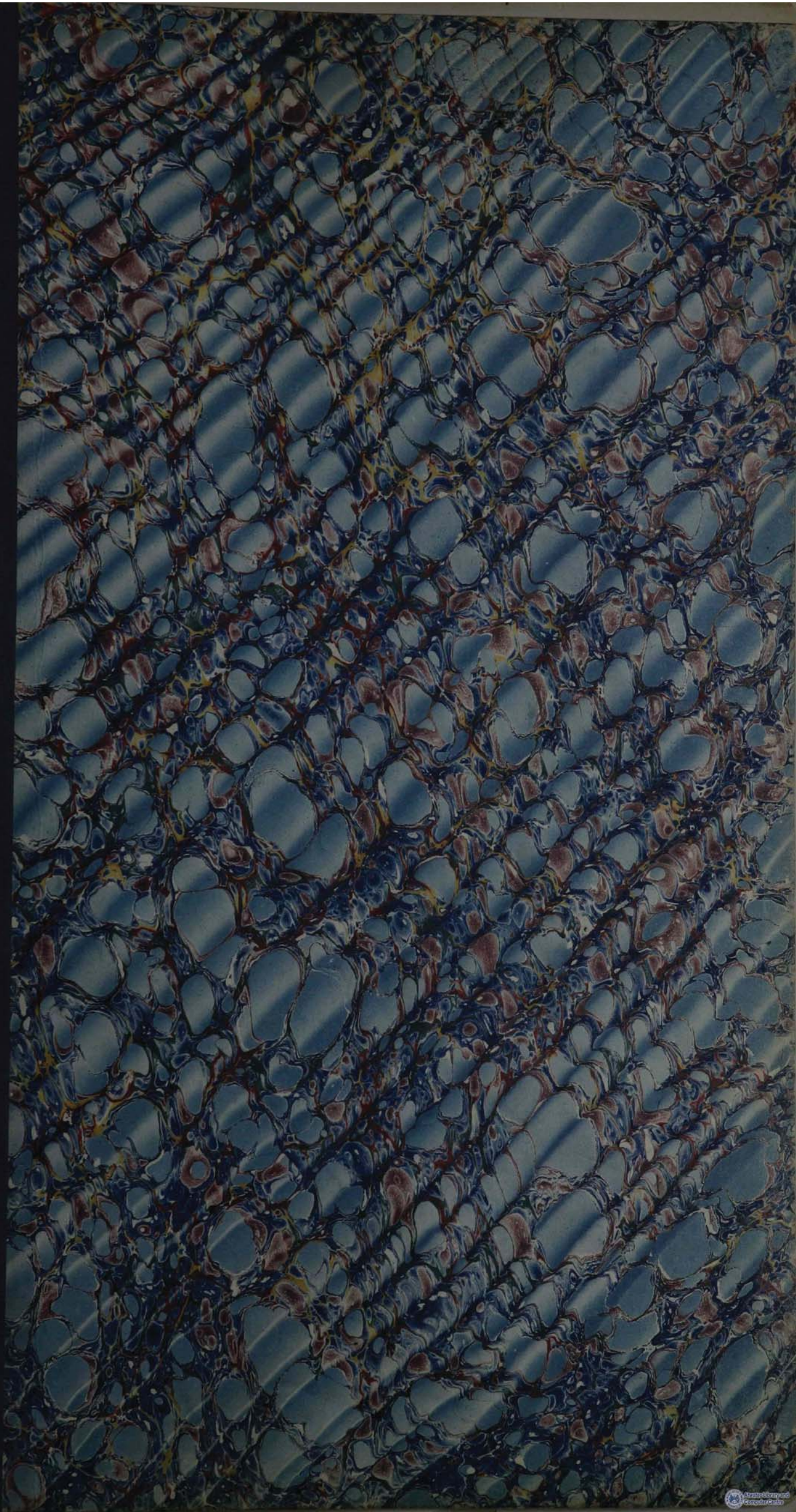






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Mechanics Institute of Montreal
14th November 1859

The general Committee of the Institute met this evening

George W. Weaver Esq. President in the Chair

Present Messrs Perry, Bartram, Rutherford, Findlay, Mr. Quinlan,
Stevenson, Gray, Mr. Farlane, Corse, Ogilvie, Hutchison, Walter
Roddan and Wood.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. John Kelly in Answer to his of
the 1st Nov. asking payment of arrears of Subscription and
states that he had a Contra claim against the Institute for
making out estimates of the Carpenter and joiner work of the
Institute in the fall of 1853

Moved by Mr. Stevenson Seconded by Mr. R. B. Corse that the
letter be received and that the Secretary be instructed to write to
Mr. Kelly and inform him that the Committee cannot entertain
his claim and unless his subscription is paid within two weeks
it will become the painful duty of the Committee to expell him
Carried

The Secretary also informed the Committee that he had written to Mr.
William Footner informing him that unless his subscription was
paid by the 12th inst it would also become the duty of
the Committee to expell him

Moved by Mr. William Rutherford Seconded by Mr. A. A. Stevenson
that Mr. William Footner be expelled from being a Member of
the Institute according to law
Carried

The Secretary then read the list of new officebearers as follows

President Mr. David Brown

1st Vice President Mr. Hector Munro

2nd " " Mr. A. A. Stevenson

3rd " " Dr. A. Bernard

4th " " Mr. A. C. Hutchison

Corresponding Secretary Mr. Alex Murray

Recording Secretary Mr. John Scott

Treasurer Mr. Arthur B. Corse

Librarian and Cabinet Keeper Mr. John C. Mc Donald

Committee. Messrs A. N. Ogilvie, A. Bryson, Wm Rodden

Alec Bertram, Jonathan Findlay, Geo. W. Weaver, David McFarlane
William Rutherford, George Gray, James Walker, Alfred Perry
and P. McQuiston

Mr. G. W. Weaver then left the chair and in the absence of the President
and 1st Vice president the 2nd Vice Mr. A. A. Stevenson came
there to

The following sub-committees were then read to the meeting and
approved of

Lecture and Class Committee, H. Munro Chairman, A. C. Hutchison
Mr. Rutherford, Rodden, and McFarlane

Library and Reading Room Committee. A. Murray Chairman
J. Wood, H. M. Donald, P. McQuiston and A. Bertram

Finance Committee. D. Brown Chairman, N. B. Cowe and
Alec Bryson

House Committee. A. A. Stevenson Chairman, A. Bertram
A. W. Ogilvie, and James Walker.

Membership Committee. John Wood Chairman A. C. Hutchison
G. Gray, A. Perry and Jonathan Findlay

The following persons were then proposed for membership viz

Second Class. Edward Chaney, Thomas Bickerstaff, Mr. King
Charles West, W. G. Harrington, Alec Riddle, — Evans, Thomas
Mulhall, Henry Gallagher, Richard McKeon, Louis Bhaal

Third Class. John Ash, William Hutchison, John Clark
George Morris, F. H. Custer, Martin Ryan, Richard Hyde
Hugh John Stephenson, Samuel C. Stephenson, Mr. Whitore
James McQuiston and Patrick Cuddy.

Moved by Mr. A. C. Hutchison Seconded by Jonathan Findlay
That the Secretary be authorised to advertise a special meeting of
that application will be made at the next session of Parliament
for an Act to amend the Act Incorporating the Institute
in the manner prescribed by Law

Carried
The Resolution respecting the Weaver Testimonial passed at
the Annual Meeting then came up for consideration when

It was Moved by Mr. William Rodden Seconded by Mr. J. Waller
That the Resolution be referred to the Library Committee to
report upon

Carried
A letter was read from Mr. John Stewart asking to be engaged as
teacher in Writing and Arithmetic and referred to the
Lecture & Class Committee

Moved by Mr. William Rodden Seconded by Mr. G. B. Corse
That the Lecture and Class Committee be instructed to open the
usual Classes at as low rates and as early as possible

Carried
Mr. Weaver the Ex-President informed the Committee Mr.
Richardson the Superintendent was failing fast and that
it would be necessary to give some assistance to deliver the
Books during the Winter months

Moved by Mr. Jonathan Findlay Seconded by Mr. A. Bertram
That the matter be left in the hands of the Library Committee

An Egyptian Hieroglyph was received from Mr. P. H. Boyd
as a donation to the Museum and ordered to be
acknowledged in the usual way

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Montreal 28th November 1859
The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal
met this evening

David Brown Esq. President in the Chair

Present Messrs. Stevenson, Bernard, Gray, M. E. Justice, Findlay,
McLarrane, Bertram, Weaver, Hutchinson and Woods

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. John Kelly asking
to the last day of the Month to be allowed to pay his
arrears of Subscription

Moved by Mr. A. A. Stevenson Seconded by Mr. George Gray
That the letter be received and that Mr. Kelly's letter be accepted

Carried

A report from the Library Committee was read relative to the
Weaver Testimonial and recommending that in order to make a
creditable addition to the Library, the Books should be purchased
and not the result of promiscuous donations.

But as to how the funds for the purpose should be obtained,
would be for the General Committee to decide.

They also reported in regard to the Superintendent in the evening
Mrs. M. Donald & Mr. Austin had volunteered to give the required
assistance for a time by way of experiment and soliciting that a
few members of the General Committee whose duties might be light
would devote an evening in this manner the expense of procuring
assistance would be avoided.

The Committee also requested the usual authority from the General
Committee to make the necessary additions to the Library
of such new Books as may from time to time be published.

Moved by Mr. A. A. Stevenson Seconded by Mr. Jonathan Findley
That the report now read be received

Carried

Moved by Dr. Bernard Seconded by Mrs. David McFarlane
That the House Committee be authorized to make such alterations
as are necessary in order to improve the Light in the various parts
of the Building

Carried

An Account from the Canada Gazette amounting to \$7.75 was read to
the meeting for advertising the notice of amendments to the Act
of Incorporation and referred to the Finance Committee

The following persons were then proposed for Membership

First Class. Edward M. Donald, George Cleworth, William
A. Little, Felix Morgan,

Second Class. Alexander Brodie, F. A. Johnson, James Douglas,
Alfred Frost, Robert Nichols, Duncan M. Douglas, Andrew
Cameron, Robert Dunn, George Jamieson, Patrick Fitzgerald,
David Brown, John Graham, George Crawford, John Rutledge, G. S.
J. Philips, James Sutherland, Charles Goodwin.

Third Class. W. H. Sulham, A. J. Prouse, George Perry,
George Hyde, Spaldenham Kelly, William Fitts, Alex. Munro
John, John Gair, James Fowler, Charles Macdonald, A. M. Donald,
Robert Fleck, William Elliot, Frederick Myre, James M.

Noyse, William Simpson, Garbett Anzels, James Anderson,
John Henry Lodge, John M. Naughton, F. A. Jones, E. Moore,
C. Nease, George Urlass, B. Robinson, J. Robinson, John Edman,
Joseph Habel, William Pilbeam, John Campine, A. de Rostaing,
Thomas C. Brown, L. M. Guirk, Thomas M. Guirk, John M. Sengall,
William Watrous, Daniel Anderson, H. B. M. Goun, James
Anderson, William Sloan, C. Piethan, James Wilson, W. Shulde-
Lous Samuel, Nelson Verbourg,

Moved by Mr. A. C. Hutchison & seconded by Mr. Jonathan
Findlay, that an appropriation of \$200⁰⁰ say Two Hundred
Dollars be made to the Library Committee for the purpose
of adding Books to the Library in connection with what-
ever sum may be raised by Subscription in aid of the
Weaver Memorial

The Meeting then adjourned.

Carried
John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute of
Montreal 13th December 1859

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal
met this evening

David Brown Esq. President in the Chair

Present Perry, Walker, Findlay, Hutchison, Weaver,
Munro, Stenerson, Wood

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

The following persons were then proposed for membership

1859
First Class. L. H. B. Jones, H. H. Anderson, H.
Walker,

Second Class. Henry Thompson, George Cook, Joel
Prince, H. A. Leel, John Oliver, H. Steel, James Virtue
Alexander Goodie, James Leggat, A. M. Leau, William
Breadtham, John Gray

Third Class. John Undergrast, William O. Haue
& Cunningham, C. G. Jamieson, Simon Kemp, H. Stephen

William Costigan, Robert Costigan, John Smith, Robert Brown, John Henderson, William Wilson, John Higgins, John Bennett, John Ireland, W. C. Bell, James Wilson, John Webster,

An Account from B. Hill for Books was referred to the Library Committee and one from Mr. Elliott for a Desk was referred to the same.

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute of
Montreal 9th January 1860

A Meeting of the General Committee of the Mechanics Institute was held this evening

David Brown Esq. President in the Chair

Present Messrs. Walker, Munro, Stevenson, Perry, Hutchison, Findlay, Mc Donald, Weaver, Rodden, Bertram, Gray and Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed

A Communication was received from A. Murray Chairman of the Library & Reading Room Committee recommending the purchase of four Volumes of valuable works from Mr. Arthur

Moved by Mr. A. A. Stevenson Seconded by Mr. W. Rodden that the Books referred to in the report of Mr. Murray

Carried

The Scientific Artisan was referred to the Library Committee for purchase

Apes submitted

R. A. Miller	\$ 2.30	referred to the	Class Committee
C. B. Sansum	7.25	" " "	House Committee
C. Hill	2.76	" " "	Library "
Scale & Fees	30.15	" " "	House "
Thomas Southwell	1.00	" " "	" "

A communication from B. Chamberlin Esq. Secretary of the

Board of Arts and Manufactures of L.C. stating the conditions upon which grants would be made to Classes and the amount to be so given

Moved by Mr. A. O. Stevenson, Seconded by Mr. A. Perry That the letter be received and referred to the Lecture & Class Committee to report on the number of Pupils and the different Branches taught

Carried

Moved by Mr. Stevenson Seconded by Mr. Alfred Perry That the Chairman of the Class Committee be instructed to engage such additional Teachers as he may think necessary

Carried

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. C. Gault tendering his resignation as a delegate to the Board of Arts and Manufactures as his time would not permit him to attend to the duties

Moved by Mr. Jonathan Findlay Seconded by Mr. A. Perry That Mr. Gault's resignation be received

Carried

Mr. A. A. Stevenson and Mr. James Walker were appointed scrutineers and the meeting proceeded to the election of a delegate to the B. of A. & M. in the room of Mr. C. Gault resigned when Mr. C. Bertram was declared duly elected

The following persons were then proposed for membership

First Class. J. Alfred Kimmer, John Buchanan, Charles Kittle

Second Class. Robert Peck, William Hobbs, H. Bateman, William Bennett, James Douglass, Thomas Medcroft, Benjamin Savage, John McLean, Thomas Power, A. A. Murphy, Peter Johnston, William Bowden, John Elliott, George Winton, D. N. Taylor

Third Class. William Borjia, William McLean, John Young, Thomas Power, John Power, Robert Anderson, John Waugh, Emanuel Guler, Robert Waugh, Laurence Fletcher, B. Carrow, Alfred Kiltgast, James Fitch, Peter Breder, George Cunningham, Henry Smilie, Alex Smilie, Henry Handley, Hugh Evans

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Rec Sec

Montreal 23 January 1860

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal met this evening

Mr Brown Esq President in the Chair

Present. Hutchison, Findlay, M^cQuinn, Gray, Pottier, Bernard, M^cFarlane, Weaver, Munro, Stevenson, Ogilvie, M^cDonald, Walker, & Woods

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The following Apses were then read to the Meeting
from C. Hill \$3.71 Library Committee
" Ferris & Co 2.16 " House Committee

The following persons were then proposed for membership

- 1st Class William Berry, Edmund Pickup, John Wuart
2nd do John Notman, Lauchlan M^cGoun, John Norbury, M^cT. Brewster,
William Burrell, Robert Burrell, Gen^l H. Johnson, James
Anderson, John Joseph Smeaton, John M^cPhail, Gen^l du
Puyke,
3rd do Nollo C. Garvin, William Francillon, E. Woodbridge,
William Peatman, James M^cArthur, Daniel Munro
Oscar Wardrum, Michael C. Hara, Martin C. Hara, G. C.
Nensworthy, John Cassidy, Peter Lemoine, C. Scott
F. Wolfe, James Wilson, Thomas Brane, James Matheson
Michael Hilwick.

The President Then read a letter from Galbraith Watson stating that they would be willing to take the Shop occupied by them for two or three years on the same terms as before only they wished to get the part of the cellar under their Shop. The matter was left in the hands of the President and Chairman of the House Committee to arrange

The Store occupied by Mr. James M^cLean was ordered to be advertised to let as he had signified his intention of giving it up at the first of May when his lease expires

Moved by J. Bernard Seconded by Mr. P. M^cQuinn That it being understood that to carry out the resolution of the Annual Meeting in reference to the Weaver

Testimonial would be disagreeable to Mr. Weaver it is inexpedient to take any further action in the matter in that direction

Moved in Amendment by Mr. A. A. Stevenson seconded by Mr. Nathan Findlay That the Committee being of opinion that it would be more appropriate and at the same time be more agreeable to the feelings of Mr. Weaver and a large number of his friends if the mode of Testimonial were extended to embrace a directly personal Testimonial, and that a special SubCommittee be appointed to make the necessary inquiries with reference thereto and report at next meeting

Moved in Amendments by Mr. Perry Seconded by Mr. J. Walker That a Special Committee be named to consider the propriety of carrying out the recommendation of the Annual Meeting for the Weaver Testimonial and report at next Meeting

The Amendment of Mr. Perry on being put to the vote was declared lost and the Amendment of Mr. Stevenson on being put declared carried

The following were then named the Committee viz
The President, Perry, Hutchison, Stevenson & Munro

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute 13 Feb'y
1860

The General Committee met this evening

D. Munro Esq. President in the Chair
Present Findlay, Walker, Hutchison, Mr. Lustin
Mr. Donald, Weaver, Munro, Corne, Redden, & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The President on behalf of the Weaver Testimonial Committee reported progress

Ape presented

R. Mitchell \$47.31 Referred to the House Committee

do do 1.25 do do do

B. Dawson \$500 up to 31st Decr 1859 Library Committee

The following persons were then proposed for membership

Second Class. James A. Harte, William Johnson, B. F. Copeland, John Little, J. M. Kenzie.

Third Class. Geo. C. Shepston, James Kerr, William Hodgson, Edward Laughney, Hugh Montgomery, Amos Hodgson, William Bogue, Samuel Hart, George Balfour, Samuel Goslin,

The President then reported that Messrs Galbraith & Brown had retained the Shop occupied by them on the same terms as before.

He also reported that the one occupied by Mrs. J. M. Lean had been let for the hardware business to Messrs. Thos Badenoch & Co for the sum of £170 per Annum.

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute 27th Feb 1860

The General Committee of the Institute met this evening.

David Brown Esq. President in the Chair

Present Messrs Perry, Coxe, Roddew, Bertram, Mr. Farlane, Mr. Justin, Weaver, Rutherford, Hutchison, Walker, & Wood.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The President read a letter (dated the 17th) from the "New-England Society" asking on what terms a permanent engagement can be made with the Institute for the use of a Room for their Meetings.

The President was authorized to arrange the matter with them.

The following persons were then proposed for membership

First Class. Edward Chappern. Second Class. R. Kennedy & J. Moore. Third Class. C. Wardrum, J. Swindler, J. Davidson, H. Myers, J. Jelfer & John Ross.

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood Rec Sec

Montreal March 12th 1860

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal met this evening

Present The President presiding, Messrs. Weaver, Rutherford, Mr. Farsane, Hutchison, Moore, Finlay, & Stevenson

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Stevenson acted in that capacity.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed

The President reported that in reply to the letter of the "New-England Society" the Secretary had informed them that they could get a room for their meetings for thirty Dollars per Annum.

A Communication was read from Charles Traillarge of Quebec soliciting subscriptions to a work on Geometry, &c. which was ordered to be laid on the table.

The following persons were then proposed for Membership
H. Hair, first class
Peter Beardon Third class
W. Crowhurst do

A report was read from the Library Committee recommending the purchase of certain Books, a list of which, accompanied the report.

Moved by Mr. Jonathan Finlay, seconded by Mr. D. Mr. Farsane, that the report be received and that the Library Committee be authorized to carry out their suggestions

Carried

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

Mechanics Institute 26th March 1860

The General Committee of the Institute met this evening

J. Brown Esq. President in the chair

Present Finlay, Roddick, Walker, Mr. Farsane, Weaver, Mr. Quin, Moore, Rutherford & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed.

Ages presented

H. D. B. James \$ 132.50 Referred to the Finance Committee
H. D. B. James \$ 7.50 do do

Proposed for Membership

John Mc Intosh and John Wignam, first Class.

Moved by Mr. W. Rodden Seconded by Mr. Jonathan Findlay
That in addition to the other Teachers Mr. A. C. Hutchinson be
paid for his services for 3 months

Carried

Moved by Mr. William Rodden Seconded by Mr. Jonathan
Findlay, That a letter be addressed to the Board of Trade
asking what course has been or if that body intends to take
any part in the preparations for the coming Prince of
Wales Celebration further stating that this Institute will
be prepared to cooperate in such a work with other bodies

Carried

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute 23rd April 1860

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal
met this evening.

Mr Brown Esq. President in the Chair

Present. Stevenson, Munro, Findlay, Weaver, Mr. Lustin
Perry, Rodden, Bertram Wood.

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

A Letter was read from John H. Dinning Esq. Secretary Board of
Trade dated 3rd April stating that the Committee had the matter
of the Prince of Wales Celebration under their consideration and
that it was on the orders of the day for the regular meeting
on the Tuesday following

Another Letter was read from the same dated 19th April and
stating that he was now directed to inform the Committee that
the Council of the Board would be glad to arrange a

Meeting with the Committee of the Institute, when the matter could
be fully discussed.

(The two foregoing letters were in answer to the letter addressed
Mr. Manning in accordance with the resolution passed at
the meeting on 26th March)

Moved by Mr. J. Munro Seconded by Mr. Jonathan
Fridley That the letters be received and that a Committee
of seven be appointed to meet the Council of the Board of
Trade at its meeting tomorrow, Committee to consist of
the following gentlemen viz. Munro, Stevenson, Hood,
Fridley, Walker, Weaver, and Perry
Carried

Agas presented

Cover & Stevenson \$ 47.00 Library Committee
L. O. W. & Co 8.00 do do

Donations Received

- 1 Volume for the Library from a friend
- 2 Specimens etc for the Museum from Mr. John Bailey

The following persons were then proposed for membership
First Class. Samuel Hepworth, and Robert Grant
Second Class. John Nichol, Alex. G. Fowler, Thomas
Campbell, William Munro, W. A. Sampson.
Third Class. William Brewster.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

John Hood
Recording Secretary

Montreal 11th June 1860
The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of
Montreal met this evening.

D. Brown Esq. President in the Chair.

Present Munro, Rutherford, Walker, Gray, Perry, Weaver
Corse, M^r. Quin, Ogilvie, Berman, Fridley, & Hood.

The Minute of last Meeting were read & confirmed

Apes presented

Water Ape	\$13.00	Referred to House Committee
Gibb & Hunter	2.00	do do
Williams Wilson	30.00	do do
E. Piccup	1.40	do Library do
Quebec Chronicle	2.00	do do do
Toronto Globe	6.00	do do do

The following persons were then proposed for membership

First Class. A. Symmers, C. E. Teasel, Charles Legge

Second Class. Serwetus Bishop, J. Millinson, Mrs. G.

Heppburn, Andrew Bell, William Campbell, John McDonald
and S. H. Mason

Third Class. C. H. Falters, James Brown, Samuel Green
William Glen, David Glen, Alex. Badnachs and Henry Bennett.

The President then read the Amendments to the Act of
Incorporation as passed in Parliament during its last
Session.

Moved by Mr. H. Munro Seconded by Mr. A. Perry
That a Committee to consist of the President, Messrs
Stevenson, Murray, Bernard, and Keaver be appointed to
draw up a Code of Byelaws in accordance with the Amendments
to the Act and report as soon as possible.

Carried

The President stated that the Committee appointed at last
meeting to meet the Council of the Board of Trade in re-
lation to the coming visit of H. R. G. the Prince of Wales
had done so but that all that the Committee decided
doing was merely to call a public meeting of the Citizens

Donation

From Charles Legge Esq. C. E. A Copy of his work
entitled a glance at the Victoria Bridge and
the men who built it

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned
John Ford
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute of Montreal
25th June 1860

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal met this evening

L. Brown Esq. President in the Chair
Present Weaver, Corse, Perry, Murray, Munro, Findlay, Wood
Rutherford, Padden, and Ogilvie.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed.

The following accounts were then read to the Meeting viz
The New York Albion \$6 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Referred to the Library Committee
John Howland 2.50 do do do
Toronto Globe 2.51 do do do

The following persons were then proposed for membership
First class. John Andrews, and Andrew Taft.
Third class. E. Davis

Donations Received

From John Smith Upper St. Urbain St. Six volumes
Polhampton's Gallery of Nature and Art.
From Arthur Solatchley per the hands of Auguste Cuvillier one
volume Treatise on Life Insurance & Friendly Societies and
one volume Practical Treatise on Savings Banks

The President then stated to the Meeting that the Institute had
purchased the Panorama sold by Sheriff sale in the Institute
for Rent.

The President then read a letter from J. J. Day Chairman
and Trade of the Torch Light procession Committee appointed by the
Executive Committee of the Citizens Reception Fund for the
reception of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales asking the
Cooperation of this Institute in the getting up of the procession
and stating that aid for the same would be forthcoming

Moved by Mrs A. Murray Seconded by Mrs A. Perry That
the Letter be received and should there be a delegation wanted
The following shall compose the same viz. The President
The Vice President, The Treasurer and the Corresponding
Secretary

Carried

Moved by Mr. Wm. Rodden Seconded by Mr. A. Murray
That the House Committee be instructed to obtain designs &
estimates of the cost of Decorations & fittings for the
Institute on the occasion of the visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales

The Corresponding Secretary, then read a letter from Mrs. William
Leeming asking upon what terms the use of the Hall could
be procured for the Sabbath, also a small room once a week
for the use of the Congregation worshipping in the Bonaventure
Hall

Moved by Mr. William Rodden Seconded by Mr. Jonathan
Findlay That the letter be received and referred to the House
Committee for them to give it their most favourable consideration
and report at next meeting

The Secretary then read a letter of apology from Mr. John
C. McDonald for absence from the meeting through illness.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned
John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute of Montreal
12th July 1860

A Special Meeting of the General Committee of the Institute was
held this evening

H. Munro Esq. first Vice President in the Chair
Present J. C. McDonald, Wood, Weaver, Bertram, Rodden, McFarlane,
Findlay, and Rutheford.

The Secretary submitted Designs of Decorations for the Building
on the occasion of the visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales from
Mr. Arthur Tolpence and from A. Ramsay the cost of the former the
Secretary stated would be one Hundred & Twenty Dollars and
that of the latter unknown

Moved by Mr. Rodden Seconded by Mr. Findlay That the House Committee
be authorised to arrange with Messrs. Arthur Tolpence for the adoption of
this design provided the cost do not exceed \$120⁰⁰ and that
the Lillnesses one of H. R. H. the Prince of ~~Wales~~ of Wales

and that of H. R. H. the Prince Consort be introduced along side that of Her Majesty the Committee to have the privilege of making any slight alteration they may think proper provided the cost do not exceed the foregoing amount.

Carried

It was Resolved that the House Committee be authorized to submit a report of the cost of cleaning the Walls and ceiling of the Hall said report to be submitted at the next meeting of Committee.

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Montreal 26th July 1860
The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal met this evening

J. Munro Esq. Vice President in the Chair
Present. Corse, M^r. Donald, Rutherford, Kearey, Findlay, Wood and Bertram.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read, and confirmed

The Report of the Lecture Class Committee giving an account of their proceedings &c during the past Winter was read to the Meeting and the further consideration of the same was deferred to the next Meeting

Spes presented to the Meeting
from B. Dawson & Son \$318.69 Referred to the Library Committee

John Lovell	66.35	do	do
Morning Chronicle	2.00	do	do
Montreal Herald	8.00	do	do
R. A. Miller	1.25	do	do
D. M ^r . Donald	11.10	do	do
James Halliday	2.47	do House	do
Lemane Savage & Co	.83	do do	do
Hamilton Spectator	12.00	do Library	do

A letter was read from J. Badenach re asking to have the doors & shutters of the Shop occupied by them painted as

They looked bad and were rapidly decaying. The matter was referred to the House Committee.

A letter was read from the City Clerk stating that it was in contemplation to hold a public procession of the National, Mechanical, Educational, Literary and other Societies on the occasion of the visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales and asking the cooperation of the Members of the Institute

Moved by Mr. John Wood Seconded by Mr. William Petherford That the letter be received and that the C. S. be instructed to answer the same and inform the City Clerk that as the Members of this Institute are almost all connected with the various Military, National, Charitable and other Societies they do not deem it advisable to take part in the Procession as a body

Moved in Amendment by Mr. John C. McDonald Seconded by Mr. Jonathan Findlay That the letter be received and a reply returned stating that the matter has been brought before the Committee and that they will take it into their consideration

The Amendment on being put to the vote was declared a tie and the Chairman having given his casting vote Declared it in favour of the Main Motion

Mr. A. Bertram reported on behalf of the House Committee That they had arranged with Messrs. Mr. Arthur Spence for the decorations on the occasion of the visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. He also reported that they had not as yet got estimates for the cleaning of the Hall.

The following persons were then proposed for Membership
Second Class John Craig, Arnold Meyer, John C. Reill
Forrester Jaques.
Third Class G. W. Dougall.

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute of Montreal
13th August 1880

The General Committee of the Institute met this evening

Dr Brown being President in the Chair.
Present Munro, Corse, Mc Ruston, Weaver, Murray, Findlay, Wood
& Rutherford Stevenson.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed.

Apes presented
from J. M. Therson \$4.25 Referred to the House Committee
J. L. Arnton 3.80 " " Library Committee

The Report of the Lecture Class Committee submitted at last Meeting
then came up for consideration

Moved by Mr. William Rutherford Seconded by Mr. N. B. Corse,
That the report be received and that the recommendations therein con-
tained be left over for consideration

Carried

A letter was read from the Board of Arts & Manufactures accompanying
which was a letter from Mr. H. M. Spier tendering his resignation as
a Member of the Board the further action on which was left
over till a future occasion.

The following persons were then proposed for membership

Second Class. Michael Conab.

Third Class. R. H. Stephenson.

The Chairman of the House Committee reported that they had
taken in estimates for the fitting up of the Gas fittings for the
illumination and that they had accepted that of R. Mitchell & Co
for the sum of \$60⁰⁰/₁₀₀. He also reported that they had
taken in Tenders for the White Washing the Hall & ceiling and
that they had given the contract to Bradley & Co for \$28⁰⁰/₁₀₀.

The President intimated that he had been informed by the
Hon. John Rose that in all probability one day during
the Prince's visit to this City would be devoted to visiting some
of the public Institutions and if so this would likely be one
of the number. Whereupon the Chairman of the House Committee was
instructed to ascertain the cost of Painting, Papering, & Carpeting
the Committee Room for his reception.

The Committee appointed to revise the By-laws submitted a report of their amendments which were left over for further consideration by the New Committee.

No other business appearing the Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute of Montreal
31st August 1860

A Special Meeting of the General Committee of the Institute was held this evening

Present Messrs Bertram, Rodden, Findlay, M^r. Donald, M^r. Farlane Murray, Rutherford and Wood.

On Motion of Mr. Wm Rodden Mr. A. Murray took the chair in the absence of the President and Vice Presidents.

Moved by Mr. William Rodden Seconded by Mr. Nathan Findlay that this Committee report to the Annual Meeting on Monday evening through the Secretary the cause of the usual Annual Report not being prepared and recommending that after the election of officers for the ensuing year the Meeting adjourn for about two weeks for the purpose of receiving the Annual Report and the transaction of any other business necessary

Carried

The Meeting then adjourned.

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Montreal 22 September 1860

A Special Meeting of the General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal was held this evening

H. Munro Esq. 1st Vice President in the Chair.
Present. Munro, M^r. Lustin, Corse, Gray, Stevenson, M^r. Farlane Ogilvie and Wood.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

A draft of the Annual Report was read to the Meeting and approved of.
The Meeting then adjourned.

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute of Montreal
1st October 1860

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal
met this evening,

Present Messrs: Munro, Bertram, Rutherford, Walker, Findlay,
Forsyth, Inglis and Wood,
A. Munro Esq, vice President in the Chair.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting were read for the information
of the Meeting.

The following is a list of the Officebearers for the ensuing year,

President	Mr. H. Munro
Vice do	" A. Bertram
Corresponding Secretary	" A. Murray
Recording do	" J. Wood
Treasurer	" W. B. Corse
Librarian	" J. M ^r . Quinlan
Cabinet Keeper	" J. Findlay
Committee	Messrs: Robert Forsyth, William Rutherford, David McFarlane, W ^m Inglis, Geo Drummond & James Walker.

The President elect then assumed the duties of his office.

The Secretary read the Amendments to the Byelaws as revised
by the old Committee and Messrs: Murray, Wood, Rutherford and
Bertram were appointed a Committee to further examine them
if necessary and amend them, and report at next meeting of Committee.

The President then appointed the following Standing Committees

Library & Reading Room Committee A. Murray, Chairman
J. M^r. Quinlan and J. Findlay

Lecture Class Committee. W^m Rutherford, Chairman, D. McFarlane and W^m Inglis.

House Committee. A. Bertrand, Chairman, Robt Forsyth and J. Walker.

Membership Committee. J. Wood, Chairman, J. Findlay, Robert Forsyth and W^m Inglis.

Finance Committee. G. Munro, Chairman, W. B. Corse, and Geo Drummond.

Apes read to the Meeting

from Andrew Elliot \$37.05 Referred to the House Committee,

Mr Arthur Spence	100.00	do	do	do
Mitchell Hoekburn	81.50	do	do	do
Rolls Campbell	3.90	do	Library	do
do do	6.00	do	do	do
D. Winnean & Co.	8.00	do	do	do
Dorion & Co.	5.90	do	do	do
Proyon & Co.		do	do	do

The following persons were then proposed for Membership
Second Class. George Aude, Mr. N. Lafabre.

Moved by Mr. P. Mc. Quistin Seconded by Mr. Mathan Findlay
That the Secretary be instructed to Advertise in the Transcript
Commercial Advertiser and Gazette That the financial year commences
two months earlier than usual, to state the advantages now to be
derived from the Institute, That the Winter Classes will commence on
the first of November and the various branches to be taught

Carried

A donation of a Shark was received from Capt. Barclay of
the Ship Montreal per Mr. A. Ramsay Stuffing of the same was
referred to the Finance Committee.

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute of Montreal
8th October 1860

The General Committee of the Institute met this evening
Present G. Munro Esq President in the Chair Messrs Murray
Rutherford, Inglis, Bertrand, Findlay, Mr. Quistin, Forsyth
and Wood.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

A report was read from the Lecture and Class Committee recommending that the Classes open this year on the 1st November, and also recommending that the following Branches be taught viz. Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Book-Keeping and Grammar. Architectural, Mechanical, and Ornamental Drawing, also French. The Committee also sought power to engage suitable Teachers at a Salary not exceeding \$12 per month also further time to consider over their duties in relation to Lectures

Moved by Mr. A. Murray Seconded by Mr. Jonathan Findlay That the report now read be received and adopted

Carried

A Report was also read from the House Committee stating that since the present Tariff of rates for letting the Hall & Rooms had been adopted other Halls had been erected for similar purposes thus causing competition in view of this the Committee recommends that the following tariff be adopted in its stead - viz.

Leasing the Hall for Concerts, Exhibitions &c per night	\$ 10.00
do do do " week	40.00
do Lectures, Scientific or Historical " night	6.00
do do " week	30.00
do Charitable Lectures " night	5.00
do do " week	25.00
do Class Room " night	3.00
do Committee Room " "	1.50

The report also stated that the Institute having gone to the expense of laying a handsome Carpet in the Committee Room the Committee suggested the propriety of laying a Druggetts Carpet over a portion of the room which would be a great saving to the Carpet the expense of which would be about \$15.00. The report also stated that as the cold weather was fast approaching the Committee would direct attention to the heating of the Institute and that to do so effectually and carefully it ought to be the sole duty of one person to attend to it and recommending that some steady person be employed to attend to the filling and firing of the Steam Boiler and to see that the Temperature throughout the Building would be kept at a proper height

Moved by Mr. Jonathan Findlay Seconded by Mr. Wm. Rutherford That the report be received and adopted with the exception of the clause relating to the heating until the Committee ascertain the position the Institute is in with Mr. C. Gorth in relation to the Heating apparatus

Carried

The Committee appointed at last Meeting to revise the Byelaws Reported that they had done so the same being submitted to the Meeting the Secretary read them over Section by Section all of which were approved of and the Secretary was instructed to get them hung up in a conspicuous place in time so that they could be brought before the members at the Ordinary Meeting on Monday the 22nd Instant.

Apes submitted

Lampplough Campbell \$4.00 House Committee
Quebec Chronicle 5.00 Library Committee

The following persons were then proposed for membership

First Class. James Buchanan

Second Class. Alfred Hudson, Alexander Mc Donald, Peter Hay, Eugene Conroy, James Urquhart, Emmis Mc Mullane, John Smith, Peter Nicholson and Thomas Williams.

Third Class. Robert Phillips, John Goule, William Bowie, John Crane, John Hinning

The Meeting then adjourned,

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Montreal 23rd October 1860

A Special Meeting of the General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal was held this evening

Present St. Munro Esq. President in the Chair, Messrs Inglis, Rutherford, Drummond, Findlay, Mc Lintin, Bertram and Wood.

The President stated that the Meeting was called for the purpose of passing some accounts and other Business connected with the publication of the Byelaws as the Ordinary Meeting of the Members last evening occupied the whole evening and left no time for the Committee to meet

The President also complained of the conduct of certain Members of the Committee for having supported (at the Ordinary Meeting) the adoption of a clause changing the date of

the commencement of the financial year, while the same Members voted for the adoption of the amendments as submitted by the Sub-Committee (appointed for the revision) at the Meeting on the 7th and informed the Committee that if they were going to cancel what was done at one meeting at the following one, he could not hold office and carry on the business of the Institute any longer.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed.

The following A/c^s were then submitted to the Meeting.

Mr. M ^r . Kay	\$1.50	Referred to Library Committee		
W. Hunter	3.00	do	do	do
B. Dawson	318.60	do	do	do
A. & A. Ramsay	38.25	do	House	do
J. Musson	14.75	do	do	do
J. Bradmach H ^r .	11.05	do	do	do

Moved by Mr. W. Rutherford Seconded by Mr. Jonathan Findlay That the President & Secretary be instructed to take in tenders for the printing of Two Thousand copies of the Act of Incorporation and amended Byelaws and at the same time the take in tenders for the printing of an extra Thousand and if the difference between the cost of 2 & 3000 is small in proportion the get 3000 printed.

Carried

Moved by Mr. W. Rutherford Seconded by Mr. J. Wood That the President be instructed to take such steps as may be deemed necessary in order to get the Panorama (the property of the Institute) sold.

Carried

A Donation of a lead plate with inscription and other relics taken from the foundation stone of the old Court House of Montreal were received as donations to the Museum from Robert Forsyth Esq. C. C.

The Meeting then adjourned.

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute

of Montreal 13th November 1860

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute met this evening

Nector Munro Esq. President in the Chair

Present Messrs A. Bertram, W. Inglis, L. J. Macfarlane
Robert Forsyth, James Walker, Rutherford, & Woods

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed.

Resignations were received and accepted from the following Members
viz. N. A. Barrett, Geo Shannon, Geo B. Henderson, David
Miss, and David Brown.

The following accounts were then read to the Meeting

Seale & Seal	\$74.17	Referred to the House Committee
William Wilson	30.00	do do
B. Dawson & Son	483.56	do Library do
Morning Chronicle	5.00	do do do
A. & S. Ramsay	63.23	do House do
Pilot		

Tenders for Printing the Act of Incorporation and Amended Bye Laws were then read from Messrs. Starbuck & Co, Longmuir & Co, Henry Rose, and Miller & Stevenson that of the latter was accepted for 2000 Copies for the sum of Forty five Dollars.

The President drew the attention of the House Committee to the fire wall on the top of the House the Bricks of the same having decayed.

The President also stated that Mr. G. F. Prouse had offered to lend the Institute money at 8 per Cent per Annum.

A letter was read from D. Mc Dougall and other members of the Institute asking to be allowed a Room in the Institute for the purpose of holding debates &c Moved by Mr. James Walker Seconded by Mr. William Inglis That the letter be received and that a Room be granted them by their paying the sum of one Dollar per month for one night per week, to defray the expense of Gas Subjects of Debates &c to be approved of by the Class Committee

Carried

The Chairman of the Class Committee reported that the English class had increased to such an extent as to require the assistance of another Teacher and asked power to engage one at a salary not to exceed \$12⁰⁰ per Month which power was granted.

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Montreal 11th December 1860

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal met this evening

J. H. Munce Esq. President in the chair

Present Messrs Bertram, Inglis, Rutherford, Findlay, Forsyth, Wood, Cole, McFarlane, Walker, & Drummond.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed

The President made a statement of the financial affairs of the Institute showing the Institute to be owing the Corporation the sum of \$966 for assessments which had been allowed to accumulate from the time of the purchase of the Ground besides a considerable amount of other accounts at the same time he stated that as the Corporation were very anxious to get paid, he thought the best way would be to borrow \$1000.00 in order to pay off the Corporation claim. A requisition signed by five members of the Committee was then put into the hands of the President requesting him to call an extraordinary Meeting of the Members of the Institute to take into consideration a proposition of a loan of \$1000.00 said Meeting to be held on the evening of Monday the 17th Instant.

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Montreal 28th January, 1861

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal met this evening

In motion Mr. Jonathan Findley took the chair in the absence of the President and vice President.

Present. Inglis, Rutherford, Forsyth and Wood.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed.

The House Committee reported progress regarding the Heating apparatus as they had been unable to see Mr. Gask.

The following accounts were read and referred to the Library Committee.

Scottish American Journal	\$ 2. 50
Quebec Morning Chronicle	2. 00
Bryson & Co	2. 95

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Montreal 25th February 1861

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal met this evening

H. Munro Esq. President in the chair.

Present Messrs Forsyth, Bertram, Findley, Cox, Rutherford and Wood.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read a letter from Col. Wilmot R.A. requesting to be admitted a member of the Institute

The Chairman of the House Committee reported that as the severe cold weather was nearly over and as it would be desirable that the fireman who is attending the furnace should get a few days notice and recommending that he be paid 3/ per day

Moved by Mr. Wm. Rutherford seconded by Mr. Robert Forsyth that the Chairman of the House Committee be instructed to notify E. Nolan that his service will end on Monday the 14th March and that he be paid 3/ per day

Carried

The Chairman of the Class Committee reported that the classes would close this week.

Mr Geo W. Weaver presented a letter that he had received from Mr. C. C. Bowen of Boston respecting the Panorama and stating that it would not bring much in Boston and asking upon what terms the Institute would let him have it for

Moved by Mr. Geo Rutherford seconded by Mr. Alex Bertram that Mr. Weaver be instructed to write to Mr. Bowen and inform him that the Institute will let him have the Panorama for \$100⁰⁰ delivered at the Champlain & St. Lawrence N. W. depot

Carried
An Ape amounting to \$101^{37 1/2} was read from Mr. John Lovell and referred to the Library Committee.

The following Donations were received from Mr. F. W. Bacon & returns for the Library also a summary and written view of the Victoria Bridge accompanied by a hand book of the same from W. H. Kingston M. D. \$50⁰⁰ being part of the amount received by him from the Corporation for damages also from the Carpenters Committee of the Atlantic Telegraph celebration per the hands of Mr. Robert Benn \$5³⁰

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Montreal 11th March 1861

The General Committee met this evening
R. Mann in the Chair Present Rutherford, Wood, Findlay
McFarlane, Bertram, Walker, Inglis.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed
A letter was received from the Board of Arts & Manufacturers requesting what reduction if any they might expect in the rentals now paid the Institute for the room occupied by the Board should they continue to lease the same

Moved by A. Bertram seconded by J. Findlay that the Board of Arts and Manufacturers having neglected to give due notice to the Institute at the proper season that the Institute considers them tenants at the usual rental for the ensuing 12 months from 1st May to 1st May 62

Carried

Montreal 13th May 1861
The General Committee of the Mechanics
Institute met this evening. H. Munro President
in the chair present Bertram, English Corse
McGuistin Woods.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read
and confirmed. Acts

Montreal Water works. \$13/00 Treasury of Montreal —
To 2nd 6. 8. Finance Com^r. David Gordon 5/50 Finance
Thomas Mussen former Sect. Read

Henry Bague 9/70. Dominion 12/00. Do 5/90 —

All submitted to Finance. A letter was read
from Mr. Thompson Manager of the Paper. That unless
their account was paid immediately he would be
compelled to stop the paper and take legal proceedings
for the recovery of the amount.

Moved by Corse seconded by Bertram that
the acts if found correct be paid and the
paper stopped from the 1st June 1861. Carried

A letter was read from William Fleming
Secretary of the Church Meeting in Bonaventure
Hall accepting the use of the hall for Sunday
during the year from 1st May to 1st May at a rental of
\$ 240/00 letter dated 30th April 1861.

Members admitted in ordinary Meeting —
David Morrison 3rd class Henry Hornstead 3rd

The President stated that Messrs. Bodegrach & Co.
was due for 6 months rental and that the
collection of the amount due was found impractic-
able.

Moved by Mr. Corse seconded by Mr. Bertram
that the President be authorized to take whatever
steps he may think necessary to recover the rental
due from them. Carried

Meeting adjourned
H. Munro
President

Montreal 12. August 1861

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute
Met this evening at 11 o'clock in the Chair
of Mr. G. Forsythe, President. Present
Walker, Brotham, Inglis, Rutherford.

