st Class C. B. Sansom
 - 2 " " Joseph Murphy
 - 2 " " Michael Flynn
 - 3 " " John Squirell
- The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
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Mechanics Hall 28th March 1859

No Meeting this evening for want of a Quorum

John Wood
Sec Sec

Mechanics Institute 11th April
1859

The General Committee met this evening
J. W. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair

Present Messrs. Munro, Hutchison, Brown,
Rutherford, Rodden, Bertram, Gray,
Byrson, and Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The President read a Communication from the
City Treasurer desiring payment of part of
the assessments owing by the Institute amounting in
all to £ 151-10-0 by

Moved by Mr. H. Munro Seconded by Mr.
Rutherford That the President and Treasurer
be authorized to wait upon the Finance Committee
of the City Council to make the best arrange-
ment possible with a view to the final settle-
ment of the account

Carried
An A/c was presented from Mr. Andrew Elliot
amounting to £ 18. 8 1/2 and referred to the
House Committee and if found correct to the
Finance Committee for payment

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from Mr John Rowlands amounting to £3.00 and referred to the Library Committee and found correct to the Finance Committee for payment from New York Herald amounting to £7.26 and referred to the same,

Scottish American Journal amounting to £2.50 and referred to the same,

The Communication of the Hon: John Young then came up for consideration

When it was Moved by Mr William Redden seconded by Mr David Brown That this Committee tender its sincere thanks to the Hon: John Young for his kind consideration in obtaining for them the publications of the British Patent Office which they would have been most happy to avail themselves of had it not been that the Board of Arts and Manufactures were about obtaining them for its Library

Carried

Proposed for Membership
3rd Class John Conway 63 St Louis St

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Pres.

Mechanics Hall 25th April 1859
No Meeting this evening for want of a Quorum
John Wood
Secy

Mechanics Hall 9th May 1859

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute met this evening

Geo. H. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair

Present Messrs. Coxe, Hutchison, Bertram, Brown, Stevenson and Wood.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The President reported progress regarding the interview with the City Finance Committee in reference to the Taxes

Accounts submitted from The Seminary for Interest £54.0.0 finance Committee

do do 86.8 do
Parsons & Finny 33.8 Library and Reading Room Committee & finance if correct
William Wilson for Cord Wood 2.10.8 House & finance Committee

J. Mc Ginnis for a Map 0.13.9 Library & Reading Room & finance Committee

The following persons were then proposed for Memberships

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| 1 st Class Robert Godfrey | 2 nd Class Alfred Colbourne |
| 1 " " Charles Mc Donald | 2 " " F. H. Woodman |
| 1 " " Francis Mullins | 2 " " F. Castle |
| 2 " " John Dunlop | 2 " " W. L. Elbeck |
| 2 " " William Oliver | 2 " " Charles Barrington |
| 2 " " Francis Dunavan | 3 " " Martin Hamilton |
| 2 " " Erskine Scott | 3 " " James Gibson |
| 2 " " Thomas Jordan | 3 " " Thos. A. Milne |
| 2 " " D. H. Burton | 3 " " Allan Brown |

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Sec Secretary

Mechanics Hall 23rd May 1859

The General Committee met this evening
G. W. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair

Present Messrs Rutherford, Munro, Bernard
Gray, Murphy and Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

Accounts submitted as follows

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| From Reid & Wainor | \$12.07 | House Finance Committee |
| " John Dougall | 6.50 | Library, Reading Room & Finance Committees |
| " John Wood | \$33.75 | Library & Reading Room & Finance Committees |