The Minutes of 13th May were read and confirmed
No Quorum since that date no Business done
Accounts presented

Montreal Water Works Committee	25/00	do	11
Sub & Sess.	27/81	do	1
Lampbrush & Campbell	4/00	do	1
Mr. W. S. McKay	3/00	do	1
W. S. Hart	2/57	do	1
Rogers & King	12/36	do	1
Corporation of Montreal	320/00	finance	do
Campbell Bryson	80	house	do
D. Nimmo & Co	8/00	do	do
B. Dawson & Son	362/87	Library	Cont.
Parson & Jennie	100/00	do	do
M. Phil & Mitchell	5/05	house	do
M. G. H. & M. Sean	34/77	house	finance

Moved by Mr. Forsythe seconded by Mr. Forsythe that
the Report of the Lecture & Class Committee be received &
adopted. Carried

Donation from Capt. J. D. Graham by the
hands of Mr. Forsythe. The Lunar Tide Waives of
Lake Michigan

The following were admitted
Members of the Institute

Wazale King, Craig St Life Member
John Smith, Alexander St. Life Member
Henry Pottle 30 class. Pat Laville, 31. W. Household 2
Joseph Brown 2 James Lurie 3 G. S. Helms 2 D. S. Small 3
Mark, Girdale 3

The Chairman of sub-committee to get up
their report to submit to next Meeting

The President stated that Mr. Weaver had written
to the gentlemen in Boston, respecting the Panorama
offering it at \$50/00 but had got no answer
The Meeting adjourned

H. Munro
President

Division acct \$12/00. Library Committee
Komsay and McPhail. 3/30 have cont.

H. Munro
President

Montreal 8th April 1862

The General Committee of the Institute, met this evening the President H. Munro in the Chair
Present, Walker, Inglis, Rutherford, Forsythe, Bertram
Findlay Wood.

The Minutes of last Meeting was read and
Confirmed

The following Report was Read from
the House Committee

Moved by Mr A Findlay seconded by
Mr William Rutherford that the Report be Rec^d &
adopted, with the ~~same~~ exception of the clause relating
to the class Room floor. Carried

A letter was Read from Mr Held wishing to
know if the Hall is enlarged as the contract for the painting
imposed for the sum of \$500.00.

Resolved that the Secretary Reply to Mr Held and
inform him that the Institute had no intention of
doing anything to the Hall at present.

The following Report was Read from the Lecture and
Class Committee.

Moved by Mr Forsythe seconded by A Findlay
that the report be received and the consideration of it
be postponed till next meeting. Carried

The following report was Read from the Library
Committee recommending that the Temple Bar Magazine
and the anti biography of a seaman's life be added to
the Library and reading room

Moved by Mr W Rutherford seconded by Mr Findlay
that two copies of the anti. of a seaman's life be added to
the Library but that the Temple Bar Magazine be left over
till the Librarian be present to give some further explanations
regarding the work. Carried

apts Mess Reid & Rayner \$13/84 House Committee

over.

1st April

The President stated that an artist by the name of Mr. G. Deon had offered to take the portraits of all the Presidents of the Institute free of any expense to the Institute.

Moved by J. Findlay seconded by W. Rutherford that the Secretary be instructed to write to all the former Presidents of the Institute since the date of their incorporation and request them to sit for their portraits to be taken and hung up in one of the rooms of the Institute.

Carried

The President stated that there had been no answer to the letter of the Corresponding Secretary Institute from the Secretary of the Board of Arts and Manufacturers about lease of room.

Ordinary Members passed and the Meeting adjourned

H. Meurs
President

Montreal 29th April 1862

Special Meeting of the General Committee of the Institute Washed this evening the President in the Chair

Present Woods, McQuinton, Anglin, Josyph, Findlay, Rutherford & Core.

and confirmed

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and the Report of the Finance Committee was entered to be over till the next meeting of Committee. Mr. J. W. Meurs presented a letter from Mr. C. B. Bourne of Boston respecting the Panorama stating that he had a great deal of inquiries respecting it and that he found it a very complicated affair but that he would give \$50 for it.

Moved by W. Rutherford seconded by Mr. Josyph that the President be authorized to sell the Panorama to the Best advantage he can for the Institute Carried

The President stated that he had seen Mr. C. Dion artist nothing done and that he the President had been so busy collecting for the Relief funds that he could not get it attended to. Mr. Dion expressed his desire to take them separate and give some part.

Act Mr. R. S. McKay \$1/50 from committee

Meeting adjourned
H. Meurs
President

Montreal August 20th 1861
A Special Meeting of the General Committee of the Mech.
Institute of Montreal Met this Evening
H. Munro President in the Chair present Messrs Bertram
Walker, Forsyth, Woods, Inglis, McQuistin
The Minutes of last Meeting was Read & Confirmed
The Report of the house Committee was submitted and
approved of.
A Draft of the Library Committee Report was
Submitted and adopted.
The Report of the Finance Committee was Received and
adopted.
A Draft of the annual Report was Read at the
Meeting and approved of as prepared.
The Meeting then adjourned
H. Munro
President

Montreal 26 August 1862
The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute
Met this Evening. H. Munro President in the Chair
Present Woods, Bertram, Inglis, Walker, Findlay
Rutherford. The Minutes of last meeting was
Read and Confirmed.
A letter was Read from A. Ramsay Esq & accompanied
by a donation of a Russian Musket taken out of the
Mullehoff Tower and given to him by Capt Brown of the
Ship Warbequin also a pair of ancient Turkish Pistols Brought
from the Crimea by Capt Lovelace. to be acknowledged in
the usual way.
Professor Dawson presented the Calendar of the University
of the McGill College for the year 1861 & 62. to be acknowledged
in the usual way.
A letter was Read from J. S. Oscher Requesting the Committee
to subscribe for a new Literary paper published in Toronto at
\$1.50 per annum. The same Journal Referred to the Library
Committee. The Membership Committee submitted a draft
of this Report was Read and approved of.
The Meeting adjourned
H. Munro
President

Mechanics Institute

Minutes 2 September 1871

The 22 Annual Meeting of the Members of the Institute was held this evening

A. Manser Esq. President in the Chair
about 25 Members present.

The Minutes of last annual Meeting were read and approved

The Secretary then read the following Annual Report, together with a list of the attendance of Members of Committee during the past year the following is the Synopsis*

The Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal was held this evening, - R. Manser Esq. President in the Chair, The President briefly stated the object of the meeting, which, in accordance with the By-laws, was for the election of officers & members to compose the Council Committee for the ensuing year, and to receive the report from the retiring Committee ~~for the~~ ~~ensuing year~~ on the affairs of the Institute which the Secretary would read

The minutes of last annual meeting were read and approved

The Secretary then read the Twenty-second Annual Report, together with a list of the attendance of Members of Committee during the past year

Moved by Dr. Bunsell seconded by Mr. Wm. Rodden, "That the Report be received; and that the suggestions therein contained be referred to the Committee about to be elected."

Moved in amendment by Mr. Geo. Quirkshanks, seconded by Mr. D. McSpren

"That the Report be read and adopted." Passed.

A number of members were proposed and admitted,

Moved by Mr. Rodden seconded by Mr. James Miller

"That a short synopsis of the report be prepared and published in the various city newspapers." Carried

The President then appointed Messrs. Rodden, Stevenson and Wells a committee to prepare a synopsis of the Report for publication,

Moved by Mr. Whitham & Valley seconded by Dr. Bunsell

"That the Meeting proceed to nominate Candidates for the various offices." Carried

The President then appointed Messrs. Stevenson, Quirkshanks & Wells to act as scrutineers at the meeting, proceeded to the

election of Officers, Treasurers and members for the Current year, when the following were declared duly elected:

President - Messrs. Hume,
Vice President - Mr. C. R. Putnam,
Corresponding Secretary - William Ingles,
Reading Secretary - John Wood,
Treasurer - S. B. Coase,
Librarian - Jonathan Fildley,
Cabinet Keeper - R. F. Forsyth,
Committee James Walker, William Rutherford, Geo. Gray, Thos. Pringle, Messrs. G. Fowler, and R. Fildley.

Moved by Mr. C. R. Putnam seconded by Mr. F. Forsyth.

That this Meeting request Mr. William Ingles to sit to get his Librarian taken to hang up in the rooms of the Institute with the other Presidents' Librarian.

On Motion, Mr. C. R. Putnam took the Chair.

Moved by Mr. Geo. Gray, seconded by Mr. Geo. Bainsworth,
That the Members of the Institute are due, and are hereby tendered to the President, our retiring Officers & Committee, for their valuable services during the past year.

* At the Meeting of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal

Continued

According to the resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting respecting the number of meetings and of the attendance of members of the Committee thereof, they to submit the following report of the same.

The Committee met fifteen times during the eleven months at which the attendance of members was as follows:

Messrs. Hume	14 times
Mr. Putnam	13 "
Mr. Hume	2 "
John Wood	15 "
S. B. Coase	6 "
J. McQuiston	6 "
Jonathan Fildley	12 "
R. F. Forsyth	11 "
William Rutherford	13 "
David McFurline	4 "
William Ingles	14 "

Geo A Drummond 3 times
James Miller 9.

The whole respectfully submitted

(Sgd) J. M. M. M.

The following persons were then proposed as assistant members
of the Institute,
Joseph Davis 2, Wm Wood Astorland, 2, William Hook 2, Chap
Alexander Dow - B. Charles Huntington 3
P. W. Lister Life Member

The Minutes then approved

H. Munro
President

Minutes of 9th September 1846

The General Committee of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal met this evening

J. H. Munro Esq. President in the Chair
Present - Gray, Baker, Walker, Dudley, Wood and Paterson,
The minutes of last meeting were confirmed

The President presented a Circular asking the Institute to become subscribers to a work entitled "The Book of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence of the United States, which work the Committee did not have requisite for the Institute at present

The President presented a statement of the probable liabilities and debts for the current year which was approved of
Next date Dec 25
D. H. Munro 30. 72 Books 1/6

The President then submitted the following sub-committee for the current year
Library & Reading Room Committee, Dudley, Walker & Angles & Gray
House Committee, Paterson & Coyle, Angles & Pungler,
Lecturing and class Committee, Paterson, Angles, Fowler & Brown
& names Committee Munro, Lewis & Wright
Handwriting Committee, Woods, Gray, Fowler & Pungler

The President requested that the Chairman of various

Sub-Committees take immediate action and prepare statements of their probable requirements for the Current year and submit the same at next meeting.

The President was authorized to issue notices for tickets for Coal for the following winter the same to be weighed at the High House, and at 3 Months Credit

M. Making them arrangements
A. Munro
President

Montreal 23 September 1861

The General Committee of the Institute of Montreal met this evening

A. Munro Esq in the Chair
Present: Smythe, Lindley, Robinson, Hayes, Gray, Morse, Wood
Subscribers & Trustees

Review of the minutes of last meeting being mislaid the Confirmation of them was deferred

A letter was read from Mr. H. Spear in answer to the resolution passed at the Annual Meeting, Craving to see to get his license taken for the Institute with the other Presidents.

Orders for Coal were read from Daniel Coy \$6.50, 6 cents for Cartage	Edwards Esq Cash	Bank of Montreal	\$6.50	Cartage
orders terms 3 Months		D. Worin	\$7.25	delivered
terms 3 or 4 Months		Miss - Mrs. Coy	\$6.75	do
3 Months		L. Leland	6.60	do
3 Months				

Motion by Mr. L. Smythe Secy by Mr. Robinson that Mr. Leland's Order be accepted

The Chairman of the Library Committee reported that the Home Journal published in Montreal was not printed now - ordered from a previous meeting and that the Books of the signatures of the Declaration of Independence they did not recommend and that they would not recommend the purchase of any new Books at present except new publications and a few duplicates of the more popular works and that the Books that require binding be bound, which was approved

The Chairman of the Class Committee reported that they had decided to open the Classes on the first Monday in November and that the usual Branches be taught, and the necessity of the desks new table tops and some extra Copies of Drawings, and they

recommended that a charge of 1 1/2 Cents per Month to pay for Gas, and from various expenses they would recommend some other means of suit from the Clap room, in order to obviate the noise on the stairs and passage.

Motion by Mr James Walker seconded by Mr Jonathan F. only but the Report be rec^d not adopted, Combs.

The Chairman of the House reported that Mr. Galt was to do whatever repairs he thought necessary to put the Heating apparatus in a satisfactory state and that he would prepare a statement of the Cost of it's work, so under the Chapter of the House Committee,

The President stated that the last quarter rent was nearly 2 Months over - but moved by N. A. Putnam Sec^y by Mr. Dudley that the President be and is hereby empowered to take whatever steps he may think necessary to receive the rents as they become due from the tenants of the Institute, Combs.

- Dr. C. Morrison. 1st Com. Sec 2nd John W. Hughes 3rd
- Arthur George 2nd William Stewart 3rd Samuel James 3rd Geo. Davis 2nd
- John Flynn 3rd William Flynn 3rd A. W. W. 2nd Alexander Miller 2nd Geo. Perkins 2nd
- W. W. Newman 2nd

The Minutes were approved
H. Munro
President

October 14th 1861

The Committee of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal met this Evng.

H. Munro Esq. in the Chair
Present Messrs Gray, Esq., Wood, Green, Bédard, Brown, Taylor, D'Amboise & Walker.

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

Letters were rec^d from Mr. Love & Mr. Turner asking to be engaged to teach the French Classes, one from Roy for architectural Drawing & one from Mr. Allanson to teach the English Classes.

Motion by Mr. Dudley Sec^y by Mr. Geo. Gray that the matter of engaging teachers be left to the Clap Committee, Combs.

A Letter was rec^d from Mr. P. O. ... teaching his resignation as a member of the French Committee which was accepted.

In motion of Mr. S. Fuller, sec^d by Mr. A. Putnam, on the grounds of his inability to attend to the duties of the Institute, Carried

The election of one to fill the vacancy was postponed till next meeting.

A letter was read from Mr. C. Smith stating that the expense of repairing apparatus to date was \$100.00 and that he was going to make several alterations, and make the apparatus efficient to the satisfaction of the Committee.

A letter was read from Mr. Law respecting the Sewing Machine

Moved by Mr. Fuller sec^d by Mr. D. Putnam that the letter be read and the Secretary be instructed to inform Mr. Law that the Institute considers the Machine a Bona Fide Sale and that it cannot receive the matter Carried

Wm. Sweet	Shambles	\$ 7.44	by Finance Committee
John Denton		4.00	do do
J. G. Bond	Hay	9.00	Finance Committee
Wm. H. H. H.		34.47	Finance Committee.

The President stated that the file of the Gazette kept for the Institute was of no service to the Institute and recommended that they be sold.

Moved by Mr. H. H. H. sec^d by Mr. Fuller that the (old papers) file of the Gazette kept by the Institute be sold for wrapping paper. Carried.

The President stated the walls of the Hall were in a very bad condition and that it was necessary something ought to be done to put them in a respectable state of repair.

Moved by Mr. D. Putnam sec^d by Mr. Putnam that the President be instructed to inquire into the cost of painting them with oil paint and if he sees fit to get them done Carried.

Members present N. Alfred Brown with 2^d Class, Wm. Patten 3^d Class

The closing then adjourned

A. Muroso
President

Montreal 28 October 1861
The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute met
this evening H. Munro President in the chair
Present Messrs. J. J. Krain Rutherford Woods (rose
J. G. L. Walker Snider.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed
A letter was read from the Star Bands hope Requesting to
know if the Hall could be got to hold a service and upon
what terms they could have the Hall. left with the President

A letter was read from Mr. Luning on behalf of the
Congregation worshipping in the Hall. Requesting to be allowed
to erect a baptismal font in the platform and to do so at their
own expense

Moved by Mr. Rutherford seconded by Mr. J. J. Krain that
permission be granted the Congregation worshipping in the Hall
to erect the baptismal font asked for in the platform
subject to the approval of the house Committee of united

Leaders were received from Messrs. McPhail & Mitchell
John McArthur son of John Haughton for the painting of the
Hall according to specification sent them by the
President McPhail & Mitchell \$121/00 McArthur Son 120/00
John Haughton \$110/00

Moved by A. Walker seconded by R. J. Krain
that as the amount of the expense of the painting of the walls
of the Hall will not exceed the sum of \$110/00 that the same
be done and executed in accordance with the specifications and
that the president be authorized to accept John Haughton's tender.

The president stated that he had requested Messrs.
Messrs. Kennedy & Rutherford to inspect the roof of the Building
and laid on the table several suggestions from them to be
taken up again.

Accts. from Mr. Capelauds for coal \$132/36 certified
by the president as being correct and referred to the finance Comtee
for payment.

The president appointed Messrs. Krain & Walker as
Scrutiners to Ballot for a Member in the place of J. Pringle
Resigned Mr. McQuinn was declared duly elected a member of
Committee in the place of J. Pringle Resigned

The following persons were then admitted Members of the Institute

The Meeting adjourned
H. Munro
President.

Montreal August 11th November 1861

The General Committee met this evening
H. Munro President in the Chair
present Green, Rutherford, Wood, Gray, Findlay
The Minutes of last Meeting was read and confirmed.
Account from the Seminary \$216.00 Finance Committee
Montreal Waterworks. 63 — — —

Members admitted William McVieen Life Member
No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned

H. Munro
President

Montreal 25th November 1861

The General Committee met this evening. H. Munro President in
the Chair present Messrs. Gray, Findlay, Rutherford, Wood,
Craw, Walker.

The Minutes of last Meeting was read and confirmed
Matter from the Phoenix & Liverpool & London and Montreal
Insurance Companies stating that in consequence of the Sconic
Exhibitions being exhibited in the Institute an Extra Rate of 5 per
Cent. would be charged on the Insurance in the Building would be
Null and Void also two other letters from the Liverpool & London
stating that unless the extra was paid in case of accident from
the Panorama the Insurance would not be paid.

The President stated that he had several interviews with
the various agents of the Insurance Companies, and had been advised
as the only safe course to pursue to take the risks in other offices one
in the Royals for \$14000.00 at 1/5. and one in Gaulty both
covering panoramas and all other risks. The President
also stated that he had got a water pipe & ware erected in the
Small room at side of platform and that his son was to take a
Life Membership Ticket for the account, of that and some others
accents due by the Institute.

The President also read a copy of a
letter to the agent of the Phoenix & Liverpool demanding the
refund of the sum of £514.7 the amount of premium paid them
for the remaining portion of the year which they declined to continue
the risk up to 21st 1862

Moved by W. Rutherford seconded by John Findlay that the
President & Secretary be instructed to take the advice of Council
as to whether the Institute can recover by Law the sums paid
in premium and if favorable to institute an action for the
Recovery of the same. Carried

Moved by Rutherford seconded by W. Findlay
that the action taken by the President in having the
Building insured in other offices & highly approved of
and presented to Pickup \$11.00 Reading Room (Ct)
John Soul 32/50 Library Room (Ct)
Members proposed and admitted

The Meeting adjourned
H. Munro
President

Montreal 9th December 1861
The General Committee of the Institute met this evening
H. Munro President in the Chair present Messrs.
Wm Findlay Rutherford John Inglis Wood & Walker
The Minutes of last Meeting was read & confirmed
A letter was read from Mr Thompson of Port Hope asking
information respecting the panorama and the lowest price that
the Institute would submit for. The President stated that
he had replied to the same giving all the necessary information
A second reply from Mr Thompson inquiring if he
would require to come to Montreal to which a reply had been sent
A letter was read from Liverpool & London insurance and in
reply to a letter sent by the president stating that the policy
would hold good except from accidents by fire from panoramas
also a letter from the Montreal stating that as there had
been a misunderstanding the Policy would be good without
extra premium and in regard to the legal advice of counsel
his opinion was that in point of law we could not know what
some extenuating circumstances might turn up from the evidence which would
decide the case favorably for us.

Members admitted

Meeting adjourned
H. Munro
President

Montreal 23^d December 1861

The General Committee met this evening H. Murray President in
the Chair Present. Findlay Forsythe Grey Rutherford &
Woods. The Minutes of last Meeting was Read and
Confirmed

The President stated that the Panorama
was sold to a party in G.W. for \$50/00 The President also
stated that the Phoenix Insurance office had returned the
premium and that both Murray Wood would allow their
patents & stonid goods and that the Extra premium claimed by
the Liverpool & London had been paid. The Committee unanously
concurred in the action of the president in regard to the Insurance
Companies. The President stated that Mr Bagnes or some of
his Members after Congregation worshipping in the Hall had in endeavoring
to turn the Panoramma now on Exhibition in the Hall on Sunday
the 22^d of this month so injured the painting as to seriously
damage and destroy it. and that a communication with Mr Leaning
on the subject of damage done he stated that the Congregation was to have
full possession of the Hall on the Sabbath and insisted on such being given
to them. and any impediments he would move out of the way
The panorama proprietor claimed some \$30 for damage done —
Moved by Mr Rutherford seconded by Mr Findlay that immediate
action be taken to ascertain the damage done to the Panoramma
and that the account of the same be presented to Mr Leaning or
Mr Bagnes for payment

Members proposed and admitted Campell Bryson 3
Patrick Grooley 3. Patrick Madden 3. John Walker 2 —
Thomas Dutton 2. G. Hunt 2. Robt Hamilton 2. Robt Paterson 2
Meeting adjourned P
H. Murray
President

Montreal 3^d January 1862 —

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Mechanics
Institute was held this evening in the Glass Room for the election of
Delegates to the Board of Arts and Manufacturers (16 Members present)

The Secretary called the Meeting to order and stated
that in consequence of the absence of the President and Vice-
President the Meeting would please Elect a chairman pro tem
Resolved unanously that G. W. Murray do take the Chair
The Secretary then Read over the names of the Delegates for the
past year and stated that the Institute was entitled to 200 votes

Mr Pell enquired for information in regard to the position of the Board of Arts. Mr Rodden in reply stated what the Board had done during the past year and also that the sub-committee had done all in their power to obtain a grant sufficient to defray the expenses of sending proper representatives to the Great exhibition, at London this year but that the Government could not allow a larger sum than \$1000 to pay the expense of the commission.

The Chairman named Messrs W. Wood Jonathan Findley and Mr Ross Secretaries the following list is the members elected by ballot.

W Weaver, R B Stone, B Chamberlin, J Findley
Dumbar Brown, James Shearer, Henry B. Palmer, A Murray
John Woods, J R Pell, A Perry, W L Rodden, a Stearns
P McQuiston, A Ramsay, David Brown, a Carter
Geo Drummond, John Peapack, W Perry

The meeting then adjourned
C Munro
President

Montreal 13th January 1862

A meeting of the general committee of the Institute was held this evening. J H Stratham Vice in the Chair. Present Messrs Findley Walker Fowler & Woods. The Minutes of last meeting was read and confirmed.

Accts. presented. Fronts Globe \$8/00 Lib Cont
R & A Miller \$7/00 Lib Cont, John Soul \$32/50 Lib Cont
Jul & Jus - 30/42 home Cont, John McLaren 7/50 home
Members admitted James Young 3, George Sable 3
Robt McCallack 2, William Welch 2, Messrs Edward McAglow 3
John Martin 3, Daniel Conway 3, Henry M. Sinton 3^d.

The meeting then adjourned until Tuesday evening owing to the absence of the President.

C Munro
President

Montreal 14th January 1862

The adjourned general meeting of committee was held this evening. C Munro President in the Chair. Present Findley Jepsis Rutherford, Walker Wood.

Matter was read from the Secretary of the Board of Arts & Manufactures stating the board had appointed a committee of three to confer with a committee of the Institute on the possibility of making arrangements for the charging of the Library of the Board and placing in charge

and what would be the additional cost to the Board
the President named as a committee - Munro, Bertram & Findlay
The Correspondence, between the Secretary and Mr Leeming
Sect of the congregation worshipping in the Hall Regarding the
Damage done to Cab Tillotsons Panorama. also a letter
from Cab Tillotson stating the damage done, to the Panorama
to be \$31/00 Mr Leeming sent 10/00 to assist in paying the expense
of damage done (as a testimony) and a letter from Mr Leeming stating
that the congregation had found another church to worship in
and that they expected to get possession in a month or six weeks
the Balance of Damages still due is 21/00

Moved by Mr Findlay seconded by Mr Wood, that the
President be and is hereby authorized to take legal
proceedings against Mr Bayne or Mr Leeming to recover the Balance
due for Damages done to the panorama, if such action be
found necessary.

Moved by Mr Rutherford seconded by Mr Findlay
that the Committee see with deep regret the inability of
Mr Richardson the Superintendent to attend to the duties of the
Institute, on account of his advanced age Resolved that
the Secretary be instructed to advertise forthwith for a
successor at a salary of \$1400 per annum

Maty adjourn

H. Munro
President

Montreal January 27 1862

The General Committee met this evening
H. Munro President in the Chair present Angus Grey,
Fowler, Rutherford, Bertram, Irwin, Josephine Findlay, Wood,
Walker, McQuintin

The Minutes of former Meeting was Read
and Confirmed

The Committee appointed at last Meeting to
confer with the Committee of the Board of Arts and Manufactures
regarding the change contemplated of the two Libraries into one
Reported that a Meeting of the two Committees had taken place and
the Committee ^{of the Board} were anxious to ascertain the views of this Committee what
the Institute might expect to take charge of the Library

Moved by Mr McQuisten seconded by Mr Gray that a
Committee to consist of the following Members, The President
Taylor, Rutherford, Forsythe, & Bertram, to make out a
plan and estimate as to the probable costs of making the
alterations to the two Libraries into Classrooms. and to submit
the same to a special Meeting to be held on the 1st February
next.

The President stated that he had an interview
with Mr Bayne regarding the damage done to the
Panorama. Mr Bayne stated that the congregation
worshipping in the Hall had come to the conclusion to
allow the Institute to take their own course in regard to
the matter. Mr Monk's advocate informed him that it
was one of these questions which was difficult to give an opinion
about but he thought from the information he had got that the Institute
would lose the suit if entered upon and he recommended the Institute
to try and settle the affair in some other way than a suit.

Ap. Negro Price 300 have (con note) Hopins if comit
Members Proposed and admitted
John Blair 2^d. James Chippindale 2^d. John Holmes 2^d
Richard Chapman 7 Joe Watson 2^d.

See Meeting adjourned until Saturday
Evening at 7 o'clock

W Munro
President

Montreal 1st February 1862

A special Meeting of the General Committee of the Institute
was held this evening for the purpose of opening the applications
for the office of Superintendent

W Munro President in the Chair
present Messrs. Waller, Gray, Sindley, Rutherford, Wood, W
Corse, Kyle, Bertram, Forsythe, McQuisten

The President was requested to open
the applications, and to hand over the names to the Secretary for
insertion. There was 84 applicants after the whole of the
names had been read over and inscribed in a sheet of paper
the Meeting adjourned until Monday evening the 3rd
Inst at 7 o'clock P.M.

W Munro
President

Montreal 7th February 1862
The General Committee met this evening.

H. Munro President in the Chair
present. A. Bertramy Inglis. Wood. W. B. Corse. Findlay. Innes the-
Walker Rutherford. Gray. McQuistin Fowler Grovin

The Minutes of former meeting was read and confirmed
The following applicants for the Situation of Superintendent
was brought into the Committee Room separately and Examined by
the committee as to age and qualification and to ascertain
from them personally if they understood the duties connected with
the Situation as Superintendent of the Institute and at what date
they could assume the duties. providing they were elected
all gave Satisfactory answers to the questions put to them the
Examination of Candidates being finished the President stated
before proceeding to the election he had a duty to perform in justice to the
Institute one of the Members of Committee had stated to him that Mr.
Williamson when a teacher at New Glasgow had several times used
Liquor to prey as to make himself unable to attend to his duties
as a teacher and upon a thorough investigation such had
turned out as he the President had been informed on several occasions
he stated also that the same charge had been made out against
Mr. S. Robertson after a very Carefull investigation he the
President could not trace the Rumour but further then when a
Teacher in LaSalle had used liquors freely but times for he
Came to Montreal he has been president of a Band of hope -

Mr. W. Rutherford corroborated the Presidents Statements in
Regard to Mr. Williamsons having on two occasions drunk
to excess so as to make himself unfit for duties.

The President then appointed Messrs McQuistin and
Inglis as scrutineers and the Meeting proceeded to the Election
of a Superintendent when Mr. S. Robertson was
declared duly elected -

The Meeting adjourned

H. Munro
President

Montreal 2^d February 1862

An adjourned general special meeting of the committee of the Institute was held this evening at 13^o rue in the Chair present Messrs. Woods, Murray, Inglis, Findlay, Fowler, Rutherford, Bertram, McQuisten, Walker, Gray, & Irving

Moved by Mr Rutherford seconded by Mr Findlay that the Member who may be elected Superintendent of the Institute shall give one hundred pounds security
Carried

Moved by Mr Rutherford seconded by Mr Fowler that no person be elected whose age is known to be over 45 years of age.

Moved in amendment by Mr J. Findlay seconded by Mr McQuisten that the age be confined to 48 years. The amendment being put was after the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment which was declared Carried

Names of those who was left over for further consideration

James W. Wallace

William Bass

Alex. Robertson

John Dewitt

D. W. Carnie

Alex. C. Williamson

This finishing the applications and the selection of the mode from one of those as above Mr Williamson being in the Room was brought in and examined before the committee as regards his age and fitness for the office age 47 years could enter upon his duties immediately if required. also Mr Robertson age 37 years the applicants was informed that the hours of attendance was from 9 to 10 in ~~sum~~ winter and 8 to 10 in summer and also informed what their duties would be

The house Committee Reported that the Roof of the Building in their opinion was in a very unsatisfactory state, and that immediate steps should be taken to do something for it

Moved by Mr Rutherford seconded by Mr Findlay that the Committee appoint two competent persons to examine the Roof and Report at an early day the committee appointed Messrs Roberts and Patton
Carried

The Meeting then adjourned until Friday evening 7^o Clock

H. Murray
President

Montreal 10th March 1862

The General Committee of the Institute met this evening
A Munro President called Lewis

present Bertram Bylis Irwin. Findley Woods
The Minutes of last Meeting was read and confirmed
The Secretary read a communication from Mr Robertson
in reply to a letter sent him on the 8th Feb. informing him of
his Election as Superintendent and giving as his surety
Mr Charles Robertson Craig Street as his surety for one
hundred pounds

Moreover Mr Bylis seconded by Mr Bertram that the
letter be received and that the surety be accepted

Correct

Act's presented	E Pickup	\$11/00	Levy Committee
Ward & Jackson		\$7/50	House do
Mitchel Cochrane & Co		\$50/24	do do
B Dawson & Son		\$474/66	Levy do

Members admitted J S Black 3 Mr Robertson 3 Samuel
McLeod 3 Charles Ross 1 John Shea 2 John King 3 Victor
Ray 1 Alton Edson 3 John Smith 3

The following Report was received from Messrs
Roberts and Patton regarding the safety of the ~~Prison~~ Coal
referred to the same Committee to report at next Meeting

The president stated that Mr Richardson had been paid
his Salary in full up to date Requesting the Committee to decide
what was best to be done in regard to the old man Salary.
Refered to next Meeting.

Mr Bertram gave notice that he would
move at next Meeting that all the officers of the Garrison be
presented with free tickets to the Reading Room of the Institute
during the time they remain in the city

Meeting adjourned

A Munro
President

Montreal May 26, 1862.

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute met this evening. H. Murro President in the chair present Messrs Bertram, Core, Rutherford, Findlay, Inglis & Forsythe.

The Minutes of former Meeting was Read and confirmed. Mr Forsythe was requested as Secretary.

The President & Treasurer were requested to draw the arrangements made for the immediate painting of the gutters and stair case of the Institute to get 4 Coats of good oil paint and to accept John Haughtons tender to do the work and to accept of the Credit 12 months after finishing.

Certs presented Evan Brothers \$9.57c
New Members admitted Messrs Savel 3 Cents
Alfred Sautelle 3 Cents

The Meeting adjourned.

H. Murro
President

Montreal June 30th 62

A Special Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening. H. Murro in the chair present Messrs Core, Bertram, Findlay, Rutherford & J. Proin in absence of the Secretary. Mr Proin was requested to act as such pro tem. Minutes of last Meeting Read and confirmed.

The object of the Meeting to consider the propriety of presenting an address to His Excellency the Governor General on his visiting this City.

Moved by A. Bertram seconded by J. Findlay that the General Committee present an address to His Excellency in the name of the Mechanics Institute on his first visit to this City and that he be elected Patron of the Institute (voted unanimously).

Moved by W. B. Core seconded by W. Rutherford that an address be prepared for approval before presentation. Carried.

The following address was Read and approved at the Ordinary Meeting held for printed address.

The President requested as many of the Members and officers as could make it convenient to be present at the time appointed to meet His Excellency. The following act Henry Row 2/50 John Bayard 1/70
Members admitted J. A. Spaulding 3 Cents Benjamin Watson 2nd
The following Resolutions were passed James Strachan James Tassie
Chas. A. Remmes The Meeting adjourned — H. Murro
President

Montreal 24th March 1862

The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute met
this evening W. Munro President in the Chair
present Messrs. Bertram Walker Inglis Wood
Findlay McQuitern & Co.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed
The Finance Committee reported that they had not been
able to hold a meeting to take up the Report of Messrs
Robert & Patton in consequence of the absence of their
Secretary who had all the necessary information required
to take up the case.

A Communication was received from Lieut Col Hyginia
Chairman of the Soldiers Committee appointed to get up a
Reading Room for the Troops in Garrison at Montreal stating
that at a Meeting of that Committee a communication was
made by Mr. Senn Esq. on behalf of the Committee of the Mech
Institute offering a large room and the use of the Reading Room
free for a short time for the use of the Men of the Garrison
and thanking the Committee for their liberality.

Adams 4/- 6/90 House Land.

John Bulmer 3/00 do do

Members proposed and admitted R. N. Casan 2^d
Thomas Gudgey 2^d

The Library Committee submitted a book composed of
11 volumes entitled the Imperial Journals for the Compt
to be made upon.

Moved by Mr. McQuitern seconded by Mr. Findlay
that the President be authorized to purchase the work
providing such can be got a price not to exceed \$7/00
Carried

The Meeting then adjourned till Monday Evening

W. Munro
President

Montreal 31 March 1862

An adjourned Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening H. Munro President in the Chair present Messrs Walter Forsyth Corne & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting was read & approved
The Meeting was adjourned from last Monday, untill this evening to take into consideration the propriety of giving a pension to Mr Richardson the late Superintendent after some discussion it was moved by J. Forsyth seconded by J. Walter that in consideration of the long and faithful services of Mr Richardson and in consequence of his failing health that an extraordinary general Meeting of the Members of the Institute be called at an early date to take the matter of giving him "into consideration" a pension and that the Committee recommend such to the Meeting the propriety of giving him a pension of \$100 per annum Carried

The Meeting adjourned
H. Munro
President

Montreal 14 April 1862

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Mechanics Institute was held this evening

H. Munro, President in the Chair

20 Members being present the Meeting proceeded to the Business of the evening

The President stated that the Meeting was called for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of giving a pension to Mr Richardson the late Superintendent of the Institute and that for the information of this Meeting the Committee has had the matter before them for some time past and at their last Meeting recommended that this Meeting give him a pension of one hundred and sixty dollars per annum for the remainder of his natural life

The secretary was requested to read the Resolution of General Committee taken the 31 March in Relation to Mr Richardson's services and the salary proposed to give him

after a long discussion in which Messrs Forsyth, Bell, Wood, Palmer & Meares took part

It was moved

It was moved by J. E. Bell seconded by G. W. Meurer
that the Recommendation of the Committee in reference to the
late Superintendent Mr Richardson proposing an annual
Salary of forty pounds for such services as he may be
hereinafter enabled to render be concurred in on the express
Condition that such action is not in any way to be held
as a precedent for the future
Carried

The following persons were then admitted Members
of the Institute Sergeant Major W. H. D. B. Greenfield 3
Alfred K. Lucas 2 Henry G. Dixon 3 William Nichols 2

The Meeting adjourned
G. W. Meurer
President

Montreal 17th May 1862
A Special Meeting of the General Committee of the
Institute was held this evening to take into consideration
the alterations proposed to be made in the Tariff by the
Legislature in their session

W. Lums President in the Chair.
Present Messrs. Findlay Waller Bartram Wood McQuinton
Kutherford

The Minutes of last Meeting was Read and
Confirmed

The President stated that he had received
a telegraph this morning from the Hon. John Rose stating that
the proposed Tariff was important and that if any Consil-
eration of it was intended it ought not to be delayed
The President also stated that he had held a conversation
with the President of the Board of Trade and that he had
received one similar and that the matter would be brought
before the Board at their Meeting on Wednesday

Moved by A. Bartram seconded by J. Findlay that
an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the
Institute and Members Mechanics & Manufacturers -
generally be called for Thursday evening to take the Tariff
Question into Consideration
Carried

The President stated that the Soldiers had left the
Hall Room and gone to their new Reading Room

The Meeting adjourned -
W. Lums
President

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Montreal Monday Evening 14th July 1862.

The General Committee met this evening
The Honorable President in that their
present Messrs. Lane, Rutherford, Bertram, Jindlay
McQuiston ^{30th June} The Minutes of last meeting read and
confirmed. Mr. Rutherford was requested to act as secretary
for term 7. The President reported that the
address agreed to at last meeting had been presented to
his Excellency on July 3 1862 in the St. Lawrence Hall
Members present Mr. Lane, Mr. Bertram, J. Wood,
Mr. J. J. Jindlay, W. Rutherford & James Walton
his Excellency kindly requested the Deputations and
Simpson his pleasure to become patron of the Institute
The President stated that the Memberships
Committee had done nothing and could get the
Committee to do nothing and that a large amount
of arrears of Membership was still due. Some Members
of the Committee volunteered their services to assist and
give a few hours to assist the superintendent with some
of the most respectable members.

Moved by W. McQuiston seconded by J. Jindlay
that the President do call a general meeting of the Members
of the Institute to take into consideration the defective
state of the Hoopings and Spanting, and to lay before
the Meeting the Report of Messrs. Roberts & Patton
with the accounts and to submit any other suggestion
which the Committee has had under consideration and
that the President submit his views as to the best
mode of doing it to the Committee in writing before the
General Meeting, the Committee to meet 1/2 past 7 o'clock
and the General Meeting at 8 o'clock on Friday Evening
next. W. McQuiston 1/30

Henry Rose 3/50

Cooperation 370/00

Wmpton News 5/00

Members admitted John Simpson 2 Morris Roberts 2
Peter Lemoine 3. W. Fullhams Resignation accepted
the Meeting adjourned to meet
again on Friday Evening at 7 1/2 o'clock P.M.
precisely

Montreal 18 July 1862

A General Meeting of the Members of the Institute was held this evening commenced by public advertisement
H. Munro President in the Chair present Messrs Rodden
Jossythe Rutherford Wood, Reid Ferguson & McEustice
in consequence of their being no quorum the meeting adjourned
to Sunday evening next and to call a public
meeting for that evening at 8 o'clock P.M. and to satisfy the
Committee to meet at 9 o'clock Sunday
The meeting adjourned

H. Munro
President

Montreal 22 July 1862

Our adjourned General Meeting of the Members was held this
evening in the Institute H. Munro President in the Chair
present Messrs D Brown R Jossythe R Rodden Wood, -
J Watson D McPherson J McEustice, Robt Hammond
Jones Rievin Symmers, J. C. McEwen and others

The president read to the meeting the Minutes of
General Committee calling the meeting of the Members for Friday
Evening but was adjourned to this evening in consequence
of their being no quorum. The president stated that the
meeting was called this ^{evening} together to take into consideration
the very insecure state of the Roof and the bad state
of the gutters. The president then reads the Report of Messrs
Roberts & Patton, and also one from Kennedy and Mathewson
all concurring in the same opinion that the Roof required
something done with it a good many ways had been suggested
but he believed the most efficient mode to remedy the
defects was to take the Roof off altogether, and put a new
one the plans of Messrs Roberts & Patton was also laid on the
table for the information of Members. The president also
submitted a statement of the proposed alterations to build
the Back up and put on a new Roof \$1250.00. and of the
Roof only say \$1300. and also a statement of the increased
Revenue say \$150 per annum providing the Roof was built up
and the Hall enlarged and of the Roof only very little could
be looked for additional to the Revenue. An informal
discussion took place in which Messrs Brown Rodden
Core Wood Pell Mathewson and others took part as to
the best mode of carrying out their contemplated
improvements

Mr. Plouffe then submitted the following
that in the opinion of this Meeting it is desirable
the accommodation in the Institute should be extended
if practicable by Building over the vacant ground
putting on a new Roof enlarging the Reading Room
Removing the Library Constructing a new bus Room enlarging
the hall and other minor improvements that the subject
be referred to the officers & Committee of Management of the Institute
with Instructions to Report at an early date the expense of such
a project the best means of carrying it out and at what rate
also can be effected for that purpose.

That such improvements
be made by the Committee of Management as to secure the
Building from injury for the present from the effects of the bad roof
moved by McNeill seconded by D Brown
that it is desirable to put a new Roof on the Building
and that said Roof be put on with a view to the enlargement
of the Building and that the Committee make such inquiries
as they may think proper as to the best and cheapest
means of obtaining funds for that purpose and that
they also Report the cost of the whole extension —

Carried
The Meeting adjourned J. M. M. President

Montreal July 28th 1862
Meeting of General Committee held this evening
J. M. M. President in the their
presence Messrs. Pertram, Brown, Rutherford, Walker
Sindlay Fosythe Mr. Fosythe was reported to act as
Secretary. The Minutes of former Read and confirmed
After an informal discussion on the details of the
proposed alterations in the Institute were generally approved
and it was unanimously resolved that the President
employ some competent person under his direction to prepare
plans and estimates of the works as proposed, and to submit
them to a meeting of this Committee to be held this day week
the Meeting adjourned. J. M. M. President

Montreal August 4th 1862

The general Committee met this evening
H. Munro President in the chair

present. Messrs Rutherford, Goin, Sindley, Sogthe
& McQuisten (Mr Sogthe acted as secretary)

The minutes of former meeting read and confirmed
The president submitted a set of drawings for a plan
under his instructions and expense showing the proposed
additions and alterations ^{to the building of the Institute} but untill
a statement of the position ^{of the finances of the Institute} does not feel justified
in coming to a decision on the plans it was therefore
Resolved that this meeting do adjourn

Ordered
H. Munro
President

Montreal August 6 1862

A Special General Meeting of the Committee met this
evening To consider the financial statement and the plans
H. Munro in the chair present, Rutherford, Bertram, Sogthe
Goy McQuisten Goin in the absence of the Secretary Mr Sogthe
was appointed Secretary pro tem

The minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed
The president having submitted a letter from J. B. Griffin Esq.
offering to advance a sum of from 5 to 6 thousand pounds
on a first mortgage on the Mechanics Institute this
committee is of opinion that as this money is offered at an
interest of 6 percent it is advisable to accept Mr Griffins offer
and consolidate the debt of the Institute if this can be legally done
and they hereby authorize the president to obtain all inform-
ation possible regarding this loan and to draft a report
embodying the views of this committee to be submitted to be
submitted to the meeting of the members of the Institute
to be called for Friday next.

The meeting then adjourned

Copy of Mr Griffins Letter 14 August 62

H. Munro Esq President of the Mechanics Institute. Montreal
Sir With reference to your verbal application (for a loan) I am
instructed to say that the Institute can have between 5 to 6 thousand
pounds at 6 percent per annum provided it will be the first
mortgage. An answer must be given by Thursday next

John B. Griffin
Esq.

H. Munro
President

Moved by A. Bentham seconded by H. Rutherford

That this Committee having examined the Plans ~~proposed~~ of the proposed alterations & extensions of the Mechanics Institute as prepared under the direction of the president it is therefore resolved that the plans be adopted by this Committee and submitted for the approval of the Institute, and that accordingly be asked to borrow a sufficient amount to carry out the work as speedily as possible - ~~Carried~~ - which estimate will amount to a probable ~~total~~ of seventy hundred pounds - Carried

This Minute was read a second time at the time and content the same - Gave H. Rutherford

J. M. M. M. M.
President

Montreal 8 August 1862

A Special General Meeting of the Members of the Institute was held this Evening to receive the Report of the General Committee respecting the contemplated alterations in the Building. The Hon. President in the Chair present Messrs W. Weaver, C. Gorth, J. Wood, A. Denton, R. Soszynski, M. Plummer, J. Findlay, S. Murray, Elliot, Ware, Whitlaw, G. Conditshanks, Craig, D. Murray - G. Gray, R. Ben and others.

The Minutes of the adjourned General Meeting of the Institute held on the 22nd July were read and confirmed.

The President read the statement of the General Committee to the Meeting giving the views of Committee on the Roofing and alterations also a statement of the Montgomes on the Building and grounds.

Gentlemen

Your Committee in accordance with the Resolution of General Meeting of July 22nd has taken the earliest opportunity of calling you together in regard to the State of the Roofing and Gutters. A great many Reports during the preceding 6 years have been submitted to the General Committee and the Members of the Institute in regard to the State of the Roofing and all has concurred that the only way to remove the defective State of Roof was to take it away altogether and put on a new one using as much of the old Timber as could consistently be found practicable. The last Report is before you that of Messrs Roberts & Putnam and the probable costs - Your Committee on Receipt of Report considered that the Roofing might stand over another Winter with care but since the date of said Report has been come to change their minds in regard to the Roof sustaining its self another Winter. The Roof is very badly every heavy Rain comes down through the lead ceiling and has lead to employ Buckets in hall to prevent the drop coming down the ceiling. The gutter is also badly and will require a new gutter of tin at a cost of £85.0.0 taking everything into consideration your Committee has had a set of plans prepared of the present Building showing ^{also} the contemplated improvements and additions at a cost of some £1600. Your Committee believes such to be the only scheme for advancing the interests of the Institute and also of producing an additional Revenue to pay off the debt by establishing a sinking fund (the interest alone would amount that 18 years spent and the difference at present

The sum of £380 - a good sinking fund of its self) Ann. due 2250
By 2000 2620
2380

Sup probable amount Receipts. New Shop £50 -
Board of Arts and Manufacturers Say £50 Say added to
in Receipts of New hall as enlarged £75. Making in all
£175. - Something may be obtained from New Law Room -
Your Committee Believes Such to be fair Statement Several
Other Suggestions your Committee looked under Consideration
and would merely enumerate them without the slightest
intention of recommending any of them. I do take at the present
Dress. and put in a New one using as much of the present
timber as found practicable. and to take at the present slating and
Gravel Roofing and to replace them at a cost of \$1300. New tin
Gutter \$40/00 Making in all \$1640 Another Scheme to
put in Cast Metal Columns 8 in Number below the present
Fire Beam at a cost of \$256/00 and gutters \$40/00 in all \$296/00
Several others by way of patching up the present Roof. but your
Committee can suggest no plan whereby the Institute would
Derive a sufficient amount to pay the interest on the sum
Borrowed to make such Repairs and alterations but by adopting
the scheme of altering the Roof Raising the walls and adding
the piece at the end to the Building your Committee has
Come to the Conclusion of recommending the one as set forth in these
drawings with all the additions and alterations as laid down
being the most complete and satisfactory scheme. and your
Committee comes before you to ask from you the power to borrow sufficient
funds to carry out the additions and alterations as set forth in
the said Drawings at a cost say \$1600. and to borrow at a rate
not Exceeding 8 percent and that if found practicable
that the whole debts of the Institute be consolidated under
one head at a Rate of interest not to Exceed 8 percent -

W. M. Home President

Moved by A. Murray seconded by W. C. Booth that for the purpose
of Making the proposed additions and alterations to the Building the
Committee are hereby authorized to borrow the Required amount £1600
for a period of from five to ten years at a Rate of interest not Exceeding
Eight percent or failing to obtain that amount in addition to the
present incumbrances on the property they are authorized to borrow such
a sum not Exceeding £1000. as will Consolidate the whole present
debt provided the Money can be obtained at 6 percent for not less than
15 years and that Mr Jeffrey will take immediate payment of the
Mortgage in his power and the Committee are desired to report
to a general Meeting as soon as the preliminary arrangements
are made.

Carried unanimously
The Meeting adjourned W. M. Home
President

August 11th 1862

The General Committee met this evening
W. Munro President in the chair present Messrs
Grove, Rushford, Findlay

The Minutes of last meeting were read and
Confirmed The president read a copy of a
letter sent to Mr Jeffrey Dubee to enquire if Mrs Jeffrey
would accept payment of the Mortgage and immediately
Discharge the liabilities of the Institute No Reply received
The president stated that J. Griffin had offered
to advance the sum required by \$1000 for 20 years at 6 per cent
Members present John Stetler 3 Class

Walter Inabin 1. Josiah Bruce 3. George Southwell 3
Jo Shree 3. James McQuirk 3 John Fleming 3 -
Members Resigned P. Diamonds, G. Hyde, G. Robinson
E. Davis, John Craig, 1 Mrs Newman, W. Carson,
Robt Gaulley, Sam Hammond Henry Morton,

L Matherson W. Inall Charles Gordon W. Edson, R. W. Jordan

The president stated that he had seen Mr Capelton
about furnishing coal for the winter Mr Capelton stated he
would furnish the Pitson Coal to the Institute in sufficient
quantities to heat the Institute for the winter at the same
amount that the Institute paid for the coal last winter
The president was instructed to accept the offer but to get
the same in writing

The meeting adjourned

W. Munro
President

Montreal August 18th 1862

A Special General Meeting of the Committee was held this evening H. Munro President in the Chair present Bertram G. Gray, V. B. Coxe, Findlay W. Rutherford & Fosythe.

Minutes of former Meeting were read and confirmed. The President read a letter received from Jas Jeffrey Dubee on subject of advancing an additional loan to the Institute for the purpose of repairs and extensions of the Building the letter being considered by the Committee on various answers to the President's Question it was Resolved to take no further notice of it.

The Committee unanimously Resolved that the President and Treasurer have full power to make arrangements with Mr Griffin to get £6000. at 6 percent for the purpose of consolidating the debts of the Institute on the most advantageous terms possible.

The Meeting then adjourned
H. Munro
President

Montreal 20th August 1862

The General Committee met this evening H. Munro Pres^r in the Chair present Messrs Rutherford, Gray, Gray & Fosythe.

The President and Treasurer Reported as follows and as a Sub Committee appointed at last Meeting with power to negotiate the loan through J. C. Griffin in writing to him to close the loan of £6000 in accordance with his previous letter. to consolidate the whole of the debts of the Institute under one head for 20 years at 6 percent. the letter of your Sub Committee was submitted to the Church Society the parties having the Money to invest they declined to advance the Money for 20 years at the Rate of 6 percent and would confine the time to two or three years. notwithstanding the view to withdraw the Money but in the hopes that they would be able to obtain a higher Rate of interest than 6 percent or otherwise to introduce a clause that the Institute would bind themselves to repay the amount loaned in receiving 6 months notice your Committee could proceed no further with the negotiations and has come back to this Committee for further information how to proceed in the matter.

Moved by Mr Rutherford seconded by Mr Gray that the General Committee having only the Resolution of the General Meeting dated the 8th day of August to guide them that the President be and is hereby authorized to call a general Meeting of the Members of the Institute for Friday evening at 8 o'clock P.M. and to submit the Report of this Committee on the Loan to the General Meeting and all other information on the subject and that the Committee be notified to that effect hereafter.

Carried
the Meeting adjourned
H. Munro
President

Montreal Sept. 1st 1862

The Annual Meeting of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal was held this evening

H. B. Munro Esq. President in the Chair
Present Mess^{rs} Wm. A. Thomson & G. W. Waddell
J. Gray W. Bury A. Portman R. Gardner J. Findlay
R. Brown J. B. Beckett J. Whitelaw N. Morse - Inglis
J. Rossenden J. Wood - M^r Cornick - Wilson Rutherford
J. B. Pitt - Smith and several other Members

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved

In reading the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting the President stated that Mr Dion could not find time to get Mr W. Spiers who had consented to sit and his own likeness taken therefore nothing had been done

The accompanying Annual Report and Financial statement were then read to the Meeting

when it was moved by R. Fosyth seconded by P. M. Quinlan that the report be received and adopted Upon which a discussion ensued

The President read a letter from Mr G. W. Waddell dated 14th October 1861 to the Meeting and it was

Moved in amendment by Mr J. B. Beckett seconded by Mr W. Bury that the first clause on the second page be amended struck out and the following inserted in lieu thereof viz

That it is matter of regret that a large number of the Mechanics of this City should not avail themselves of the opportunities for improvement which the Institute affords

Carried

The following persons were elected Members of the Institute viz

Chas Scott, John Simpson, James M' Cormick, Edwin Cuskin, Jas Muckle, Chas Perkins, Saml Dute, James M' Gray, Thos A Scott, J D Boyer, Edw^d S King, Robt Turner, W^m Haycock Jⁿ Pridgely Matthew Lang

Moved by W Rutherford seconded by Geo Gray
That Mr Wray be presented with a Ticket of Life Membership for his valuable services as Teacher of the Mechanical Drawing Class for the last two winters free of charge to the Institute

Carried unanimously
The President then appointed Mess^{rs} A A Sturson W Reed and J Bell as scrutineers and the Meeting proceeded to the election of Office Bearers for the current year when the following gentlemen were elected viz
President Hector Munnre Esq^r

Vice President John S Becket Esq^r

Corresponding Secretary W R Brown

Recording Secretary W J Bell

Treasurer W B Borse Esq^r

Librarian W Jonathan Fendley

Subsist Keeper W Robt Forsyth

Committee Mess^{rs} Gray, Fossenden, Rutherford, Gardner, A Portman and W^m Reed

Moved by W Rodden seconded by R Gardner

That the Officers of the Institute be empowered to have a synopsis of the Annual Report printed in the News papers for publication

Carried unanimously
The President submitted a Deed from Mr Griffin and made a verbal report on behalf of the Committee appointed last meeting relative to the borrowing of Six Thousand Pounds for the consolidation of the Debt and making the contemplated improvements in the Building and stated that the Money could be obtained upon certain conditions contained in the Deed submitted

Moved by J Fendley seconded by A Portman

Montreal 23rd Augt 1862

A Special Meeting of the Committee of the Mechanics Institute was held this evening

H. Munro Esq. in the Chair

Present Messrs. Rutherford, Gray, Forsyth, Bertram
Corse & Wood

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & confirmed.

The President then read a report regarding the obtaining of the money to improve the Building

the report was unanimously adopted and the Meeting adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary

Montreal 22nd August 1862

A Special General Meeting of the Members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal was held this evening

H. Munro Esq. President in the Chair

Present J. C. Becket, A. Bertram, Whitlaw, McCornick
W. Reid, G. Gray, C. Garth, N. B. Corse, W. Rutherford,
R. Gardner, W. Rodden, R. Forsyth, J. Wood
Daniel Munro, W. Berry, A. A. Stevenson, Ferguson R. Irwin

The Minutes of last General Meeting were read and confirmed

The President then read the report of the General Committee respecting the obtaining of the £6000 say six thousand pounds Currency from the Church Society

The President then read a copy of a Letter written to James Jeffray Quebec (dated Montreal 9th August) Also
A letter in reply to his from Mr. James Jeffray

Over

a long discussion ~~then~~ took place which resulted in
the appointment of the following sub-committee
of the Institute to wait upon the Committee of the
Church Society, ^{or any other persons} and endeavour to get the conditions
of the Loan less stringent. Committee The
President, The Treasurer, Charles Garth, and
J. C. Garth Doct Pet

✓ Mr Roddens Resolution

The Meeting then adjourned

John Wood
Recording Secretary
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* Moved by J. Friedlay Seconded by Mr. Hartman
that the President is hereby authorized to borrow —
Money for the Institute upon Mortgage of all or any of
its property and more especially the Building and lot
forming the corner of Great St. James Street and St. Peter
Street of this City and to sign an obligation in form &
favour of the Church Society a body Corporate

for the sum of Six thousand pounds
Currency. Repayable by the Institute at the end of twenty
years from the date of said obligation bearing interest
at Six percent per annum. payable semi annually
from the date of said obligation until perfect payment
is made of the whole sum of Six thousand pounds &
the deed to contain such general clauses as the President
may agree to and other clauses such as the following —

A clause Binding the Institute to insure
the Building year after year for the security of the Church
Society and to hand over the policies or Renewal Receipts
to the Church Society or their legal Representatives

A clause binding the Institute to pay
the interest semi annually and finally the principle
to the Church Society or their Representative

A clause Binding the Institute
to pay off all such Mortgages that is upon the
Building and lot at the present time the Seminary of
Montreal, Charlette Viel & Mrs R. J. etc.

A clause Binding the Institute
to pay the Interest punctually at the dates due semi annually
and in default of the payment of the said Interest for the
space of thirty days after the said interest shall become due
and payable as before mentioned and provided for then and
in that case the whole of the said debt with all Interest
therein accrued shall immediately be and become exigible

A la word moved & copied
out

A clause to be introduced into the Bond Making
obligatory on the Institute to repay the loan borrowed
in receiving six months notice from the Church Society
providing the Legislature grants to Corporations such
powers as to exact a larger ~~interest~~ amount of interest
than six percent per annum and such being the case the
Institute is to have the first offer of the Renewal at a
rate not to exceed eight percent per annum

Carried unanimously

A correct Copy

John Wood
Recording Secretary

† Moved by Mr. Mr. Roddard seconded by Mr. R. Gardner
That the President Mr. Gault &
The Treasurer Mr. Beckett

Passed 22nd August

be a Committee of enquiry, as to the
best arrangement which can be
made for consolidating the debt
of this institute, amounting to the
sum total of six thousand pounds
and report the result of their
labours to the ~~annual Meeting~~
General Committee in time to
be acted on at the Annual
Meeting or sooner if possible
carried

Moved by W Rodden seconded by A Bertram
That the Officers of the Institute be authorized
to carry out the contemplated improvements in the
Building contingent on the obtaining of the Money
Larried

The Meeting then adjourned

Signed John Wood
Rudolf

Montreal Sept 8th 1862

The general committee met this evening
At Messrs Boy's Place in the Chair
Present A Bertram J Gray J Sessenden J B Bicket
W Reed J Lindley R Brown A B Borse R Gardner
and Bell

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and
confirmed

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting were read by
the President

The following parties were proposed as Members
viz Dan^l Kneen Esq^r class, Alfred Plumb, Jos^l Gault
George Plumb & Dan^l Bicket Esq^r class

The Secretary read a Letter of Resignation from
Mr Rutherford of his Office as a Committee Man

Moved by A Bertram seconded by J Lindley
That Mr Rutherford's resignation be accepted
Larried

Moved by J B Bicket
Seconded by R Brown

That the accompanying statement in reference to
the Annual Meeting be sent to the Newspaper
Office for publication

Larried

The President named the following gentlemen
a sub committee to draw up a Synopsis of
the Annual Report for publication viz
Mess^{rs} Gardner Bicket Sessenden & Bell

Mr Bicket to be the Governor of the same

The President read the accompanying report
a Chairman of the Finance Committee

Gentlemen

The Attorneys employed to investigate the
act of incorporation of the Mechanics Institute,
have decided that the Institute has no
power to borrow. and any Money Borrowed by
the Institute may be considered invalid and of
no use. Seeing such to be the case it will
be the duty of this Committee to take up the
whole question of the alterations & alterations
and consider what is best to be done whether
immediate steps will be taken to call an Extra
ordinary General Meeting of the Members of the
Institute pleasing the Institute through the general
Committee to have an amended act of incorporation
got through at the next Meeting of the Legislature
giving the Institute the power to borrow a sufficient
sum to ~~liquidate~~ ^{amalgamate} the whole debts of the Institute in
one Mortgage & will the Committee abandon
the Borrowing Scheme altogether and take
such means as may be thought necessary to
support the Roof and fix the spauling;
one of two things must be done by this Committee
and that at once as the seasons getting late
I have prepared Specification
accompanying the plans all which is respectfully
submitted

A. Manso
Chairman Fenwick Committee

To the Secretary of the
Mechanics Institute

Moved by J Findley Seconded by J Bertram
That a special General Meeting of the Members
be called for Friday next at eight o'clock P.M.
for the purpose of obtaining the concurrence of that
Meeting to the necessary Amendments to the Act
of Incorporation being applied for at the next
sitting of the Legislature to enable the Committee
to give security on the property for the proposed
Loan

Carried
Mr M Duester was duly elected a Member of the
Committee to fill one of the vacancies

Mr W Kennedy was duly elected Cabinet Keeper
The Committee then adjourned to Friday next
at 9 o'clock P.M.

J Bell Secy

Geo W. W. W.

Montreal Sept^r 12th 1862

Committee Met
Present

J B Bicket W.P. in the Chair
A Bertram J Findley W Kennedy J Fessenden and the
Secretary

The Minutes of last meeting were read and appro-
ved

The Vice President read on the Table an application
from a company of Ethiopian Ministers

Moved by W Reed seconded by A Bertram

That the said company be charged in addition
to the usual fee the cost of two Policemen

The Vice President stated that he had procured
the names of three gentlemen as collateral security
for that portion of the Loan required for immediate
use in Building but that he had not received their
acceptance from the Church Society

The Committee then adjourned

J Bell Secy

Geo W. W. W.

Montreal Sept. 12th
1862

Special Meeting of Members
Present

A. Murray Esq. - President in the Chair
J. B. Bicket W. P. R. Gardner W. Reed A. Perry A. Bertram
J. Fairbairn P. W. Luster R. Brown S. J. Weaver G. Hart
J. L. Sutherland A. A. Stevenson W. Rutherford W. Kennedy
J. Marsh W. Murray and the Secy

The President stated the object of the meeting was to obtain the sanction of the Members to necessary amendments being asked from the Legislature to enable the Committee to give security on the Property for the Loan proposed to be obtained

Moved by J. Fairbairn seconded by S. J. Weaver

That it having been found that the Act of Incorporation is not sufficiently explicit to enable the Corporation to borrow money upon the property and to mortgage the same for its repayment. Resolved that the General Committee be and are hereby authorized to obtain such changes and additions in the wording of the Act of Incorporation as to accomplish that object at the next sitting of the Legislature

Moved an amendment by A. Perry seconded by W. Murray that the following be added thereto

and that the said amendments shall contain a clause requiring the sum of two hundred Dollars to be annually set apart as a sinking fund for the liquidation of the Loan of six thousand Pounds which being put from the Chair was lost

* And the original motion was carried

The Meeting then adjourned

B. M. Secy

* The following amendment was also moved to the original resolution by W. Rutherford seconded by G. Hart

That all after the word Resolved be struck out and the following inserted viz That the Committee be requested to prepare the necessary amendments to the Act of Incorporation to enable the Institute to borrow money and to lay the same before an adjourned Meeting at an early day

B. M. Secy

Montreal Sept. 18th 1862

Committee Met
Present

J B Burt V P in the Chair
A B Borse - Gray J Lindley W Reed R Gardner
P M'Quinn R Brown

J Burt being unavoidably detained from attending R Brown acted as Secretary
The Minutes of the General and Committee Meetings were read and approved

A Letter from H Moore was read asking for a certain statement from the Committee (see the)
Moved by J Lindley seconded by W Reed
That the Committee cannot enter into any statement of language used in the Meeting of the 12th Inst^l at which H Moore was present

Carried

The President's Letter of Resignation was then brought up and upon mature consideration it was moved by J Lindley seconded by G Gray

That the resignation of the President be accepted

Carried

The Office of President being now vacant a Ballot was taken, and resulted in the unanimous Election of G W Weaver Esq^r and he was there fore declared President of the Montreal Mechanics Institute for the remainder of the present year instead of H Moore Esq^r Resigned
The Vice President reported that the Loan was effected

It was ordered that the following gentlemen be requested to meet and give their opinion as to the propriety of commencing the Building this fall viz

Mess^{rs} D Brown H Palmer D McQuinn W Kennedy and W Reed

The Meeting then adjourned

Signed R Brown Secy for J Burt

G W Weaver

Montreal Sept^r 20th 1862

In accordance with the invitation of the Committee the following gentlemen met for the purpose of examining the Plans and giving their opinion as to the practicability and advisability of proceeding with the additions and improvements this Fall viz
Mess^{rs} D Brown W Reid D McNeill and W Benn who happening to be in the room were also invited to take part in the proceedings.

The President, Vice President J Fossenden and the Secretary were also present.

When after much discussion and mature deliberation the gentlemen above named came to the unanimous conclusion that if the works were commenced immediately and carried through with promptitude and dispatch there is likely to be sufficient time to complete them before the setting in of winter weather.

They also recommended that tenders be invited from the following Contractors viz

Mess^{rs} W Reid Rutherford - Sutton & Roberts, Kennedy and S Maxwell

The Meeting then adjourned

Spolt Weaver

D M Seiz

Montreal Sept^r 22nd 1862

Committee Met

Present

J W Newson Esq^r Pres^t in the Chair
R Gardner W B Borse W Reid J Lindley R Vawter
A Bertram J B Bicket W P P M'Quinn and the Secretary

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved
The Secretary read the opinion of the gentlemen invited to a consultation in reference to proceeding with the additions and improvements this Fall which is given above

It is the opinion was unanimously concurred in by the Committee

A Bertram Moved, seconded by R Gardner that W Newson be requested to take the charge of the contemplated enlargements and improvements.

on the Institute. And that J. W. Menor, W. Reed
and D. Brown be a Building Committee
The resignation of W. Kennedy as a Committee Man
was received through Mr. Borse and accepted
The following parties were proposed as Members viz
W. Jackson and W. Rintoul 1st Class
E. W. Lacroix and Dan McFoy 2nd Class
D. L. Anderson and T. H. Burdell 3rd Class
W. D. Brown was unanimously elected a Member
of the Committee

The matter of obtaining the written assent of the Senate
and other parties interested in the right of way in the
rear of the present Building was brought up by Mr.
Borse and the President was requested to obtain the
same prior to any operations being commenced

The Meeting then adjourned

J. B. Bell Secy

Geo. W. W. W. W.

Montreal Sept^r 29th 1862

Committee met

Present

J. W. Menor Secy^r Pres^t in the Chair
J. B. Burtet W. P. W. Reed W. B. Borse J. Hindley D. Brown
G. Gray J. Rossenden R. Irwin A. Bertram and the
Secretary

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and approved
The Vice President reported that the arrangements
for the Loan were ready for completion and that
the City Bank had agreed to receive the same on
Deposit as follows viz five thousand Pounds in the
name of J. B. Anderson and the remaining one thou-
sand in the name of the Mechanics Institute of
Montreal allowing four per cent for the entire amount
with the permission to draw thereupon to the extent
of the said one thousand Pounds; it being agreed
and understood that the first named sum of five
thousand Pounds be immediately available upon
the necessary Amendments to the Act of Incorporation
being obtained from the Legislature

Moved by W. B. Borse Seconded by J. Hindley
That the above Report be received and that the
President of W. Menor Secy^r be and is hereby
authorized to sign all documents affecting the said

Loan on behalf of the Institute

Carried unanimously
The Vice President also reported that in order to
enable the Committee to
assist ~~in~~ of the above one thousand Pounds in
the mean time the Honble L H Hutton H J Babner and
J W Weaver Esq^{rs} have granted their united promissory
Note for that amount payable on the 1st day of May
next

Moved by R Druin seconded by W Reid that the thanks
of the Institute be tendered to these gentlemen for their
kindness in this matter and that the following letter
signed by the President be given to them pledging the
Institute to hold these gentlemen harmless in case of
any thing occurring to prevent the completion of the said
Loan

Montreal Sept^r 29th 1862

To the Hon^{ble} L H Hutton

H Babner & J W Weaver Esq^{rs}
Gentlemen

The Mechanics Institute having
negotiated with J B Anderson Esq^{re} acting for the Church
Society of the Diocese of Montreal a loan for 5000£ which
unfortunately cannot be consummated until an amendment
to the Act of Incorporation can be obtained at the next
Session of the Provincial Parliament, and the Institute
being in immediate want of 1000£ of the said Loan to effect
alterations and improvements in the Building in front St
James Street you have intervened to enable them to use
that amount, by granting your joint and several promissory
Note payable on the first day of May next to the order
of J B Anderson Esq^{re} Secretary for the Church Society
of the Diocese of Montreal

Now this is to say that the said
Note will be retired from the proceeds of the said Loan
as soon as the requisite Legislative Authority to effect
it is obtained and that pending the obtaining of such
authority at the next Session of the Legislature or fail-
ing the completion of the Loan from any cause whatsoever
the Mechanics Institute will provide means to protect
the said Note, so that you shall not in any event
be called upon to pay the same

Signed J W Weaver
Pres^t of the Institute

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J B Young's A/c of 20⁸ was passed and ordered
to be paid and charged to the Building Fund
The meeting then adjourned
Bell Speltman

Montreal Oct 1st 1862

Special Meeting of the Committee
Present

A W Weaver Pres^t in the Chair
J B Bicket J Brown J Gray A Gardner J Loomis
A Rawin A Bertram

In the unavoidable absence of the Rev^d Mr
A Rawin acted in his stead

The President stated that the object of calling the
meeting was to consider the report of the Building
Committee

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and
approved

The Building Committee presented the annexed
Report

Moved by J B Bicket seconded by A Bertram
That the Report now read be received and adop
ted and that the Building Committee be author
ized to take such steps as they may deem neces
sary to secure the Roof and repair the gutters &c

The President reported that the Loan was
completed and the papers signed and the money
deposited in the Bank

The sub committees were revised and stand
as follows viz

Library & Reading Room Miss^{es} Lindley Irwin Pell
and M^r Dunton

Lectures and Classes Miss^{es} Bicket Bertram
Presenden Gardner Gray and Lindley

House & Building Committee Miss^{es} Weaver Brown & Miss
Membership Miss^{es} Pell Presenden Gray M^r Dunton
and Irwin

Finance Miss^{es} Weaver Gore & Brown

The Committee then adjourned

Montreal Oct^r 13th 1862

Committee met
Present

A. H. Weaver Pres^t in the Chair
M. B. Bosc A. Reid R. Druin R. Gardner D. Brown
A. B. Burton J. Lindley and the Secy

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

The President read a Ltr from Mr. Lamer recommending Mr. Duvet as a French Teacher

Referred to the Class Committee

The following A^s were passed and ordered to be paid

A. Ramsay & Sons	\$42.00
J. Doyall & Son	10.25

Mrs^{rs} Parsons and Family A^s amounting to \$25.54 was referred to the Finance Committee to arrange

The President presented a statement of the current affairs of the Institute

The following parties were proposed as Members viz

- 1st class
 J^{rs} Young S. Hamilton J. H. Wells S. Phillips
- 2nd class
 J^{rs} Crosby & Davis J. S. Bennett J^{rs} Leslie
 J. Shattworth Tho^s Norman W. Withson J. Douglas
- 3rd class
 J^{rs} Locker S. Thompson A. Sutherland D. Lindley
 son A. M. Dutoit W. Brimmer P. Casey J. R. Watson
 J. D. Thompson W^m Mann W. Keshin J. W. Derrin
 J^{rs} Loring

The President read a Ltr from Mr. W. Hicks recommending Mr. S. Godfrey as a Teacher

Referred to the Class Committee

Moved by J. Lindley seconded by R. Druin that Ladies be admitted on the same terms as junior Members of the Institute to the use of the Library

The Committee then adjourned

J. B. M. Secy

H. W. Weaver

Montreal Oct^r 29th 1862

Committee met

Present

J W Weaver Pres^t in the
Chair W Reed A Bertman J Fossenden
R Drwin and the Secretary

The minutes of last meeting were read
and approved

The President presented an A/c from
Mr Griffin amounting to \$247.50 for pro
centage and other charges on Loan &
which was referred to the Finance Commit
tee to report on

The President stated that he had commu
nicated with Miss^{rs} Harper of New York on
on the subject of the purchase of certain Books
needed for the Library

The following parties were proposed as Members

1st class

L P Thomas

2nd class

Matthew Hodge L A Valentine

3rd class

R Pinkerton J^{rs} Beattie S Scott Andrew Jett
J^{rs} M^r Donald J^{rs} Lucker Jos^{rs} Drwin

The meeting then adjourned

J B All Surf

Geo. W. Weaver

Montreal Nov^r 24th 1862

Committee met

Present

J W Weaver Pres^t in the
Chair J Fossenden A Bertman P M^r Quistin
R Gardner R Drwin J Lindley and J B All

The minutes of last meeting were read and
approved

Mr Gardner reported from the Class Commit
tee that Mr King had promised to teach a
Drawing class if some assistance were pro
vided

Miss^{rs} Gibb & Hunters A/c of \$9.00

The Summary A/c of \$54.00

and other A/c for Insurance & were passed and

ordered to be paid
The following parties were proposed for
Memberships viz

1st Class

J. A. Pease R. M. Tutosh J. Davidson W. B. Milley
D. M. Arthur D. M. Kuzee

3rd Class

R. M. Hull Angus Sutherland J. M. Cutting J. Martin
R. M. Tutosh J. Ross M. O'Hara R. M. Sackler
C. V. Verriner A. Weyhart A. Sutherland C. L. Lard

The matters of renting a room and engaging
Teachers for the classes was left in the hands
of the President & Vice President to arrange.
The meeting then adjourned

J. B. Bell

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Geo. W. W. W.

Montreal Dec 8th 1862

Committee Met

Present

J. W. Weaver ^{Pres} in the Chair
J. B. Bicket J. F. Fossenden W. Reed J. S. Sibley
R. Gardner A. Bone - Secy R. Brown W. Bertram
P. M. Luster & the Secy

Minutes of last meeting were read and
approved

The Treasurer reported that he had paid
Mrs. Jefferys her bill for interest since the
last meeting

The President was instructed to dispense
with the services of the chorwoman

The Chairman of the class committee report-
ed that the French class had commenced
operations and that the English one would
do so tomorrow

Mr. Bertram was requested to arrange with
the man to attend to the painting apparatus
and sweeping of the passages at the rate of
50 cents per day

Mr. Reed reported from the Building Commit-
tee that the invitations for Teachers for the
improvements to the Building would be sent
as soon as the six beams were prepared
Moved by A. Bertram seconded by J. Fossenden

That the Hall be given to Dr. Hanks for a
Lecture on Homoeopathy to be delivered when a
vacancy may occur

Lost

The Chairman of the Lecture Committee presented
an application from Dr. Hays for the payment
of the Printing and advertising connected with
his lecture.

Admitted

A letter was received accompanying a Volume
of each of the British Workman and Band of
Hope Review from Mr. J. A. Court

The thanks of the Institute was ordered to be
presented to him therefor

The following persons were proposed as Members
viz

1st Class

John A. Moor

2nd Class

Wm. Medwin, Duncan M. Kuzee, Deane M. Munn
and Josiah P. Jones

3rd Class

John M. Intosh

The meeting then adjourned

J. B. M.

Secy

W. H. Weaver

Montreal Dec. 22nd 1862

Committee met
Present

J. H. Weaver Pres^t in the Chair

D. Brown J. H. Rossman A. B. Bostman W. Reed J. B. B. B. B.

R. Gardner R. Brown

The Minutes of last meeting were read and
approved

Mr. Bostman reported that he had made the
arrangement with the Man to attend to the
meeting apparatus and the sweeping of the passage
in accordance with the terms of the resolution adopted
at the last meeting of this Committee

Mr. Rossman laid before the meeting a request from
the ladies of the Industrial Rooms for the purpose
of giving a Tea party to the poor in connection with
their Society

The matter was left in the hands of the President to arrange.

The President reported that Mr Alex^r Fletcher had been engaged to conduct the drawing classes at a salary of 4\$ per week.

An A^c from Mr Hill amounting to \$42.69 for Books was ordered to be paid.

Ordered that all members in arrears be notified that the same must be paid up or they cannot be admitted to the reading room.

The following persons were proposed for Membership viz

2nd class

Joseph Reed Lewis Morrison Jas Willock J^{rs} M^r Donald Jas Taylor Rth M^r Parkman.

3rd class

J^{rs} Douglass David Sweett A W Bicket W^m M^r Donough Jas Hallowell Robt Bird Tho^s Home W Liddell W^m Platt Robt Thompson Robt Hood H^{rs} Hayden

The meeting then adjourned

Bell S. J.

Geo. W. Mason

Montreal D. S. 29th 1842

Committee met

Present

J W Weaver Pres^t in the Chair

J B Bicket D Brown W Reed J Gray J Hendry J Lussenden N Corse P M^r Luster & R Drown

The President stated that he had called the meeting to receive the report of the Building Committee in reference to the estimates for the improvements to the Building.

The Chairman of the Building then made the following report viz

That the committee had received twelve tenders from different parties and that the following were the lowest viz

Mason Work	David Wilson	\$ 1520.00
Brick Work	Tho ^s Pell	1295.00
carpenters Work	W ^m Rutherford	4325.00
Plasterers Work	Little & Morrison	525.00
	Total	\$ 7745.00

And do recommend that the work be proceeded with as soon as possible.

Moved by W Reed seconded by J S Bickel
that the report now presented be received and
adopted and that the parties above named
as the lowest Sunders be notified that their
Sunders are accepted

Carried unanimously
Geo W. Mason

J B M

Secy

Montreal July 12th 1863

Committee Met
Present

J H Weaver Pres^t in the
Chair M B Corse & Bertram J Lindley
J Fossenden W Reed J Gray and R Drwin
The Secretary being prevented from attend-
ing by sickness in his family R Drwin was
requested to act in his place

Minutes of last Meeting were read and
approved

Letter from Daniel Wilson relating to the new
Building was received and referred to the
Building Committee

Cuts from the Montreal Herald and the
Hamilton Daily Times were received and re-
ferred to the Finance Committee

The Superintendent was discharged from
the 1st Inst^t

The following parties were proposed for Mem-
bers viz

2nd Class William Todd, J Jones W^m J B Brin
J^{nr} Blumson David M^r Hartman

3rd Class J M Doyall Gilbert Stanley, James
Allan Alex^r Cockburn Rob^t Cockburn James
Dunwoodie John Saunders W^m B Donnell

The Meeting then adjourned

Signed R Drwin Secy pro tem
Geo W. Mason

Montreal July 14th 1863

Special Meeting of the Committee
Present

J W Weaver Pres^t in the Chair
A B Borse J Gray J Lindley J Lussenden W Reed
R Gardner and R Brown

The Chairman stated the business of the Meeting
to be the consideration of the applications for
the Office of Superintendent

The names of the Applicants being as follows
viz

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Jos ^h Lees | Peter Acton |
| J B Sampson | John Lloyd |
| W ^m Gray | W P Weir |
| Rich ^d Jacob | - Patterson |
| - Dutta | W ^m Kelly |
| J S Spence | J R Sunsum |
| Alex ^r Finch | |

Moved by W Reed seconded by P M'Quisten
that the following Applicants be requested to
meet a sub committee consisting of Mess^{rs}
Weaver Brown Lindley and Borse for selection
viz Mess^{rs} Lees Finch Weir Kelly and Sunsum
A general Meeting of the Committee to be held
on Saturday evening to receive their report
The Meeting then adjourned

J B Bell Geo Weaver
Secy

Montreal July 14th 1863

Meeting of Committee held pursuant to adjournment
Present

J W Weaver Pres^t in the Chair
A Bertram W^m Reed J Lussenden P M'Quisten
and J Lindley

Minutes of last Meeting were read and appro-
ved

The Report of the sub committee recommending
J R Sunsum to the Office of Superintendent
(he being considered on trial for one month) was
on motion of W Reed seconded by P M'Quisten
unanimously adopted

An application was rec^d for a Subscription to the
Canadian Illustrated News. which was referred

to the Library Committee

The Meeting then adjourned

Signed J Lindley

Secy Treasr

Montreal Jan 26th 1865

Committee Met

Present

J H Weaver Secy^r Pres^t in the
Chair R Gardner D Brown J Lindley M B
Cove W Reed A Bertram & the Secy

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and
approved

The following parties were proposed for Membership

1st Class R B Beckwell Edward Barnes

2nd Class J Codd

3rd Class W M Garry J Pettou Patrick O'Brien

Thos Goodwin Dan J McKeown Adolphe Moussette

Arthur Shaw Isaac Robb W^m Higgins J^{ms} Sussler

Rt. Blundinny L Samuels Robert Stuart W^m Nighorn

A communication from the City Treasurer was read
requiring payment of assessments due which was
referred to the Finance Committee

J H Browns \$1 of the Dollars was ordered to be paid

The President was requested to ascertain the cost of
and if he deemed it expedient to purchase one of
Russell's Diary

The Meeting then adjourned

J Bell Secy

Geo. W. Weaver

Montreal Feb 7th 1863

Committee Met

Present

J. W. Weaver Esq. President in the
Chair J. B. Beckett W. J. Lindley A. Bertram R. Gardner
R. Brown P. M. Luister

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

The following parties were proposed for Membership

2nd Class Albert Hutchinson Charles Baron Garrison Murray
John A. Mahony Geo. D. Mosley Johnston Biers J. Howard
Archibald Gull W. H. Farmer

3rd Class Moses Davis W. M. Shipway Robt. Gill
J. M. Brown

There being no further business the Meeting then
adjourned

Signed R. Brown Secy pro tem Geo. W. Brown

Montreal Feb 23rd 1863

Committee Met

Present

J. W. Weaver Esq. Pres in the Chair
P. M. Luister A. B. Borse D. Brown J. Lindley J. B. Beckett
R. Brown A. Bertram J. Fessenden R. Gardner & the Secy

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

The following parties were proposed as Members

1st Class David Kennedy J. A. Coore

2nd " W. M. Bergen Ashworth Williamson Matthew
Connell J. E. Empson W. M. Frimson J. A. Robinson W. H.
Perryman

3rd Class Leslie Skilton Patrick Forley Philip Cross
Frederick W. Boxer Robt. J. Boxer

The Quebec Chronicle &c was referred to the Finance
Committee

Mr. W. Peels Ltr was referred to the Building Committee
Messrs P. M. Fessenden and Brown were appointed
a sub committee to make inquiries and ascertain the
advisability of a Railway Excursion to Toronto during
the summer

Dr. H. H. application to be allowed to deliver two
lectures in the Hall of the Institute was declined
Moved by J. Lindley seconded by J. Fessenden that
S. H. Dunsmuir be permanently appointed Superintendent
of the Institute
Carried

The Meeting then adjourned

J B Bell
Secy

Geo. W. Mason

Montreal March 9th 1863

Committee Met
Present

J W Waver Esq^{re} President
in the Chair J B Bicket A Bertram N B Borse
R Brown J Lindley W Reed J B Bell

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved

A Letter was read from Mr Hanftu recommending
S Emory's Gas Regulator together with S Emory's
application to the committee to purchase one
for the Institute

Referred to the House Committee
An A/c from C Copeland for bond to the amount
of \$38,000 was ordered to be paid

The following parties were proposed as Members

2nd class W^m Patrick J^{ms} D M^r Stellan
W^m M Douyall

3rd class J^{ms} Gill Fred^{ks} W Puffard

Mr Brown from the Building Committee reported
that in reference to Mr Pele's letter he had agreed
with that gentleman for an extra allowance of
thirty Dollars

The Meeting then adjourned

Geo. W. Mason

J B Bell
Secy

Montreal March 23rd 1863

Committee Met
Present

by A Weaver Esq^r President in the
Chair A B Borse D Brown J Gray R Vrain J B Bicket
P M'Quisten J Bell

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved
The following accounts were received and referred to
the Finance Committee

The Transcript Office	\$44.43
Spectator " "	6.00
to Cape lands	4.25
R Burns	30.00

The following parties were proposed as members

2nd class A Blendinning W^m Gray J^{rs} Gladstone
J^r Hutchinson

3rd class J Watson J Smith J^{rs} Watson

The committee then adjourned

J Bell
Secy

Geo W Wain

Montreal April 13th 1863

Committee Met
Present

J B Bicket W P D Brown
A B Borse R Vrain J Lindley P M'Quisten
J Gray A Burton J Bell R Gardner
A Reed

There not being any business to be brought
forward the committee adjourned

J Bell

Geo W Wain

Montreal
April 29th 1863

Committee Met
Present

J. B. Becket Esq. VP in the
Chair. A. Bertram, W. Reid, N. B. Borse, J. Bessen-
den, D. Brown, R. Gardner, J. Findlay & J. Bell
The Minutes of the two last Meetings were
read and approved.

The following debts were referred to the Finance
Committee for settlement viz

Miss ^{rs} Suck & Sons	\$ 25.95
H. Munros	4.11
J. L. Mcintosh	19.00
Scottish American	2.50
J. G. Beard	19.10
J. Bademich	38

The Memorandum of J. Douglas Esq. was
referred to the President for settlement.

The following parties were proposed as Members
viz

1st Class Jas. Lackwell B. A. Society
2nd do J^{rs} Quinn W. Nightingale J. D. McDonald
W. A. Shew F. Spalding
3rd do Patrick Patton

The Library Committee was instructed to
report whether any reductions could be made
in the Publications taken for the Reading Room.
The Superintendent was authorized to engage
a Boy for the purpose of the Institute.
The Committee then adjourned.

J. B. Becket
Secy

Spott. Weasen

Montreal
May 11th 1863

Committee Met
Present

by W Weaver Esq^r Pres^t in
the Chair J C Burt M B Corsi & Portman
R Gardner R Green J Lindsay & J Bell
The Minutes of last meeting were read and
approved

The Gas bill was ordered to be paid
The Balance bill was referred to the Finance
Committee

The following parties were proposed as Members

1st ~~2nd~~ Bliss by Williams H K Warrick
3rd " by Garlick

The Corresponding Secretary was requested
to notify the gentlemen of the Seminary Mr^s
Jiffy & Mr^s Felt of the situation of the Institute
to return their various claims

The Committee then adjourned

J Bell Secy

Geo. W. Weaver

Montreal
June 15th 1863

Committee Met
Present

by W Weaver Esq^r Pres^t in the Chair
D Brown W Reid R Green R Gardner J Lessenden
& J Bell

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved
The President reported that the various parties hold-
ing claims upon the Property were being paid off as
fast as circumstances will allow of

The President presented a letter from Mr W S Jones
Proprietor of the Richmond Guardian stating his
intention of supplying it free of charge

The following bills were referred to the Finance Commit-
tee for settlement viz

J Rowlands \$ 5.00 J Richardson \$ 3.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Mess^{rs} Du
vernoy \$ 5.40

The Committee then adjourned

J Bell Secy

Geo. W. Weaver

Montreal
June 22nd 1863

Committee met
Present

J. W. Newer Esq. Pres^t in the Chair
R Gardner A Bertram D Brown J B Bicket
R Brown J Fossenden H B Borse J B Bell W Read
Minutes of last meeting were read and approved
The following parties were proposed as Members
1st class J^{es} Rushaw & A Phinkett William
Miller Richard Patton J L Banks
2nd class J^{es} Kennedy by Wright Robt Swallow
The President reported that all the old Arises
against the Property were paid off Except Mr. Tate's
The Committee then adjourned

J B Bell
Secy

Roll taken

Montreal
July 13th 1863

Committee met
Present

J. W. Newer Esq. Pres^t in the
Chair J Fossenden J Pindley W Reid R Gardner
R Brown Bell having left at 8 o'clock there being ^{no quorum}
The minutes of last meeting were read and approved
The following parties were proposed as Members viz
2nd class J B McFreyony Henry Meind J^{es} Saylor
The Corporation of for assessments being in full
for the present year included amounting to \$545.00
was presented
Also the Water Rate of for 115 Dollars and
were both referred to the Finance Committee
Resolved That any Member or person found
molesting, writing upon, or carrying away any pa-
pers in the Reading Room be excluded from the
privileges of the Institute

Carried
Moved by W Reid seconded by R Gardner That it
is necessary to cover the temporary Roof with Silt
and that the Chairman and Building Committee
give the necessary instructions

Carried

to return damages caused by the Water from the Roof
in J^r Walker & Co's Store, was considered and a quan-
tity of goods damaged brought up to the Long Room which
the Committee examined and as one attempt to save the
Institute from pecuniary loss by selling by Public Auction
had not resulted as favorably as was anticipated it was
decided in this instance to appoint a competent person to
meet one to be appointed by J^r Walker & Co to appraise
the damage done and thus secure an amicable settlement
at an early day

Moved by J^r Findlay seconded by R Gardner that one
competent person be appointed by the Institute and one
by J^r Walker & Co for such purpose and that should they
not agree they should select a third party whose decision
should be final and that Mr Kennedy be appointed on
behalf of the Institute

Carried

The Committee then adjourned

Signed R Brown Secy

Secy to Secy

July 14th 1863

Special Meeting of the Committee

Present

J^r W Weaver Secy Pres^t in the
Chair J^r Findlay W Reed R Brown A B Borse J B Bell
Minutes of last meeting were read and approved
Moved by W Reed seconded by A B Borse That Mess^{rs}
Findlay and Brown be a Sub Committee to settle the
matter of the damage done to Mr Hartman's Pictures

Carried

Who having had an interview with that gentleman
reported him agreeing to take ten Dollars over and
above the Rent in full of all claims for the said
damage

The Committee then adjourned

J B Bell
Secy

Secy to Secy

Montreal
July 29th 1863

Committee Met
Present

J. W. Weaver Esq. Pres^t in the Chair
J. B. Buckle J. Lindley R. Gardner W. Reed A. Burton
R. Brown Bell

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

The Secretary was instructed to advertise the
meeting of the new store

The following person was proposed as a Member
J^r Buss D. M. M. M. M. M.

The meeting then adjourned

Bell
Secy

Geo. W. Weaver

Montreal
Aug^t 10th 1863

Committee Met
Present

J. W. Weaver Esq. Pres^t in the Chair
J. Lindley J. S. S. S. S. J. B. Buckle R. Gardner W. Reed
M. B. B. A. Burton J. Brown P. M. M. M. M. M.

Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

Moved by J. Lindley seconded by J. Brown

That the P. President be and he is hereby authorized
to sign the deed conveying the piece of land
taken by the Corporation from the ground of this
Institute to widen St. Peter Street

Carried

The meeting then adjourned

Signed R. Brown
Secy

Geo. W. Weaver

Montreal 28th August 1863.

Committee Met,

Present: Mr. C. Becket, Vice President, in the Chair,
David Brown, W. B. Corse, Wm. Reid, J. Pennington,
Robert Gardner, & A. Bestram Esquires. *Monday*

The Minutes of the last meeting, were read and confirmed.

The following Accounts were received and referred to the Finance Committee:

Duverney, Staires - La Menime Office for advertising	\$5.70
A. Ramsay	1.50
Evans Brothers, for wood	5.00
W. B. Hamilton for (March 1863)	13.50
Montreal Water Works for 1860, 61 & 62 & 63	115.00
City Treasurer's Office to inst.	5745.00

Moved by A. Bestram, Seconded by Robert Gardner,

That the following are fit and proper persons to become members of the Mechanic Institute of Montreal:

Edward Hyle, 3rd Class

Alexander M. Ingham " "

George C. Graham " "

Thomas Mordie 2nd Class

Thomas C. Jones " "

William Pease " "

Hugh Brennan " "

J. W. Harrington " "

Fred Myers " "

Thomas Henderson " "

Edward Shaw " "

Carried

Wm. J. Walker & Co presented statement of loss on Goods & Damaged in their Store, by Rain water, amounting to in all \$84.46 $\frac{1}{2}$. also exp for white washing Ceiling of Store & papers, various 2.70 = \$87.16 $\frac{1}{2}$, which was referred to the President for settlement.

The Secy will notify the Chairman of the several Committees to meet on Monday evening to make arrangements for drawing up the annual report.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Signed

Recd Secy, pro tem.

Geo. Corbett

Montreal, of September 1868.

The twenty fourth Annual Meeting.

Present, G. W. Weaver Esquire, President, in the Chair.

J. C. Becket, R. Gardner

W. B. Corse, J. Sunday

R. Forsyth, A. C. Hutchison

J. Fessenden, R. Brown

Thos Peel, M. Cormack

Wm Reid, N. Brown

Jno E. Pell,

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved
The Report of the Year was read. In Report
Moved by R. Brown. Seconded by Geo Conkstrank
and Resolved. That the Report just read by the
secretary be received and adopted.

Moved by A. C. Hutchison—Seconded by A. Bertram
and Resolved, That a Synopsis of the Report
be prepared and printed.

The President appointed Messrs
R. Forsyth, A. C. Hutchison, and Geo Conkstrank as
scrutinizers of the Ballot.

The Ballot was then taken for the officers as follows
which resulted in the election of William Reid Esq
as President, David Brown, Vice President,
Robert Brown, Corresponding Secretary, ^{Geo Conkstrank} Thos B. Corse
Treasurer, Jonathan Sunday Librarian, R. Forsyth
Cabinet Keeper. Committee Geo W. Weaver
Jno C. Becket, Alexander Bertram, Jno E. Pell
J Macquisten and John Kennedy

Moved by J. C. Becket seconded by Wm Reid

That, in amendment to By-law No 13—
that the Annual subscription payable by Senior
Members, shall be seven shillings & sixpence instead
of five shillings as heretofore.

Moved in Amendment by Jno E. Pell, seconded by
J Sunday—That, the Annual subscription of
Junior Members be six shillings & three pence for all
new Members of that class.

Moved in Amendment by Thomas Fessenden
seconded by M. Cormack, and Resolved
that the Matter be postponed to the next Annual
Meeting for further Consideration—

The Meeting then adjourned.