The following Report was then read from the Lecture &
Class Committee

The Class Committee in closing their labours in connection with the Free
Classes for the season beg to submit a short report of their pro-
ceedings. They have carried out many of the suggestions contained in
former reports relative to the establishment of such a system of rules
for the guidance of both Teachers & pupils as would secure the
satisfactory and beneficial working of the Classes & they are happy to say
that greater diligence & a more punctual attendance has been the result.
The Classes were opened on the 9th December 1858 & closed on the 18th
of March 1859. During the first three months the attendance
was most regular & satisfactory the application of the pupils
all that could be desired and their improvement rapid. Afterward
the attendance declined & during the last week became so irregular
as to induce your Committee to close the classes at an earlier day than
they intended. Your Committee are of opinion that if suitable prizes
were offered for competition among the pupils the falling off in the attendance
might in a great measure be prevented and would recommend that
next season a judicious system of rewards for attendance, diligence
and proficiency should be adopted

The reason generally assigned for irregular attendance was the unwillingness of employees to spare the time of their apprentices. This if correct exhibits great want of consideration on the part of employers and much ignorance of their own interests as well as those of their apprentices. And this matter should be brought under the notice of parents and guardians with a view that in becoming parties to the indenturing of apprentices they should secure for them a reasonable opportunity of profiting by the advantages which this Institute now affords. The means at the disposal of the Board of Arts and Manufactures did not enable it to grant a large sum in aid of the classes still your Committee consider that the sum so granted has enabled them to do much good and trust that they may be enabled to give even more liberal aid next season. The classes for Reading, Writing, & Mathematics were conducted by Mrs. T. Clancy to the entire satisfaction of your Committee.

His services were secured at the rate of £12.00 per month. Mechanical and Ornamental Drawing classes were taught gratuitously by Messrs. D. McFarlane & H. King. Also was Architectural Drawing by Mr. J. C. Hutchison & these gentlemen merit the best thanks of the Institute for their valuable services & disinterested kindness. The French classes Nos. 1 & 2 were under the care of Mr. T. C. Tanner who was paid also at the rate of £12.00 per month and whose attention and ability merit acknowledgement of your Committee. The average attendance during the season was 95. On the 16th February the classes were examined by Professor Dawson as representative of the Board of Arts and Manufactures and your Committee are happy to say that he expressed himself highly satisfied with the manner in which they were conducted and the proficiency made. The system of free classes in connection with your Institute is now an established fact, and your Committee would be glad to see it receive still further development by the establishment of Lecture classes on such of the Physical sciences as are most intimately connected with the Mechanical Arts. Practical chemistry illustrated by experiments, Natural Philosophy in several of its subdivisions and the illustration of the Mechanical Powers by proper working models would be subjects of high importance to the rising generation of mechanics and well worthy the attention of the Institute. In the opinion of your Committee it will be necessary to make arrangements in another year to secure another class room as the one now in use will not afford sufficient accommodation for a proper arrangement of the various classes and it is hoped an effort will be made to secure suitable furniture and apparatus. The Board of Arts & Manufactures having undertaken the management of a course of Lectures your Committee did not deem it necessary to take any action in that direction.

signed J. H. Munro Chairman

Moved by J. C. Bernard seconded by John Hood & carried That the report be received & adopted & the thanks of the Committee be tendered to the Chairman & members of the Lecture & Class Committee for the zeal & ability displayed in the management of the class and also to Messrs. M. Farlane & King & Hutchison for their liberality in teaching classes gratuitously.

Moved by Mr. H. Munro seconded by Mr. Murphy That the Library Committee be instructed to place up a placard in some conspicuous place setting forth that no member will receive any book from the Library unless their subscription is paid and also to enforce the rule that the books be returned in accordance with the rules of the Library Committee.

carried

Mechanics Hall 23rd May 1859

Moved by Mr. H. Munro seconded by Mr. Geo. Gray & resolved
That the President be instructed to confer with Messrs Galbraith
& Brown & James Maclean and arrange if possible to get
about fifty feet of Hose in order to water the street and
lay the dirt

Persons proposed for Membership

Geo Child 1st Class C. A. Whyte 2nd J. O. Phillips 2nd
George Fraser 3rd Samuel Price 3rd

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Hall 25 July 1859.