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Montreal 14th September 1863.

At the first General Committee meeting held in the Committee Room, Mechanics Institute, were present. Wm Reid Esquire, President in the Chair.

Wm d Brown,

G W Weaver

Jno C Becket

Alex Bertrand

J. Sindlay

J Kennedy and

Geo. Crutshank.

The Minutes of the Annual meeting were read and confirmed. The Minutes of the last Committee Meeting held on the 28th ult^o was also read and confirmed.

The President then struck the following ^{sub} Committees Reading Room and Library.

Messrs Sindlay, Macquisten, Bertrand and Crutshank,

Lectures and Class.

Messrs Becket, Forsyth, Kennedy & Pell House and Building

Messrs Brown, Weaver & Reid.

Membership

Messrs Crutshank, Forsyth, John Kennedy, Macquisten, Sindlay, Becket, Bertrand and Pell,

Finance, Messrs Weaver, Corse, Brown & Reid.

The following Candidates for membership were proposed by J Sindlay. Seconded by G W Weaver and declared elected on payment of the usual sub-
scriptions. 1st Class. And^r Coe, Saml Littauer.

2nd Class And^r Sheares, Thos P Butler, Wm Wesson, and Edmund Grant.

3rd Class. Wm Flynn & Aslem Denn

G. W. Weaver gave notice of Motion to discontinue during this winter the usual classes, owing to the state of the funds.

The Meeting then adjourned.

William Reid

Geo William M. Esq.

Montreal 28th September 1863

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

At the ordinary meeting of the Executive Committee, held this evening, were present, Wm Reid, President, on the Chair,

W B Coase, Jno C Becket,
Jonathan Dindley, G W Weaver,
Robert Brown, David Brown,
and George Cruikshank

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed
Several tenders for supply of coal, for use of the Institute, were read, and on motion, were referred to House Committee.

On motion of Wm Reid, seconded by Geo Weaver, the following candidates for membership were admitted.

1 st Clap,	C. B. Edwards,	} Safe makers
" "	C. P. Kershaw,	
2 nd "	Geo B Brown	Do
" "	Thomas Johnson,	Millwright
3 rd "	H. J. Craig	Clerk
" "	David Waugh	
" "	Jno Brown	
	Rollo Simpson	

Library Committee, reported in favour of subscribing for British American Magazine which was agreed to, on the understanding that some periodical of the same value be dispensed with. This Committee also reported a donation of the 9th Vol of the Encyclopaedia Britannica from Mr Walter Charles, and from Mr. Jno C. Becket, the Canadian Naturalist for the past and current years.

The Building Committee reported a proposition from Messrs McArthur & Son, to fresco the New Hall for \$600.⁰⁰

On motion, the matter was referred back to that Committee.

G. W. Weaver, in accordance with the notice given at previous meeting, moved, seconded by David Brown, and after a full discussion of the matter it was unanimously, Resolved, that owing to the many claims pressing on an almost exhausted treasury the usual evening Claps be discontinued for

for this winter.

A general but informal desire was expressed to have a full meeting of the Membership Committee called, in order to make a united and strong effort to add to the membership list, more particularly to the Clap of Life members.

The meeting then adjourned.

Geo. Crueshant Secy

William Reed

Montreal 12 October 1863

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute.

At a meeting of the General Committee of the above Institute, held this evening, were present

Wm Reed, President, in the Chair

David Brown

G. W. Weaver

R. Sturmi

Geo. Kennedy

R. Forsyth

A. Bertrand and

Geo. Crueshant.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. A communication was read, making application on behalf of Madam Bishop to lease the New Hall at its opening. A note was also read from Brigade Major M. Pherson, promising an early settlement of Rent of his office. On motion, both communications were laid on the table.

Accounts from Messrs A. A. Ramsay and Mrs Smith & Co. were read and referred to Finance Committee.

The Building Committee reported that it had entered into a contract with Messrs Laurie & Mitchell to fresco the New Hall - Roof walls and wood work, for the sum of \$500.⁰⁰ also that it had leased the three Rooms to W. Kahn, till 1st May, next for the sum of \$500.⁰⁰

The following Members Candidates for membership were on motion made and seconded, admitted.

Clap 1st - James Muir, 2nd - Peter Clark, M. S. Logan
do Wallan, G. Metcalf, 3rd - W. S. Wrought & Co. Secy

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The Chairman of the Membership Committee
was requested to call a meeting of that Committee
for Thursday evening next.

No other business appearing the Committee
adjourned.

Wm Reed

Geo Mitchell Secy.

Montreal 22nd October 1863

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

At a regular meeting of the general
Committee of the above Institute, held this evening
were present, Wm Reed, President, in the Chair

David Brown

W W Caret

R Forsyth

R Brown

W B Corcoran

W C Pell

A. Bertram

Mr Kennedy, and

Geo Cruikshank

Minutes of the former meeting was read and
confirmed.

Accounts from Estab Dawson Memoirs &

A Memoirs, were

read and referred to Finance Committee

It was duly moved seconded and carried
that the following Candidates for membership
be admitted, on compliance with the rules

Viz. 1st Class Alex Craig

Thos Patterson

Isaac Black

Thos Abel

2nd " Thos Cassidy

Geo Goldthorp

3. Geo Harrison

H Logan

B Cook

J Simpson

J. Caulfield

A W Hoot Sr

It was moved by S W Weaver, seconded

by

by Bro E Pell, and Resolved.

That, at the request of C. B. Anderson Esq, on behalf of the Colonial Church Society; the Insurance on the Building be effected with the Liverpool & London Insurance Company for the full amount now insured. And that the President and Treasurer be authorised to effect the same at the expiration of the present policies.

on Motion the Meeting adjourned to meet again on Monday the 2 November.

Geo Millburn Secy.

Wm Reid

Montreal 2nd November 1863.

Committed Room, Mechanics Institute,

At an adjourned meeting of the General Committee of said Institute, held this evening, were present.

Wm Reid President, in the Chair,

David Brown

A. Bertram

E. W. Weaver

N. B. Corse

Bro C. Becket

Bro E Pell

J. M. Guistard

Geo Cruikshank,

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Membership Committee the following success of the Canvass on the part of its members viz
D. Brown 13. Life members, E. W. Weaver 11, Bro C. Becket 2, Bro Wm Reid 8, Bro J. E. Pell 1 do. off donation, J. M. Guistard 5 do + 1 Ordinary do. N. B. Corse 1 do. making the total result in one week, 40 Life & Ordinary members,

It was moved by J. E. Pell seconded by R. Brown and resolved: That a Public Entertainment be given on the occasion of the reopening of the Hall and that Messrs Pell, Brown, Becket, Bertram & Forsyth with power to add to their numbers a Committee to devise and carry out the same. The meeting then adjourned.

Geo Millburn Secy.

Wm Reid

Montreal 9 November 1867

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

At a regular meeting of the General Committee of the above Institute, held this evening, were present

- Wm Reid, President in the Chair
- A. Bertrand
- G. W. Weaver
- D. Brown
- W. B. Corse
- A. Jersey
- J. E. Pell

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following accounts were presented: D Services for Coal \$ 257.50

A note of \$300.00 to be signed by the President. Gas Exp 3 57.94

A letter was received from H. Munro Esq - which had been duly acknowledged by the Superintendent by order of the President

The following Candidates for membership were proposed, and on motion duly seconded were admitted.

Life Members -

- | | | | |
|---|------------------------|---|----------------------|
| p | Ansley, Geo. S | p | Brown James |
| p | Beaudry, A. L. | p | Bulmer, John |
| p | Bangs, Josiah | p | Piggelow, S. S. |
| p | Corse, H. W. | p | Cockburn, A. S. |
| p | Converse, M. A. | x | Cramp, Thomas |
| p | David, Fred. William | p | Dawson, John |
| p | Drickson, Wm. | p | Drummond, Geo. |
| p | Earlin, Charles | p | Graham, Robert |
| p | Gardiner, Robt. | p | Gordon, John |
| p | Graham, John | p | Heron, Charles |
| p | Hilton, E. A. | p | Hastie, Jas. W. |
| p | Jersey, Randolph | p | Hutchinson, Alex. C. |
| x | Lesage, Louis | p | Hay, S. H. |
| x | Munro, Dan. (Engineer) | p | Maxwell, E. S. |
| p | Miller, Henry | p | Mathewson, S. A. |
| p | McNeill, Wm. | p | McFarlane, Geo. |
| p | McGibbon, R. D. | p | McGowan, S. W. |
| x | McDougal, Geo. | p | Pell, Robert |
| x | Pell, John | p | Pell, Thos. W. |

X Pell, A. J. X Pasotow, John
 p Pringle, Thos. p Ogilvie, R. W.
 p Robertson, A. p Rutherford, W.
 m Kellum / p Rose, Alex. p Shynas, John
 X Redmond, Thos. p Reidpath, Peter
 p Reed, G. W. X Sims, D. S. & S.
 p Spiers, James p Sheppard, Charles
 p Thornburn, George p Walker, James
 p Weir, Robt. p Wilson, Daniel
 p Watson, William p Weaver, Geo. W.

1 Clap. 4 members
 2 do 14 do
 3 do 4 do

The opening entertainment committee
 reported progress.
 The meeting then adjourned.

Gen. Mitchell Secy. William New

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Offices of W. McLea Walbank, C. E.
Architect, Land Surveyor, &c.

Montreal, Dec 15 1890

Dear Sir

You are requested to tender for
work appertaining to your trade, according
to plans and specifications now on view at
my offices, No. 214 St. James Street, where
sealed tenders are to be delivered on or before
noon the 22nd day of Dec 1890

Yours, &c.

W. MCLEA WALBANK

Montreal 23 November 1863

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

At a regular meeting of the General Committee of the above Institute, held this evening were present:

- Wm Reid, Pres: in the Chair,
- G.W. Weaver
- Mrs. C. Becket
- A. Brown
- Mrs. C. Pell
- P. Macquarrie
- Geo. Crumstrant

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

A letter from Professor Ogden was read applying for use of New Hall on St. West, - Referred to Building Committee

Building Committee reported that it had arranged with C. Garth, by giving him a three months note for settlement of his account

The following Candidates for Membership were on motion moved and seconded, carried - Life Members -

- | | |
|------------------|----------------------|
| ✓ Alexander, H. | ✓ Alexander, Charles |
| ✓ Benney, James | ✓ Cochrane, W.H. |
| ✓ Glasford, D.S. | ✓ Hodgson, Sonothan |
| ✓ Lyman, R.C. | ✓ M'Learn, Mrs. C. |
| ✓ Molson, J.M. | ✓ Phillips, Thos. |
| ✓ Scholes, R.M. | ✓ Wand, Thos. |

Fort. 1st class members, four 2nd class and two 3rd class do.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

William Reid

Secy. Montreal Socy.

Montreal 14th December 1865

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute,

A meeting of the General Committee of the above Institute, held this evening were present:

Wm Reid, President, in the Chair
D. Brown,
G. W. Weaver
Mr. C. Becket
A. Bertrand
R. Smith
Mr. C. Pell
Mr. Sunday
Mr. Kennedy
Geo Crankshaw

The Minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
A letter from Brigade Major M. Theron was read, promising to pay rent of Office positively on the 1st January next, (and on the table).

The following accounts were read and referred to Finance Committee.

C. J. Duggs	\$3 ⁵⁰
W. B. Hamilton	13 ⁵⁰
James Meves	3 ⁷⁴
Gibb & Hunter	2 ⁰⁰

A demand for settlement of Subscription to Richmond Quarters was also read and on motion it was referred to the Library Committee, with instructions to stop the paper.

On motion duly made & seconded the following Candidates for membership were admitted.

Life Members

Smith, W. W.	Bary, John
Lemoine, M. Pherson	Morland, Thomas
2 nd Class	S. A. Becket & S. England.
3 rd Class	Martin, Black

The meeting then adjourned to meet again on Monday, the 21st inst, to receive report of the Nominations Committee.

William Reid

Geo. Millman Secy.

Montreal 21 December 1863

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

At an adjourned meeting of the
General Committee of the above Institute, ~~held~~
this evening, were present:

Wm. Rice, President, in the Chair

H. Brown

G. W. Weavel

N. B. Corcoran

A. Bertram

Mr. Kennedy

Mr. E. Pell

Mr. H. Smilay

R. Brown

J. Macquister

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed
Report from Inauguration Committee
was presented with accounts &c.
showing net proceeds \$2⁸⁸

On motion the Report was received and the
thanks of the General Committee presented to
Mr. Pell

In general conversation the Exhibition of
Dr. Kuhn's Museum, was considered worthy of
action being taken in the matter, when it was
moved by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Smilay,
that the Home Committee be requested to cause
an examination, and if found objectionable or
immoral in its tendencies, that they take such
steps as may be necessary to have it removed

Carried unanimously

A letter from Rolla Adams was read, relating to the
B. A. Magazine, and referred to Library Committee

A letter of Resignation was read from J. C. Redden
on motion it was received and entered accordingly

A donation of \$19.⁰⁰ was received from J. Peck & Co
and the thanks of the Committee recorded

Members proposed.

2nd Class. Thompson, Geo. C. Austin

Alex. McDonnell

3rd Class. Wm. McDonald, Jas. Elliot, Jno. Conigan

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, William Rice

Montreal 4th January 1867.

Mechanics Institute,

A special Meeting of the Members of the above Institute, held this evening for the purpose of electing Delegates to the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada were present.

Mr Reid Pres. in the Chair,

Mr E Pell

A. A. Stevenson

N. B. Corse

H. Bulmer,

H. Saunders

J. Findlay

Geo W Weaves

Geo Crutshank

Thos Patterson, and ten others

The President appointed Messrs Geo. C. B. Drummond and A. A. Stevenson, scrutineers of the ballot, who upon taking the same reported the following Members duly elected and they were so declared by the Chairman,

Viz. Mr Rodden, A. A. Stevenson,

A. Ramsey, David Brown,

D. Redpath, Geo W. Weaves,

J. Shearer, H. Bulmer,

J. Findlay, Mr E Pell,

R. Brown, N. B. Corse,

B. Chamberlin, J. C. Becket,

A. Cantin, A. Bertram,

Dumbat Browne, A. Murray,

P. Macquisten, J. Lyman.

The Meeting then adjourned.

William Reid

Geoffrey Wall Secty.

Montreal 28th December 1863

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

At a regular meeting of the General Committee, of the above Institute, held this evening were present Wm Reid, President, in the Chair.

D. Brown

A. Brown

Mr Kennedy

Geo. Crumshank

The minutes of the last meeting, read and confirmed
The House Committee reported that, after a full enquiry into the affair relating to Dr Kabin's Museum, it found that the Exhibition was legal, and could not be removed till end of lease

On motion, duly made and carried

W. Somerville, Builder, was admitted a Life member.

The meeting then adjourned.

William Reid

Geo. Crumshank Secy.

Montreal 11th January 1864

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute,

At a regular meeting of the General Committee, of the above Institute, held this evening were present Wm Reid, President, in the Chair

Donaldson, Sindley,

Robert Goreyth

Robert Brown

Geo Crumshank.

The minutes of the last meeting, read and confirmed

A letter from S. M. Kest, applying for Life membership Card, awarded him in 1858, was referred to the President

Accounts from Parsons & Tacey, Penny, Wilson & Co, A Ramsay and Wm Rodden, were referred to Finance Committee
Account from Foot for Quebec Chronicle, referred to Library Committee.

House Committee, reported having leased New Stone, in St Peter's Street to Wm Reid till 1st May next for \$150, dollars.

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The following ~~names~~ Candidates for membership were, on motion duly made and seconded admitted, namely:—

1 st Class	John Patterson
2 nd "	H. Glanville
	J. O. Weir
	Wm. Walpole
3 rd	A. Isaacson
	Sam. Jacobs

No other business appearing, the meeting adjourned.

Geo. Mitchell Secy. William Reed
 Montreal 25th January 1864.

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute,

At a regular meeting of the General Committee of the above Institute, held this evening, were present:

Wm. Reid, President in the Chair
 W. Brown,
 W. B. Corse
 J. S. Sinden
 A. Bertram
 R. Forsyth
 A. Brown
 P. Macquister
 G. Crumshank

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter from Mechanics Institute, Wm. Reid, O., applying for a donation of books was read, the Corresponding Secretary, instructed to reply to it.

Accounts from Penn. Wilson \$15⁵⁰—S. H. Brown \$4⁰⁰, Seal Books \$4¹⁴—Russell Jones \$2⁵⁰, J. C. Becket \$7⁵⁰ and Roger King \$20⁰⁰—Hanson \$7⁰⁰, & Gilbert Hunter \$2⁰⁰ were referred to Finance Committee.

The Library Committee, were authorized to subscribe to the Canadian Patriot at the understanding that the subscription be payable at end of the year, also to get as soon as possible Capt. Speke's African explorations.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that Messrs Forsyth, Sinden, Brown, be a committee to open a set of Books for the Institute. It was moved, seconded and carried, that forty dollars, be granted to the heirs of the late Mr. Richardson as a gratuity. The following Candidates, were duly elected.

1st Class. C. Estell. 2nd Class. Wm. Andrews, John Harris, T. Andrew Thomson
 3rd Class. C. Shephers, H. C. Townsend, John Walker, Jas. Walker & Geo. Goudie. The meeting then adjourned.

Geo. Mitchell Secy. William Reed

Montreal 8th February 1862

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

At a regular meeting of the General Committee of the above Institute, held this evening, were present J. M. Reid, President in the Chair.

D. Brown,

P. Macquisten,

R. Forsyth,

Mr E. Fell

The minutes of the last evening were read and confirmed. The President presented accounts from the Hamilton Spectator and Gazette Post, which were referred to the Finance & Library Committees.

The Special Committee, appointed at last meeting, to open a set of Books for the Institute, ^{which was read and adopted,} presented their report, as follows.

6. The Special Committee appointed by the General Committee of the "Mechanics Institute of Montreal". To suggest some improved mode of keeping the Accounts of the Institute, having met on the 6th instant, beg to report that by the present system by which the books and records of the Institute are kept, they are of opinion that it would be for the interest of the Institute to adopt some simple, and still correct method, and would respectfully suggest that an appropriation be made for the purpose of procuring a set of Books, say Day Book, Cash Book and Ledger, and that the Superintendent be instructed to open these Books under the directions of your Committee, and afterwards that he keep them regularly posted up.

That these Books be commenced with the beginning of the present fiscal year of the Institute, and that all the effects belonging to it, be properly valued and an inventory of the same be taken, so as to show what the real Estate as well as the movable estate of the Institute at the present time amounts to.

That regular accounts be kept for each Department of the Institute, as well as for each separate Room. And that all the rooms be named or numbered in

in such a way, as to make them to be easily un-
derstood from each other.

The whole respectfully submitted.

R Forsyth

Signed

8 Febry 1867.

The following parties were proposed as
members
Life member James Muir.
1st Class Wm McKean, W W Dumbell
2nd " Wm Craven, R. Gettie
Thos Currie.

The Committee then adjourned.

William Reid

Geo William Neely.

Montreal 15 February 1867.

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

At a special meeting of the General Committee, of
the above Institute, held this evening, were present:

Wm Reid, President, in the Chair.

A. Brown

A. Bertram

J. Kennedy

R. Brown

Geo. Countersbark

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

It was moved by David Brown, and seconded
by Alexander Bertram, and Resolved:

That the President, be and is hereby authorized, to
obtain a further loan of five hundred pounds, from the Colonial
Church Society, of the Diocese of Montreal, for the purpose of pay-
ing off the balance due to the Contractors.

And that he is hereby further empowered to hypothecate
the property of the Institute, in favor of said Colonial Church
Society, of the Diocese, of Montreal, upon the same terms as
former loans.

No further business appearing the meeting then
closed.

William Reid

Geo William Neely.

Montreal 22nd February 1864.

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

At a General meeting, of the Committee,
of the above Institute, held this evening, were present

Wm Reid, President, in the Chair

R. Brown,

Mr. E. Pell

A. Forsyth

P. Macquisten

G. Crutcher Esquires

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

The President reported that in accordance
with his powers and instructions contained in a resolution
passed at the last meeting, he had effected on behalf
of the Institute, the loan of Two thousand dollars from
the Colonial Church Society, of the Province of Montreal.

On motion duly made and seconded
the following Candidates for membership were
admitted. 2nd Class James Lathorn

Thomas Brady

E. Scott

3rd Class James Perryman

The meeting then adjourned.

William Reid

Geo. Milliken Secy.

Montreal 14th March 1864.

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute,

At a regular meeting of the General Committee
of the above Institute, held this evening, were present

Wm Reid, President, in the Chair

G. H. Weaver

J. Sindlay

E. E. Pell

A. Bertrand

G. Crutcher

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

The following accounts were read and
on motion referred to Finance Committee, Viz:-
E. N. Parsons & Co. for Evening Telegraph, in advance
J. K. Griffin W.P.

An offer of a Donation of volumes

of the works of Emanuel Swedenborg, from Mr J. H. Roy -
being made by letter, it was resolved to receive the same
and the Librarian was instructed to communicate the
same to Mr Roy.

The House Committee reported having leased the
Store in St Peter Street, and the Cellar for five years, at
eighty five pounds per annum, with assessments.
On motion duly made and seconded, the following
Candidates for Membership, were duly admitted members
of the Institute.

Life Members - James Robertson
Carnes Kunteloupe
Narcisse Valois -

2nd Class Thomas Anon
Wm. Stockford
Jno Haleam
Jno Casgrove
E. Crosswell
R. B. May
Thos St Golden
Jno Sturgesson
W. Thompson
Jno Duncan

3rd " C. Bartlet
James Eplin
Jno Bayard
1st " Charles Irish

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

William Reid

Geo Mitchell Secy.

Montreal 28th March 1864

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute,

At a meeting of the General Committee of
the above Institute, held this evening, were present:

Wm Reid, President, in the Chair.

D. Brown,

V. Hindlay,

D. Kennedy,

R. Horseyth,

P. Macquistan,

Geo Cruikshank.

Chas

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed
The following accounts were read, viz:-

W. Allen	\$	
S. Am. Journal		2.50
Low Chamberlain		8.00

and on motion duly made and seconded were referred
to Finance Committee

The following candidates for membership were on
motion duly made and seconded admitted as members
of the Institute, viz:-

Life Geo. Stark,
D^r C. E. Winman,
" " A. Hudson,
3 " M. S. Hawkins,
" " M. Hampson.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

William Reid

Geo. Smith Clerk

Montreal 9th May 1864

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

At an ordinary meeting of the General Com-
mittee, of the above Institute, were present:-

Wm Reid, President, in the Chair
A. DeLam,
B. Findlay
A. Forsyth
D. Kennedy
Geo. Smith Clerk

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed
The following accounts were read and on motion
referred to the Finance Committee, viz:-

C. E. Stewart, Hamilton Times	\$	10.00
C. Ragg, Stationer		3.50
G. W. Reid		3.00
James Morrice		38.05
New City Gas Co	286.70	286.70

A communication from the Gas Co. was read in answer
to an application to have an extra discount allowed
stating that the rules of the Company prevented them
from making any exceptional cases,

Wm Reid

It was moved, seconded and carried that, in order to secure a shareholders discount before the President be authorized to purchase if possible, one share of Gas Stock.

A Circular from the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada was received and laid on the table.

The following Candidates for membership were on motion duly made and seconded admitted as members of the Institute, Viz:

J. C. Griffin, M.P.	Life member
St Brown	1 st Class
St Morgan	2 nd "
Mr Brewster	2 nd "
Mr Banfield	2 nd "
James Shaw	2 nd "
James Kerist	2 nd "
Mr L. Smith	2 nd "
Henry Dearise	3 rd Class
Geo W. Intosh	3 rd "
A Wilson	3 rd "

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Geo Willhaall Secy. William Hew

Mechanics Institute, Montreal 13th June 1861

Committee Room, At an ordinary meeting of the General Committee of the above Institute, were present

Mr Reid, President, in the Chair
G. W. Weaver,
A. Bertram
J. E. Pell
Mr Kennedy
G. W. Courtchank.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The President reported that he had not yet succeeded in purchasing a share of Gas Stock.
The finance committee, having duly paid the semi annual interest on mortgage.

The following Accounts were read and on motion referred to Finance Committee: Viz
Evans Brothers for wood \$8⁰⁰ D. Costen, Iron Rods \$9⁴⁰

The following Candidates were on motion duly made and seconded admitted members of the Institute 2nd Class, S. J. Barker, St Charnley & Robert Pirratt. No other business appearing the the meeting adjourned.

Montreal 29 June 1864

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

At a Special meeting held this evening due notice of which given to all the Members of the General Committee, by the President, were present:

Wm Reid, President, in the Chair

G. W. Weaver

A. Bestram

J. E. Fell

A. Forsyth

Geo Crumshaw

J. Hindley

R. Brown,

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

An Application from Messrs C. H. Forbes and J. M. Wilson, for the use of the Hall, for Sabbath service was laid before the meeting by the House Committee after considerable discussion, It was moved and seconded that the Committee be authorized to lease the Hall for the summer three months at the rate of Seven dollars per Sabbath, including Gas and attendance, Applicants paying one month rent in advance,

It was moved in amendment that the rent be ten dollars a Sabbath.

The original motion was carried by the casting vote of the President

It was moved seconded and carried that the House Committee be authorized to pay Mr St. Johnmans or any other Agent five per cent on the net rent received from any tenants that he or they may induce to rent the Hall

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Wm Reid Secy

Montreal 11 July 1864

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute.

At an ordinary meeting of the General Committee held this evening, were present

Wm Reid, President, in the Chair

A. Bertram

R Forsyth

D Findlay

R Irwin

And E Pell

Geo Cruikshank

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The following accounts were read and on motion referred to finance Committee,

J. J. Arnton, "Advertisements" \$2.81

Mr Lovell "Directories" 1.50

Geo Mathews "Engravings" 13.00

Applications from Mr H. Clarke and the Secy. of the English Working Mens Society, for rooms, were read; after some discussion it was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that the House Committee be authorised to let the former Applicant - the New Room & the Committee room next to it all things being satisfactory at about the rate of five hundred dollars per annum, three months rent ^{to be} paid in advance, and the latter the Long Class Room, at the rate of four dollars each meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded Benjamin Dawson, was duly admitted a Life Member of the Institute.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Geo Cruikshank Secy.

Montreal 10th August 1884

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute,

At a special meeting of the Committee of the above Institute, held this evening, due notice thereof being given to the members of said Committee were present: Mr Reid, President, in the Chair;

Ed. Weaver,

D. Sindlay,

Mr E. Pell,

R. Horsyth,

Geo Conditshank.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed
The following accounts were read and on motion referred to Finance Committee:-

James Robertson \$22.50

Chas Ross 88 67

Penny, Tolson & Co 25.98

On motion duly made and seconded the following Candidates were ~~in due form~~ admitted members of the Institute,

1st Class V.S. Auchtelonie

W D Stroud

Geo Caffley

2nd do Jas a Voltret

Mr Cumming

Jas McGuffie

Mr Farquhar

E Newill.

3rd do Alex Gibson

John A Watson

W S Humphreys

W S Dickens

Thos Cartier

J. Consh

It was resolved that the several Chairmen of the different Sub-Committees should meet on Saturday, the 20th instant to prepare the Annual report.

No other business appearing the meeting then adjourned.

Montreal 29th August 1864.

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute.

At a special meeting of the Committee of the above Institute, held this evening, due notice of which being given to all the Members thereof, were present:— Mr Reed, President, in the Chair.

G. W. Devereux,
Mr E. Fell,
A. Bestram,
R. Brown,
Mr Kennedy,
Sec. Crutcher.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.
Reports of the different Sub-Committees were read and ordered to be embodied into a General report.

The following accounts were read and on motion referred to Finance Committee.

Chas Garth	\$298. 33!
Alex Craig	32. 27!
M Cockburn & Co	911. 37!
Mr Reed	105. 00!
Lampson & Co	3. 25!

It was moved, seconded and carried that a circular be sent to each qualified Member, notifying him of Annual meeting and requesting his attendance.

Candidates

The following "Members" were on motion duly made and seconded, admitted as members of the Institute:—

1st Class Josiah Rogers M.D.
2 " F. E. Lockwood
2 " J. H. Reed
2 " Geo. Huttie
2 " D. McMillan
3 " Henry Clayton.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourns to meet again on Saturday evening 5th Prov. at 8 P.M.

Montreal 3rd September 1864

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

At an adjourned meeting held this evening
were present Mr Kerr, President in the chair

G W Weare,

J. Findlay

A De, trant

J. E. Pell

A. Innes

Geo. Crutcher

Minutes of the last meeting were read and
confirmed

The Annual Report was read
and after some discussion was adopted.

The meeting then adjourned.

Montreal 5th September 1864. Overly pp 18
Class Room Mechanics Institute of Montreal
Annual Meeting of the above Institute
held this evening, due notice thereof having been
given to all the Members:— were present—
Jm Reid, President, in the Chair
G. W. Carver
A. Bertrand
S. Findlay
Jno E. Pell
A. Urwin
W. B. Coxe
H. Becket
A. Hutchison
W. Bernard
Mrs Fassenden
W. Munro
A. Parry
J. Muir
Geo. Crutwick and thirty five
others. *

* The Minutes of last
Annual Meeting read
& confirmed

The Secretary read the Annual Report
as follows:—
"Your Committee in laying before you its
annual report does not deem it necessary to make
many preface remarks, as the following reports of
Sub-Committees not only give a full minution
of the work done, but also contains the relative observa-
-tions and suggestions of each department."

On assuming office, your Committee at the
outset encountered a considerable amount of trouble, in
providing ways and means to meet several pressing
claims arising from the extension in St. Peter Street and
other improvements to the Building.
The report of the Finance Committee will show the way
this was overcome. The aims and energies of your
Committee were chiefly directed to the paramount
necessity of placing the building in a state of thorough
good order. The gratifying report of the Building Com-
-mittee will exhibit how far this object has been
realised and if to accomplish this, some of the legitimate
functions of the Institute had to be suspended we trust
that our successors will avail themselves to the full
of the advantageous position we now leave
them.

them, in carrying on every branch of our noble work, let progress be the watchword still, and may every recurring Annual meeting have its story of increased strength and usefulness.

Memberships

Two hundred and twenty five members of all classes have renewed their subscriptions, and one hundred and fifty three new members have been admitted. The falling off in the number of Annual Subscribers may be accounted for by the confusion incident to repairing going on, and some of the Annual becoming Life members.

A special effort was made to increase the life membership with the view of thereby recouping the exhausted treasury, which resulted in adding 79 Members to that list.

The membership stands at present as follows

676
653
-23

Honorary Members		10
Corresponding	do	8
Life	do	257
Annual	do	<u>378</u>
Total		<u>653</u>

three hundred fifty three

Being 23 less than last year

Library and Reading Room

The entire absorption of the funds, exclusive of the current expenses, for enlarging and improving the building has prevented your Committee from making during their term of office the required additions to the library. They have to report:

72 Vols added by purchase

32 " Donations

36 " Periodicals, bound

139 " in all

The number of Volumes on our shelves is now — 3465.

Since last Annual report the issue of books has been 7084 against 7947 in the corresponding period last year, showing a decrease of 863. The impossibility of giving out books while the library and Reading room were being cleaned, in some measure accounts for this.

The Committee were about to make

Some

Some addition to the shelving of the library which is very much required, but defer doing so with the view of enabling our successors to consider whether an enlargement of the reading room and library might not beneficially be effected. We would also suggest the expediency of considering in connexion with the increase of accommodation, whether or not some mutually satisfactory arrangement could not be made with the Board of Arts, by which the free library of reference, with some suitable division could not be placed in the same room and under the care of our Superintendent. It might certainly in this way be made much more widely and practically useful than in its present position.

The Reading room has been greatly improved by its thorough cleaning, and is being more than ever frequented by the members and as stated before it should early form a question for the consideration of the incoming Committee whether a healthy progress does not demand its enlargement. We would also recommend to their attention a very general desire to have duplicates of the Montreal Herald and Gazette placed on the tables.

As usual we give a list of the Newspapers, Periodicals, and Magazines that are to be found on the tables.

Montreal Papers

Daily Herald, Gazette, Transcript, Witness and Telegraph, Protestant Echo & True Witness.

Provincial Papers

Daily Toronto Globe and Quebec Chronicle
Stratford Examiner, Hamilton Spectator, Kingston
Chronicle and News, Granby Gazette,
Huntington Journal, and Richmond Guardian.

British Papers

London Daily Times,	Liverpool European Times,
" Illustrated News,	Glasgow Saturday Post
" Punch,	" League Journal,
" Engineer,	Edinburgh Scotsman,
" Builder	Dublin Warder,
" Temperance Sai,	Alliance News and
The British Temperance Advocate.	
United	

United States Papers

New York Daily Herald, Tribune, Home Journal
Albion, Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper,
New Jerusalem Messenger, Scientific
American and Scottish American
Journal.

Periodicals

Edinburgh Review, London Quarterly Review,
Westminster Rev, North British Rev,
Blackwood's Magazine, Dublin University Magazine
North Merchants Rev, Harper's Monthly do
Macmillans Rev, Atlantic Monthly do
Cornhill Rev, Once a week do
All the Year Round Rev, The Family Herald do
London Journal, Civil Engineer Architects Journal
Journal of the Board of Agriculture & Fisheries for W.C.
Chambers Journal, The Horticulturist
The Art Journal, Canadian Naturalist
Intellectual Repository and Canadian
Patriot, this last the publication off is now stopped
Lectures and Classes

With much regret the Committee, owing to
the extensive repairs going on, found it impossible
to do anything last winter in this important
department, as no such hindrance will
stand in the way of our Successors we would
urge upon them the resumption of the usual
Classes during the coming winter.

We would also venture to suggest
that a small charge for admission to each
Class would tend to make them more appreciated
and keep away a class of boys who attend more
for amusement and by their disorderly con-
duct annoy the Teachers and hinder the earnest
and industrious Students.

We hope it will also be found practicable to have
a course of lectures next season

Building

At the last annual meeting the work on the new
building and Hall were so far advanced that our pre-
decessors felt warranted in promising its completion
by the middle of October following but with others,
the following cause delayed that consummation
till the 20th December last.

It

It having been decided to paint the ceiling of the Hall in fresco, the scaffolding necessary for that purpose prevented the plasterers and Carpenters progressing with their work, while the Gas fitters and Plumbers adding New Gas pipe & fixtures & Steam heating pipe, introducing the water into the side rooms &c, also helped to delay its earlier completion.

In seating the New Hall a very decided improvement was made by a gradual elevation of the last six rows of seats, which enables the occupants both to see and hear better, and so much is this appreciated that, while the middle of the room is comparatively empty these seats are well filled. We would recommend as early an attention as possible to repairing all the dilapidated seats and furnishing such new ones as are still wanted.

We can now congratulate the Members in possessing a Hall which both in size and appearance is superior to any in Montreal, while those who have tried it cannot in paying that, for Lectures and Concerts it is unequalled in Canada.

In re-leasing the Stores, the Cellar, under Messrs. Galbraith and Brown's, was reserved and connected with the Store in Saint Peter Street, and to make it available it was found necessary to drain it, enlarge the windows and renew a large portion of the flooring, by which arrangements we were enabled to rent that premises for \$340⁰⁰ per Annum.

We also found it absolutely necessary to clean and white wash the Ceiling of the Library and Reading room, passages &c.

With the view of introducing more light into the passage, Plate glass has been substituted for wood in the large panels of the front door. This improvement might also be extended to the three doors in the East side of the passage leading to the reading room.

The building and repairs so far exceeded the estimated cost that it was deemed advisable to postpone the contemplated alterations in the library.

Finances

It will be seen by the Finance Statement that

that of the loan of \$24000⁰⁰ after paying off all old mortgages and charges there remained only the sum of \$5387⁸⁸ to meet an outlay for building and repairing estimated at \$7000⁰⁰ but which actually amounted to about \$10000. To make up the deficiency, Your Committee borrowed from the Colonial Church Society, of the Diocese of Montreal \$2000⁰⁰ more at the same rate of interest (C/o)

The special effort to procure life members netted \$1344⁰⁰ and the sum of \$398⁰⁰ was donated by successful competitors at the Industrial exhibition, making altogether the sum of \$8859⁸⁸, and leaving a balance against building account of \$1141⁰⁰.

In order to have sufficient time to make up a statement, the financial year is changed from 1st September to 1st August, consequently, the present statement embraces only eleven months.

On 1st September last year we owed on current accounts \$1750⁰⁰ with coals and rents then due of which \$1150⁰⁰ has been paid off. Our entire indebtedness on 1st August was \$1791⁰⁰ with coals and rents then due, equal to \$800⁰⁰, thus leaving the actual debt at that period less than \$1000⁰⁰. It may be noted that this statement only includes 8 months rent of Hall (averaging \$120 per month) and three months rent of premises now leased at \$500⁰⁰ and there are still rooms to rent for \$400 per annum. The excess of revenue for last eleven months is about \$1000⁰⁰ over the previous twelve; at present the current expenses of the Institute is \$24440. — — — Interest on loan — — — — — 1500 — making the total expenditure about — — — 24000, which the present revenue fully meets.

Your Committee venture to think that when the rooms are fully rented and a little exertion put forth to increase the members list, that a sinking fund of about \$8000⁰⁰ might be raised which judiciously managed would enable the Institute to pay off the \$26000⁰⁰ loan when it becomes due.

During the year a set of Books were opened and placed in charge of the Superintendent by which members can see at a glance the state of any account and thus have a more thorough supervision of the affairs of the Institute.

In laying down the trust confided to us twelve months ago, Your Committee would

would just add a word of exhortation to members.

For some years past the small attendance at the annual meetings has manifested much apathy, we would therefore urge on members to take a more lively interest in all the affairs of the Institute, especially in procuring new members so that its legitimate, moral and intellectual influences may have free and full exercise for good in our midst.

It Financial Statement Ct.

1863	1864		
Sept 1 to Bal	330 25	Oct 27. Pay Gas	1163 93
Oct 6 th		" Salaries 11 mos	534 06
July 27 " Cash of Members	553 50	" 23 rd Feb Fin man	65 -
" " Rent Rooms	1045 85	" Insurance	193 80
" " Donations	228 25	" Reading Room	307 02
" " Old Paper	40 88	" Furniture R. Ins	30 75
" " Catalogues	15 78	" House	55 67
" " to Members	1244 -	" Fuel	270 -
" " Rent Stones	1215 84	" Char Garth	800 -
" " " Hall	942 59	" Station Wood Return	40 -
" " " Jones	61	" Contingencies	132 46
" " " List	21	" Interest	1440 -
" " Insurance	695	" Summary of full	8053 93
" " G. Weaver	600 -	" W. Saffery "	9303 88
" " C. Church	2000 -	" Kern Sale "	4344 44
" " Interest	772 29	" S. C. Griffin NP	383 10
		" S. Bethune adv	90 78
		" Interest	986 28
		" W. Silt NP	2 00
		" S. Smith NP	26 00
		" Contractors	9283 86
		" Bal forward	200 04
	<u>\$ 32997.00</u>		<u>\$ 32997.00</u>

Aug 1 to Bal forward \$ 200.04

Audited and found correct

Signet. { John C. Becket
A. A. Stevenson

August 30th 1864

Balances

Dr	Balance	Cr	
7 J. G. Giffin	3 50	2 Seal & Dies	14 19
13 A. C. Hutchinson	60	3 H. Becket	7 50
27 Galbraith & Brown	210	10 Corporation	210 -
30 J. Walker Mc	170	40 J. Easton	9 40
32 A. J. Pell	37	144 G. W. Reed	3 60
33 Art Assn	110	145 Evans Bro	8 -
47 A. H. Forbes	29 50	50 Geo Mathews	13 -
48 Caledonia Soc	30	58 Hamilton Spa	9 -
51 Board Arts &	30	60 do Times	10 -
52 House Indust	10 50	59 Montreal News	25 66
" E. W. Delamair	18	62 " Gazette	8 -
53 Major W. Pherson	113 50	64 E. H. Parsons	5 -
" W. W. Mansons	24	61 E. Pickup	1 -
54 Steam B. Soc	18	63 S. A. Journal	2 50
" J. B. M. Namee	75	65 C. G. Hagg	3 50
55 Canadian All	7 50	66 S. M. Meece	38 50
56 Hebrew Soc	9	" S. J. Armit	2 81
57 Mer dit Ass	3 50	70 Dawson Bro	107 73
69 R. Thomas et al	11	72 Int Louell	1 50
" J. W. Lewis & Co	85	8 Col Church	26 000 -
73 C. J. Courso	50	11 G. W. Weaver	} 600 -
" Geo. Holman	5	at Rev Bank	
" S. H. Andrews	12	Bal	
Buildings and Lent	45 133		
Summured	3 000		
Library	3 200		
	<u>52 816 35</u>		<u>52 816 35</u>
Bal for Inst	257 35 46		

Audited and found correct
 Signed { Wm C Becket
 { A A Stevenson

August 30th 1864
 J. W. Reed Esq
 3rd September 1864
 President Mechanics Institute of Montreal
 Dear Sir,

In accordance with your request we have examined the Books of the Institute, with the accounts and vouchers for the past year, found every thing correct and have certified accordingly in the usual manner.
 The books now kept, are in our

our opinions well suited for the business of the Institute, and great care seems to have been taken exercised by Mr Sansum, the Superintendent.

The salary of that Officer is in our opinion too small for the arduous duties he is required to perform. We have the honor to be

Your obedt Servants

Signed { John C Recket
Ad Stevenson

It was moved by J C Recket seconded by A Irvine and carried. That the Annual report and Finance Statement now read be received and adopted.

Moved by R M Scholes, seconded by A Perry, and carried. That the thanks of the Members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal, is due and hereby tendered to the President and Committee, for the excellent and judicious way in which they have managed the affairs, of the Institute during the past year.

Moved seconded and carried. That a Synopsis of the Annual report be prepared and published.

The President Appointed Messrs R M Scholes, A Perry and J. Muir, scrutineers of the ballot.

The ballot was then taken for the different Office bearers, which resulted in the due election, of William Reid, President, David Brown, Vice President, George Cruickshank, Corresponding Secretary, Norton B Coxe, Treasurer, Robert Owen, Recording Secretary, Dontham Findlay Librarian, John C Recket Cabinet Keeper, and Geo W Weaver, Alexander Bestram, James Muir, Dr Bernard A C Hutchison and A A Stevenson members of General Committee

It was moved by Dr Bernard, seconded by S B Brown, and carried that the Annual Subscrip- tion fee of Junior Members continue as heretofore one dollar

Moved by J C Pell, seconded by J. Findlay: That one month prior to the election of the Delegates to the Board of Arts, in January next, the Superintendent, be instructed to place on the table

table in the library a list of the members entitled to vote at such election and a paper properly headed wherein any member may nominate one or other members for election on the said Board and if one week previous to the election taking place there are not twice the number of members nominated that are required to be elected, the Committee of the Institute shall fill up the list to that number; after which the Superintendent or his assistant shall ascertain if the same be not previously done - the willingness of the said nominees to serve on the board, if elected by allowing their names to remain or by themselves erasing them if they decline; and from the list as so remaining the election shall alone be made; provided that in case a sufficiency of names shall not be left then the meeting shall make up the number from those present, and the election shall proceed by ballot in the usual way.

Moved in amendment, by J. C. Becker and seconded by W. T. Bernard: that the subject embodied in Mr. Pell's motion be referred to the General Committee, with power to take such action as they may see best. On discussion the amendment was carried.

Mr. Pell, informed the meeting that, the following gentlemen had offered three prizes for competition to the Classes that shall be formed next winter under the auspices of the Institute:

Wm. D. H. Evans Esq.	a set Bench Plans
G. C. Snowdon Esq.	a set Squares
Messrs Tabb & Thompson	a set Finer Chisels.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter of increasing the Superintendent's salary be referred to the General Committee, with the recommendation that such increase be made.

No other business appearing the meeting then adjourned.

W. T. Bernard
Secy

Montreal 12th September 1864.

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

At the first General Committee Meeting, held in the above Institute, this evening, were present:

Mr Reid, President, in the Chair
Geo. Conitcrank,
W.B. Coxe,
J. Stindley,
G.W. Weaver,
A. Bestram,
Jas Muir,
A.C. Hutchison,
W. Bernard,
R. Brown

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved,
The Last Annual Report and Minutes, read ~~and approved~~,

A letter from Madam Vallier read and on motion referred to House Committee for action,

The following Candidates were proposed, and on motion duly admitted members of this Institute;

- 1st Class Mr Wagner, Land Surveyor
- 2 " Mr Benely Latke Clerk
- 2 " Sheop: Slous do
- 3 " R. Kidneat do
- 3 " P MacFarlan do
- 3 " John Moore Pupil
- 3 " Alfred Lahaie Cp. Drummer
- 3 " Rich: Heacon " Silver Smiths.

Appointment of Standing Committee as follows:

	<u>Reading room Library</u>	<u>Membership</u>
	Jonathan Stindley,	Robt. Brown,
<i>P. McQuinn</i>	A.A. Stevenson,	A.A. Stevenson
	Geo. Conitcrank	Geo Conitcrank
	<u>Lecture & Class</u>	Jas. Muir,
	J. Becket,	John Stindley,
	Jas Muir,	<u>Finance</u>
<i>J. Stindley</i>	A.C. Hutchison,	G.W. Weaver
<i>P. McQuinn</i>	W. Bernard,	David Brown
	<u>House</u>	W.B. Coxe.
	David Brown,	
<i>P. McQuinn</i>	W. Bernard,	
	Alex Bestram,	
	G.W. Weaver,	

The

The Question of Superintendents Salary ~~was~~ Considered,
and on motion by ~~Lester~~ ~~Carver~~, ~~second~~ by W. B. Stewart,
That the Superintendents Salary be increased
Eighty Dollars making \$600⁰⁰ for Superintendents and
by as assistant. Carried.

The Cor. Secy. and Rec. Secy. were appointed
to make a synopsis of General report for publication
The motion of J. C. Fell at Annual Meeting relating
to Board of Arts & Manufactures was considered
Moved by J. Findlay, seconded by A. Robinson:
That we approve of the mode of nomination in
the said motion and that we adopt the plan at the
election of the members of the Board from this
Institute in January next. Carried.

The Question of Coal for the winter was brought
up by President, and it was referred to the President
for his action in the matter.

Moved seconded and resolved, that the
Charge for the use of the ^{hall} ~~hall~~ be twenty five dollars
per day.

No other business coming up the meeting
adjourned.

Robt. J. W. M.
Rec. Secy

Montreal 26th September 1864

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

At a meeting of the Committee, held this evening were present Wm Reid, President in the Chair

Geo W Weaver,

J. Hindlay,

A Bertrand,

W Bernard,

A A Stevenson,

J. C. Becket,

Jas Muir,

A C Hutchison,

R Brown,

The Minutes of the last meeting read & confirmed.
Letter, from Mr Verret, read and referred to Lectures and Class Committee.

Letter, from Mr McCreery of Toronto, applying for Room to hold Private Dancing Classes in, read, and Motion duly made & seconded, declined.

Letter, from J. J. Pell relating to public concerts was read,

Moved by A Bertrand, seconded by Jas Muir, that, this matter lay on the table until next meeting.

Moved by W Bernard, seconded by J. C. Becket, that A A Stevenson and R Brown be a Committee to procure a Lamp for the Street door of the Institute.

Class meeting reported, — "That there shall be classes this winter, to commence November first that these classes consist of, English, reading, writing, Arithmetic and Drawing, English classes entrance fee (25¢) twenty five cents said fee to be refunded where good conduct and attendance warrant it. The Drawing classes pay the same fee of 25¢ each pupil, per month. That there be a French Class, provided a sufficient number of pupils offer to pay one half the amount of Teacher's fee. That it is also in contemplation to offer prizes for proficiency in the several departments.

Moved by Geo W Weaver, seconded by J. Hindlay that the report now read be received and adopted.
Carried.

Moved in Amendment by A A Stevenson, Seconded
by [unclear] that, all fees except the 35¢
entrance fee be struck out. (lost)

The President brought up the Question of
Rent to the Irish Pro: Rem: Society.

It was resolved that the rent be \$30⁰⁰ per Annum
for 24 Meetings, and for all over that number be \$1⁵⁰
each be charged. And that they be notified accordingly.

The following Candidates were on Motion
duly made and seconded elected members of the
Institute: 1st Class When Cox Correct

"	Gas Partinger	Merchant
2	Dr. Headen	Clerk
"	C W Mather	Do
"	Capt Ingram	63 Regt.
3	Richd Rothwell	Smoker
"	Geo S McGregor	Lithographer
"	Geo W Intorb	Blksmith
"	Thos Walling	Capt Architect
"	Henry Phillips	Clerk
"	Henry Kinlock	"

No other business coming up the meeting
closed

Robt. J. [unclear]
[unclear]

Montreal 10th October 1864.

Committee Room, Mechanics' Institute

At a meeting of the Committee, held this evening, were present: Wm Reid, President in the chair,

W.B. Coxe

G.W. Weaver,

A. Bertram

A. J. Stevenson

Geo. Cruikshank

Das. Mcint

R. Brown

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed,

D.S. Fort's Account for 3 Years Subscription to Quebec Morning Chronicle presented, referred to Finance Committee

The following persons proposed, and admitted members of the Institute:

1 st Class	Geo. C. Clerk, Editor, True witness
1	do James Ross, Merchant
2	do A. Stewart, Clerk
2	do J. F. McNeill do
2	do Evan G. McCall Student
3	do Henry Varner App Printer
3	do Donald Jones " Carpenter

No other business appearing the Meeting adjourned.

R. Brown
Secretary

Monday 24th October 1864

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute,

A meeting of the Committee held this evening, were present:

Mr. Reid, President, in the Chair.

W. B. Corse,

J. Bertram,

D. Hindlay,

D. Muir

A. C. Hutchison

E. W. Cleaver

R. Drwin

The Minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed.
The following accounts presented

Hamilton Spectator.

39 Mos Subscription 10th July, 1864 £ 9.75

Kingson News

18 Mos: do 19 Oct 64 £ 3.75

all referred to Finance Committee.

A letter of application, from Institute Canada for rooms, during the rebuilding of their premises in Notre dame St. on motion duly made and seconded; referred to House Committee for their action; and if satisfactory arrangements can be made, they are ^{hereby} authorised to lease the rooms required.

Report from Class Committee read, received, and adopted.

Messrs J. E. Pell and A. C. Hutchison duly appointed a Special Committee to solicit prizes for competition as requested in the closing section of the report referred to.

The Class Committee, duly authorised to procure the necessary Tables &c for the Class room.

The following persons were duly proposed and elected members of the Institute,

3rd Class. V. R. Annett Carpenter

John Barclay do

Henry Barlow Storeman

D. Lancaster Sailor

Douglas Rutherford Carpenter

B. F. Wilson Machinist

Alex Cameron do

John Rutherford Carpenter.

3rd Class Geo. Birney, Ap. Printer
 Henry. Bulmer, Ap. Clerk
 Alex. Lowden, " Carpenter
 Jas. Cleland, " Pattern maker
 Wm. Cleland, " Machinist
 Lewis Lee, " Carpenter
 John Mearns, " Painter
 Wm. Mearns, " Insid. maker
 Donald Campbell, " Office boy
 Sam. Glen, " Electro-Plating
 Wm. Patton, " Ruffin maker
 Jas. H. Jackson, Pupil
 Jas. Dunlop, Ap. Druggist

The President, brought forward the necessity
 of having the seats in the Hall repaired, as
 they were in very great need of it.

On motion, the matter was referred to the
 House Committee for action.

No other business coming up
 the meeting adjourned

Robt. Swin Secy

Mechanics Institute, at
 Montreal 28 November 1864
 Committee Room,

At a meeting of the Committee of the above Institute
 held this evening, were present:

William Reid, Pres: in the Chair

Alexander, Bestram,

Jonathan Hindlay,

George Crutcher,

Alex. A. Stevenson,

Robert. Swin.

Minutes of the last meeting / 24 October 1864
 read and confirmed.

Letters from the following persons read
 from Mr. Wentworth, Stevenson, " requesting the Committee
 to refund the price paid for the use of
 the Hall, for her last concert, which

which proved a failure"

On Motion, duly made and seconded, The Libr.
Secretary was authorized to write in answer,
that the Committee would not entertain the
proposition, but that should Mr. Stevenson, feel
disposed to have another concert, that she can
have the hall, for half the usual price.

From, Mr. Pickup, complaining about the inclemency
of the weather, and asking for reduction
in price of the Hall, 25th October last.

On Motion duly made and seconded, The Libr.
Secretary, was authorized to write in answer
that the Committee, do not feel called upon to
make any reduction as they had no control of
the circumstances of which he complains
From W. A. Bernard, tendering his resignation
as a member of Committee.

Laid on the table.

The following accounts presented
and referred to Finance Committee.

John Lovell, "Book binding"	\$67.55
Davenport Bros, "Printing"	5.70
Wm. Learmont "Repro. Black"	1.75
Chas. Garth "Heating arrangements"	298.33
James Walker & Co "Services"	3.34
James Robertson "Building up"	20.50
H. P. Lamphart "Gas burner '40"	3.60
Corporation "Assessments"	782.50

Librarian, reported that, complaints have been made
about the about the Library, that no
new works had been added to the for
a very long time, and suggested that an
appropriation be made for new books.

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was re-
ferred to Finance Committee.

The following persons, proposed and elected
members of the Institute, upon their
fully performing all the requirements of
the By-law rules.

Life	Chas. W. Donald,	Carrage maker
1st Clap	Wm. Wood, Esquire, illd	Doctor
	Thomas, Davidson,	Merchant & wine
	John, Hanless	Horrip Doctor
	H. B. Warren,	Scale maker

2nd Clap J. F. Whiteaver, Naturalist
 Robt L. Harrington, Foreman
 John Montgomery, Carpenter
 W. S. Mathineau, Roofer
 Jas. Barclay, Clerk
 Chas. Watson, Stone Cutter
 O. Deblois, Find Smith
 Jm. Ryder, Carpentier
 Frs. Thompson, Do
 Alfred Frost, Do
 James Laurie, Stone Cutter
 Richard Page, Express man
 Jm. Rigby, Foreman
 John. Gross, Confectioner
 Jas. A. Delbec, Student at law
 John. Patterson, Clerk
 Rufus Norman, Clerk

3rd Clap Robert Dixon, Thomas Power, John Ash,
 Jm. Lyons, R. S. Ott, Arnold Fenwick,
 Chas Gall, A. Mearns, Jm. Satter,
 David Tate, Robt Johnston, Pat Hamell,
 Alex Cunningham, W. S. Gardner, Benj Chouler,
 E. S. Bennett, W. S. Common, Jas Dunn,
 Geo. Pop, Jm White, Fr. Whittaker,
 Geo Fraser, Robt Ferguson, Frank Summers
 Augr Wallace, Augr Beekham, Jm Patton "Carpenter"
 Geo Hyde, Jas Davison, SR Callaway,
 W. G. Allan, W. B. Mason, Jm Maczek,
 Jm Blundall, Alex Marshall, W. S. Dunn.

x have not paid
 Dr Squares in the name
 of Wilson, maybe
 to do any thing with

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Robt Irvine
 Secy

12th December 1864

This evening only the President & Secretary were in attendance consequently ^{there was} no meeting ~~was~~ held

Robt Irvine

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 26th December 1864

Committee Room

At a meeting of the Committee of the above Institute held this evening, were present, the following:-

Wm Reid, President, in the Chair.

Geo W Wearst,

A. B. Corse,

J. Sandlay,

A. Beaman,

D. C. Becket,

R. Brown,

The minutes of the last meeting, read and confirmed. The resignation of W. A. Bernard, was taken up and discussed.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was resolved, that said resignation be accepted, and that P. Macquisten Esquire be and is hereby appointed in place and stead of W. A. Bernard, resigned.

The following accounts were presented, read and referred to Finance Committee:-

C. Pickup, New York Herald. \$11⁰⁰

D. Wilson 100 Cutting wall in west. 20⁰⁰

Applications from Messrs J. M. Clostkey, Wm Satt, S. S. Archibald and W. W. Mathewson, were read as assistant teachers and referred to Class Class Committee for their approval, and that the salary to be paid each assistant teacher be seventy five cents each night of teaching.

The following persons, proposed and elected members of the Institute, upon their performing all the requirements of the By-laws rules &c.

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|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2 nd Class | Wm. Edwards, | Grader |
| | Wm Saylor, | Granger |
| | Chas. Groves, | Coachman |
| | Chas. Cook, | Blacksmith |
| | James Lynch | Clerk |
| | A. H. Hutchison | Stone Cutter |
| 3 rd Class, | Geo Ross, | Roller Smith |
| | J. Vach, | Geo. Mathewson, |
| | Geo Ballary, | Geo. Morrison, |
| | Geo. Green, | J. B. Long, |
| | | Geo. Louder |

No other business appearing, the meeting closed.

Robt Brown
Wm Reid

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 2nd January 1865.

At a special meeting of the Members, of the above Institute, called for the purpose of electing representatives from the said Institute to the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada for the current year, were present the following:

Wm. Reid Esq. President in the Chair	
David Brown	Dunbar Browne
Geo. W. Leves	W. B. Corse
A. Bulmer	A. C. Hutchison
P. Maegusten	Thos. Fessenden
D. Gape	Geo. Sturgehat
J. B. Watson	C. W. Musthat
B. Wilson	and Rob. Brown

The minutes of the last meeting, held the fourth day of January 1864, read and confirmed.

The President appointed Wm. Reid Esq. Dunbar Browne and A. C. Hutchison, scrutineers of the ballot, who upon taking the same reported the following members elected to the said Board for the ensuing year

Geo. W. Leves	A. Ramsey
A. Murray	W. B. Corse
A. D. Stevenson	Robt. Brown
J. Redpath	David Brown
Henry Bulmer	J. C. Peckit
Dunbar Browne	Wm. Ross
Smith and Stoddard	A. Munro

A. Bertram and J. Chamberlain Esquires

The President therefore declared the above named Gentlemen duly elected to represent the said Mechanics Institute of Montreal, at the said Board of Arts and Manufactures, for Lower Canada for the ensuing year.

The President then declared the meeting closed.

Wm. Reid
Secretary

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 9th January 1865.

Committee Room

At a meeting of the General Committee of the above Institute, held this evening, were present:-

Mr. Rev. President, in the Chair.

N. B. Coxe,

Geo. H. Carver,

David Brown

A. C. Hutchinson.

Geo. Bruntshank

P. Maquisten

A. A. Stevenson,

R. E. Starn

The minutes of the last meeting read and approved

Letter from H. Boyd, relating to his subscription, read and laid over.

The following accounts were presented and referred to Finance Committee

Evans Bro. for Bal \$470.00

Penny Wilson for Bal 10 00

Do do 10 00

Do do 13 00

Applications from Art Association for use of Hall for five weeks beginning the 20th of January, they supplying their own gas for lighting Hall.

Terms decided upon for Hall was \$50⁰⁰ per week

The Library Committee recommended that the London Society, a monthly magazine be procured for the Reading room

On Motion duly made it was agreed to.

The following person was elected a member of the 3rd Class, Charles Potteous.

The meeting then adjourned.

R. E. Starn
Secretary

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 23rd January 1865

Committee Room

At a meeting of the General Committee of the above Institute, held this evening, were present:

Ames, President, in the Chair

D. Brown.

A. Stevenson

A. Bertrand

P. Macquisten

D. Brown

Jonathan Standley

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed
Letter from Geo A Drummond, Esquire for the Art-Association, respecting Rent of Hall for Exhibition, commencing next month, read and agreed to

Letter from Proprietor Hamilton Spectator asking for Payment of account for News Paper read and referred to Finance Committee

Letter from Young Men's Christian Association, read and referred to House Committee

Account from A Ramsey Senr. \$11.36. referred to Finance Committee

The following persons proposed for membership
1st Class Isaac H. Stearns

2 W^o John Dorry

3 W^o Maunel Moor

" W^o James Seunoy

" W^o Robert Horne

" W^o Geo Green

No other business coming up the meeting adjourned.

W. H. Smith
Secy.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 13 February 1865

Committed Room

At a meeting of the General Committee, held this evening were present, the following:

Mr Reid, President, in the Chair

David Brown

J. Gindrey

J. C. Becket

Sec. Crutskank

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

The following accounts were read and on motion referred to the Finance ^{and Library} Committee

Sam Buzgal & Son \$81. 90

Dawson Bros ^{old Bal 137. 73} ~~wrap 104. 99~~ 232 72

Low & Chamberlain 19. 64

The account of Jas Matthews of thirteen dollars for Life membership Cards, referred to D. Brown 11 July last for explanation, returned endorsed as a donation to the Institute from Mr Matthews.

The Chairman of Library Committee reported a donation from Mr B. F. Wilson of one volume, to be added to the "Heaven Testimonial"

An Application from Mr Wilson, "Printed" for use of Class Room - Sundays - during summer referred to the President.

The following Candidates for membership were on motion duly made and seconded admitted

1st Class Geo Rowe, Contractor

2 " Chas Harper, H B Barr, J D Robinson

Rev. A. Paton, J. Keith, Thos Foley

Ans Halmsey, Chas McLarty, Duncan MacFarlane

3 " Saml Paston, Chas Moore, Geo Massey

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

Robt Irvine

Rec Secy

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 27 March 1865

Committee Room,

At a meeting of the General Committee, held this evening
were present Mr Reist President, in the Chair

D. C. Becket

J. Findlay

Geo. Conriths mark

A. C. Hutchinson

J. Macquisten

A. A. Stevenson

R. Irwin

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed
Communications from, J. R. White, Hamilton,
offering Daily Spectator, for 4/6 per annum.

Chair & seat to 1st Dec 65 \$5.50

Emb Paid Order 25/6r W. Gillespie to July 64 9.75

Jas Walker & Co 2.25

R. Miller Book Binding 115.55

Scottish Am Journal 5.00

Seal and Decs 34.29

J. C. Becket 8.50

All referred to Finance Committee

Mr Macquisten, proffered the History of
Scandinavia

Report from Class Committee, recommend
ing a Public examination read and adopted.

The following persons were duly elected
members of the Institute:

1st Class G. B. Mathews

Henry Duncan

2 " G. J. Gage Patrick Torley, Dan Shea,

James Swail, Robert Gellay, A. Elie

Thomas Miller, J. J. Farrow, E. Walton

3 " Thomas McGrail Am Scott, Geo Hooper,

Geo Miller, Jas Mass, Wm Sam M. Bratney

No other business appearing the meeting
closed.

R. Irwin
R. Beley.

Mechanics Institute
Meeting 24th April 1865.

Committee Room

At a meeting of General Committee, held this evening
were present: Mr. Reid, President, in the Chair

J. C. Becket
H. B. Cooper
Geo. W. Weaver
Geo. Muir
A. A. Stevenson
Geo. Crumbrank
A. Bettrams
R. C. Hutchison
A. Irvine

The Minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed
Accounts presented.

A. & A. Ramsay \$23. 03

"This account having lain over for several
years, Mr. Muir considered it omitted, but as it appears
the account was not actually settled or omitted.
Mr. Ramsay proposed to take a life membership
tickets - for Mr. A. Ramsay, Esq. - as payment in full"

Moved by R. Irvine, seconded by G. W. Weaver,
that Mr. Ramsay's offer be accepted, and that Mr.
Alexander Ramsay, Esq. be and is hereby elected a
life member of the Institute.

The Art Association applied for a reduction
in the rent of the room they occupy, for the next year
On motion duly made and seconded
The President was authorized to settle with them

Application made by the American Church
for leave to put up their Organ in the Hall, during
the time their Church was building

On motion duly made and seconded
It was referred to the House Committee

The Class Committee Reported the Publicist
Enumeration of the Claps on the 11 Inst, which
passed off with considerable good feeling, the only regret being
the apparent indifference of Members in attendance at the
same.

The following persons were proposed
and elected members, 1st Class Edwin Hillon
2nd Class Geo. Rye, Geo. Crowhurst, Geo. McPhee
3rd " Geo. Anderson, Meeting adjourned.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 25th May 1865

Committee Room

At a meeting of the General Committee held this evening, were present: W. Reed President in the Chair

Geo W Weaver

N B Coree

J Standen

A Becham

R Sworn

Minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed

Letter from Mr McCarroll requesting a reduction in the rent of the Hall charged him, for a lecture on the 19th inst read and request not granted

On motion duly made and seconded Sworn agreed to open the Institute on the morning of the "Queen's Birth day" to receive the Morning papers at the usual hour of 9 AM, and to be closed at 10 AM for the rest of the day, Carried unanimously

Moved by R Sworn, Seconded by N B Coree, It was recommended that the Library Committee be authorized to purchase a few of the latest publications, to add to the interest of the library (Carried)

No other business appearing the meeting closed.

R Sworn

Secy

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 12th June 1865

Committee Room

At a meeting of the General Committee held this evening were present Geo W Weaver, in the Chair

N B Corse

A Beckman

Geo Conkchant

J Findlay

R Brown

Minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed
The Finance Committee reported that the interest on the L Co, for the half year expiring 8th inst was duly paid; and also the assessment for Improving St Peter Street.

No other business coming up the meeting closed.

Robt Brown

Secy

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 17 July 1865

Committee Room

At a Special meeting of the General Committee held this evening, were present Wm Clev. President in the Chair

N B Corse

G W Weaver

J C Becket

J Findlay

A Beckman

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Geo. W. Weaver and seconded by J C Becket, and resolved

That the President and Treasurer be a Committee to arrange for the best way of painting the Roof of the building, and also to provide coal for the winter.

On motion duly made and seconded It was resolved -

That,

That the President and G. W. Weaver be a
Committee to get additional Shelving
put up in the Library and to remove
the Case containing the Chemical
Apparatus to one of the rooms in the Institute.

Motion duly made and seconded
It was resolved, that the Board of Arts
and Manufactures for Lower Canada
be requested to call a Special meeting
of the Board to take into consideration
the propriety of calling a meeting of
the Manufacturers and mechanics of
Montreal or taking other measures,
which they may deem most expedient
to protect the interests of the Mechanical
and Manufacturing Classes of Canada.

And that our Corresponding Secy
communicate this Resolution to the
Secy of the Board of Arts and
Manufactures.

No other business coming of
the meeting closed.

Robt. Smith
Recy Secy

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 14 August 1865

Committee Room

A regular meeting of the General Committee held. This evening were present

W. Rees President in the Chair

V. C. Burt

G. W. Weaver

H. B. Coxe

J. Findlay

R. Brown

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

The following accounts were presented

C. Hill 14 75

Davies Bros 12 210

Do 346. 08 bal.

Prosser & M. Farlow 3 50

Penny Wilson & Co 8 00

M. T. Cockburn 108. 37 -

On motion these several accounts were referred to Finance Committee for examination

Communication from Board of Arts read and received.

Members proposed and elected

1st Class Jas. Manning, M. A. Spurr
W. S. Cook, J. R. M. Donnell
W. E. Easty.

2 W. D. McNeil, A. C. Walbridge
Geo. Kelland, Geo. Macdonald
Jas. Wilson, Wm. Tilgson, W. Glover,
Geo. Ward.

3 Jas. White, Geo. Sadler, E. Pollock,
W. M. Larin, W. Laurie, Croil Ryan,
W. D. Davidson, A. Pollock,
Geo. Hes, W. Chandler, Jas. Green,
Jas. M. Bide, W. Scott, W. R. —
Wardsworth —

Committee reported that Cash have been purchased for winter use.

Adjourned to meet next Monday to receive Reports of Sub Committees.

Robt. Brown

Secretary

Mechanics Institute Special Meeting

Montreal 21st August 1865.

Committee Room,

As an adjourned meeting held this evening were present Wm Reid President in the Chair

J. C. Bicket

N. B. Corse

S. Findlay

E. W. Weaver

Jas. Muir

A. Becham

A. A. Stevenson

R. Irwin

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

The Reports from the Library, Membership, Lectures and Accounts and Finance Committees were received. And on motion duly made and seconded they were referred to the Secretary to make up a Concise Report for the Annual Meeting.

The Meeting Closed.

R. Irwin
Secretary

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 28 August 1865

Committee Room

As a regular Meeting held this evening were present Wm Reid, President in the Chair.

D. Brown

N. B. Corse

J. C. Bicket

S. Findlay

A. A. Stevenson

Jas. Muir

A. Becham

E. W. Weaver

R. Irwin

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The

The following Candidates were elected members
of the Institute

Life Member	George Sumner
3 rd Class	Alfred Buttacore
3 rd "	Edward Welkes & Jm. Ullly
3 rd "	Albert G. Nichols
3 rd "	W. R. Stroud, Tho. Valentine

Reports from Sub Committees read

On motion it was Resolved that
the Secy. be instructed to prepare the
report for the Annual Meeting

The Meeting adjourned to meet
on Saturday evening to receive complete
reports.

W. H. Smith
Secy

Montreal 2 Sept 1865

Mechanics Institute. Committee Room
(An adjourned meeting of the General
Committee, held this evening, were present

Jm. Reid, President, in the Chair
A. Brown, D. Sunday, W. R. Coase
J. Muir, J. Macquisten, A. Stevenson
G. Weaver, R. Linn

Minutes of the last meeting were read and
confirmed

The draft of the Report to be submitted
to the Annual Meeting on Monday next
was read and after some corrections, approved.

The Meeting closed.

W. H. Smith
Secy

Montreal 4 September 1865

Mechanics Institute

Class Room

The Twenty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Members of the above Institute, took place this evening, were present

Wm Reid, President, in the Chair

Geo W Weaver,

J. Hendley

W. B. Coxe

Geo Muir

A. Bertram

A. C. Hutchison

R. Iron

A. A. Stevenson

W. Bernard

Wm Rutherford

J. E. Pell and Twelve others (12)

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

The Secy: now read the General Committee's Annual Report and Financial Statement.

Gentlemen

In accordance with the requirements of the Bye-Laws of the Institute, it becomes the duty of the General Committee, to lay before you a statement of its affairs, previous to resigning the important trust confided to them at your last Annual Assembly. In so doing they desire to give a report of its condition in a brief but comprehensive form, and will therefore without further preamble proceed to consider the various items in the usual order

The Membership

The number of members at date of last annual report was =	Honorary	10
	Corresponding	8
	Life	257
	Annual	378
	Total	<u>653</u>

The number of members on the Books at the present time are as follows:—

Honorary	10
Corresponding	<u>8</u> — <u>18</u>

	18
Life	201
Annual 1 st Class	74
2 nd do	175
3 rd do	152
	403
	683

making an increase of 82 members of all classes over the previous year, of which 7 are life and 25 are Annual members.

Of the 403 annual members reported 182 were elected during the ^{past} present year and 221 renewed their memberships.

Library and Reading Room

The Committee regret that they have not been able to expend as large a sum upon this important branch of the operations of the Institute, as they would have liked to have done. Such additions have been made to it however as under all the circumstances, the Library Committee, though it must call for I suppose are many New works, from day to day being published, which is out of their power to add to the Library. And to this cause they attribute the falling off in the number of volumes issued during the past year.

They would therefore recommend that in future every exertion should be made to give liberal assistance to the Library — by a steady addition of New works — which its acknowledged importance demands.

They further recommend attention to the present condition of the Room in which the books are kept, as being altogether too small, there are so large a number of books for which there are no place on the shelves and although there may be found room for some more shelving, still the place is both inconvenient and too cramped for the purpose of a library.

The Class-room could easily be converted to that purpose, and they are of opinion that an effort should be made on the part of the members of the Institute to bring the Library of the Board of Arts and Manufactures into the same room with the Institute Library, and under the care of your Superintendent.

At the date of the last report the number of volumes in the Library was 3465
 Since then have been added, by Purchase 64
 Periodicals bound 20
 Donations 64
 making in all 3621

the number of issues during the year was ————— 5678
 exhibiting a deficit of ————— 1409
 off the last years issues ————— 7084

The Institute is indebted to the following gentlemen for donations.

Messrs W Charles	7	Vol
B. G. Wilson	1	"
P. Macquisten	1	"
A. Debbam	3	"
A. Perry	19	"
Canadian Institute	26	"
Geo. Bruntshank	7	1 Pamphlet
D. McFarlan	—	11 "
J. Harris	—	1 "
J. C. Butler	Canadian Naturalist	
	Temperance Star	
	Alliance News	
	League Journal	
A. W. Roy	New Jerusalem Messenger	
	Intellectual Repository	
The Publishers	2 Copies	Daily Witness
	1 "	" Transcript
	1 "	" L'Union
	1 "	Weekly and Witness
	1 "	" Echo
	1 "	" Huntington Journal
	1 "	" Richmond Guardian
	1 "	" Granby Gazette
A. H. Brown Esq	a Librarian and	
J. J. Brown Esq	Antiquarian, for Sale of Newspapers	
	at a fee of Commission —	

At the beginning of the present year your Committee added to the Reading Room London Society Magazines much sought after.

The Papers and Periodicals, which now appear on the Tables are the following:

London Daily Times,	W & S. Liverpool Times,
Glasgow Sat. Post.	Edinburgh Scotsman,
Dublin's Worker,	All. London News
Engineer, Builder	— — — — — Punch
League Journal	Alliance News
Temperance Star	

New York Herald, Tribune, Home Journal,

Frank Leslie's Ill. News paper, New Jerusalem Messenger
Scientific American, Scottish American Journal
New York Albion,
Toronto Globe, Quebec Chronicle, Huntington Journal
Hamilton Spectator, Stratford Examiner, Kingston
Chronicle & News, Richmond Guardian, Granby Gazette
Quebec Official Gazette

Market Herald, Gazette, Transcript, Witness
- Telegraph, and Witness and Echo, L Union

Art Journal, Civil Engineer, and Architect
Journal, Practical Mechanic Journal
Journal of the Board of Arts and Manufactures
for U.C. Once a week, London Society
Dublin University, Blackwood's Magazine
London Quarterly, Westminster, North British
and Edinburgh Review's, Chambers Journal
All the Year Round, London Journal Family Herald,
Canadian Naturalist, Intellectual Repository
New's Merchants Magazine, Harpers Monthly
Atlantic Monthly, Cornhill, Temple Bar, Macmillans
Lectures and Class

Your Committee feel that they can look back upon
the past year with great satisfaction. Not only were
the Classes well attended, but we were successful in
obtaining for the whole season three first rate Teachers
and a good Assistant English Teacher for a portion of
the time.

Your committee during the past year were not
able to arrange for any lectures, but we feel this
is an important part of our duty which should not
be lost sight of. And that our Successors in office -
should give it special attention.

We have now an excellent Hall and some apparatus
which with slight additions would afford us the
means of enabling Scientific and other Gentlemen
to give very interesting lectures.

With respect to the Classes, your Committee
further add that the attendance of pupils was
encouraging and that good progress was made in
the several Studies, and that in addition to the small
remuneration to the Teachers our Institute is under
obligation to them for the efficient manner in which

while they discharged their respective duties

The Classes commenced on the 1st of November and were closed on the 1st of April, a period of 5 months. At the close of the Season it will be remembered a public examination took place in which the Rev. J. Fulford, Lord Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan of Canada, the Rev. W. Taylor, the Honorable J. H. McCue and P. J. O. Chavance took part. The examination was conducted by the teachers; Mr. Thomas Blair, taking the English Class, examining them in dictation, Spelling and Mental Arithmetic; Samples of their writings were also exhibited.

Mr. A. C. Hutchison, taking the Drawing Classes, examining them in a few problems of Practical Geometry and the method of obtaining Roof lines. The drawings made during the Season were also exhibited.

The result of the examination was highly satisfactory both as to the progress of the Pupils and the diligence and care of the Teachers.

It having been resolved to give prizes to a few of the Scholars, both for their punctual attendance and general proficiency a Subscription was made for this purpose, and enough was realised to do so without interfering with the funds of the Institute.

The distribution of the prizes formed an interesting part of the evening proceedings, the examinations were all first gone through with, after which His Lordship the Metropolitan distributed the prizes to the successful candidates in the Drawing Classes.

The Hon. J. H. McCue, distributed to those in the English Class.

It may not be out of place to record here a fact which reflected credit alike upon the pupils and Teacher of the Architectural Drawing Class. Just at the close of the distribution of prizes the Chairman in name and on behalf of the pupils of that class presented the teacher with a beautiful copy of the Imperial Gazetteer as an evidence of their appreciation of his

his unrewarded efforts for their instruction; to which he made a suitable reply.

The Hon P.D. Chaveau and the Revd Dr Daylei, made appropriate addresses, after which the meeting closed.

There is still one item of interest to which we have to allude viz: the cost of the classes taken in the Institute, and the numbers attending them, and which is as follows:

English Class	By out: and paid 25¢ ea =	<u>\$10.75</u>
Teachers Salary	78.00	
Fees returned	5.00	
Architectural,	26 " and paid	<u>27.75</u>
Teachers Salary	60.00	
Mechanical	9 " and paid	<u>7.25</u>
Teachers Salary	30.00	
<u>Recapitulation</u>		
To English Class paid Teachers		78.00
" " " fees ret'd		5.00
" " " Stationery		1.13
" Architectural " Teacher		60.00
" Mechanical " " "		30.00
" Paid Printing Class Rules		1.00
" " Seal and Fees for furniture & fringe		14.55
" " Chalk & c		1.32
" Say Rent - Room		200.00
" " Gas		19.62
By English Class per acct	10.75	
" Archt: " "	27.75	
" Mechs " "	7.25	
" Board of Arts Grant - acct	80.00	
" Amount to bal:	378.87	
	<u>\$440.02</u>	<u>\$440.02</u>

The balance to debit of Classes may be read thus:

To Cash	\$ 59.25
" Rent	200.00
" Gas	19.62
	<u>\$ 278.87</u>

The Committee feel a deep conviction of the importance of this part of their operations and would recommend still more strenuous efforts on the part of the Institute to render the Classes yet more attractive - by a better arrangement of the Class room and the purchase of other

necessary for their more efficient working.

We are also convinced that by a very small outlay the Institute would be in a position to invite able and Scientific men to take up suitable subjects which could be made sufficiently interesting to be a source of revenue to the Institute and tend to bring it more under the notice and probably secure the more general patronage of the Master Mechanics of the City at all events such an effort on the part of the Institute would render it still more useful to its members generally as well as to the public.

(Finances)

The last Annual report showed the debts due Contractors and on Accounts Current to be about \$1700.⁰⁰ with rents due and funds in hand sufficient to reduce it to \$1000.⁰⁰ and on the first of August last there remained due nearly \$800.⁰⁰ with sufficient rents &c to reduce the amount to \$300.⁰⁰.

The Treasurers report shows the receipts from Ordinary Sources of revenue during the past year to exceed the amount received in any former year.

Although the revenue is increased by the New Buildings and improvements, the expenses and debt on the Institute have also increased.

The debt until 1863 was \$18082.00

at present it amounts to 26000.00

The Interest formerly was 1100.00

and is now 1560.00

The Gas bills are now larger and the expenses of heating greater than before the additions were made to the building. Yet with careful ~~management~~ management of the finances your Committee trust that in another year their successors will be able to show that they have paid all open accounts and created a sinking fund to meet the loan when due.

In conclusion your Committee can assure the members of the Institute, that while its interests have been committed to their care they have done their utmost to promote them, and hope that their efforts to that end may

To Amot forward	\$ 6280.32	By Amot forward	
" Amot to Bal	47.71	" O. McGarvey Rent-Chair	4.30
		" Seal and Fees Arrears	4.19
		" do	<u>34.29</u>
		" R. Gardner Iron	7.00
		" H. Leasment	1.75
		" Mr. Lamp here Gas burner	4.80
		" A Ramsay Old Age	26.00
		" do Hat Glass	<u>11.36</u>
		" English Class Teacher do	83.00
		" Archie do	60.00
		" Mechs do	30.00
			<u>173</u>
	\$ 6328.23		\$ 6328.23

Statement

Assets		Liabilities	
To Building and land lease val.	45732.00	By Col. Church, donation	20000.00
" Furniture do	3600.00	" Current Accounts	710.78
" Library do	3200.00	" Cash over drawn	47.71
" Due on Rent	<u>681.20</u>	" Amot to Bal	<u>25854.71</u>
	\$ 53613.20		\$ 53613.20

Audited and found correct
Signed { William Robb
 { Thos Kieran

To the President.

Mechanics Inst.

NB

This Report " Sir Agreeable to your request we have examined the Books Vouchers and Annual Statement of the Superintendent and found the same to be correct in sequence of the clear lucid and business like manner in which the Statement was made and the Books kept and we should be wanting in consideration for the Manager were we to omit to observe that his Salary for the past year has been drawn at the rate of £120 per Annum, while the Minutes of the previous meeting record the recommendation of £150. a sum we think fully earned by Mr. Sansum, and quite within the Compass of the Institute.

We would respectfully urge the adoption of that recommendation during the present year and add the hope that it may permanently secure the services of one who seems well to have adapted himself to the duties. We are Sir Your Obedt Servants, (Signed) William Robb, Thos Kieran.

Montreal 31 August 1865.



Moved by A Perry, Seconded by A.C. Hutchison
 that the Report now read be received and
 adopted, and that a synopsis be prepared for
 the News paper. Carried.

The following persons were duly elected
 members of the Society,

1 st Class	Robt Green	Carpenter
2 nd do	Wm Labelle	Clerk
"	Ludger Labelle	Book-keeper
"	Wm Casaday	Joiner
"	John Tyson	Bricklayer
"	Geo Elder	Grassmasher
3 rd do	Wm Lulham	Ap Sewer
"	Geo J. Lulham	do
"	E. C. Wust's	Went

The President, Messrs Wm Rutherford
 and E Pell and A.C. Hutchison as scrutineers
 to take up the Ballot which resulted in
 the election of A.A. Stevenson, President
 Wm Rutherford Vice President
 James Muir Secretary
 David McFarlane Recording Secy
 N. B. Corse Treasurer
 J. Smyth Librarian
 A.C. Hutchison Column Keeper

General Committee.

William Reid, William Montgomery
 Geo W Weaver, Robert Brown
 Alex Robertson & Thos Davidson

The motion duly made & seconded the thanks
 of the meeting was tendered to the scrutineers for
 their services — the meeting closed

Wm Muir
 Secy

Montreal 11. September 1865

Mechanics Institute

Committee Rooms

At the first General Meeting of the Committee held this evening, were present

A. A. Stevenson President in the Chair
Wm Rutherford Secy

James Muir

N. B. Corne

Wm Reid

G. W. Weaver

R. Sturm

Thomas Davidson

David McFarlane

A. Bertram

The Minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed and that portion of the

Letter from the Auditors read and received and placed on file.

James McKay, Apprentice, was duly proposed and elected a member of the Institute

The President appointed the following

Sub-Committee
Reading Room Library.

Robt Sturm, J. Findlay

G. W. Weaver, Tho Davidson

Wm Reid, A. Hutchison

Wm Rutherford, D. McFarlane

Wm Rutherford, A. Bertram

A. Hutchison, W. Montgomery

Lecture and Class

James Muir, A. Bertram

House

Jos Findlay, S. Davidson

Membership

W. Montgomery

Finance

G. W. Weaver, N. B. Corne

James Muir, D. McFarlane

Messrs Dawson Bros Account was again brought forward and referred to Finance Committee to make the best arrangement to a settlement of the same.

The meeting closed.

A. A. Stevenson
President

David McFarlane

Recording Secy

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 6th September 1866

Committee Room

At a special meeting of the Committee held here this evening the
messrs were present -

W. A. Stevenson President in the Chair

W. B. Coed

R. Brown

Thos Davidson

A. Beckman

J. Findlay

Wm Montgomery

Geo W Weaver and

David M Farlane.

The President stated that the principal object for the meeting was to consider an application from the St Patrick's Society for the Hall, to hold a Banquet.

It was unanimously resolved that in consideration of the Hall being rented for a similar purpose for eighteen dollars per day - the resolution at the meeting on the 12th September 1864 to the contrary notwithstanding - that we rent it to the applicants on this occasion at the same rate, they guaranteeing all costs in repairing ~~injury~~ - every damage - and also that they leave the Hall in the same state of cleanliness as when they get it.

The House Committee are hereby authorised to have the name of the Institute restored on the front of the building, and other necessary repairs done.

The President intimated that it was under consideration by some in this City, and thought very desirable to have a Mechanics Exchange organised and established in one of the Rooms of the Institute. The Committee are unanimous that the President should sign ~~an~~ advertisement calling a preliminary meeting to consider the question.

No more business being before the meeting it was dissolved.

W. A. Stevenson

President

David M Farlane

Recording Secy

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 15th September 1865

Committed Room,

At the regular meeting of the Committee held here this evening, there were present Messrs

W. Rutherford

W. Reibram

J. Findlay -

Mr Montgomery (ans)

D. McFarlane

Mr Rutherford vice-president occupied the Chair and after the minutes of the last ordinary meeting, as also those of the Special meeting held on the 16th instant had been read and confirmed, he reported that the Name of the on the front of the building had been entirely renewed in Caen Stone at a probable cost of Seven or eight dollars.

The following were proposed seconded and admitted in due form as members of the Institute as follows

John Murphy as a life member

John Tulgous 3rd Class "

R. E. Brown 2nd " "

James Campbell 1 " "

Major Brook 1 " "

James Gordon 2 " "

Charles Storer 1 " "

This finished the meeting business and the meeting was dismissed.

W. Rutherford - Vice-president

David McFarlane

Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 9 October 1865

Committee Room.

At the ordinary meeting of the General Committee held there this evening the President R. S. Stevenson, occupied the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Reid, Brown, Corcoran, Bertram, Rutherford, Montgomery, Davidson and Macfarlane.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

Letters from Messrs Dawson Bros. were read and referred to Library Committee.

The following were proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the Institute viz

N. C. Lariviere	Cash builder	1 st Class
J. C. Roy	Do	1 st Do
E. W. Walton	Storeman	2 ^d
Alfred Ward	Ap. Cabinet maker	3 ^d
John Carlucci	Pupil	3 ^d
John Bayland	Carpenter	2 ^d
John Allan	Do	2 ^d

It is moved and resolved that the Committee employ a Collector of good address to collect past-due subscriptions of members and to solicit new members for the Institute— and the president is hereby authorized to make the necessary arrangements in the matter.

Report of the Lecture and Class Committee read and adopted as it will be found immediately following these minutes. The House Committee are hereby authorized to provide a Ticket Office in the vestibule at the Street entrance to the building.

After some desultory conversation it was moved by Mr Davidson, seconded by Mr Bertram and carried unanimously that Messrs Stevenson, Rutherford and Brown be a special committee to enquire in reference to the possibility of increasing our Revenue by using the Hall in some way harmonious with the objects of the Institute, and

and report at a future meeting.

This finished the business and the meeting dismissed.

Report referred to

The Lecture and Class Committee would recommend to the General Committee that Classes in Connection with the Institute be opened on or about the first of November. Namely, English Class (including reading, writing and arithmetic) and two Drawing Classes consisting of Architectural and Mechanical - provided a sufficient number come to warrant the engaging of a teacher.

The English Class to meet on ~~Tuesdays~~ ^{Monday} Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays.

The Drawing Class to meet on Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.

The Pupils to the English Class to be admitted on the same conditions as last year, viz by paying 25 Cents entry money, and the Pupils be admitted to the Drawing Class by paying 25 Cents per month payable in advance.

That the same Teachers who taught last winter (and gave general satisfaction) be asked to undertake the same duties again, and if any of them declines that we advertise immediately for other applicants. Paid Teachers to be paid the same as last year."

(Signed)

Wm Reid -

A. A. Stevenson

President

David M. Faulstich

Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 23rd October 1860.

Committee Room.

At the regular meeting of the General Committee held here this evening the Vice-president Mr Rutherford occupied the chair, and there were present Messrs - Reid, Davidson, Findlay, Montgomery and Macfarlane.

The minutes of former meeting were read and accepted.

Account from George Langan for subscription to Sherbrooke Leader, received and referred to Library Committee.

In the absence of the president we have no report on the engagement of a collector, nor from the special committee on the matter of using the Hall for increasing the revenue.

The following were proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the institute

Viz:	Thomas Robinson	Painter	1 st Class
	Alexs Gillies	Clerk	2 ^d "
	George Thompson	Gentleman	2 ^d "
	St. Geo. Sharpe	Apprentice	3 ^d "
	J. McCann	Do	3 ^d "
	John Holliday	Pupil	3 ^d "
	James Holliday	Do	3 ^d "
	And. Whinston	Apprentice	3 ^d "
	Thomas Cox	Do	3 ^d "
	Hector Munro	Do	3 ^d "

The following were referred to the Superintendent for inquiry viz - James B Macfarlane, Plumber as a second class and H. W. Melville Cabinet maker, also as a second class member.

It was unanimously agreed that the House Committee be hereby authorized to engage a man to attend to the furnace and be generally useful about the institute during the winter at the same rate as was paid last winter - The same Committee to examine and act in the matter of a stove for heating the Library and Reading room in mild weather.

Report as filed for reference from the Lectures and Class Committee read, received and -

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to

and adopted unanimously-

Mr Reid's letter to Mr. Muir and Mr Muir's reply read and referred to same Committee to arrange matters to the best of their judgement.

Sketch of alterations in the Library, proposed by the House and Library Committees, was submitted and the whole matter referred back to them to be reported upon at our next ordinary meeting-

Here closed the business for the evening.

Mr Rutherford, Vice-President
David Macfarlane
Recording Secy

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 26 October 1865.

Committee Room

At an informal meeting of the General Committee held there this evening, the president Mr. Stevenson, in the Chair there were present Messrs (Bertram) Hindley, Davidson, Brown - Muir, Reid, Hutchison, Weaver and Macfarlane.

The president read the accompanying Editorial from the Montreal "Daily Witness" of yesterday commenting severely on the acoustic qualities of the Hall and the means of egress therefrom.

12 O'CLOCK EDITION.

New York, October 25, 11 a.m. - Gold, 146 Exchange, 94.

— Artemus Ward's exhibition of pictures of California, Utah, and Nevada, with his descriptions of them, proved exceedingly attractive last night. There was a perfect rush for the ticket-table, and it was with great difficulty that headway could be made through the crowded passages. Something like order was preserved in the reserved seats, which were not more than filled. But in the unreserved portion of the house, there was but little reserve in the deportment of the audience. As a great many had to stand at any rate, the others had to stand also to get even a peep of Utah, and as far as paying for seats was concerned, the audience might almost as well have paid for sands. This, however, was a small matter. A worse was the difficulty of hearing. The Mechanics' Hall is somewhat defective in its construction in this respect, it being difficult either to speak or hear in it, and Artemus' voice often dropped into a low, confidential sort of tone, at the best points of his discourse. Nevertheless, with all these disadvantages, the evening was a very pleasant one. The pictures are good, and the exhibitor gives a great deal of valuable information concerning them, while his quiet humor kept that of the audience remarkably good. The only thing really bad about the affair, was the defective arrangements for egress. The two stairs down meet on one landing, and the two streams of exiters became excited in their efforts to get down one narrow stair; and then at the street door again there is a perfect jam, and as it opens inward, it would, doubtless, in an emergency, be pushed outward, and dire would be the consequence.

Since writing the above, we learn that the back door opens outwards, affording a better exit even than the front door, in case of need.

It was

It was unanimously agreed that the letter written by the President, should be sent as amended, to the same paper for early insertion in our defense

THE MECHANICS' HALL.
 [To the Editor of THE DAILY WITNESS.]
 MONTREAL, Oct. 20th, 1865.

Sir,—Referring to your article in yesterday's issue respecting the Mechanics' Hall, the Committee of Management have to say, that in regard to both matters therein alluded to, you have been the means, doubtless unconsciously, of circulating statements at variance with facts, and which, if allowed to pass uncontradicted, might operate seriously to the prejudice of the Institute.

It is not true, as you affirm, that the Mechanics' Hall is defective in its construction, as regards speaking or hearing. The very opposite is the fact, as has been stated repeatedly by competent judges, who have visited and spoken in nearly every public Hall on this continent, and who accord to the Mechanics' Hall, a very decided superiority in those respects wherein you consider it to be defective. It is likewise untrue, that an audience retiring from the Hall must go down "one narrow stair." The means of egress are ample for any emergency. At the south end of the Hall, there is a broad staircase (7 feet in width) communicating with a large door leading to St. Peter Street, and, from the centre of the Hall, other two stairways (about 5 feet each in width) lead out by the main entrance to Great St. James street. The doors all open outwards, except the outside one on Great St. James street which is kept firmly bolted back against the wall when the Hall is occupied, so that the "dire consequences" you seem to dread, are not at all likely to be realized.