The General Committee met this evening

G. N. Weaver Esq. President in the chair

Present Munro, Bertram Stevenson, Gray, McDonald
Wood Hutchison Bartley Bryson, Coxe & Brown

The Minutes of last meeting were read & concurred
Moved by H. Munro Seconded by G. Gray that
the Library Committee be empowered to offer a suitable
reward to any person or persons who will give such
information as will lead to the detection of the individual
who mutilates the newspapers & periodicals on the
files in the reading Room

Carried

The following Apes were presented to the meeting

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| Daily Globe | \$6.00 | Library Finance Committee |
| Morning Chronicle | 5.00 | Do Do Do |
| Montreal Water Works | 13.00 | Finance Committee |
| Prowse & McFarlane | 3.55 | House Committee |
| Cutler & Morrison | 5.05 | Do Do |
| Bryson & Co | 2.27 1/2 | Library Finance Com |
| D. Mcneil & Co | 8.00 | Finance Com |
| D. Mcneil & Co | 14.11 | Finance Com |

The following persons were then proposed for membership

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| Francis Boer | 1 st Class | Henry Childs | 2 nd Class |
| Henry Sidmarsh | 2 " " | Thomas Walker | 2 " |
| Thomas Leslie | 2 " " | Foster | 2 " |
| Wm Jones | 2 " " | Thomas Stewart | 2 " |
| Wm Boyd | 2 " " | John G. Burrows | 2 " |
| Morris Jones | 2 " " | Richard Patton | 2 " |
| Alex Begg | 2 " " | H. Gates Murray | 2 " |
| James Harold | 2 " " | Fred D. Harrington | 2 " |
| David J. Craig | 2 " " | George Budge | 2 " |

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Henry Hutchison 3rd Class Norman McDonald 3rd Class
Alfred Miller 3 " William Hyle 3 "

The Meeting then adjourned
John Wood
Secy Secretary

Mechanics Hall 22nd August 59

The general Committee met this evening
G. H. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair
Present Messrs Rodden, Bryson, Hutchison
Perry, Corse, Munro, Gray, McDonald
& Brown Wood

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed
The President intimated having received four volumes of
the transactions of the American Institute of New York &
one volume of the transactions of the Maryland Institute
as donations to this Institute, when it was resolved
that they be acknowledged in the usual way

A communication was received from the Secretary of the
Industrial Exhibition of Upper Canada asking the
cooperation of this Institute towards the Exhibition
Moved by Mr. H. Rodden Seconded by Mr. H. Munro
and carried that the letter be received and that the
Secretary be authorized to acknowledge receipt of the
same and inform the Committee that so soon as the
Committee receive the Prize list & cards they
will see that they are carefully distributed & that they
will use their influence to get as many to contribute to
the Exhibition as possible

Moved by Mr. H. Rodden Seconded by Mr. G. Gray
that the House Committee be authorized to make such
arrangements as are necessary for procuring a suitable

Heating apparatus for the Institute

Carried

The following Aps were read to the Meeting

Miss Dunn \$3.50 Referred to the Finance Committee
B. Hill 6.50 " " Library Finance Committee
Starke H^o 4.00 " " do do do

and an Ape from the Canada Gazette when it was
Moved by Mr. D. Brown Seconded by Mr. A. Parry that
the Corresponding Secretary be authorised to inform the
proprietors of the Canada Gazette that the Institute has
always received the Gazette as a public Institution and
that as such we understood we were entitled to it and if
it is to be paid for to be discontinued

Carried

Proposed for Membership

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Mr. Bayly 2 nd class | Robert Carmichael 2 nd class |
| James Barry 2 " | Mr. McEaters 2 " |
| Thomas Hague 2 " | John Wilson 2 " |
| Lomas 2 " | Daniel Shea 2 " |

On Motion of Mr. A. Parry the meeting adjourned
J. Wood
Sec Sec

Mechanics Hall 10th October 1859

The General Committee of the Institute met this evening
C. H. Weaver President in the Chair