You will therefore perceive the inapplicability of the sneering remark respecting the Mechanics' Hall of Montreal with which you conclude. The managers of the Mechanics' Institute have for many years been doing all in their power to elevate and educate the youth of this community, irrespective of race, nationality, or religion; and the revenues derived from the Hall, has been of essential service to them in carrying out the objects of the Institute (which are such as must commend themselves to all right minded people), and as they are confident that the Witness would not willingly give currency to any misrepresentation tending to injure such a noble institution, they respectfully request that you will insert this communication in your next issue, and oblige.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE INSTITUTE.

[We only stated the substance of the remarks made by more than one of our intelligent townsmen on the way out of the Mechanics' Hall on the evening in question; and we have heard it a complaint of the difficulty of getting out at other occasions. This difficulty is shared by both stairs meeting on the same landing. We are happy to publish the statements made above respecting the back door, which opens outwards, and by which, in case of fire (a not likely occurrence), the audience might escape; and we suppose that this Hall is about as safe in case of panic, as any other in the city, which is not saying much in its favor. We need not add that we are hearty well-wishers of the Institution.—Ed.]

THE MONTREAL
DAILY WITNESS
 OCTOBER 20, 1865

In the first editions of that day (26 Oct 1865) it appeared that the back staircase was 17 feet wide instead of 7 as it appears in the copy affixed hereto.

The Daily Witness

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1865.

— Our compositor made the mistake of printing 17 instead of 7 feet for the width of the rear passage of the Mechanics' Hall, and, in correcting this mistake, we are happy to state that this back passage is quite distinct from top to bottom from the other two stairs, which meet on one landing. The means of egress, therefore, are probably equal to or better than those of any other public Hall. We may add that the strength of the building, and its nearly fire proof character, afford the greatest security against any accident or panic, and finally, that Artemus Ward, and other good judges have complimented the managers on the fact that the Hall is very easy to speak in.

A. H. Stevenson
 President
David A. Faulstich
 Recording Secy

Mechanics Institute

Monday 6 November 1865

Committed Room

A Special Meeting of the General Committee held them this evening, the president Mr. Stevenson occupied the Chair, and there were present Messrs Reid, Findlay, Irvine, Davidson, Robertson, Rutherford, Hutchison and Macfarlane.

(3) The minutes of former regular meetings were read and accepted, likewise of the informal meeting held ~~five~~ days afterwards.

The president reports that he had engaged Mr. Bell to collect and canvass for the institution, for which he is to receive five per centum of subscriptions which he shall collect from those who are already members of the institute, and seven & one half per centum of subscriptions which he shall collect from those whom he may induce to become such. Confirmed by the Committee.

The Committee on using the Hall for the benefit of the institute desire more time to consider the subject and to report at some future meeting.

In the matter of J. W. Melville it is reported that he is the contractor for the Mercantile Library Association building and cannot be accepted as a second class member, and the other James B. McFarlane the Superintendent has written to him, but received no reply yet. The house committee are hereby instructed to have the back gateway kept clean and a notice put up that it is an entrance to the Mechanics reading room and Hall. And also to consider the matter of lodging in the building the man who attends to the furnace &c.

House and library committee report progress in reference to enlargement of library and ask leave to have the matter held over for further consideration till next regular meeting.

The president submitted a list of debts due the institute - and the committee hereby instruct the Secretary to write to Messrs Galbraith & Brown insisting on immediate and prompt payment of their acct.

Account from Messrs James Walker & Co for \$8²² approved and passed for payment.

Mr. Drummond representing the Irish Association -

The Committee are unanimously agreed not to release ~~William~~ from the responsibility for the rent of the room for the Art Association.

The following were proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the Institute

Wm. C. Brown	1 st Class	Photographer	Artist
John Mackinn	1 st do	Stationer	
Thomas Muir	2 nd do	Teacher	
J. H. Gampster	2 nd do	Clerk	
Samy Roman	2 nd do	Sawdust	
Geo. Hurlibice	2 nd do	Carpenter	
Henry Ross	2 nd do	Watchmaker	
And. Crawford	2 nd do	Carpenter	
A. Bural	2 nd do	Teacher	
Archie Mc Intyre	2 nd do	Carpenter	
W. J. Carroll	2 nd do	do	
Amos Cowan	2 nd do	Printlayer	
W. G. Dixon	2 nd do	Lithographer	
John Dopley	3 rd do	Saddler	Ap
Alex. Sergeant	3 rd "	Printer	"
Geo. Devine	3 rd "	do	"
Geo. J. Dempsey	3 rd "	do	"
Mr. Sergeant	3 rd "	do	"
Ronald W. D. Stephen	"	Clerk	"
Felix Marcelle	"	Engineer	"
Wm. Carpenter	"	Carrier	"
James Murchison	"	Sap-maker	Ap
Geo. Armstrong	"	Confectioner	"
Peter W. Arthur	"	Engineer	"
Roman Freemy	"	do	"
Geo. Mc Indoe	"	Offred boy	"
Wm. Liddell	"	Cabinet-maker	Ap
Geo. Girdale	"	Silversmith	"
Edwin Jones	"	Tin Smith	"
Geo. Roy	"	Ice-maker	"
Jacob Smith	"	Clerk	"
Geo. Brown	"	Offred boy	"
Wm. McVey	"	Painter	"
Mrs. J. Forbes	"	Offred boy	"
John Leslie	"	Silversmith	"
Geo. Davidson	"	Pupil	"
John Kiddy	"	Shoemaker	"
Geo. Peers	"	Clerk	"
Geo. Robinson	"	Marble Cutter	"

Martin Withell	3 rd Class	Carpenter	Appt.
Peter Cassels	"	Brass finisher	"
Wm McLean	"	Clerk	"
Chas Scott	"	Engineer	"
Law Scott	"	Machinist	"
Alex Scott	"	Confector	"
Wm Ballenden	"	Machinist	"
James Findlay	"	Pupil	"

It is agreed that the matter of papers wanted for the reading room be referred to Library Committee for consideration and report at our next meeting.

Here finished the business and the meeting dismissed.

W. Stevenson

President

David Macfarlane

Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 27th November 1865

Committee Room

At the regular meeting of the General Committee held here this evening the President Mr W. Stevenson occupied the chair. There were present Messrs Reid, Coxe, Montgomery, Davidson, Bestram, Irwin, Findlay, Rutherford and Macfarlane.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed.

Report from Mr Pell showing that he had collected up to date, after deducting his commission the sum of \$57.²⁰/₁₀₀ was read and approved.

The following accounts were submitted and passed for payment. Viz

from " E. E. Stewart & Co of Hamilton Times	proff	\$10.00
" J. E. Pell, for mounting drawings		15.40
" " " for painting upon roof		30.87
" Jas Walker & Co for books &c		70
" J. G. Bennett of New York "Herald" us. exp		7.70
" Donald McDonald for advertising in Transcript		9.17
" City Treasurer for Municipal Taxes		236.00

The following were proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the institute.

Viz

apt.		
Adam Stevenson	1 st class	Gentleman
Jos Mullins	"	Proprietor
J. D. Gibb	"	Sailor
Jas Capland	2 nd	Student
Arch. Campbell	"	Stone Catter
Alex. Strachan	"	Stroeman
D. McArthur	"	Clock
Jas. Jones	"	Coachman
Jas. Hardy	"	Clock
J. Foy	3 rd	Servant
Adam. Hunter	"	App. in Store
Adam. Higgins	"	"
Mrs. Carlisle	"	" Cabinet maker
Mrs. McIntosh	"	" Book binder
Leon. Lafontaine	"	Message boy
Pat. Hughes	"	App. Hartswane
Jos. Doyle	"	"
Edw. Muller	"	" Moulder
John. Bulger	"	" Carpenter
Mrs. Wilson	"	Office boy
Timothy O'Brien	"	"
John. Sliman	"	Message boy
Murdoch Birnie	"	App. Printer
Archer McIntyre	"	Pupil
Alex. Stewart	"	App. Carpenter
Jas. Wilson	"	" Grocer
Mrs. Daly	"	App.
Jas. Dalzell	"	" Carpenter
Clement Ducont	"	" Taylor 216-10
Arthur Cartwright	"	" Roofer 113 Cowan
Geo. Cook	"	" Plasterer
George Moore	"	Message boy
Jos. Hamilton	"	House servant
Jno. C. Glen	"	Office boy

The business being finished the meeting
adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson
President
David W. Faulane
Recording Secy -

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 1st December 1865.

Committee Room

At a special meeting of the Committee held here this ~~evening~~^{morning} at 10 Am the president Mr A Stevenson in the chair - there were present Messrs Weaver, Rutherford, Montgomery, Hindley, Hutchison, and Irwin -

In the absence of the recording Secretary Mr Rutherford was called upon to act in that capacity.

The president explained that the meeting had been called to consider a communication from the Mechanics and Manufacturers Exchange in the form of an excerpt from the minutes of the Board of Management thereof, to the effect that they will rent the Long Room from this committee for two hundred dollars per annum, heated and furnished with one large and two small tables, also one dozen chairs, the Exchange to have the exclusive use of said room from 9 Am till 5 P.M. and that or another room for their business meetings in the evening when required.

It was moved by Mr Hindley seconded by Mr Montgomery and agreed that Messrs Stevenson Irwin and Weaver, be a committee to confer with the said Board of the Exchange with instructions to obtain if possible a modification of the proposition submitted by the Board and also to settle the matter of attendance which will be required from our Superintendent.

The meeting dismissed no more business being before them.

A. Stevenson
President

~~W. Rutherford~~
W. Rutherford
Recording Secretary *[initials]*

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 11. December 1865

Committee Room

The regular meeting of the Committee was held here this evening the president occupied the Chair and the following members were present viz Messrs Reid, Findlay, Davidson, Brown —

Bartram

Montgomery, Rutherford and Macfarlane.

The minutes of former meetings were read and confirmed.

The Library Committee handed in a plan of the proposed alterations in the Library and reported that the house committee and them are agreed on the plan as being good and that it will be for the interests of the Institute to have the alterations made at once, and that the Committee should make an appropriation of the sum of two hundred dollars for that purpose.

It was moved by Mr Rutherford seconded by Mr Findlay and carried unanimously that the report be received and adopted, also that the sum asked for be and is hereby appropriated for the purpose specified in the plan submitted.

Letter from Messrs Lowe & Chamberlain of the Montreal Gazette read and laid on the table till a subsequent meeting

Letter of resignation from the treasurer was read and after some conversation it was moved by Mr Findlay seconded by Mr Davidson and agreed to, that a Committee be appointed, consisting of Messrs Reid and Macfarlane to wait upon Mr Corse, and confer with him on the subject of his resignation — and report —

The following were proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the institute viz

		Life member
Clarke Pitts, Baker	57	St Joseph St
James Neildson	2 nd	Plumber
Chas. F. King	2.	Machinist
Geo Moore	2.	Iron finisher
C. W. Kemph	3.	Ap Druggist
Edwd Lynch	3.	Office Boy
Mrs Cooper	3.	Messenger

John Walker 3rd Office Boy
Robt McLeod 3. Asst Cooper.

In reference to the question of depositing the funds of the institute in one of the Banks of the City it was moved by Mr Macfarlane and seconded by Mr Davidson that the question of naming a bank of deposits for the funds of the institute be deferred till our next meeting.

Moved in amendment by Mr Rutherford and seconded by Mr Montgomery that the Merchants Bank be the bank of deposits for the funds of the institute. When put to the vote the amendment as against the motion was lost - and then the motion was carried by a majority.

The meeting then dismissed
A. A. Stevenson
President

David Macfarlane
Secretary

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 11 December 1865.

A meeting of the members of the above named institute was held in the Long Room this evening for the purpose of electing delegates to the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada.

The president Mr Stevenson occupied the Chair and having stated the object of the meeting - he said that as he had another important meeting to attend he desired to leave the Chair which would be occupied by the vice-president Mr Rutherford, besides whom there were present Messrs Brown, Reid, Pulmer, Pell, McDonald, Davidson, Finlay, Montgomery, Robtson, Parker, Davies, Gilbert, Henderson, Hutchinson and Macfarlane.

The minutes of a meeting held on the 2 January last for a similar purpose were read and confirmed.

The Secretary also read a list of the members - life and annual - of the

institute amounting to 370, on which the number of delegates is based being one for every twenty members. It was also mentioned that our president is a member of the Board ex officio.

Messrs Davidson, Irwin, and Hindley were appointed scrutineers of the ballot.

On the ballot being taken the following were declared to be duly elected viz.

Messrs W. B. Gorse Wm Rutherford Hy Palmer Alex Peckham, J. Hindley, Wm Reid Geo Stacks, A Hutchison, David Brown B. Chamberlain, Robert Irwin, Wm Wewer J. E. Pell, Dunbar Brown, Robt Forsyth A Ramsay, A Murray, and David Macfarlane.

The business being finished the meeting dismissed.

A. Stevenson

President

Davidson, Secretary

Record Secy.

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Mechanics Institute

Montreal 3 January 1866

Committee Room

At the regular meeting of the Committee held here this evening the president Mr Stevenson in the chair and the following members were present viz Messrs Weaver, Bertram, Reid, Montgomery, Muir, Rutherford, Hutchison and Macfarlane.

The Minutes of the Special meeting on the 1st ulto: of the regular meeting on the 11th and of the Special meeting on the 26th were read and confirmed.

The following Accounts were submitted and passed for payment, viz from:

James Laurie for putting up name over front door \$ 6.00

Penny Wilson Co. " Montreal
" Herald for one year 8.00

Russell Jones " one doz Chairs 8.40

Rich^d Seal " Sundries 38.62

Low & Chamberlain, " Gazette
to the end of 1865 11.00

E. M. Connell " Lamp & Coal Oil 2.40

Estate of E. Pickup for N.Y.
Herald, 3/4 of a Year 8.25

Against this last one there is a Contra A/c for the past Year

The president submitted a Copy of the lease for the Long room to the Mechanics Exchange which was approved and ordered to be engrossed in the minute book (See immediately following this minute)

Messrs Reid and Macfarlane reported that they had conferred with Mr. Corse on the subject of his resignation, and that he seemed willing to withdraw it and remain in office, except in the event of the Committee resolving to name a bank for depositing the funds of the Institute in accordance with the 2^d Section of the by-law in which case he would positively decline to withdraw his resignation.

It was moved and agreed to unanimously that Messrs Stevenson

~~Irwim, Findlay and Davidson~~ be a Committee to confer by Mr Davidson, seconded by Mr Muir, and carried unanimously - that this Committee - after hearing the report of the sub-committee appointed to confer with Mr. Coese, do resolve and instruct the Secretary to write to Mr Coese, requesting him to withdraw his resignation.

It was moved and agreed to unanimously that Messrs Stevenson, Irwim Findlay and Davidson be a committee to confer with a committee from the Board of Arts and manufactures of Lower Canada on the matter of removing the library of the said Board into the same room with our own, and report

The following were proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the institute viz

Abram Robenstine,	Pupil] all 3rd Class
Arch Gall	Machinest	
John Lynn	Book-binder	
Hugh Pulger	Carpenter	
Geo Wallace	Trunk maker	
John Holey	Shoe maker	
E. C. David	Clerk	
Henry O'Brien	Plumber	
John McQueen	Apprentice	
John Corley	New boy	

In order to carry out the object of by law 24 of the by-laws of the Institute it was moved, seconded and unanimously resolved that the Bank of Montreal Savings Bank be the bank of deposit for the funds of this institute

This closed the business of the evening and the meeting dismissed.

President
David McFarlane
 Recording Secretary

Agreement with Mrs. Eschey

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 22nd January 1866.

Committee Room

The regular semi monthly meeting of the Committee was held here this evening Mr Stevenson, president in the Chair and the members present were Messrs Bertrand Findlay, Montgomery, Irwin, Weaver, David Davidson Reid, Muir, Rutherford, Hutchison and Macfarlane.

The minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

The president read a letter from Mr S. G. Downing, Secy. of the Merchants Exchange declining, with thanks to accept our offer of the use of our reading room during the temporary loss of their own by fire - they having leased premises in St John Street for their accommodation -

The following accounts were submitted and unanimously passed for payment. viz: from

Mrs C. Hill for books \$14.75

G P Reed for repairing roof 1.30

Scale Fees " removing class tables 1.25

Fees Lanning and " Sherbrooke Leader 8.75

John Rowlands " Kingston Daily News 10.00

John Dougall & Son " Adverts in Witness 14.66

Duverney Theres. " Minerve 5.70

Gibson & McGrath " Transcripts 1.30

Mr. Macfarlane read a report respecting the matter of Mr. Corse, about which he had been instructed at the previous meeting.

It was moved by Mr Findlay seconded by Mr Reid ^{agreed to} and unanimously that the report now read be received and placed on record in the minutes - the report is as follows

Montreal 13 January 1866

" The recording Secretary reports that
" he could not find time on the 9th instant the
" day after ~~was~~ last meeting of committee to
" write to Mr. Corse according to resolution then
" agreed upon. That Mr Corse called upon him
" on the morning of the 10th inst. to say that it
" was not necessary to write to him, as otherwise
" what ever he might have done the resolution
" of the Committee in naming a Bank of
" deposit for the funds of the institute in

in accordance with the 24th by-law, had determined him as he had previously said to the committee who were appointed to confer with him on positively resigning the office.

Also that it was for the Committee now to meet and accept his resignation, and appoint some one to whom he should deliver the documents and funds of the institute.

It was moved by Mr Fendley, seconded by Mr Rutherford and carried by majority that Mr Cores resignation be now accepted.

Montreal Nov 30th 1865

D. Macfarlane Esq
Recor. Secy:
Mechanics Institute

Sir

I regret being obliged to inform the committee, that I resign the office of Treasurer as soon as my Book is written up which will be Monday or Tuesday; I shall hand it with the receipts & money to the president.

Yours Truly

Signed Norton B. Cores

It was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Meur and carried unanimously that the committee regret the resignation of Mr Cores as treasurer of the Mechanics Institute and direct the Secretary to convey to Mr Cores an expression of their thanks for the valuable services he has rendered to the institute as treasurer during the past eleven years.

Mr Cores' resignation having been accepted the committee now proceeded to the election of his successor, when it was moved by Mr Rutherford seconded by Mr Reid and carried unanimously that Mr David Brown be elected to the office of treasurer for the Mechanics Institute.

The president reported on behalf of the committee appointed at our last meeting to confer with a committee from the Board of Arts and Manufacturers that they had agreed on the portion of expence which the Board would be willing

willing to bear in removing and refitting of their library - but a more particular report would be given at a future meeting

The following report was handed in by the Chairman of the library committee it was moved and agreed to unanimously that the same be received and adopted

Montreal January 12th 1866.

The library committee would recommend that the New York Daily Times be procured for the reading room instead of the Weekly Tribune, which they think advisable to change, also that the Ottawa Times be procured and the Boston Journal and the Toronto Leader

On behalf of the Committee

(Signed) Robt Invern

Chairman Lib. Comtee

The following were duly proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the institute viz

John Taylor	2 nd Class	Photographer
Arthur Mullholland	" "	Coachman
John Moore	3	Ap Clerk
James Anderson	" "	Office boy
Robt Miller	" "	Ap Clerk
H. Maltby	" "	" Dr
Robt Maldrund	" "	" Cooper
Albert Jones	" "	" Clerk
Thos. Sanderson	" "	Office boy
Thos. Ward	" "	Pupil
Edward Francis	" "	Office boy
Adolph Morrisette	" "	Ship builder

Sketches Nos 1 and 2 of brackets which might be used for supporting the platform to the bookshelves in the library were submitted by Mr Hutchison - when it was moved and agreed to unanimously - that this committee regret they cannot approve of the style of support prepared and partially erected for the platform in the library; but recommend that the matter be left in the hands of the library and house committees associated with the president to improve it somewhat by a more tasteful design or arrangement. The com-

the committee consider that a bracket
after the style of Sketch No. 1. ought be very
suitable

The president reported that many of
the Hall seats were broken and unfit for
use and stowed away in some of the
closets upstairs - that it is necessary to
get them repaired so that we may have
as many seats as possible in the Hall -

It was moved and agreed to unanimously
that the House committee are hereby
instructed to engage Mr. Heavyside for
a reasonable remuneration to do all
that is requisite in repairing seats &c.

It was also considered that this
room since the removal of the books
shelves of the Board of Arts and Manufacturers
being in a very dirty condition and
otherwise out of repair the House
committee are hereby instructed to
have it put in clean and comfortable
order.

The business of the evening being
finished the meeting dismissed.

M. Stevenson

President

David M. Faulane

Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute
Montreal 12th February, 1866.

Committee Room.

The regular meeting of Committee was held here this evening, Mr. Reid, presiding in the absence of the president.

Members present Messrs David Brown, Geo. W. Weaver, D. Hindley, Mrs Montgomery and Mrs Davidson

Mr Davidson, acting, as Recording Secretary pro tem.

The Minutes of former meeting with the addition of a name to those present at last meeting were read and approved.

The following accounts were submitted from Messrs Prowse & Co. \$2.00
Caries & Poitras 1.05
Jas Walker & Co 1.50.
Dawson Bros 128.68.

The first three accounts were ordered to be paid and that the last of Dawson Bros be referred to the Library Committee to be checked and handed over to Finance Committee.

Mr. D. Brown, the New Treasurer, reported that he had received from Mr. Corse, the late Treasurer the sum of (\$497.34) four hundred and ninety seven dollars and thirty four cents, with all the Books and papers connected with the Treasurership.

Mr. Reid, Chairman of the Class Committee reported that he got the following letter from Mr Thomas Muir, resigning his position as Teacher of the English Class.

" Bible House

" 2nd February 1866

" Dear Sir, I feel it will be necessary for the sake of
" my health to resign the charge of the English Class at the
" Mechanics Institute. I will feel very sorry if this
" step forced upon me shall put the committee to
" any great trouble in procuring a teacher for the
" remainder of the winter and still more sorry
" if it shall injure the classes in any way. I have
" found great pleasure this winter in teaching
" the classes. Seldom have I come into contact

103 Ann St "with boys more desirous to learn.
13th Feb, 1866

Respectfully Yours
Sgt. Thomas Muir

My dear Sir

I have been unable to Mr Reid. Chairman Class Comtee Meets Inst. to move out since Thursday. Upon the receipt of the above letter the day evening, and today Class Committee assembled and engaged Mr Williamson to continue the classes, who also considerable paid. resigned after three days.

my bronchial tubes are in a delicate condition and I am afraid I will be compelled to avoid all exposure to the night air, and must reluctantly resign the teaching of the classes in the Mechanics Institute. The whole referred to the Class Committee. The Library Committee were instructed to assist the Librarian in getting library open as soon as possible.

The following were duly proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the institute viz:
Mr. Richard Seal 1st Class Undertaker
" Geo W Gatehouse 1 "
" Jas W Bury 2 " Clerk
" Robt. Adam 2 " Jim Smith
" Gilbert Black 2 " Stone Cutter
" Norbert Legros 2 " Jim Smith
" W. H. Owen 2 " Clerk
" Geo O'Brien 3 " Do
" Moses Ford 3 " Ap Moulder
" Robt Hay 3 " Office boy
" Edw Batewell 3 " Tailor
" Geo Kent 3 " Printer
" Jos Robensien 3 " Pupil
" Saml Heakes 3 " Carpenter
The House Committee was authorized to put a Steam coil in the Board of Arts room.

Trusting you will find some one to take your place

The business finished the meeting was adjourned.

William Reid
Chairman pro Tem

I remain
Yours truly
Sgt. A. C. Williamson
P.S. Might you not try Mr. Warren Bonaventura Model School.

Thos David as
Secy Leg Pro Tem

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 26th February 1866.

Committee Room.

The regular meeting of the Committee was held here this evening, the president being absent the vice president Mr W. Rutherford took the Chair, and the Recording Secy being absent Mr Davidson acted pro tem.

Present Messrs Rutherford, Reid, Hutchison, Davidson and Montgomery.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Reid reported from the Class Committee that he had engaged Mr Warren to teach the English Class and that he is now engaged in teaching, also that Mr Hutchison has given up his Friday evening class.

The House Committee reported progress with regard to the coil in the Board of Arts room and that the Board room had been papered and painted at the cost of \$28 or \$29. The Board of Arts having agreed to pay the half of the expense.

The following were duly proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the Institute.

Viz. John Sands	2 nd Class	Printer
Robert Russell	2 ^o	Clerk
Chas Pearson	3 ^o	App

It was agreed on application for the use of the Hall by Mr. Carpenter, to give a lecture on Cholera to charge \$5⁰⁰ if the lecture is to be free, but if a charge is to be made for admittance, the usual tariff to be charged.

The Montreal Temperance Society asks what charge would be made for the use of the Hall on Sabbath afternoons from 4 to 5 o'clock. It was resolved to grant them the use of the Hall for the meantime at \$4. for each meeting but if they intend to take the place for a year the matter would be taken up at a future meeting of committee.

The 2nd Unitarian Church also made application for use of the Hall on Sundays and it was agreed to charge them \$8 per day.

A map of the United States was offered to the Committee for \$5⁰⁰ and Mr Sansum, was

was ordered to procure the same.

Mr Sansum was authorized to order the papers New York Daily Times, Boston Journal, Toronto Leader and Ottawa Daily Times recommended by the Library Committee on the 22nd January.

Mr Rutherford was authorized to get boards painted to represent Books and placed in the library on the shelves which do not admit of books. The Superintendent called the attention of the Committee to the fact that Mr. Mintz was caught destroying Newspapers in the reading room. The Superintendent was ordered to find proof and bring the subject before next meeting for consideration.

The business of the evening being finished the meeting dismissed.

~~W. H. Sansum~~
Mr Rutherford Vice President.

Recording Secretary pro temp.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 9th April 1866.

Committee Room

At the regular meeting of the Committee held here this evening the president in the chair the following members were present: Messrs Rutherford, Beckwith, Findlay, Drwin, Reid, Brown and McFarlane.

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed. The following accounts were submitted and passed for payment by: from S. Morrison for alterations of library \$101.- from J. S. Beard for Coals \$38⁴⁰ for Subscription to Ottawa Times for one year ending 1st March 1867 \$5.- and Thomas Peil for building \$13²⁰.

The following were ordered to the respective committees for consideration viz from Dawson Bros \$18⁰⁰ referred to Library Committee. Evans Bros for wood 10⁵⁰ referred to Finance Committee. John Gordon repairs 3⁰⁰ referred to do do do. John Martin Gasfitt 7⁰⁰ \$95⁰⁰ referred to House Committee.

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The following were proposed and elected in the usual manner
as New members of the Institute.

Benjamin Walton	Contractor	1 st class
John Watson	Agent	1 Do
E. P. Hamford	Engineer	1 Do
L. H. Robertson	Clerk	2 Do
Geo. K. Morton	Do	2 Do
John James	Do	2 Do
Geo. Turner	Do	2 Do
John Spence	Engineer	2 Do
Geo. Connelton	Clerk	2 Do
W. S. Luffitton	Clerk	3 Do
Thos. Amett	Mechanics	3 Do

The business of the evening being finished
the meeting dismissed.

A. Stevenson
President

David M. Farlane
Recording Secy

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 23rd April 1866

Committed Room.

At the regular meeting of the Committee held
here this evening - the Vice-President - Mr Rutherford
in the Chair - the following members were present
Messrs Reid, Weaver, Irwin, Robinson and David
M. Farlane.

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed.

Account from J. Parsons 1st Do for Evening
Telegraph from 1st Jan'y 1864 to 1st Jan'y 1867 \$15⁰⁰
submitted, and referred to Library Committee

Mr. T. S. Brown made personal appli-
-cation for the use of Room in our Institute, as
a Central Situation - every evening, for receiving
reports and transacting business, in the matter of
a Sanitary Committee, for considering the best
means of securing the health of the City in the
prospect of a visit from the Epidemic Cholera

It was resolved to grant this committee
accommodation such as Mr. Brown stated they
would require at the nominal rate of five
shillings

challenges per week.

The business being finished the meeting
dismissed.

~~Mr. Rutherford~~
Mr. Rutherford - Vice Pres^t
David Paulane
Recording Secretary

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 14th May 1866

- Committee Room

At the regular meeting of the Committee held here this evening the president A. A. Stevenson Esq^r in the Chair were present Messrs Geo W Weaver, Mr Reid A. Bertrand and J. Hindley.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

An account from G. W. Reid, for repairing roof and clearing Spout was submitted amt \$1.30 the same ordered to be paid.

The president submitted a verbal application from the Volunteer Victoria Rifles, to rent the old committee room for an orderly-room.

It was moved and agreed to that the president be authorized to rent the said room to the Applicants at thirty five pence per annum, without gas. *

It was moved and agreed to that the Superintendent hand over all monies collected by him during the day to the Treasurer or his deputy, every evening.

The business being finished the meeting closed.

A. A. Stevenson, President

Recording Secretary

* The president reported verbally that the Cash box and contents had been stolen, it was resolved that the consideration of the matter be left over till a subsequent meeting - meantime *

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 28th May 1866

Committee Room

At the regular meeting of the Committee held here this evening, the Vice President Mr Rutherford in the chair were present Messrs Reid, Bertram, Montgomery, Trevel, Davidson, Irvine and McFarlane.

Account from Mr Rodden Re, for bra stubs for Library \$22.75. referred to President at Mr Hutchison for approval.

Members proposed and elected in the usual manner

W O'Brien	3 rd Class	Chas
Chas Rouch	3 "	40

In reference to the matter of the stolen Cash box, in the absence of the president it was agreed to allow it to remain over for consideration till next meeting. Meantime it was agreed that the House Committee supply a drawer or some place to keep the Cash box under lock and key, during the day.

The Chairman agreed to take the trouble of seeing about having the gateway kept clear of rubbish and having the gate kept close especially after six P.M.

It was unanimously agreed that the Library Committee procure for the Institute "The Workingman" for the present year.

This finished the business for the evening.

Mr Rutherford
Vice President

David McFarlane
Recy Secy

Committee Room Mechanics'
Institute Montreal 11th June 1866.

The regular meeting of Committee was held here this evening when the following members were present, viz: Messrs Rutherford, Hindley, Bertram, Reid, Davidson, and DeFurlane. Mr. Rutherford vice-president occupied the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved, correct.

The Cash box stolen-question is still held over in the continued absence of our president at the front repelling invasion by Fenians -

Account from the 'New York Albion' for subscription to 31st December 1866. for \$4⁰⁰ passed for payment, also account from James Walker & Co for sundries \$8²⁵/₁₀₀ - the account is laid before us receipted, and it is referred to House Committee to state to Messrs Walker & Co that the Committee cannot allow such a manner of settling their accounts in the future, the rule being, that accounts must first be submitted to the committee for examination and approval.

Mr Hindley submitted ^{a report verbally} on behalf of Dr. Maule, who had rented the Hall for the purpose of giving a public lecture, but having failed in getting an audience - that he be re-imburssed in some way for the rent which he had paid.

* Agreed that if Dr. Maule should engage the Hall on any future occasion for a like purpose, that some concession be made to him in the rent thereof.

Moved by Mr. ~~Davidson~~ ^{Hindley} seconded by Mr. Davidson and agreed to that a committee of three be appointed to confer with those persons who advertise as applying for an act of Parliament to start a free library in this City.

Moved by Mr. Davidson seconded by Mr. Bertram and carried that Messrs Hindley, Rutherford and DeFurlane be said committee. This finished the business for the evening.

Mr Rutherford vice president
David DeFurlane
Secretary

Committee Room Mechanics'
Institute, Montreal 25th June 1866.

The regular meeting of Committee was held here this evening when the following members were present. viz: Messrs Reid, Bertram, Hindlay, Montgomery and Mr. Farlane.

In the absence of the president and vice-president, Mr. Reid was unanimously called to the chair.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed with marginal vote as correct.

Mr. Hindlay reported progress from the committee on the "free library" question.

It was agreed that an excerpt of the minutes in reference to the matter between this committee and Dr. Traless be made and signed by the Secretary and sent to Dr. Traless.

It was moved and agreed to unanimously that Messrs Rutherford and Reid be associated in engaging a supply of coal for the Institute for the ensuing winter.

Still no report or action on the stolen-cash-box question.

Mr. Reid President pro tem:
David Farlane Recy Secy

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 23rd July 1866.

Committee Room

At the regular meeting of the Committee held here this evening the President A. S. Stevenson Esq. in the Chair were present Messrs Rutherford, Durin, Peterson Reid, Montgomery, Hindley and McFarlane

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Accounts from H. Woodman for Jan \$3.00

G. L. Goring for bal. 80

A. C. Williamson Jan 5.00

were passed and ordered to be paid.

The subject of the loss of the Cash Box was considered and it was unanimously agreed that the sum lost be written off to Profit and loss and likewise that in the event of any future neglect causing loss, the person in charge shall be held responsible.

Messrs George Christchank and George Starke are appointed Auditors for the current year.

Messrs Rutherford and Reid reported having bought 30 tons of Coal for the Institute at \$7⁵⁰ per ton + delivery + of 2000th

A. S. Stevenson
President

David McFarlane
Recy Secy

Mechanics Institute,
Montreal B. August 1866.

Committee Room

At the regular meeting of the Committee held here
this evening, the President A. A. Stevenson Esquire
in the Chair were present Messrs Rutherford, Reid,
Findlay, Bertrand, Irwin, Weaver, Brown, Montgomery,
and McFarlane,

Minutes read and confirmed.

Accounts from C. Copeland for Coal \$213.38. ordered

Geo W Stephens, Life mem. to be paid.

1st class. John Muir

V. H. Wilson

2nd " Geo. Young

Hugh Koperlin

Capt. Turner

H. A. Austin

Wm. Gamble

3rd " G. Richardson

Geo. Purcell

Geo. Maynard

Wm. McMaster

Paul Mering &

The Treasurer presented a Statement of his

Account, showing a balance of Cash in hand
amounting to \$289.99.

The following persons were nominated and elected
as members of the Institute in the usual manner.

Moved by Mr Irwin, and seconded
by Mr Reid, that the President be authorized

to engage Mr Pell as collector and Overseer for
the Institute on the same terms as last year,

carried unanimously.

The meeting closed.

President

David McFarlane

Recording Secy

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 27 August 1866

Committee Room

At the regular meeting of the Committee held here this evening the President A. A. Stevenson Esquire in the chair were present Messrs Brown, Agnew, Rutherford, Roberts, Montgomery and Findlay

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The President reported that Mr Pell, will be for the Institute on the 1st of October next, his other duties preventing him from beginning before that date.

The following persons were duly elected members of the Institute.

- David Couper Clerk 2nd Class
- Alex Hart " " "
- Fred Shettleworth Treasurer 3 "
- A McCreedy Clerk 3 "

The Finance Committee's report was received and approved off.

The meeting closed.

J. Findlay

President

Recy Secy pro temp

Long Room Mechanics Institute

Montreal 3rd September 1866.

According to rule, and advertisement the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Institute was held here this evening.

The president A. A. Stevenson occupied the Chair and besides him there were present Messrs Reid, Rutherford, Bertram, Findlay, Davidson, Irvine, Harper, Conickshank, Hutchison, Montgomery, Perry, Renfrew and McFarlane, Wilson, Starke, Ferguson, Wright, Harriett.

The Secretary read the Minutes of last Annual Meeting which were duly confirmed, after which the Annual Report of the General Committee was read as follows.

"To the members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal Gentlemen,

In accordance with the by-law of the Institute, it is now the duty of the General Committee to lay before you a Statement of its affairs for the past year, previous to resigning the important trust confided in them at your last Annual Meeting.

They therefore in a brief form in the usual order present the following report of the affairs of the Institute.

Membership

The number of members of all ranks at the date of the previous Annual Report and now are as follows:—

Honorary Members	10	10
Corresponding do	8	8
Life do	204	208
Annual do 1 st Class	74	66
2 " "	175	142
3 " "	154	403
	189	397
	<u>685</u>	<u>683</u>

Shewing that the membership has decreased during the past year by the number of 2. four names have been added to the list of life members—first and second Class members have decreased and third Class members have increased. of the 397 Annual members reported as having been enrolled during the year, 189 are new members.

Library and Reading room.

The issues from the library during the year—
have been 4103.

Your Committee have to report a great improvement in the library by enlargement and rearrangement of the room. The free library of the Board of Arts and Manufactures has been placed in the same room, although the two libraries are distinctly separate, the whole is a very decided improvement for convenience and appearance; there have been a few additions to the library but nothing equal to the wishes of the Committee.

The papers and periodicals which now appear on the tables regularly are:—
London Daily Times, W.S. European Times, Punch
Glasgow Saturday Post, Edinburgh Scotsman—
Dublin Warder, Illustrated London News
Engineer, Builder, Alliance News, League Journal
New York Daily Herald and Times, Boston D. Journal
" Home Journal, & New Jerusalem Messenger
" Scientific American, Albion
" Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper
" Scottish American Journal

Toronto Daily Globe and Leader, Quebec Daily Chronicle
Ottawa Daily Times, Huntington Journal
Hamilton Daily Spectator, Richmond Guardian
Kingston Chronicle & News, Official Gazette
British Canadian, Evening Advertiser, Nephelios
Bedford Times.

Montreal Daily Herald, Gazette, Transcript,
Witness (2 papers), Evening Telegraph, True Witness,
Echo, Daily Review, Trade Review

Art Journal, Civil Engineer and Architects Journal
Practical Mechanics Journal, Journal of the
Board of Arts and Manufactures of U.C.,
Once a week, London Society, Dublin University
Blackwoods, London Quarterly, Westminster,
North Britton and Edinburgh Reviews,
London Journal, Family Herald, Chambers Journal
All the Year Round, Working-Man, Simple Car
Cornhill, Macmillans, Canadian Naturalist
Hurb Merchants Magazine, Harpers Monthly and
Atlantic Monthly.

Lectures and Classes

It is a cause of regret to your Committee that they have been unable to devise and carry out any scheme of lectures during the past year.

The attendance at the Classes and the cost of conducting the same during the past season were as follows:

English Class 119 entered and paid fees \$29.70
formed 2 Classes

Senior Division Monday & Thursday - avgth attⁿ 18

Junior do Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday - " 18

Paid Mr Muir, Teacher \$41.00

Mr Warren do 24.00

Mr Williamson do 5.00 \$70.00

Architectural Drawing 30 ent^d and paid \$18.75

met 4 evenings each week avgth attⁿ 7

Paid Mr Hutchinson, Teacher 65.00

Mr Pell, repairing drawings 15.40

Purchase Glue pot 2.00

Sumaris 1.02 \$83.42

General expenses. Rent 200.00ST

Gas 32.00

English 70.00 \$29.70

Drawing 83.42 18.75

Adolph 80.00

Bal to debit Classes 256.97

\$385.42 \$385.42

Your Committee consider these Classes a most important part of the usefulness of the Institute amongst our Mechanical Community, and one which should be fostered with all the power, skill and energy of the members.

Finances

During the latter portion of 1865, your Committee secured the services of Mr S. E. Pell, to collect the subscriptions of members and to canvass the City for new members; the result was highly satisfactory, and a similar arrangement has been made with Mr Pell for the present year, to commence on the first of October next.

David Brown Esq
Treasurer

In A/c't with Mechs: Inst: Montreal
A/c't.

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July 31 To Cash	Annual members.		47 61
	66-1 st class	Gas Exp 1 Year	508 114
	142-2	Salaries, Supl. Eng. & Foreman	729 50
	189-3	Contingencies	143 68
		Insurance	155 05
	Life do 4:	Assessments	236 00
	80 00	Ed. Church 1 Year but	1560 00
	Rent Hall	Coal Wood, Sundries	226 42
	1523 50	Classes	160 53
	Rooms	Sundry Exp'ts	1383 86
	866 93	Profit Loss	64 35
	Lewis Co	Bal to next Year	289 99
	340 00		
	Walker Co		
	680 00		
	Gadbraith Co		
	637 50		
	Donations		
	386 11		
	Sales Catalogues		
	409		
	Old Paper		
	45 62		
	Fines		
	1 66		
	Contingencies		
	1 50		
	Assessments		
	Lewis Co 29 75		
	Walker Co 59 50		
	89 25		
	Insurance		
	Lewis Co		
	11 95		
	Salaries		
	Board Act. boy		
	50 00		
	Classes		
	English fees		
	29 70		
	Drawings "		
	18 75		
	Board Act. adm't		
	80 00		
	Discount silver		
	687		
	<u>5505.43</u>		<u>5505.43</u>

Audited and found correct
signed } Geo Courtstank
 } Geo Starke

Montreal 27 Augt 1866

Sig

Having according to appointment audited the Books and Accounts of the Institute for the year 1865-66. we have to report complete accuracy on the part of the Treasurer, an ardent judicious and careful management of the finances by the Committee, and good systematic Book-keeping on the part of the Superintendent

Montreal 3 Sept 1866

signed } Geo Starke
 } Geo Courtstank

The last financial report show a balance, due to Contractors and others amounting to \$800⁰⁰ and to the Treasurer \$48⁰⁰ to meet this there was only \$500. of good debt due to the Institute, leaving a balance of \$300 unprovided for. The whole of this debt together with all accounts sent in before the first of the ^{August} present month, have been paid, and there still remains the sum of \$290. in the hands of the Treasurer. Rents and other accs. due equal in amount what was due at the close of the last year.

The receipts from such ordinary sources of income as are liable to variation have not been so large this year as the preceding one.

The Amts recd in	1864-5	+ 1865-6
from Annual Members	\$727	\$652
Rent of Rooms	904	804
Rent of Hall	1885. ⁸⁴ / ₁₀₀	1523. ⁵⁰ / ₁₀₀

The deficiency was nearly made up by donations amounting to \$380. received from Exhibitors at the last Provincial Exhibition.

In conclusion Your Committee have during their term of Office endeavoured faithfully to fulfil their duty, and their hope is in retiring from Office that they have been in a measure successful.

In name of the Committee

Signed David McFarlane R.S.

It was moved by Mr. Davidson seconded by Mr. Perry and agreed to unanimously "that the report just read be received, and adopted, and that the Secretary is instructed to prepare a Synopsis of the same for publication in the newspapers.

The following persons were proposed and elected in the usual manner as new members of the Institute.

Geo Clayton	2 nd Class
Geo Stephens	3 "
D. Ringhorn	3 "
W.E. Long	3 "

The Chairman nominated Messrs Perry, Wilson & Starke to act as scrutineers of the ballot which was now begun for Office bearers for the ensuing year, the following were declared to be duly elected: for president — Mr. N.B. Corse, vice President Mr. Wm Rutherford — Corresponding Secretary Mr Geo. Cruikshank —

Recording Secretary Mr David McFarlane but as he
declared himself ineligible for any office, and it was
found to be so, the ballot was again made and
Mr Wm Fergusson was declared duly elected to the
Office of recording Secretary, for Treasurer Mr
David Brown, Librarian Mr J. Findlay, Cabinet
Keeper Mr Wm Reid, And members of Committee
Messrs D. Wilson, Geo. Clarke, A. Perry, John Harper,
A. Rehrand, and Wm Montgomery.

It was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr
Findlay, and agreed to unanimously, that a vote
of thanks be and is now tendered to the Secretaries
for their services

The meeting thereafter dismissed.

Wm B. Coxe

President

David McFarlane

Recording Secy

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 10th September 1866

Committee Room

At the first General meeting of the Committee, held this evening were present Messrs Rutherford, Coxe, Coree, Bertram, Montgomery, Coukshank, Clarke, Perry, Reid, Findlay, Harper, Wilson
In the absence of Mr Stevenson the President, Mr Rutherford took the Chair and Mr Montgomery was asked to act Pro tem in the absence of Mr McFarlane Recording Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting held on the 3rd of the present month were read and confirmed.

The Chairman then introduced Mr W B Coxe to the meeting as their president for the current year, who took his seat the members of the former Committee retiring, the following Gentlemen (Office Bearers and General Committee) assumed their seats of office.

Mr Rutherford vice-president Geo Coukshank Corresponding Secretary, H Fergusson Recording Secretary, absent. D Brown Treasurer, absent, S Findlay, Librarian, Mr Reid Cabinet Keeper, D Wilson, Geo Clark, A Perry, John Harper Alex Bertram and Mr Montgomery General Committee.

The following persons were proposed and elected in the usual manner as new members of the Institute.

James Wright	1 st Class
Robt Evans	2 "
Mr Hamilton	3 "
David Blackie	3 "
Jno Mustard	3 "
James Armstrong	3 "
Fran Clarke	3 "
James Bosall	3 "

The president presented a letter from Mr William Fergusson, Recording Secretary, resigning the office, which was submitted in the usual manner, and accepted.

A circular from the Revd J. S. Cartwright, having reference to Lectures, Reading &c was presented, and ~~ordered to~~ laid on the table until next meeting.

Mr Coukshank moved seconded

seconded by Mr Montgomery that Mr H. McFarlane be
now elected to the vacant office of Recording Secretary,
The President ruled the motion out of order.

Mr Crutshaw appealed from the President's
decision, which appeal being put to the vote was
sustained and the motion declared in order.

It was moved (for amendment) by Mr Reid
seconded by Mr Bertram that the election of a
Recording Secretary lay over until next meeting.
Carried.

The President appointed the following sub-committees

Finance	Messrs ^{Hepler} Winn , Brown & Reid.
Class V.	" Reid, Crutshaw
	" Clarke & Hindlay
House	" Rutherford, Montgomery
	" Wilson & Bertram,
Library V.	" Hindlay, Rutherford
	" Renny Weaver
Membership	" Montgomery, Clarke
	D. McFarlane, Harper, Wilson & Winn

The meeting hereafter closed.

Norton's course

President
Mr Rutherford
Recording Secy pro tem.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 24th September 1866.

Committee Room

At a meeting of the General Committee held here this evening the President N.B. Cove, Esquire in the Chair were present Messrs Hindlay, Bertram, Harper, Reid, Wilson, Croutchank, Mr Croutchank was appointed to act as Secretary Pro-tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

It was moved by Mr Bertram and seconded by Mr Hindlay and unanimously resolved that Mr David McFarlane be hereby appointed Recording Secretary, in place of Mr W^{mo} Fergusson resigned.

A communication was read from Mr A Perry, resigning his position as a member of the General Committee.

It was moved by Mr Wilson and seconded by Mr Harper that Mr Perrys letter be received and his resignation be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Mr Harper seconded by Mr Montgomery and unanimously carried, that Mr Lew W Weaver be hereby appointed a member of the General Committee in place and stead of Mr A Perry resigned.

The Class Committee reported being in treaty with Mr O. Warren and Mr A. C. Hutchinson to teach the Classes, and suggested that an application be made to the Board of Arts and Manufacturers for L.C. for suitable models for the Drawing Class.