Present Messrs Rodda, Parry, Rutherford, Munro
Brown, Hutchison, Ogilvie, Stevenson, Corrie,
Bernard and Wood.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed
The President Reported that the Home Committee had
made arrangements with Mr. C. Garth to fit up a "Steam"
Heating apparatus at the cost of not over \$1200.00
Donation A Donation of two volumes was received from G. P. Ure

Moved by H. Munro Esq Seconded by A. Bertram Esq
That the Chairmen of the respective Committees with the
President and fourth Vice President be instructed to
prepare the Annual report

Carried

Moved by Wm Rodden Esq Seconded by A. W. Ogilvie
Esq That the Lecture and Class Committee be and
herely are instructed to make the preliminary arrange-
ments for the earlier opening of the Classes for the
ensuing year

Carried

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Hall 24 October 1859

The General Committee of the Institute met this
G. W. Weaver Esq. President in the chair
Present Messrs Bertram, Ogilvie, Gray, Munro
Rodden, Hutchison, Corse, Bernard, Rutherford
and Wood, Stevenson.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed.

The following Accounts were presented to the meeting

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| Curler & Stevenson | £ 78.25 | Library & Reading Room Com. |
| John Lovel | 68.30 | Do Do Do |
| Joseph Venerwood | 8.09 | House Committee |
| Linton & Co | 6.00 | Library & Reading Room Com. |
| D. Mc Donald | 8.55 | Do Do Do |
| Robt Campbell | 8.45 | Do Do Do |

The following persons were proposed for Membership

Alfred Savage 1st Class Andrew West 2nd James C. Coe 2nd
W. Lowry 2nd Geo Better 3rd John Smith 3rd Wm
Couch 3rd Robert Hendry James 3rd Wm Gray 3rd
Wm Mc Naughton 3rd Charles Seaver 3rd

The Committee on Membership

Submit the following report

Immediately after the appointment of this Sub-Committee last November they commenced the duties assigned them with a thorough examination of all records of Membership lists of New Members admitted, and Cash Books containing the names of all members who paid subscriptions between 1854 & 1858 for the purpose of ascertaining the number of members that renewed their subscriptions the number of New Members admitted and the number of subscriptions remaining due at the close of each year without regard to subscriptions due the previous year and also to learn what portion of the subscriptions that were not paid during the year they became due were ever paid after that time. And having carefully compared the records lists and Cash Books with the following statement to be sure of its general accuracy they now lay it before you as the result of their investigations

| Year | Subscrip- Renewed | New Mem Admitted | New Mem Paid | New Mem Not paid | Last year Sub paid | Last year Sub unpaid | Unrenewed unpaid | Renewed New Mem paid |
|------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 1854 | | | | | 0- | 1-22 | | 403 |
| 1855 | 177 | 275 | 237 | 38 | 296 | 2-14 | 280 | 414 |
| 1856 | 268 | 284 | 246 | 38 | 146 | 1-41 | 225 | 514 |
| 1857 | 284 | 208 | 182 | 26 | 230 | 10-29 | 285 | 466 |
| 1858 | 266 | 278 | 234 | 44 | 200 | 13-29 | 265 | 500 |

After making allowance for the very few who may have sent in their resignation according to the 9th Byelaw the average number of subscriptions due at the close of each year are equal to the number renewed during the year and the admission of 1043 New Members during four years have increased the list of paid subscriptions only 97 the list of 1854 showing 403 and that of 1858 five hundred members. Nearly one half of the renewed subscriptions are collected with great expence and trouble to the Institute the collector must call on all who have not resigned before the end of the previous year and for the first few days by calling on the list

paying Members he collects Ten or Twelve subscriptions daily
but the number soon diminishes and by the time one hundred
are collected three or four is a good days work which
after a short time falls down to an average of four in
a week and by the time that one half is paid the collector
travels many days and collects nothing but promises he
calls several times before he finds Members at home then the
answer given may be that he only joined for last year or
call again or call next week or perhaps he appoints a
day and hour when the money will be ready but when
the time and collector both come a more indefinite promise
is given while many members promise to call and pay
at the Institute but when asked for it there they have
no money with them This in many cases goes on for two
or three years while the Member is a constant visitor
of the Reading Room & Library always ready to
renew his promise but not his subscription and at last
to the great relief of the collector he leaves the City and
perhaps takes a Book with him which he has had out
of the library for six months. Out of the 1043
Members admitted during four years 146 or 1 in 15 never
paid their subscription the average duration of Mem-
bership or time the Member pay subscriptions is
does not exceed Two and a half years