Moved seconded and carried that the Class Committees report be received that they be hereby authorized to engage teachers and carry on the Classes as usual. And further that the Corresponding Secretary write to the Board of Arts in terms of the said report.

The following persons were proposed and elected members of the Institute in the usual form

2 nd Class	L. J. Lamontagne	Clerk
"	Henry Mott	do
"	Geo Perry	do
3 rd Class	Dan McDonald	Clerk
	Thos Dawson	Ap

An account from J. O. Arnton, Auctioneer for Advertising Sale of Old paper in the Daily Witness \$1.57. was presented and referred to the Finance Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Conitokhan and seconded by Mr. Wilson and unanimously carried that the Salary of the Superintendent Mr. Sansum be Six hundred dollars for the current fiscal year.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Horton W. Coze
President

W. Spillman
Recording Secretary
for term:

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 8 October 1866.

Committee Room

The regular meeting of the Committee was held here this evening Mr. Rathford Vice-president in the chair and the members present were Messrs. Bertram, Starke, Harper, Montgomery, Reid, Conitokhan and W. Spillman. The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved correct.

Proposals from G. E. Desbarats of the works of Champlain was received and laid on the table. Account from Evans Brothers for Coal amount \$26.⁰⁰ referred to finance committee and account for six dollars from J. J. Forte for subscription to "Quebec Chronicle" also referred to same committee. The following communication from A. C. Hutcheson to the Chairman of the Clap Committee was submitted and read.

"Montreal October 8th 1866

"Dear Sir,

In regard to conducting the Drawing Clap in connection with the Institute during the ensuing season, I beg leave to state, that on account of the distance at which I live from the City, I during last winter found my engagement interfere very much with my business as to reach the Clap at the proper hour of opening I had to leave my office at an earlier hour

" than I would otherwise require to do besides -
" giving me a great deal of labour! I had no time
" to do any work at home in the evenings causing
" me on one or two occasions last winter to employ
" draughtsmen to do work which I could easily
" have done had not the teaching of the Claps
" interfered paying them as much or more
" than I received for all my services.

" I would therefore much rather not undertake
" the teaching of the Claps this winter and -
" should I be induced to do so, would not
" on the same terms as last winter namely
" \$10⁰⁰ per month of four nights per week \$24 or
" \$20 per month of three nights per week is as
" little as I could make an engagement
" for.

Should an engagement not
" be made with me I shall have great
" pleasure in placing all my drawings & at
" the service of the Institute, for the use
" of any one ^{who} will fill my place

I am Sir Your obt. servt
(signed) Alex C Hutchinson
" Wm Reed Esqr."

The same was by unanimous consent
referred to the Clap Committee to act in the matter
according to the best of their judgement.

The following were nominated and elected in
the usual manner as members of the Institute.

Wm Thomas	Architect	2 nd Clap
Geo. Brown	Ap Saylor	3 "
Jas Thos Platt	Office boy	3 "
Mrs Finlayson	do	3 "

The matter of estimated cost of lighting &
heating the Hall for the Temperance Society on
Sabbath afternoons is by unanimous consent
referred to House Committee.

The business of the evening having
finished the meeting dismissed.

Wm Rutherford Vice-president
David H. Fairbank
Recd Secy

Committee Room

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal 22nd Oct 1866.

The usual meeting of the Committee was held here this evening Mr. Coase the president occupied the chair and the following members were present viz: Messrs Cruikshank Findlay, Wilson, Weaver, Reid, Harper, Montgomery, Rutherford and McFarlane -

The minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

The prospectus of the works of Champlain is referred to Library Committee.

Clap Committee reports that they could not see their way clearly to get a suitable teacher for the drawing class, other than Mr. Hutchison who has been engaged at \$20⁰⁰ per month for three nights per week.

They had offered themselves as students of Mechanical Drawing; and the Committee are of opinion that a teacher for that branch should be engaged. It was unanimously agreed that the Committee be and are hereby authorized to engage a person competent to impart instruction in Mechanical Drawing.

The English Class opened tonight under the care of Mr. O. Warren.

It was moved seconded and agreed to unanimously that the House Committee are hereby authorized to rent the Hall to the Temperance Society on Sabbath afternoons from 4 to 6 P.M. at the rate of six dollars per day.

The following were proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the Institute viz:

2nd Class, A. E. Hathaway, John Hodges, A. S. Loddlee
3rd Do Henry Sumner, Wm. Fleck, C. J. B. Steere
Chas. P. Fletcher, E. M. Roberts, Henry Young, Geo. O'Grady
Geo. Mc Intyre, Jas Fenwick, Robt Ross, Wm Hyde
Geo. Cross, Jas Mitchel, Henry Junod, Bernard Bowen.

The matter of Woodward's Gas carbonyl is referred to House Committee.

The president nominated Mr. Weaver as Chairman of the Finance Committee, and as a member

of the Library Committee in room of Mr Perry resigned
The business being finished the meeting
dismissed.

Hutton B. Corse

President

David M. Farlane

Recor. Secy

Committee Room.

Mechanics' Institute Montreal

22nd October 1866.

Immediately after the close of the committee meet-
-ing, a general meeting of the members of the
Institute was held - the president Mr. Corse, occu-
-pied the chair and the following members
were present viz: Messrs Rutheford, Findlay,
Wear, Cruikshank Wilson, Montgomery
Harper, Reid and M'farlane.

The president having explained that in
the month of December last he was elected
one of the delegates from this Institute to the
Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada
and since the Annual meeting of the Institute
at the beginning of last month, he is, by virtue
of his position as president a delegate "ex officio"
therefore the Institute now, is not fully represented
at the Board.

It was moved by Mr Findlay, seconded by Mr Harper
and agreed to unanimously that we proceed to
elect a delegate to the Board of Arts and
Manufactures for Lower Canada.

It was agreed to with acclamation that Mr.
A. A. Stevenson be delegate from the Mechanics'
Institute to the Board of Arts and Manufactures
for Lower Canada in room of Mr. W. B. Corse now
delegate "ex officio" in virtue of his office as
president of the Institute - and the Corresponding
Secretary is hereby instructed to notify Mr Stevenson
and the Board of this appointment.

This closed the business and the meeting
dismissed.

Hutton B. Corse

President

David M. Farlane

Recor. Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute, Montreal 12th October 1860.

The usual meeting of the Committee, was held here this evening. Mr A B Coxe, the president occupied the chair, and the following members were present. Mr. Findlay, Reibman, Montgomery Reid, Harper, Rutherford ^{Millar} and Courtchank. The Minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr John Dougall on behalf of Montreal Temperance Society, requesting an abatement of arrears of rent of Hall, and asking the rent of Long Room for Sunday afternoon meetings. On motion the communication was referred to the House committee.

An Application was read from Mr James Walker desiring to rent part of Long Room and the room next to it, which was also referred to House Committee. Accounts from John Corbale for \$9.⁰⁰ from Thomas Robinson for \$12.⁵⁰ also from Robt Jones for 5.⁰⁰ were referred to House Committee.

Class Committee reported having engaged Mr Myers as Teacher of the Mechanical Drawing class. Library Committee made Application for \$200.⁰⁰ to make additions to library.

It was moved seconded and carried that the Appropriation of \$200.⁰⁰ be made to the Library Committee.

The following members were on motion duly and seconded admitted as members of the Institute

- 1st Class Alex Holmes
2nd do E. Wood, Robt Crombie, John Braekin,
D. Drysdale,
3rd do James Charles Jas Mack, David Guile,
Mr Argan, Mr Kerr, Blair A. Barber,
Mr Rutherford, Albert Stott, H. Praindley,
Jas Kyle, H. Praindley, Alex Kyle, Isaac Hart,
Jas. Sutherland, Robt Moore, Robt Boyd, &
Robt Walker.

The business being finished the meeting dismissed.

Alex B Coxe
President
Secy. Com.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute, Montreal 30th November 1860.

The ordinary meeting of the General Committee was held here this evening, the president Mr. Corse, occupied the chair, and there were members present Messrs Bertram, Harper, Rutherford, Brown, Reid, Wilson, Croutshank, & McFarlane.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman of the House Committee reported that as the Montreal Temperance Society, had advertised their Sabbath afternoon meetings in another place than in the Hall of the Institute, the Committee did not deem it expedient to report on Mr. Dougall's letter.

It was moved seconded and carried unanimously that an abatement of 25% be made from amount due by Montreal Temperance Society.

A letter was read from James Walker withdrawing his personal application for extension of business, premises and substituting one from James Walker & Co for the same object.

It was moved by Mr. Harper seconded by Mr. Croutshank and agreed to that Messrs Corse, Weaver, Reid, Rutherford and McFarlane be a committee to whom this matter of alterations be referred for consideration and report.

Accounts referred at last meeting to House Committee are reported correct and passed for payment.

House committee report in favor of Woodward's Gas Carbonizer and recommend that an offer of one hundred dollars be made for the apparatus.

It was moved and agreed to unanimously that the report be received, and that the matter be laid over for a few weeks, for further consideration.

The following were in the usual manner duly elected members of the Institute

2 nd Class	Wm Crawford
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3 rd	Ed. Adam, Wm Adam, Russ Donlop
"	Ed. Burns, Robt Young, Jas McCaffrey
"	Wm McCaffrey, Pat Gibbins, Pat Gallagher
"	Thos Earl, Chas Palmer, Geo. Brasbie

This finished the business and the meeting dismissed.

Walter M. Corse Presd =

David McFarlane Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute, Montreal 10th December 1866

At the ordinary meeting of the General Committee held here this evening, the President occupied the Chair and the following members were present viz Messrs Findlay, Beaman Reid, Weaver Rutherford, Harper, Wilson, Crumkiantz & McFarlane.

The minutes of former meetings were read and acknowledged beneficial results of Woodward's Confirmed.

Some remarks were made derogatory to the Gas carbonizer.

Letter from J. P. Macpherson of Ottawa was read, and the Corresponding Secretary is instructed to acknowledge the same by sending a copy of our Constitution and Bye-laws.

The following report from Special Committee appointed at the last meeting in reference to addition to Messrs Walker & Co's business premises was read.

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute
Montreal 7 Dec 1866.

The Special committee appointed on the 26th ult met this evening in this place there were present Messrs Corce, Weaver, Reid and McFarlane.

A note from Mr Rutherford - the other member of the Special committee - to Mr Corce was read, expressing regret for his absence through indisposition, and giving his opinion about the desired extension of Messrs Walker & Co's business premises.

After an examination of the rooms, & some consideration of the question of alterations with a view to letting some portion of them to Messrs Walker & Co - it was moved by Mr Reid and agreed to - "that it is expedient to recommend to the General Committee that the accommodation required - say the Old Committee room and part of the New room with a passage between, be granted to them for a consideration."

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It was moved by Mr Weaver and agreed to, that we also recommend that the heating coils be allowed to remain as they are, if not objectionable - and also that we require an annual rental for the whole shop and addition of \$1350. and assessments with however this reserve that the subject be referred, before a final decision: into the hands of the President and Convenor of the House Committee Mr Reid to be associated with them. They to enquire and ascertain the average rental of neighbouring business places - to consider and report thereon for decision.

The whole is respectfully submitted.

Second }
N B Coore
Wm Reid
G W Weaver
D W Faulstich

After some conversation on the matter, and information communicated about the amount of rent charged for several of the business locations in the neighbourhood, it was moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Findlay and agreed to unanimously "that the report of the Special Committee be received and adopted, and that the answer of this committee - to be communicated by the president to Messrs Walker & Co be in accordance with the nature of said report."

The following were duly elected in the usual manner as members of the institute.

2nd Class John Miller
3 " Kenneth Whennan
Hubertus McGuire
Jos La franchises
Alice Young
Peter Coady
Thos Black
David Horst

This closed the business of the evening, and the meeting dismissed.

Norton B. Coore
President

D W Faulstich
Recy Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute, Montreal 24 December 1860.

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee was held here this evening, the president in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Weaver, Wilson, Bertram, Harper, Crutshank, Brown, Reid and McFarlane.

The minutes of former regular meeting, and also of special meeting held on the 21st instant were read and confirmed.

Mr Bertram, reported that Mr Hoggan of the St Lawrence Hall gave a very favorable report of the Gas Carbonizer, but was not certain the insurance companies would allow it.

Mr Corse, reported from Mr Perrault that the Societe des Artisans desired to come in amongst us without any remuneration beyond the use of their papers &c. &c.

After some conversation it was moved by Mr Crutshank, seconded by Mr Wilson and agreed to unanimously, "that the corresponding Secretary is hereby instructed to write to Mr Perrault requesting him to reduce his proposition to writing - and to state that this committee will be ready to form a connection on terms mutually agreeable and advantageous."

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

2nd Class E. Masell & 3rd Class D. Campbell

This closed the business of the meeting.

Horton W. Corse

President

David McFarlane

Recording Secy

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 24th December 1866.

(According to advertisement a meeting of the members of the above named Institute was held here this evening)

The president occupied the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Weaver, Bestram, Brown, Irwin, Reid, Wilson, Stevenson, Lowrie, Weir, Annett, Cruikshank, Harper, Windlay, Furgeson, Bulmer and McFarlane

The Chairman stated that the object of the ^{present} meeting was to elect delegates from this Institute to the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada, 22 delegates were required to represent the Institute.

The Secretary having read the minutes of a meeting of the members of the Institute held for a similar purpose in December 1865 The Chairman appointed Messrs Cruikshank, Irwin and Harper to act as scrutineers.

After sufficient interval the ballot was declared closed. And on examination the following were by the president declared to be duly elected delegates as above viz— Messrs H. Bulmer, G. W. Weaver, D. Brown, Wm Reid, D. Wilson, A. Bestram, Wm Rutherford, A. A. Stevenson, A. C. Hutchison, B. Chamberlain, J. E. Pell, C. Alexander, J. Harper, R. Forsyth, D. McFarlane, R. Irwin, Geo Cruikshank, Geo Starkie, J. Windlay, Jas Lowrie, Alex Murray and Dunbar Browne.

This closed the business of the evening, and the meeting dismissed.

Walter T. Corso
President

David McFarlane
Recording Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 14 January 1867

At the regular Semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee held here this evening, the president in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Harper, Clarke, Reid, Montgomery, Rutherford, Wilson, Crumshank and McFarlane, the minutes of the last meeting and also of the meeting of the Members of the Institute held the same evening were read and confirmed.

A letter from Messrs James Walker & Co, making an additional proposal in reference to the additional premises they wish to rent from the Institute - was read. After some conversation it was moved by Mr Rutherford seconded by Mr McFarlane and agreed to "unanimously" that the letter be received, and that the Corresponding Secretary is hereby instructed to write to Messrs W & Co. acknowledging receipt of their letter and informing them that the Committee can not depart from their former decision as communicated to them verbally by our president - further it is to be understood that this offer on our part is considered open for a week from this date.

The following Accounts were submitted and referred to Finance Committee for examination and if found correct to be paid Viz:

Mr J. S. Patch	} 2 nd Class	from J. B. Bangs & Co for the sum of	\$ 5.00
Geo. Tunstall		" Penney Wilson & Co	8.00
E. E. Gilman	} 3 rd Class	" John J. Foot	6.00
Ed. Dyke		" J. Morrison repairs	119.86
Geo. Dyke		" Richd. Seale	2 nd B
Geo. McFarlane			
E. R. Bennett			
Otten Place			
H. Langford			

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute, &c.
The Recording Secretary requested to have leave of absence during his contemplated visit to Europe which was granted, and Mr Crumshank agreed to act in his place for the time.

This finished the business of the evening, and the meeting dismissed.

Norton B. Gorse Secy.
David McFarlane Secy.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 28 January 1867.

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee held here this evening, the president in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Reid, Bertram, Harper, Fendley, and Rutherford.

In the absence of the Secretary Mr Rutherford was asked to act pro-tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter from Messrs James Walker & Co accepting the rate of \$1350.⁰⁰ per Annum from the 1st May ensuing for the premises - say the old Committee Room and part of the new room in addition to the Stone now occupied by them, for six years, was read and ordered to be received and acknowledged.

The following Accounts were submitted and referred to ^{the several} Finance Committees for examination and if found correct to be paid.

House Committee	John Martin	Plumber	\$143.78
debray Committee	John Douglas	to Sew Advertising	10.67
to be paid	J. R. Irvine		1.55
	and A. J. Pell	framing a picture	10.00

ordered to lay over until next meeting.

The following members were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

1 st Class	John Tempack
2	" John Foulkes
2	" John Drummond
3	" Miss Gall

This finished the business of the evening, and the meeting dismissed.

Walter B. Coxe Secy.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 11th February 1867

At the regular Semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee, held here this evening the Puro-president Mr Rutherford, in the Chair, were present Messrs Findlay, Robertson, Weaver, Reid, Wilson and Cruikshank

The minutes of previous meeting were read & confirmed

A. J. Pells' account laid over at previous meeting was referred to Finance Committee

Accounts from SA May	\$5 50
Thos W Peil	2 70
Wm Legmont	1 50

were referred to House Committee

Accounts from A Parsons	5. 00
J J Forts	9 00
James Innes	19 65
Dawson Bros	219-11

were referred to Library Committee

The Chairman of the Finance Committee presented a Semi-Annual Report showing that the ordinary receipts and disbursements of the Institute are about the same as last year

1866

Cash - Dr.

1867

August 660 ²³ Sept 188 ²² Oct 687 ²⁸ \$1537 47 Nov 97 ²² Dec 1431 ³⁵ Jan 223 ⁶⁷ 1627 37 <u>3164 84</u>	August 533 ²⁴ Sept 66 ²⁰ Oct 142 ²⁷ \$1091 31 Nov 707 ²² Dec 329 ²⁵ Jan 276 ⁶⁵ 1313 27 <u>2404 58</u>
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Six months

Synopsis

Six months

Hall 710. Rooms 327. Rent \$989 2026 00 Adm. Memb 600. Life 80. 680 00 Donations 380. Dinings 72. 458 00 <u>3164 84</u>	Hall 821. Rooms 203. Rent 765 1789 00 Adm. Memb 465. Life 20. Din 4. 489 00 Rent for Boy 50. Dinings 76. 126 00 <u>2404 -</u>
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Gas 208, Coal 177, Int 780 - 1165
 Inc 142, Salrs 360, Comrs 808 1307

Gas 83, Coal 213, Int 780. \$ 1176 -

Inc 122, Crps 269 391 -

Salrs 426, Dinings 411 837 -

2466

2404

Bal to Cr. Inst 1st Aug 1866 \$ 289.99

Bal to Cr Inst this day \$ 279.03

Mechanics Institute

Montreal, 11th February 1867.

(Sgd)

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the deficiency of revenue from membership was the subject of conversation. The opinion was generally expressed that the Membership Committee should act in this matter.

It was moved by Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. Finlay and agreed to that the House Committee Mr. Hutchinson to prepare plans and invite tenders for the alterations of the Rooms leased to Messrs. Jas. Walker & Co.

The Chairman of the Class Committee reported that the Drawing Classes had been discontinued owing to the small attendance.

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

3rd Class Wm. Russ

Pat. McClelland

No other business appearing the meeting closed.

Horton B. Corse

President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 25th February 1867.

At the regular Semi-monthly meeting of the
General Committee held here this evening the president
Mr Coxe, in the chair were present Messrs Reid,
Montgomery, Roberts, Wilson, Wainwright & Harper.
Mr Harper, acting as Secretary,
read the Minutes of former meetings which
were duly confirmed.

The following tenders were submitted
by House Committee for the alterations -
extending the premises now occupied by
Messrs Walker & Co into small Committee
room and part of Exchange room.

Said Paton \$275⁰⁰ Rutherford & Allan \$275⁰⁰ —
Thomas Johnson \$250⁰⁰ a Craig & Gairns \$21⁰⁰

It was moved by Mr Reid seconded by Mr
Wainwright and resolved that the House Committee
be hereby instructed to accept the lowest
tender and proceed at once with the work.

Mr Wainwright reported that the Committee
appointed for that purpose had arranged
with the "Montreal Gazette" for one copy daily
of that paper at half price, independent of
of the one now on file.

Communications addressed to
Mr J Druggall and submitted by him for
the consideration of this Committee were
recommending Rev Mr Sweet as a lecturer
announced and referred to Lecture Committee.

Acct: from James Allan, with Superin-
tendents notes thereon - for Wood \$17.50 -
referred to Mr David Brown.

A J Pells A/c for framing Cannon
Arms laid over at previous meetings ~~was~~
now referred to Mr Weaver, who shall report at
next meeting.

The following were in the usual manner elected
members of the Institute, P. H. Dods - 2nd Clerk
Robt. Lee, A. McQuisteen, & John Bordenour 3rd Clerk
This closed the business of the evening & the meeting terminated.

Horton B. Coorse -
President.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 11 March 1859

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee held here this evening, the President in the Chair, were present Messrs Weaver, Finlay, Reid, Montgomery & Harper Mr Harper acting as Secretary in the absence of that Officer.

The Minutes of the former meeting held 25th February were read and confirmed.

Mr. Bennett attended with an improved Gas burner, said to ^{increase} ~~improve~~ the volume of light, at the same time that the quantity of gas was lessened. After a trial of said burners in the library it was agreed to by the committee that one of Mr B's three foot burners gives the same amount of light that ~~the~~ ordinary 5 foot burner gives, and that the gas consumed must be less than the old burners.

No other business appearing
the meeting closed.

Newton Morse

President.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 25 March 1867.

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee held here this evening, the president Mr. Corse in the chair were present Messrs Hindley Reid, Montgomery, Wilson, Bertrand and Cornishank.

Mr. Cornishank read the Minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed.

S. M. McPherson's Suit for \$5⁰⁰ for cleaning clock was referred to the president to settle.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to Finance Committee.

New York Times subs	\$11.20
M. Parsons "	6.37
A. C. Hutchison teaching	40.00
City Corporation acc.	?
for widening Convention St	77.56

A proposition from Messrs W. F. Lewis & Co to extend their lease of the Office in St Peter Street and the Cellar under Gallbraith & Brown shop for five years after expiration of present lease, was considered.

Moved by Mr. Wilson seconded by Mr. Hindley and unanimously resolved that this proposition be not entertained.

The Chairman of Class Committee reported that the classes were closed in the middle of the present month, the following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

Peter D. Dodds	2 nd Class
A. Scott	"
E. I. Standish	"
Henry McKewen	3 rd Class
Duncan McLachlan	1 st Class

No other business appearing the meeting closed.

Watson B. Corse
President.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 1st April 1867

At a special Meeting of the House
Committee duly convened by special notice
given to all the Members thereof were present
this evening, Wm Rutherford Esq, in the Chair
and Messrs Wilson, Best and Montgomery.

Mr Wilson explained the merits of the
particular Gas burner, and recommended that
~~the Committee~~ they be put in the library
and Reading room

The Committee after testing the
said burner and proving to their satis-
faction their superiority have agreed to
~~recommend to the general Committee that~~
to order that the Reading Room and library
be fitted with said burners - which
was accordingly done - The President
Messrs Reid & Harper Approving -

No other business appearing the
meeting closed

Walter B. Gorse

President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 25th April 1867

At a special meeting of the General Committee called by the president this evening were present N B Gorse Esq in the Chair and Messrs Rutherford, Wilson, Weaver, Bertram, Reid, Gaspier and Montgomery

The president stated that the business for this evening was to consider a proposal for the extension of the lease held by Messrs W J Lewis & Co and other proposals connected therewith.

After discussion it was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Wilson, that this Committee cannot entertain for the present any proposal to extend the lease now held by Messrs Lewis & Co which was carried unanimously.

This closed the business of the evening and the meeting dismissed.

Norton B Gorse

President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 8th April 1867.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee held here this evening the president Mr. N.B. Corse, in the chair were present Messrs. Beaman, Rist, Harper, Weaver & Courtshank. The Minutes of the previous meetings were read and confirmed.

Mr Henry Teulon was duly elected a member of the Institute in the usual manner.

No other business appearing the meeting closed.

Norton B. Corse President
Recd Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 12th April 1867

At a regular meeting of the General Committee held here this evening were present - N.B. Corse Esq. president, in the chair Messrs Findlay, Beaman, Rist and Courtshank.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Accounts were received

from Allison & Morrison	Jobins	\$10.25
Josephus Bennett	Gas burners	12.40
C. Capeland	Coal	17.88

were on motion referred to finance committee.

It was moved seconded and resolved that the House Committee be authorized to have a wooden striping on both sides of the stairway leading to the Hall.

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Henry Garner & James Nelson 2nd Class
and Miss W. Glover 3rd Class

No other business appearing the meeting closed.

Norton B. Corse
President.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 13 May, 1867.

At a regular meeting of the General Committee, held here this evening were present W. B. Corse Esquire presided in the chair Messrs Bertrand, McNeill, Reid, Findlay, Wilson, Montgomery and Harper.

In the absence of Mr. Crankshank, Mr. Findlay read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed.

Accounts from C. Copeland for Coal \$8.58

J. R. White Jan Spectator 10.00

were referred to Finance Committee

Mr. John Heath was duly elected a second class member of the Institute.

No further business coming before the meeting it was closed.

Winton B. Corse

President

Jonathan Findlay

Recd Secy Pastmaster

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute 27 May 1867

At the regular semi-monthly meeting held here this evening there were present Messrs Reid, Bertrand, Harper, Findlay, Montgomery and McFarlane.

In the absence of the president and vice-president Mr. Reid was unanimously called to the Chair.

Minutes of former meeting were read and approved. The chairman reported in name of the president that he could purchase a supply of coal for the Institute for next winter at the rate of \$6²⁵ per ton of 2000 lbs. The Committee were unanimous in opinion that he should purchase at that rate.

No more business being before the meeting it was dismissed.

Winton B. Corse

President.

David McFarlane

Recd Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 10th June 1867

At the regular meeting held here this evening the president in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Harper, Findlay, Montgomery, Wilson, Reid and McFarlane.

Minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

An account from the proprietor of the Scottish American Journal for \$5⁵⁰ was submitted and passed for payment.

Accounts from J. C. Becket for \$1. 00
from Walker & Co for sundries 15. 00
and from Daily Globe for subscription

the whole passed to the finance committee for examination and payment if correct.

It was moved and agreed to that McKie be associated with the house committee to see to the matter of a lining round the Hall (receive tenders for doing it and proceed to have it done) and to put a hand rail or rails on the back stairway leading down from the Hall, also to consult about the cleaning and improvement of the Hall ceiling and walls and report thereon.

It was unanimously agreed to notify the president of the Montreal Young Men's Christian Association that any strangers visiting the City in connection with the approaching convention are at liberty & are kindly invited to visit our reading room and consult any of the books in our library.

This closed the business of the evening and the meeting dismissed.

Nathan B. Corse

President.

David McFarlane
Recording Secy

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 24th June 1867

At the regular meeting of the Committee held here this evening the president in the chair beside whom there were present Messrs Reid, Weaver, Montgomery, Harper and McFarlane.

The minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Reid reported that a meeting called to consult about the cleaning and repairing of the Hall, had not been held because of a severe rain storm which came on about the hour of meeting.

An individual who did the dining room of the St Lawrence Hall, thinks the whole would cost \$120 to repair, to repair ceiling, and do the walls anew would cost about \$200. it would require about three weeks to do the whole, to erect scaffolding do the ceiling and take down scaffolding, would require about two weeks, and ~~that~~ the Hall might be occupied while the walls were being done.

It was moved and agreed to unanimously that the House Committee with Mr Reid associated take all the necessary steps to have the Hall cleaned and repaired to the best of their judgement, and at the most convenient season.

The following accounts were submitted viz
from M. & F. A. Currie & Co \$ 3.50
Chas Garth 28 30

and passed for payment if found correct

This finished the business of the evening and the meeting dismissed.

Horton M. Corse
President.

David McFarlane
Recording Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 22nd July 1867

At the regular meeting of the Committee held here this evening the President in the Chair beside whom there were present Messrs Weaver, Reid, Harper, Findlay & ~~Montgomery~~ Montgomery

The minutes of meeting held on the 24th June were read and confirmed,

The following accounts were submitted by Thomas Johnson, Carpenter for New Stairs and Alterations in the Corner Stone, occupied by Messrs J. Walker & Co ————— \$301.22
of which has been paid ————— 200.00

leaving a balance due from ————— 101.22

from Mr Alex. C. Hutchinson for plans for said Stairs and alterations \$15.00

from Messrs Fanny & Wilson for Montreal Herald to January 1868. two Copies \$24.00

referred to the President to enquire into the charge and to settle for same

Mr Daniel Rose, printer was then duly elected a Life Member of the Institute.

Circular, from the Mercantile Library Association Clinton Hall, Astor place N.Y. was read giving a ^{list} of the Office-Bearers and hoping the relations between the respective associations may prove of mutual benefit

It was proposed by Mr Harper, seconded by Mr Reid that the Corresponding Secretary acknowledge receipt thereof.

This finished the business of the evening and the meeting dissolved.

Norton B. Loring, President

Matthew Findlay
Recd Secy pro. tem.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 10 August 1867

At the regular meeting of the General Committee, held here this evening ~~at 7 o'clock~~ were present Messrs Reid, Moore, Hindley, Harper, Montgomery, Wilson and McFarlane. In the absence of the president Mr Reid was unanimously called to the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee received a communication from Mr M. Hocky, through Mr Sanson, wherein he proposes to occupy the Hall as he had engaged it only, the Committee to bear a proportion of the expenses in consideration of his having lost much of his property by fire on the railway, the Committee are unanimously agreed not to enter into the arrangement with Mr Hocky.

It was unanimously agreed that the Superintendent write to Mr H. communicating this fact to him and also that the Committee are quite ready to relieve him of his engagement of the Hall if he feels so disposed.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to Library Committee and ordered to be paid if correct—

from James Smies	Book binder	\$ 52 40
Dawson Bros	Library Journal	11 00

The following were in the usual manner elected Members of the Institute

Geo Kemley	Ap Carpenter	230 Notre Dame St
H. K. Lee	Ap Clerk	144 St Antoine
R. W. Adams	Ap	16 Berthelot
Frank Jones	Ap Letter Cutter	17 St Antoine

It was agreed to unanimously that the cleaning of the reading room be also a matter placed in the hands of the House Committee with Mr Reid while doing the hall.

This finished the business of the evening and the meeting dismissed.

Mr Reid President pro tempore
David McFarlane
Recorder Secy

Committee Room,

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 26th August 1867

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee held here (this evening) were present Messrs Reid, Hindley, Hewitt, Montgomery, Harper and Wilson.

Mr Reid was unanimously called to the Chair and Mr Wilson, asked to act as Secretary. The minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

Tenders for scaffolding the Hall, for the purpose of Renewing Frames of Ceiling & Side walls - and also for lining side walls of the same, were received from Messrs Rutherford & Allan, James Simpson, & Thomas Johnson. Mr Johnson's tender being lowest was accepted.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to the house committee, and ordered to be paid if found correct.

From E. W. Reed for conductor	\$13.88
one half of this acc to be paid by J. B. Beaudry.	
" C. Copeland for Coal	214.70
" R. Miller Book binding	51.57

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Chas Johnson,	Builder	a life member
J. H. Parker	Traveler	2 nd Class "
Lambert Nick	Gr. Clerk	3 " "
Chas Miller	Op. Machinery	3 " "

Moved and agreed to unanimously that this meeting do now adjourn to meet on Saturday next the 31st inst to consider Reports for Annual meeting and for the transaction of other business -

The meeting separated.

Mr Reid Chairman pro tem
Dan Wilson Secy pro tem.

Committee Room Mechanics Institute

Montreal 31st August 1867.

The adjourned meeting of the general committee was held here this evening. there were present Messrs Weaver Hindlay, Montgomery, Harper, Reid and Dr. Farlane.

Mr Weaver was called to the chair -

A communication from J. W. Taylor on behalf of Mr. Workman's committee for abatement of rent of room from the amount of account rendered - the committee instructed Mr. Sansum the superintendent to collect the full amount of the account.

This closed the business of the meeting and it was dismissed

Geo. W. Brown

Chairman

David W. Farlane

Recording Secy

Long Room, Mechanics' Institute, Montreal 2^d September 1867.

The annual meeting of the members of the Institute was advertised to be held here this evening after a considerable delay beyond the advertised hour of meeting, until a quorum of members were assembled. after a considerable time the following gentlemen were present viz: Messrs Weaver, Reid, Harper, Montgomery, Wilson, Hutchison, Stevenson, Irwin, J. R. Annett, Baskett, Nish, Renfrew, Hindlay, J. Annett, Ferguson and Dr. Farlane

Mr Weaver was unanimously called to the chair, in the absence of the president and vice-president - and the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

It was moved by Mr. Stevenson seconded by Mr. Reid and agreed to "that this meeting, in consequence of the small attendance of members do now adjourn till this eight fortnight the 16th instant"

Geo. W. Brown

Chairman

David W. Farlane

Recording Secy

Committee Room.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 9th September 1867.

The regular meeting of committee held here this evening, present Messrs Corse, Reid, Hindlay, Montgomery, Harper, Weaver and McFarlane

The president - Mr Corse, in the chair

Minutes read and confirmed

After some conversation about an application to the City authorities for compensation for damage done during the riot on Friday last, it was agreed to defer it until the account could be finally completed.

Members proposed in the usual manner and elected as follows

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|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Robert. Miller, Book Binder, | Notre Dame St | Life |
| Thomas. Johnson, Builder | St Constant St | Members |
| Peter. Nicholson, Builder, | Bylmer St | 1 st Class |
| Robt. McCorkill | St Alexander | " |
| Jonathan. Pebles, collector | Blenny | 2 nd Class |
| William. Stark Cabinet maker, | Hermine | " |
| Joseph. Goulden, Druggist | St Lawrence | " |
| Robert. Stark Shoemaker | St Chas Baronne | " |
| James Taylor, Ap: Machinist, | Queens Square | 3 rd Class |
| Chas. Robinson, " Cabinet-maker | Craig St | " |
| James Robinson, Office Boy | do | " |
| Leon. Cohen, W: Printer | Doncours | " |
| Robert. Hoy, " Saddler | Mc Gill | " |
| James, Craig Pupil | St Catherine | " |
| Wm McVay, Ap: Carpenter | do | " |
| Earnest. Blackburn, Student | Montcalm Terrace | " |

The attention of the House committee was directed to the Longroom as being in a very dirty condition and much in need of repairs This closed the business of the meeting, and it was dismissed.

Norton M. Corse

President

David McFarlane
Recor^y Secy

Long Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 16th September 1867.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Members of the above named Institute adjourned from the 2nd instant as per resolution then recorded was held here this evening - the president Mr N B Corse occupied the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Weaver, Perry, Hutchison, Craig, Reid, A. Palmer, Rutherford, Montgomery, Stakke, Munro, W. Bernard, Boyd, Stevenson, Wilson, Alexander, Gardner and ten others.

Minutes of meeting on the 2nd instant were read - after which the Recording Secretary read the following Approval Report and financial statement -

In the lapse of time your committee are now in accordance with the By-Laws called upon to render an account of the Affairs of the Institute for the past year. They therefore in as brief a form as possible, lay before the meeting the following report.

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Membership.

The number of members of all ranks at the date of the previous Annual report and now are as follows:—

Honorary members	10	10
Corresponding do	8	8
Life do	268	270
Annual do. 1 st Class 66		624
2 " 142		106
3 " 189	397	177
	<u>683</u>	<u>347</u>
		<u>635</u>

It is much to be regretted that an Institute offering at such a reasonable rate as this one does, so many advantages of obtaining correct, valuable and interesting information is not year by year increasingly patronized by that portion of the community which is engaged or interested (more or less intimately) in the Arts and manufactures. We hope most sincerely that our successors in office may be able to revive the waning affections of the 2nd Class members at least and in fact among all ranks of the Artisan population largely increase their interest in the institutes.

and are anxious that a still larger number
may come forward to partake of the feast.
Your committee may remark further on
this subject that they would be much pleased
to receive donations or suggestions of additions
either to the tables of the Reading room or shelves
of the library.

Classes:
The attendance at the classes and the cost
of conducting the same during the past year
were as follows.

English Class 107 entered and paid \$ 20.87

Commenced 23rd Oct. & closed 15th Mat.

open for 95 nights, 5 times a week

Average attendance, 30.

Mr. O. Warren, Teacher, paid him \$105.00

Drawing Class 13 for Mechanical

13 " Architectural } and paid 11.00

Commenced 23rd Oct.

average attendance say 5.

Mr. Hutchison, Teacher, paid him 40.00

Your committee regret the very discouraging attendance
during the past year upon these classes especially at
the Drawing Classes; when it is considered that
these classes are a most important adjunct to
the Institute a means presented to the young-
men of this City whereby they may attain
to much knowledge in the arts, it is much to
be regretted that so few come forward and
attend regularly through the whole course—
let us hope for better things in the future.

X Auditors Report

Montreal 29th August 1867.

To the President—Mechanics Institute

Dear Sir In accordance with your wishes, we have
examined the books, vouchers, and Annual Statement
of the Superintendent Mr. Sanson, and find the
whole correct; while we unite in bearing testimony
to the business like manner in which the Superintendent
has conducted the business intrusted to his charge, and congratulate
the Institute in having secured the services of one evidently
so well suited for the place he occupies.

Signed Robert Irwin

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Alex Craig

2nd Reading Room Library

The issues from the library during the year have been 4139 volumes

New Books added during the year 391.

Magazines bound 55.

Donations

from D. McFarlane, 1 vol. 144 Years Canadian History

Walter Charles 1 do -

Montreal Telegraph Co a Grant of their lines

Our Government 1884 Survey Canada

J. C. Burt 1 Copy in Alliance News

1 cheap Journal

J. Dwyer 1 Don 2 Copies Daily Witness

Proprietors 1 " Richmond Guardian

The papers and periodicals which now appear on the tables regularly are

London Daily Times, W.B. Liverpool Times
Punch, Dublin Worker, Glasgow Saturday Post
Edinburgh Scotsman, Illustrated London News,
Engineer, Builder, Alliance News, League
Journal

New York Daily Herald, Times, Home Journal,
Albion, San American, Scottish American Journal
Frank Leslie Ill Newspaper Boston Journal,
Toronto Globe, Leader, Quebec Chronicle
Ottawa Times, Hamilton Spectator, Kingston
Journal, Richmond Guardian Kingston
Chronicle Bedford Times, St. Johns N.B. News
Official Gazette.

Montreal Herald, 2 Copies Daily Witness 2 Copies
Gazette 2 Copies, Daily News, Evening Telegraph,
True Witness and Trade Review.

Art Journal, Civil Engineer & Architects
Journal Practical Mechanics Journal, Journal
of the Board of Arts and Manufactures for U.C.
Once a week, London Society, Dublin University
Blackwoods, 4 Reviews, London Journal,
Family Herald, Chambers Journal, London
Journal, All the Year Round, Temple Bar
Cornhill Macmillans, Hunk merchants
Magazine, Harpers Monthly, Atlantic Monthly
& Franchise

Your committee have had much pleasure
in witnessing the extent of the use made of it,

David Brown Esq
Treasurer

In Acc with Mechanics Institute of Montreal

Dr 1866			1867		
Aug 1st	bal from last year		\$289 99	July 31	By Gas
July 31	Cash from Annual members				" Copeland for Coal
64	1 st class	192 00			" Col. Church interest 1500 00
106	2 "	202 55			" Salaries Students 600 00
177	3 "	177 00	571 55		By 120 00
"	2 Life		40 00		Young 131 00
"	Rent Hall		1871 67		" Contingencies
"	" Rooms		380 20		" Insurance
"	" Stores				" Assessments
	W.F. Lewis & Co	425 00			" Special Bonds
	S. Walker & Co	1017 50			" Water rate
	Galbraith & B	429 00	1871 50		" Classes Mr Warren
"	Assessments				" Hutchison
	W.F. Lewis & Co	29 75			" Dawson Bro
	S. Walker & Co	59 50	89 25		for Books
"	Insurance				James Bunting
	W.F. Lewis & Co	13 20			" J. Morrison
"	Contingencies		67		Rep Seats
"	Sales Old paper		21 70		" Clifford for drain
"	" Catalogues		194		" Thos Johnson
"	Stores		5 85		New Granite
"	Salaries				" Hutchison plan
	Def Arts for Boy		00 00		" Sundry Acct
"	Classes				" Dis on Silver
	Def Arts allowance	100 00			" Annot to Bal
"	English Class	26 75			
"	Drawing "	11 00	37 75		
"	Donations		4 15		
"	Interest Savings Bank		8 74		
			\$5295 16		
					\$5295 16

Audited Montreal 29 August 1867. And found correct
Signed Robert Brown & Alex Craig

Assets		Liabilities	
To Building, Land	45210.00	By Col Church	26000.00
" Furniture	3600.00	" Sundry Acct	117 18
" Library	3500.00	" Bal in favor Inst	26913 53
" Good & Bad debt	579 50		
" Cash on hand	141 21		
	\$53030.71		\$53030.71

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It was moved by Mr Irwin seconded by Mr Perry and agreed to unanimously that the report just read be adopted and a synopsis thereof printed.

The following Gentlemen were appointed scrutineers viz Messrs Irwin Boyd Craig

The meeting then balloted for Officers, Secretaries and members of Committee for the ensuing year when the following were declared to be duly elected.

N. B. Corse Esq	President
Jonathan Finlay "	Vice Pr.
Alex. C. Hutchinson "	Corresponding Secy
David McFarlane "	Recording do
David Brown "	Treasurer
John Harper "	Librarian
William Reid "	Comptroller

General Committee

Messrs Alex Craig, Daniel Wilson, Mr Weaver, William Rutherford, William Montgomery and John Bulmer.

Mr Wm J. Patterson was proposed and elected a life member of the Institute. This closed the business of the evening and the meeting dismissed.

Norton B. Corse

President

David McFarlane

Recording Secretary

Committee Room!

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 33rd September 1867.

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee held here this evening, the president in the chair there were present Messrs Harper, Hutchison, Findlay, Montgomery, Rutherford, Wilson, Bulmer, Weaver, and McFarlane,

The minutes of former meeting having been read and confirmed, the following Sub-Committees were appointed by the president and agreed to viz: for Finance Messrs Weaver, Brown & Reid

Class, " Rutherford, Bulmer, Craig
& Hutchison -

House, " Reid, Montgomery, Wilson
& Craig

Library " Harper, Rutherford -
Weaver & Findlay

Memberships . Hutchison, Harper
McFarlane & Bulmer,

After some conversation on the subject of the winter classes it was moved by Mr Rutherford and seconded by Mr Wilson "That this Committee do hereby instruct the Class Committee to abandon the idea of having an English Class for the ensuing season"

It was moved by Mr Reid in amendment, seconded by Mr Findlay "That the Class Committee are hereby instructed to continue the English Class during the coming winter as heretofore"

Motion carried by a majority of four
It was moved by Mr Harper seconded by Mr Findlay and agreed to "That the Class Committee are hereby instructed to use all the means they may think advisable to get up and carry on the drawing classes"

It was moved by Mr McFarlane, seconded by Mr Harper and agreed to "That all the Accounts in connection with the repairs of the Institute incident to the late riot be handed over to the House Committee to deal with them"

This finished the business of the evening and the meeting dissolved.

Norton's Corse

President

David McFarlane Recorder

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute
Montreal 14 October 1867

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the general committee was held here this evening. The president in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Reid, Craig, Findlay, Rutherford, Wilson, Bulmer, and McFarlane.

The minutes of former meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Messrs Thompson & Duff, was read - commending this committee to purchase for the Institute the accompanying work on "Drawing and Designs" priced \$26⁰⁰ less 10%.

After some conversation it was moved by Mr Reid seconded by Mr McFarlane and agreed to "that the Library committee be, and are hereby instructed to make the purchase of the book referred to."

The following were proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the Institute

James Stark	Cabinet-maker	2 nd Class
Wm Campbell Gordon	Foreman	"
Jas Blackmore	Jeweller	"
Joseph Mayers	Painter	"
Gilbert Warless	Grand Boy	F "
Wm Cunningham	Finisher	"
John Gulletley	Silver Smith	"

It was moved by Mr Findlay, seconded by Mr Wilson and agreed to "that the House Committee are hereby instructed to have the seats for the Hall varnished."

Mr Rutherford on behalf of the Class Committee reports progress, and says - that they have done all they could by Advertisement and circular to get the Drawing class into operation, the number who have entered up to this date are 13 for Architectural - 2 for Mechanical and none for ornamental drawing - tomorrow being the last day for entering, it is feared that the minimum number of 20 for each branch will not be forthcoming.

The president reports that Mr Young has entered upon his duties for the season viz: attending upon the furnace & and he wishes to have an increase of his wages - Which the Committee - unanimously agree they cannot do.

This finished the business for the evening and the meeting dismissed.

Watson B. Coover
President

William J. Fulano
Recorder Secy

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 28th October 1867.

The usual semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee, was held here this evening, the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Reid, Craig, Harper, Rutherford, Fremont and McFarlane.

Minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Rutherford for Class Committee - reported that there are 21 subscribed to the Architectural Drawing Class, 15 of whom are now members of the Institute, One only has paid the class fee. For Mechanical drawing - 18 have subscribed to enter the class. 14 of whom are members. This committee is of opinion that no one should be allowed to enter any of these classes unless he is a member of the Institute; and also he must have paid the class fee.

It was moved by Mr Rutherford and seconded by Mr Craig and agreed to - that we now reconsider the matter of wages for the man attending to the furnace, it having been generally supposed when the matter was under consideration at our last meeting, that

he was receiving five dollars per week —
whereas he is paid only four dollars.

Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr
Grindley and agreed to that Robert Young
be paid five dollars per week for attending
to furnace &c

Letter from Jas. Danson of the
Mechanics Institute of Kingston was
received and read and the Corresponding
Secretary is hereby instructed to reply
that we have not engaged Mr Charles
Dickens yet but the matter is under
consideration.

The following were proposed and
elected in the usual manner as members
of the Institute

John P. Brown,	Clerk	2 nd Class
Ch. Bryson,	Machinist	2 "
G. E. McIndoe,	Painter	2 "
John White,	Moulder	3 "
John Tierney,	Machinist	3 "
Pat Rodden,	Moulder	3 "
Geo Moore	do	3 "

Mr Reid intimated that he had an
offer to decorate the Reading room for
\$45⁰⁰/₁₀₀. It was moved and agreed
to unanimously that the House committee
is hereby instructed to accept the offer
and have it done accordingly.