The Library & Reading Room form the chief attractions
of the Institute and the manner in which they are kept
supplied and managed will always have great in-
fluence on the Membership list Many Members have left
left from not being able to obtain the Books of their
choice while those who had them out of the Library often
retained them for several months. Loss of Members from
this cause will now be prevented as long as the Library
Committee enforce the rule for returning Books in a
specified time Their resolution to issue Books only to Mem-
bers whose subscriptions were paid while it has added
materially to the list of paid subscriptions & to the funds of
the Institute has also added to the numbers in the

Reading Room no many members who were accustomed to
draw Books from the Library have since reading the
notice on the door found new attractions in that
Department and if the reading Room could be cleared of
non-paying Members and others who are frequent visitors
there would be much more room for those whose
subscriptions are paid. After seeing the little progress
made in adding to the list of paying Members owing to
the difficulty or impossibility of collecting a large number
of the subscriptions which are never paid your Committee
would earnestly recommend that some other system of
Membership be adopted if the Act of Incorporation can be
so amended as to admit life Members at the lowest rate
consistent with the Interests of the Institute and have the
Amount paid in small installments extending over
One and a half or Two years. The effect would be the
Building up of a permanent Membership who would
take more interest in the management of the Institute
than can be expected from yearly subscribers at the
same time all yearly subscriptions should be paid strictly
in advance.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Signed

Geo. H. Weaver

John Wood

A. A. Stevenson

Alex. C. Hutchinson

George Gray

Moved by Dr. Bernard Seconded by A. W. Ogilvie Esqr.
That the report now read be received and adopted

Carried

The Committee appointed to revise the Act of Incorporation
reported ~~progress~~ several Amendments which were adopted and the Com-
mittee were instructed to submit the same in form for the purpose of being submitted to the Annual Meeting.

Moved by Dr. Bernard Seconded by John Wood that
the House Committee be instructed to get what alterations
made they may think necessary in order to have a more equal
distribution of Gas in the Reading Room

Carried

A Letter was received from Mr. John Heald offering to
paint & Ornament the Hall for the sum of £1,100 and
£900 according to the manner in which it would be done
and was referred to the House Committee
The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute 21st Oct 1859

The General Committee met this evening
for W. Weaver Esq. president in the chair
Present Messrs. Stevenson, Gray, Rutherford, Hutchinson
Munro, Rodden, Corse, Brown, Bertram, Ogilvie, Bryson
Bernard, Bartley, and Wood.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed
The Library and Reading Room Committee submitted
their Annual Report which on motion of Mr. David Brown
Seconded by Mr. W. B. Corse was received and adopted
Moved by Mr. A. Munro Seconded by Mr. John Wood That
the Secretary be instructed to notify all members over three years
in arrears that unless paid within eight days from this date
that it will become the painful duty of the Committee to expell
them from the privileges of the Institute for non-payment of
Dues

Carried
First Class. Hugh Boyd, George Bell, William Muir

Second Class. Andrew Sturgeon, Andrew Wattenbach
Thomas Kane, Paul Cote, Thomas Heathcote, Donald
Graham.

Third Class. Andrew Laurie, James Stuart, James Warner,
Donald F. Sutherland, James Moore, Thomas Pickett, C. H. Aggar
A. M. Naughton, Fredrick B. Bristle, John Dalrymple,

The Committee appointed to revise the Act of Incorporation submit-
-mitted their report in form and with the exception of a few suggestions
which were ordered to be made was approved of
The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood

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