This finished the business of the
evening and the meeting dismissed.

Horton B. Gorse
President

David McFarlane
Recording Secy

Committee Room,

Mechanics Institute
Montreal 11 November 1867

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the committee held here this evening, there were present, besides the president who occupied the chair Messrs Reid, Craig, Hutchinson, Bulmer, Rutherford, Findlay, Harper, Montgomery and McFarlane.

The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Reid reports that he has arranged to have the reading room decorated and painted for the sum of fifty dollars.

Mr Rutherford for class committee reports that at this date 22 have subscribed their names to join the Architectural Drawing Class. 10 of whom are now members, and 20 to join the Mechanical drawing 13 of whom are members.

Moved by Mr McFarlane seconded by Mr Findlay, and agreed to - that the report of the class committee be received as a report of progress and that they continue their labours.

The following were proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the Institute

Mr. Anderson,	Clerk	3 rd Class
John Bulmer,	Carpenter	3 "
Mr. Bell,	Wd	3 "
John Laughram,	Wd	3 "
John Withell,	Wd	3 "
James Wyle,	Office boy	3 "

The president intimated that an application has been made by Mr Baynes for the use of the Hall for worship on Sabbath days - morning and evening.

After some conversation it was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Bulmer and agreed to by majority that we rent the Hall to Mr Baynes for worship on Sabbath days.

It was moved by Mr Reid and seconded by Mr Findlay that the charge for the Hall and attendance to open heat and light it, for the next six months be at the rate of ten dollars per sabbath.

It was moved in amendment by Mr

Mr McFarlane and seconded by Mr Montgomery,
that the charge be at the rate of fifteen dollars
per sabbath.

The Amendment having been put to the
vote as against the motion there voted for it
3. against it 6.

Mr Hutchison moved in amendment to
the motion that the rent of the Hall be at
the rate of twelve dollars per sabbath, which
was seconded by Mr Bulmer, and having
been put to the vote it was carried against
the motion by a majority of 4.

A letter from ~~the~~ ^{Boulton} Captain of the
100th Regiment was read asking for accom-
-modation for a ball and supper to be given
on the evening of the 20th instant by the
Officers of that Regiment.

Moved by Mr McFarlane, seconded
by Mr Findlay and agreed to that the
matter be placed in the hands of the
president and the house committee.

It was moved by Mr Findlay seconded
by Mr Harper and agreed to that the House
committee are hereby authorized to
cover the Hall stairs with some matting.

This closed the business of the evening
and the meeting dismissed.

Horton B. Gorse

President

Darwin McFarlane

Recording Secy

Committed Room

Mechanics Institute
Montreal 25 November 1867.

At the usual semi monthly meeting of the committee held here this evening there were present Messrs Reid, Bulmer, Rutherford Craig, Harper and McFarlane.

In the absence of the president Mr Rutherford was unanimously called to the chair.

The minutes of former meeting were read and adopted.

The Recording Secretary read a letter from Mr Lacroix proposing to deliver a lecture under the patronage of the Mechanics Institute the proceeds of which should be devoted for the benefit of the Institute Canadian. After some conversation it was moved by Mr Craig seconded by Mr Harper and carried that Mr Lacroix be notified through the Superintendent that this committee is agreeable to allow him the use of the Hall free for the purpose mentioned in his letter of application at such time as may be agreed upon.

The Chairman read letter from Dr Bessey offering his services to deliver Class lectures to members of the Institute and others, under the auspices of the Institute on History, Physiology Hygiene and Natural philosophy.

It was moved and agreed to that the matter be referred to the Class Committee to decide and reply to the communication.

Mr J. Perrault, president of the Institut des Artisans Canadiens personally appeared before the committee to know on what terms we could receive a limited number of pupils from the members of the Institute which he represented into our Drawing class.

He was requested to put his application before this committee in writing which he did - when after some consideration of the subject - it was moved by Mr McFarlane

Seconded by Mr Reid, and agreed to unanimously by that the pupils who have entered into connection with the drawing class now in operation have done so under certain regulations laid down by this committee and we do not feel warranted in departing from these regulations for the admission of any others.

The nature of the foregoing resolution to be communicated by the Corresponding Secretary to Mr Perrault, with a copy of the Circular issued to intending members of the drawing classes.

Mr Hutchison joined the meeting at this stage of the proceedings.

House committee report the cleaning and decoration of the Reading room completed.

Class committee reports the drawing classes commenced with thirty pupils.

Library committee reports Thompson Duff's account for \$23⁴⁰/₁₀₀ to be payable in silver before the first of January next.

Robert Mitchell's account for \$5⁹⁸/₁₀₀ for material and 25⁹⁶/₁₀₀ is ordered to be returned as in correct.

G. W. Reid's account for \$31⁹⁸/₁₀₀ for material and labour is referred to the House committee.

The following were proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the Institute.

Mr Herbert Grover	1 st Class
John Whitaker	Tailor 1 "
Geo Cunningham	Pat-maker 2 "
C. Stempel	Carpenter 3 "
Geo Thorburn	Moulder 3 "
Frederic Park	Mason 3 "

It was moved by Mr Reid, and supported by Mr Craig, that the committee reconsider at their next meeting, their decision at the last past meeting about the rent of the Hall on Sabbath days to Mr Baynes.

Mr Hutchison reports having written to the Agents of Mr Charles Dickens - to know the time and terms at which

We could engage him for readings, No answer has been received yet, he also reports 32 Names on the roll of the Drawing Class and an attendance this evening of 30.

Moved to refer the matter to the House committee to consider the propriety of covering the table in the Reading room -

This closed the business of the evening and the meeting dismissed

Mr. Rutherford - Chairman. Picta
David W. Faulstich Sec. Picta

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 9th December 1867.

At the usual semi-monthly meeting of the committee of the above Institute held here this evening, there were present, beside the president who occupied the chair - Messrs D. Findlay, Geo. W. Weaver, Mr. Reid, J. Harper and Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Rutherford acting as secretary.

The minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter from Mr. Geo. Dorrey, Mr. Decker's Secretary was read, in reply to the corresponding Secretary of the 18th ulto addressed to Messrs Dickson & Field's asking Mr. Dorrey terms for readings in this city - Mr. Rutherford is hereby instructed to reply to Mr. Dorrey - affording all the information required.

A letter from Messrs Daynes, Bell and Craig accepting the use of the Hall for Sunday-worship, at the rate of twelve dollars each Sunday, was read and agreed to.

Account from A. Ramsay 1st Paid prof 100.32 was submitted and referred to the House committee.

The question of a safe for the Institute was brought up after some conversation it was moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Harper

that the president is hereby empowered to purchase a safe for the Institute,

The president submitted for the consideration of the Committee the propriety of taking two shares in the New City Gas Co Stock, which will not only reduce our gas bills, but form the nucleus of a sinking fund.

Moved by Mr Findlay, seconded by Mr Richards that the President and Mr Weaver be requested and are hereby authorized to purchase two shares of the said Gas Stock for the Institute.

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

W. H. Brown	Book Layer	2 nd Class
James Mattinson	Druggist	3 "
Wm Douglass	Shop boy	3 "

This closed the business of the evening and the meeting dismissed.

Norton B. Morse

President.

Wm Rutherford

Secy. Protem

Committee Room.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 23rd December 1867.

At the usual semi monthly meeting of the committee of the above Institute, held here this evening, there were present beside the president who occupied the Chair - Messrs David Brown, J. Findlay, A. Stutchison, J. Harper, W. Reid, H. Wilson, G. W. Weaver, Wm Rutherford & Wm Montgomery. In the absence of Mr. McFarlane Mr. Findlay was asked to act as Secretary. The Minutes of the former meeting held on the 9th inst. were read and confirmed.

The president & Mr. Weaver reported having bought two shares (2) of the New City Gas Stock.

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Wilson that the Store now occupied by Messrs Galbraith & Brown be leased for five years, from first May Next at an Annual rent of \$750⁰⁰

Moved in amendment, by Mr Reid, seconded

by Mr Weaver - that the rent be \$700. per annum.
The amendment was carried by majority.
Movers seconded and carried that the
present tenants have the preference at the
above rate.

This closed the business of the meeting

Wm. J. Gore President
J. Hindley Matthew Hindley Recy^y Secy pro temp

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 23rd December 1867.

According to advertisement
a meeting of the members of the above Institute
was held ~~last~~ this evening

The president occupied the chair -
beside whom there were present Messrs
J. Harper, J. Neath, David Brown, W. Reid,
G. W. Weaver, W. Rutherford, A. C. Hutchinson,
D. Wilson, Wm Montgomery, J. Hindley -
A. Perry, Geo. Starcke, C. Berns, Thos Watson,
Wm. Ferguson, Allan, Annett,

The Chairman stated that the
object of the present meeting was to elect
delegates to the Board of Arts and Manufactures
for that part of the Dominion of Canada
formally called Lower Canada, now
the Province of Quebec. That according
to the attested list of Memberships - produced -
the Institute was entitled to 25 delegates to
represent it on the said board.

The Secretary Pro-tem, having read
the minutes of a meeting of the members of
the Institute, held for a similar purpose on the
24th December 1866.

The Chairman appointed Messrs Harper
Perry and Wilson as scrutineers

After sufficient interval the ballot was
declared closed and on examination the
following gentlemen were by the president duly
declared elected delegates as above viz -
Messrs. Henry Balmer, Geo. W. Weaver, David Brown,
Wm. Reid, Alex. Bestrand, A. A. Stevenson, Dav. Wilson
Wm. Rutherford, A. C. Hutchinson, J. E. Pell,
Chas. Alexander, Robert Brown, Geo. Starcke

David McFarlane, John Harper, Jonathan Findlay,
 Alex Murray, Dunbar Browne, Alfred Perry,
 John Bulmer, S.H. May, Alex Craig, Jas Walker
 and John Heath, Robert Penn

The following were in the usual manner
 duly elected members of the Institute

Foibles Torrance, Clerk 2nd Class
 John McLaughlin Stenodow 2 "
 Jas W Craig 3 "
 Robt Caldwell 3 "
 Jas Keefut Ap plasterer 3 "

The following accounts were submitted and
 referred to the House committee.

Chas Garth \$39.30
 S Abwater 9.20

No further business offering, the president
 declared the meeting closed.

Horton B. Coose President

J. Findlay

Jonathan Findlay Recor^y Secy^y pro tempore

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

13 January 1868

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the
 committee held here this evening there were
 present the president who occupied the chair and
 Messrs Hewitt, Reid, Wilson, Bulmer, Harper
 and McFarlane,

The minutes of former meeting having been
 read and approved, the following accounts were
 submitted and ordered as follows Dept from
 Thomas Johnson, balance of account \$96.⁰⁵ referred

to Geo Roberts - Life member to House committee
 S.C. Wagstaff. 2nd class \$25.⁰⁰, also referred to House committee and
 John Sheehan 2 : account from John Dougall Esq, for advertising
 Alex Henderson 3 " \$55.⁷³ referred to Class committee
 Thomas Foot 3 "
 Joseph James 3 " The following were elected in the

usual manner as members of the institute.
 After some conversation about
 renting this room it was agreed that inquiry
 should be made about the rent which

which might probably be obtained for it, and that Mr Hutchison, should have the preference before any other one.

Mr Reid reports that Mr Mitchell is to see to having the sun lights in the Hall put in perfect order at once, by rectifying the imperfect burners.

It was agreed to unanimously that the "English Mechanic" monthly, be added to the number of periodicals on the tables, and also that a second copy of the "Montreal Daily News" be placed upon the desks.

This finished the business of the evening and the meeting dismissed.

Walter George

President

David Faulstich

Secy

Committee Room,

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 27 January 1868

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the committee held here this evening there were present, the president, in the chair, Messrs Reid, Craig, Bulmer, Weaver, Montgomery Rutherford, and Macfarlane.

Minutes of former meeting were read and approved correct.

The president reports that Mr Hutchison is prepared to give \$100. per annum for rent of this room, granting the committee the privilege of using or renting it any or every evening during the term of his tenancy.

It was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Weaver and agreed to unanimously that the president is hereby authorized to rent the room to Mr Hutchison, at the rate of \$100. say One hundred dollars per annum and assessments including heat but not gas the committee having the use of the room every evening.

Mr Reid reports that Mr Mitchell

has put up new business in the lights in the Hall,
but he cannot say whether they are correct
now or not.

Messrs Dawson Bros Account for \$188.46
was submitted and referred to library committee

Ramsay Bous Account for \$160.12
submitted and ordered to be paid.

Mr Rodden Coy Account for 45
100
also ordered to be paid.

Alex Craigs Account for \$247.22
referred to House committee, and Account
from John Lovell for \$6.00 ordered to be
paid.

It was moved and agreed to unanimous
by that the Store at present occupied by
Galbraith Brown be rented for \$700⁰⁰ as
agreed upon formerly, and the Store and
cellar combined from May following at
the rate of eight hundred dollars per
annum.

This closed the business of the
evening.

Nathan Moore
President

David M. Fallau
Recording Secy

Committee Room.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 10th February 1868

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the committee
was held here this evening, the president in the chair
besides whom there were present Messrs Harper
Rutherford, Craig, Hindley, Wilson, Montgomery
Reid, Bulmer and Macfarlane.

Minutes of former meeting were read and
approved, correct.

The president reports that the lease of the Store
presently occupied by Galbraith Brown, does
not expire till the 1st May 1869.

The recording Secretary read a letter
from S. D. Sweet to Mr Sansum, in reference to the
committee engaging him to deliver two lectures.
The committee are agreed that the corresponding

Mount
Reid & Bulmer
Reid Bulmer

Secretary should write him to the effect that we have a good hall which we rent for such purposes at the rate of twenty dollars per night - and we will be very happy to rent it to him at that rate, he bearing all his own expenses.

Account from Richard Seale \$31 ⁹²/₁₀₀ was received and referred to House committee.

Account from Gas Co. for \$171. ³³/₁₀₀ was received and ordered for payment. And account from A. Bentin Co for \$5. ⁴⁵/₁₀₀ was received and referred to Library committee.

Pat Doyle was elected in the usual manner as a third class member of the Institute.

The president reported that eight shares additional of the New City Gas Stock, had been purchased on account of the Institute.

The House committee is hereby instructed to get Messrs Mitchell and company to hang a gas alier or pendant from the center of the ceiling in the Hall, so that the committee be better able to determine whether the Hall cannot be better lighted than with the present apparatus.

The president is instructed to engage a smart intelligent boy for the Institute and also to reprimand Robert Young for carelessness in the management of the heating and lighting.

This closed the business of the evening.

Hutton B. Core

President.

David W. Faulaw
Recorder

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute,
Montreal 18th February 1868.

In accordance with previous arrangement and by special request the committee met here this evening, to judge of the probable success of lighting the Hall with a Gasalier.

The president occupied the chair and besides him there were present Messrs Reid, Rutherford, Harper, Craig, Findlay, Wilson, Bulmer, and M'Farlane.

After some conversation on the subject for which the committee had met, it was moved by Mr Harper, seconded by Mr Findlay and agreed to unanimously, that the House committee is hereby instructed to require Messrs Mitchell & Co to remove the Sun lights from the Hall, they not having lighted the Hall to the satisfaction of the committee - and they are further instructed to have the Hall lighted in the meantime by a Gasalier in the center.

After some further conversation the meeting dismissed.

Hatton M. Corne

President.

David M'Farlane
Recorder

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 24 February 1868

The usual semi-monthly meeting of the committee was held here this evening, the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Reid, Sulmet, Harper, Fendley, Rutherford Hutchinson and McFarlane.

The minutes of former regular meeting and also of special meeting of committee held since then were read and confirmed as correct. The president reports having spoken to Robert Young who had made fair promises for the future - the boy has not been engaged yet.

Mr Reid reports having spoken to Mr Mitchell instructing him to remove the Saw lights - to which he demurs very much - and says that it is a company of mechanics treating a mechanic badly.

The president reports that an application has been made for the Hall, for the Rifle Band to play in the afternoon of certain days - the matter is left in the care of the president.

The corresponding Secretary reports that a letter had been written to Mr Sweet according to instructions at last regular meeting.

Watson B. Coon

President

David McFarlane

Recor. Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 23 March 1868

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the committee was held here this evening, the president in the chair, beside whom there were present Messrs Hindley Reid, Harper, Rutherford, Montgomery, Wilson Weaver and McFarland.

The minutes of last meeting held were read and approved correct - A quorum was not present last regular meeting night.

The president reports that no boy has been permanently engaged yet - The Chairman of the House committee reports that he had an offer from a maker, to make a Gasolier for the hall for \$200. - which if ~~approved~~ not approved of by the committee might be rejected without any fear of offence -

The following accounts were submitted and passed accordingly, viz
Wood Dallans for repairing Clock 50¢. passed for payment
J. L. Bangs & Co for repairing Roof \$8.50 passed for payment
Mt Seiversony Lib. "History Highland Clans" 6.00 - say four dollars cash and subscription membership ticket, passed for payment.

The following were elected in the usual manner as members of the Institute -

Sir Henry Havelock, Teacher
H. A. Denman 3 "

The committee are pleased to receive as a gift from Mr William Inglis, at the hands of Mr James Inglis a copy of Scott Russell's book on Naval Architecture in 3 volumes - for which the committee unanimously resolve that the Corresponding Secy be and is hereby instructed to acknowledge with the best thanks of the committee receipt of the same by letter through the same channel. The Library committee are authorized to have the said books bound.

Mr Rutherford reports that the Drawing classes have been discontinued for the season - say last week - and that the progress made by the class was highly satisfactory and it is recommended to pay the teacher his fee.

Mr Reid reports progress as to the matter of lighting the hall, and the matter is referred to the next meeting.

Wm. Moore President
David McFarland Secretary

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute
 Montreal 13th April 1868

The regular semi monthly meeting of the committee was held here this evening, the President in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Reid, Gundry, Trevel, Harper and McFarlane.

The minutes of meeting were read and approved correct.

The president reports that the Teacher of the Drawing classes had been paid.

The Chairman of the finance committee handed in a report of the finances to date as follows

"Comparative Statement of Finances to date"

Ending 31 st Jan'y 1867		Ending 31 st Jan'y 1868	
To Annual Members	490.50	To Annual Members	382.00
" Life do	20.00	" Life do	40.00
" Hall	822.17	" Hall	1082.00
" Rooms	203.50	" Rooms	339.50
" Rents	765.65	" Rents	763.95
" B.A. for Boy	50.00	" B.A. for Boy	120.00
" Class fees	37.00	" Class fees	35.00
" Sundries	9.71	" Sundries	4.05
		" City for Rent damage	371.34
	<u>\$2404.58.</u>		<u>\$3137.84</u>

Feb'y & Mar

To Annual Members	47.50	To Annual Members	39.00
" Hall	246.00	" Hall	362.00
" Rooms	14.95	" Rooms	176.00
" Rents	255.40	" Rents	327.50
" Class fees	75	" Class fees	1.00
" Sundries	1.35	" Gas Dividend	16.00
	<u>\$565.45</u>		<u>\$1320.50</u>

Rebursed

By Gas 210 ⁰⁰ assessments 269 ⁰⁰ Interest 780 ⁰⁰ Coal 246 ²³	\$1570.33
" Insurance 112 ⁵⁰ Salaries 454 ⁰⁰ Gas Stock 112 ⁶²	679.12
" Sundries 1022 ⁷⁵	1022.75
	<u>3237.03</u>
" Gas Stock 4445 ⁹⁴ Sundries 1175 ³⁸ for Feb'y & Mar	1021.32

The Receipts for the last 8 months \$4088. for same time last year \$2970. being \$1118. more this year. \$371.³⁴ received from Corporation not included \$558⁵⁸ has been invested in Gas & Stock as a commencement of a sinking fund, about 9/10 remain in the hands of the Treasurer Rents due at next month will probably be sufficient to pay

the interest \$720. due in June. Receipts from Hall and Rooms should cover current expenses and pay off accounts now due amounting to some \$200. mostly due Mitchell and for Book binding. The whole of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed Geo W Weaver, Chairman
Maha Inst. 13 April 1868

The report of the Finance committee is considered exceedingly satisfactory.

The following were proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the Institute

Chas. H. Thompson "Engineer" - 1st Class

Wm Bontell "Cabinet-maker 2"

J O'Brien "Marble cutter 2"

A report from Library committee was read, and it was agreed to receive the same for consideration.

Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Fouldrey, that the Recording Secretary and the Chairman of the Library committee, be a delegation to the Natural History Society, to make the best arrangement they can for the Institute museum cases, agreed.

It is also unanimously agreed to remove the cases at once and have a table put in their place for the purpose of exhibiting books of reference upon.

Report of the Library and Reading room Committee. The Library and Reading room committee of the above named Institute, beg leave to report to the General committee that their Chairman Mr Happer, recently enquired of Dr Dawson, respecting the terms upon which the Natural History Society would take over the two cases in the Library forming the Institute museum, and that Dr Dawson recommended that the Institute, through their Secretary make a formal application of the same, stating the privileges the Institute would expect in return, the Dr. said he had seen the two cases referred to and would bring the matter under the notice of the council at its next meeting when the proposition was read.

Your committee would recommend that the Institute offer the said museum to the Natural History Society upon condition that members of the Institute be admitted to their rooms upon showing their cards of membership.

Your committee would further recommend

that a suitable table covered with green cloth take
the place of the said two cases in the library, for
the reception of Mr Inglis' valuable donations and
other valuable works of reference now in the library

Your committee having obtained estimates
for binding "Naval Architecture, from Messrs Dawson,
in Russia at \$9 per volume, and believing that
a suitable and substantial binding for books of
their value and size could not be obtained
for less, the Superintendent was instructed to
have them bound.

Your committee would particularly recommend
that that the Iron Gallery around the library
shelves be taken down at once

The whole respectfully submitted

Devised John Harper

Chairman L.R.C.

This finished the business of the evening and the
meeting closed.

Nathan D. Corse President

Darius M. Faulstich

Recty. Secy.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 11 May 1868.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the committee of the
above named Institute was held here this evening
the president in the chair besides whom there were
present Messrs Boudry, Weaver, Harper, Bulmer, Reid
and Rutherford,

Mr Rutherford as Secy pro tem

Minutes of regular meeting held on the 13 April were
read and approved correct.

The Chairman of Library Committee reported
that the Natural History Society had accepted the Museum
upon the terms offered by the Institute, but that an
official notice had not yet been received, owing to
Mr. Whistler being out of town.

The Library Committee is hereby instructed to
provide for the Reading room, the Dominion Monthly,
and Canada Scotchman.

Account from A. Morgan & Co for mourning for front
of building on the occasion of the funeral of the late
Noble Mrs. Dancy ~~the~~ Melpe ~~the~~ order to be paid —

The report of the Library Committee, referring to
the removal of the platform in the library was considered
and the House Committee is hereby instructed to
examine the said platform and report at the next
regular meeting.

The House Committee, wishes to know
what was to be done about a Gasolier for the hall
they asked for instructions — referred to next meeting

The following, were in the usual manner
elected members of the Institute

W. Laurent	Architect	Life member
Geo. May	Clerk	2 nd Class
Thos. S. Johnston	Master cutter	1 st "

The Chairman of the Library Committee,
asked for an appropriation of ten dollars per month
for the purpose of purchasing new books as they come
out. The same was granted until the close of the present fiscal
year. No further business appearing, the business
closed for the evening.

Winton D. Case

President,

Mr. Rutherford

Secy. - ~~to be~~

Committee Room.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 27 July 1868

The regular semi-monthly meeting was held here this evening the ^{new} President in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Hindley, Reid, Weaver, Harper, ~~Wagoner~~, and McFarlane.

The minutes of committee meeting held on the 8th ultimo were read and approved correct.

No meeting of committee has been held since that time for want of a Quorum.

No report from House committee on the matter of the platform.

The committee have no instructions to give about a gasalier for the hall.

Mt Reid reported that he believed the coal had been bought for the Institute.

The account for water rent for the Institute for \$36¹⁰ net was submitted and passed for payment. Account from Penny Wilson's for two copies of daily Herald \$10⁰⁰ was ~~referred~~ referred to Library committee. Account from Gibb Hunter & Doucet \$2⁰⁰ for copy of Notarial document was passed for payment.

The following were in the usual manner elected as members of the Institute

Mt Wm Patton, asst Chief Fire Department 2nd class
" Fr. A. Badger Chief Telegraph Operator 2nd "

This closed the business of the evening and the meeting dismissed.

Jonathan Hindley
Vice-president

David McFarlane
Recording Secy

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 10th August 1868

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the committee was held here this evening the President in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Reid, Findlay, Wilson, Harper, Montgomery and McFarlane,

Minutes of former meeting were read and approved correct

Accounts from E M Copeland for Coal \$241¹⁰ from Gas Co for gas \$72⁸⁷ from Jas Walker & Co for Damage to goods by water \$10⁰⁰ were submitted and passed for payment.

* General Ac #218⁵⁵/₁₀₀.

Accounts from Dawson Bros. ^{binding} \$36⁰⁰ were submitted and referred to Library Committee

The following were proposed and in the usual manner elected as members of the Institute:

Mr Thos C. Fletcher	Inspr. Dublin Fair Inoc.	2 nd Can
Mr R J Barrett	Clerk Express Office	2 "
Mr John O'D Scully	Clerk Post Office	3 "
Mr T S Snopcey	Clerk Rio Snopcey	3 "

The president submitted a statement of the amount due to the Institute by Galbraith & Brown for rent viz \$345⁰⁰ the committee unanimously resolved that the Recording Secretary be and is hereby instructed to write these gentlemen on the subject urging an immediate payment of the amount.

Some conversation then followed upon Mr. Lewis' expressed desire to rent increased ~~in~~ accommodation for his business from the Institute. When the president was instructed that he might communicate to Mr Lewis the mind of this committee on the subject and the probable amount of rent which would be required for the premises. He was also to communicate with Galbraith and Brown on the matter.

The president submitted the subject of the petition which was being circulated for signature against levying the high rate of assessment

on property, in Great St James Street for widening
Little St James Street and also an agreement
that those interested bear their proportion of
legal expenses in contesting the assessment.

It was moved and agreed to that the
president do not sign this petition and agreement
on behalf of the Institute unless he deems it
be for the best interests of the Institute to do
so. This closed the business of the
evening and the meeting dismissed.

Nathan B. Morse

President

David M. Faulane

Recording Secy.

Committed Room,
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 24 August 1868

The usual semi-monthly meeting of
the General Committee was held here this
evening. The vice-president Mr Findlay -
occupied the chair. Besides whom there
were present Messrs Montgomery, Reid
Wilson, Harper and M'Farlane.

The minutes of the former meeting
were read and approved correct.

A report of the Library committee was laid
on the table for engraving in the annual
report.

The secretary reported that Messrs
Galbraith & Brown had been written to and that
they had paid something on account say \$110⁰⁰.

Moved and agreed to that this meeting
stand adjourned till Saturday evening 5th
proximo at half past eight O'clock P.M.

Jonathan Findlay
Vice President

David M. Faulane
Recording Secretary

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 5 September 1868.

An adjourned meeting was held here this evening the President on the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Weaver, Reid, Findlay, Wilson, Montgomery and McFarlane.

The president reported that Mr Galbraith wished to rent the Shop which he now occupies with the cellar provided that he had the privilege of subletting a portion of it. Some amount of opinion was expressed on the matter, which was adverse to Mr G's proposition.

A sketch of the Annual Report was read and also of the finances. Some desultory conversation followed and the meeting dismissed.

President
David McFarlane
Recording Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 7 September 1868.

The twentieth Annual meeting of the Members of this Institute was held here this evening according to rule and adjournment. The president Mr B. Cox Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Weaver, Perry, Findlay, Bestwood, Reid, Irvine, Gilman, Brown, Mr Rutherford, Cruikshanks, Row, Tasker, Reid, Bernard, Stephens - McFarlane and six others -

The Secretary read the Minutes of previous Annual Meeting and Adjournment thereof, which were approved and confirmed, after which the Annual Report, financial Statement and Auditors report were read, when it was moved by Mr Perry seconded by Mr. Swin, and agreed to unanimously that the Report so just read be received and adopted.

The Chairman appointed Messrs. Conitshanks, Perry and Gilman to act as scrutineers, after which the meeting proceeded to ballot for Officers, Deacons and Members of Committee of the ensuing year.

While the election was being proceeded with the following accounts were submitted and passed for payment, Exp^t 1100⁰⁰ and Allow^s for repairing clock \$1⁵⁰ James Jervis for binding 5 volumes \$1²⁵ and the following were proposed and elected in the usual manner as members of the Institute
Geo. Wallotte, Saw maker, 131 Chatham St 2nd class
Wm White, Office Boy, 308 S. George St 3 "
Angus Emerson, Iron Clerk 150 Peel St 3 "

After balloting the following were declared duly elected to the respective offices for the ensuing year.
N.B. Corso, President Robert Swin, Pres Pro
H. E. Gilman, Cor Secy. Geo Conitshanks, Recd Secy,
James Brown, Treas - John Harper, Librarian
Wm Reid, Coli Kuper -
Geo Weaver, Alex Beckram, J. G. Smith, (Chairman)
W. Rutherford, Wm Montgomery & Alex Craig

During the time of the election some conversation took place about the small number, comparatively, of members connected with the Institute and the best means to be adopted to increase the number. When it was moved by N. Bernard, seconded by Mr. Weaver and agreed to, that it is the opinion of this meeting that the committee now elected take steps to get up a Mechanics' Social Reunion in connection with this Institute during the course of the coming season, This closed the business of the meeting.

President
David W. Faulane Recording Secy

Twenty Ninth Annual
Report. Financial Statement.

Long Room.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 7th September 1868

At the close of their term of office, your committee are by the Constitution called upon to read the twenty ninth Annual report, giving an account of their labours during the past year - they do so with a great degree of pleasure, because, while the duties of office have been comparatively easy of fulfilment - the present position of the Institute is one for which as members we have reason for thankfulness and congratulation in as much as in almost every respect the Institute is in a very prosperous condition.

Your committee however do not wish it to be understood that there is now nothing to be done by way of advancing the interests of the Institute - much has been done - and very much yet remains to be done - for instance, it would not entail a great burden on any one, if all the present members - we don't mean only those now present in this meeting - but all who are at present on the roll of membership - were by a united effort to strive to add one new member for every four of their number - and let all the members never cease to seize every opportunity of presenting the claims & urging the advantages of the Institute upon especially the Artizan and Manufacturing portions of community of this large and populous City.

Much may yet be done to improve the accommodation and comfort of the rooms - and it behoves our successors in office to make some effort in that direction - for the temptations are many and strong to lead our young men away from the Halls of Science and Learning).

Your committee have first to report on the matter of membership -

Memberships

Year ending 31 July 1867	•	Year ending 31 July 1868
1 st Class	64	1 st Class
2 " "	106	2 " "
3 " "	<u>177</u>	3 " "
Annual	<u>347</u>	Annual
Life members	<u>7</u>	Life members
		<u>356</u>

The difference of 8-2nd and 83-3rd class members less this year than for the previous year is owing it is generally believed to the English class not having been formed this year - as will be referred to more particularly in a future part of this report.

Reading Room and Library

<u>Library</u>	the issues this year has been	<u>3842</u> volumes
	New books added	<u>132</u> "
	Magazines bound	<u>444</u> "
	Donations Mr W Charles	<u>1</u> "
	" " J.P. Brown	<u>2</u> "
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Scott Russell's Naval Architecture, and your committee would direct special attention to the important character of this donation to our library of reference, it cannot be over estimated as being one of much interest and of great value!

Reading Room, - The Reading room has been greatly improved by its thorough cleaning & Fresco painting - Duplicates of the Montreal Herald, Gazette, Daily News and Telegraphs have been added since last report.

To the tables have also been added The Dominion Monthly, and English Mechanic and Amos & Scotland. This department has again to detain its indebtedness for the following donations from

Messrs Dougall & Son	2	Copies Daily Witness
John Lovell	1	" Daily News
Alfred Perry	1	" Evening Telegraph
Publishers	1	" Free Witness

as usual we give a list of the News papers periodicals and magazines that are to be found on the tables, to wit:

London Daily Times, WTS Liverpool Times - Punch

Dublin Herald, Glasgow Saturday Post, Edinburgh
Scotsman, Illustrated London News, Engineer
Builder, Alliance News, League Journal
New York Daily Herald, Times, Home Journal
Albion, Scientific American, Scottish American
Journal, Frank Leslie Illustrated Newspaper
Boston Journal, Toronto Globe, Leader-
Inquirer Chronicle, Ottawa Times —
Hamilton Spectator, Amherst Journal —
Kingston Chronicle News, Richmond Guardian
Bedford Times, Official Gazette.
Montreal Herald, Gazette, Daily News
Evening Telegraph, Daily Witness, Home Witness
La Presse, New World and Trade Review.
Art Journal, Civil Engineer and Architects
Journal, Practical Mechanic's Journal.
Once a week, London Society, Dublin University
Blackwood's and four Reviews, London Journal
Family Herald, Chambers Journal, Temple
Pat, Cornhill, All the Year Round, Hunt's
Magnum, Harpers, Atlantic and
Lancet, American Monthly, English
Mechanic.

With the view of making way for a more
comfortable perusal of books in the Library of
Reference, your committee made arrangements
with the Council of the Natural Society to
take into their Museum for a consideration
the cabinets and their contents — a table is now
being prepared and will shortly be placed in
the library for the accommodation of those —
who desire to make use of books there.

Your committee would have refer to the
matter of cleaning and adorning the Hall
which was in progress when they entered
upon the duties of their office — having been
successfully completed — but the effort made to
light it by Sun lights in the ceiling did not
succeed, and it is now lighted after the former
manner — until a better and more ornamental
system can be agreed upon.

Your committee would also direct your
attention to the improved appearance of the Reading
room, after having been thoroughly cleaned

painted and adorned.

Your committee have also to say that the damages done to the building by the riotous proceedings during the election in September of last year have also been repaired and paid for, and payment has been received from the Civic Authorities for the same.

We now submit the Report of the Class Committee.

At the beginning of the Class season last year the General Committee decided to disperse with the French English branch, believing that the many opportunities afforded the youth of the City outside the Institute for the acquisition of the Rudiments of English, left them more at liberty to provide for their members - Instruction moved in keeping with the objects of the Institute, and accordingly decided to open Classes for Architectural Geometrical and Mechanical Drawing, as soon as 20 members for each class had signified their intention and recorded their names, within a limited time the required number was made up for the first named class, but the Mechanical class not having sufficient support from the members for whose special benefit it was intended - was not opened.

Mr Hutcheson, having been engaged for teacher for the Architectural Class it was opened in the month of October and continued until the end of March. 36 young men availed themselves of the advantages afforded by this class and made such progress that the Committee appointed by the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada, to examine expressed themselves highly satisfied with the proficiency attained by the members of the class in so short a time - to insure attendance a nominal charge of one dollar each was imposed -

Report of the finance committee and Treasurer's Statement to wit:

Finance

The Treasurer's Statement shows the finances of the Institute to be in a prosperous condition, the receipts of the current year exceeding the previous year by over one thousand dollars. This is partly, owing to the Hall and Rooms being more fully occupied and partly to the increased rent received from stores, which were made more valuable by the addition of Rooms that were not required to be used by the Institute. The Amot of Rent for Hall and Rooms are liable to fluctuate according to the demand for them, and cannot be permanently depended on, at any fixed sum, but the rent of Stores are continually increasing, and the Leases expiring next May, can be renewed at a much higher rent. During the the year \$550⁰⁰ has been invested in Stock of the New York Gas Coy, which besides dividends and a prospective bonus entitles the Institute to a reduction of 11% on its gas-bill, yielding altogether over 18% besides a bonus that may be received in two years. This Amot. is the first step towards a sinking fund to meet the debt on the Institute, which becomes due in 15 years and can be met by investing \$800⁰⁰ annually, in 8% Stocks, for 5 years, and \$1000⁰⁰ after that time. The Amot. can be laid aside without detriment to the Institute, unless some unforeseen demand is made on its account, over \$600⁰⁰ have been expended during the year in renovating and improving the Hall and Landing room, while the balance in hand and Amot due is nearly sufficient to meet all demands now against the Institute. It will still be necessary to observe the strictest economy in managing the Revenues of the Institute, as extensive improvements are now going on and others contemplated by the City Council in different Streets, each of which will require a large expenditure to be made up by assessing the property on St James and St Peter Street, when the Institute will be called upon for its full proportion—

Treasurer's Statement

David Brown, Treasurer

In accordance with the Mechanics Institute of Montreal.

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but also the very clear and business like way in which the books are kept showing at a glance the various sources of revenue and the different ways in which it is applied.

In closing our report we beg to congratulate the members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal on the increasing soundness of its financial position and general prosperity—convinced as we are that much of this very satisfactory state of affairs is the result of the able and faithful discharge by Mr Sanson of the duties of Superintendent and Book Keeper, we trust you will not deem it impertinent on our part to express here, our decided conviction that your Managing Committee should be authorised to increase the salary of that meritorious officer.

We have the honor to be

Gentlemen Your Obedt Servants
Signed { Geo Cruikshanks } Auditors
{ P. Macquisten }

And in conclusion your committee sincerely trust that their successors in office may be enabled to yet more hopefully promote the interests and prosperity of the Institute. The whole respectfully submitted in name of the committee by

Signed { David McFarlane } Secy

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 28 September 1868

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee was held here this evening, the president W B Coxe, Esq. in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Irons, Findlay, Rutherford, Burdman, Harper, Reid, Gilman, Weaver, Montgomery, and Crutcher.

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed.

The following Sub-committees were nominated by the President and agreed to. Viz.

Finance

Messrs Weaver, Reid and Crutcher

Class &c

Messrs Irons, Rutherford, Craig, Montgomery and Brown.

Steward

Messrs Reid, Montgomery, Craig, Burdman and Rutherford.

Library &c

Messrs Harper, Gilman, Rutherford, Findlay and Weaver.

Memberships

Messrs Gilman, Harper, Irons, Findlay and Brown.

A communication from Mr A. C. Williamson, on behalf of the Teachers Association was read requesting the Co-operation of the Institute in establishing evening Schools.

Messrs Irons, Findlay and Crutcher were appointed a committee to confer with the Association relative to this matter and report.

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Mr A. C. Larivie	Comptroller	1 st Class
" John W. Phail	Clerk	2 nd "
" Wm Jas. Carhart	Book Binder	2 "
" Wm Stutman	Clerk	2 "
" Saml. Starn	Op. Boxes finisher	3 "
" Wm McLean	" do	3 "
" Harry Allan	" Painter	3 "
" Wm Henderson	" do	3 "
" Wm Galbraith	" Clerk	3 "

An application was made through the President by Messrs W. F. Lewis & Co to lease the premises now occupied by them in conjunction with those at present occupied by Messrs Galbraith and Brown.

It was moved, seconded and on division carried that the whole, not one part of these premises be rented to any one dealing in liquors.

An Application from Mr Sanson for a fortnights leave of absence was on motion agreed to and the Library Committee were instructed to take charge during his absence.

No other business appearing the meeting closed.

Horton B. Corse
President

Geo. Mitchell & Co. R. S.

Committee Room,

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 12 October 1868.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General committee was held here this evening, the president W. B. Corse Esq. in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Girard, Rutherford, Craig - Brown, Gilman, Reid and Cookhouse.

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed.

The formation of Architectural and Mechanical Drawing Classes were recommended - provided a sufficient number - say (5) fifteen for the Mechanical and twenty (20) for the Architectural Class - subscribed in time to warrant the engagement of Teachers for the winter.

Fees to be the same as last year: open to -
Members of the Institute only -

The Chairman of the Class Committee is hereby authorized to cause a notice to that effect, to be placed in the Reading rooms of the Institute, and advertise the same in the Daily Witness - ascertain if suitable Teachers can be obtained, and report to this Committee at its next meeting.

No other business appearing the meeting closed.

Horton B. Corse
President

Geo. Mitchell & Co. R. S.

Committed Room,
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 26 October 1868

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General committee, was held here this evening, the president W. B. Coxe Esq. in the chair. Besides whom there were present Messrs Reid, Rutherford, Harper, Brown, Weaver, Sturris, Montgomery and Coombs Hunt.

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed. The class committee reported in favor of opening an Architectural and Mechanical Drawing class should a sufficient number of pupils offer and that an advertisement to that effect has been inserted in the Daily Witness according to instructions at last meeting.

No other business appearing the meeting closed.

Walter B. Coxe
President

Geo. M. Shullcraft R.S.

Committed Room,
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 9 November 1868.

At the regular semi-monthly meeting of the General committee held here this evening Mr Reid in the chair, were present Messrs Stanley, Weaver, Harper, and Coombs Hunt.

Minutes of former meeting read and confirmed. Account from J. I. Forté (Quebec Chronicle) for \$6⁰⁰ referred to Library committee.

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Henry Symington, agent, 1st class -

Henry Bennett (Printer) William Henry Coddington (Printer)

Joseph Perry (Law Student) And Gault (Clerk) Wilderdee,

Geo Morris James Roy (Malster) - all 2nd class

Peter Small, (pupil) Mattait (Carpenter) J. B. Craig (pupil)

Geo Hamilton (Mechanic) Wm Munson (Mechanic) Geo A

Black (Mechanic) G. F. McIvor (Furnier) J. Ott. (Gilder)

W. Hutchison, Pattern maker,

On motion the meeting adjourned

till Thursday the 12th instant to receive reports
from class committees.

Horton Morse
President.
Geo. M. L. Gault R.S.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 12 November 1868

At an adjourned meeting of the General committee
of the above named Institute held here this evening
were present W. B. Corcoran Esq. president in the
Chair besides whom there were Messrs —
Fondlay, Reed, Gilman, Harper, Brown, Gray
and Crutcher.

The class committee reported that it had
advertised for Teachers and so far had had
no application.

It was remitted to the committee to
make further efforts to secure a Teacher at
once for the Mechanical Drawing Class, failing
that to establish a Class for English and French to
be confined to Apprentices and Boys in stores.

No other business offering the meeting closed.

Horton Morse
President
Geo. M. L. Gault R.S.

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 23rd November 1868

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the
General committee held here this evening
were present Mr W. B. Corcoran, the president
in the Chair, besides whom there were
present Messrs Lewis, Brown, Harper, Rochester
and Crutcher.

Minutes of Regular meeting of 9th inst and
as well as adjourned meeting of the 12th were
severally read and confirmed.

an account from A Boster Auctioneer for an Office
Desk for \$10.⁰⁰ was referred to Finance Committee.

The Class Committee proposed having engaged
Mr Warrick as Teacher of the Mechanical Drawing
class at the rate of five dollars per week.

The following were in the usual manner
elected members of the Institute

Mr Wm H. Robinson Clerk 3rd Class

" Philip Hart Op Mechanist 3 "

No other business offering the meeting closed.

Wm B. Corse

President.

Geo Mullholland R.S.
Committee Room,

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 14th December 1868.

Our regular semi-monthly meeting of the
General committee held here this evening, were
present Mr W. B. Corse, president in the chair
besides whom there were Messrs Reid -
Rutherford, Beaman, Harper and Crutshank.

Minutes of meeting held on the 23rd November
were read and approved correct.

The Library Committee were on motion
duly put and carried:

Authorized to get up a New Catalogue
the expense not to exceed one hundred dollars.

The following were in the usual
manner elected members of the Institute.

D. S. Craig merchant 1st Class

John H. Field Photographer 2 "

E. H. Griffiths Clerk 2 "

Geo M. Birds Op Carver 3 "

G. R. Mather " Clerk 3 "

Henry W. Lane " Printer 3 "

Hamilton Wicks " Mechanist 3 "

Chas. Casey " Dr Barclay } 3 "

Wm. Flynn " Dr } 3 "

No other business offering the meeting
closed.

Wm B. Corse

President.

Geo Mullholland R.S.

Committee Report
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 28 December 1868.

~~At a regular semi-monthly meeting, of the Committee
of the above named Institute, held here this evening
respectfully &~~

According to advertisement a meeting
of the Members of the above named Institute
was held here this evening.

The President H. B. Corse Esq. in the chair
besides whom there were present

Messrs Meares, Bestman, Findlay, Perry,
Rutherford, Montgomery, Gilman,
Steach, Hutchinson, Alderdice,
Long, Wright, Harper, McCallum
& Cornishbank &

The Minutes of the previous meetings were
read and confirmed.

The President stated that the object of the
present meeting was to elect Delegates to the Board of
Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada; that according
to the attached list of Memberships for the year last past
the Institute was entitled to twenty three Delegates -
to represent it on the Board.

Messrs Rutherford, Steach and Gilman
having consented to act as scrutineers proceeded
to take the ballot, which when closed resulted as
follows. Messrs. Jonathan Findlay, Geo. H. Waver,

John Harper, Geo. Guikshank,

Henry Bulmer, Alfred Perry,

Wm. Rutherford, Wm. Montgomery,

H. B. Corse, Alex. Murray,

John Steach, Wm. Reid,

D. McFarlane, A. A. Stevenson,

D. Brown, J. May,

Sam. Wilson, F. E. Gilman,

Robt. Benn, A. Bestman,

Chas. Alexander, Jas. Hingsto and

Alexander Craig - were duly

declared elected delegates.

The following were in the usual manner
elected members of the Institute.

Robt. Calvert (Clerk) W. McNaughton (approver)

No other business offering the meeting closed.

Horton B. Corse

President

Geo. Guildhall C.S.

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 4 January 1869.

A special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute, duly convened here this evening were present Mr. W. B. Corse, the president, in the chair - beside whom there were Messrs. Sturges, Brown, Gilman, Montgomery, Harper, Craig and Orrick-Kehonak.

The President stated that in accordance with the law he was a member of the Board of Arts - by virtue of his office as President of the Institute, and therefore should not have been elected a delegate, he would therefore resign his election, and take his seat at the Board at its next meeting - The Committee now had it in their power to elect a delegate to take his place on the list and thereby afford the Institute the full number of representatives it was entitled to.

On motion duly made and seconded it is resolved.

That Mr. Corse's resignation as an elected delegate be accepted and that Mr. Alexander C. Hutchison be elected in his place - This having concluded the business of the meeting the members retired.

Horton B. Corse

President

Geo. Guildhall C.S.

Committed Room

Mechanics Institute
Montreal 13th January 1869

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General committee of the above named Institute, was held here this evening - the president Mr N. B. Coase in the Chair besides whom there were Messrs Sturim, Berkman, Montgomery, Findlay and Brown.

Mr Sturim having consented to act as secretary in the absence of Mr Coase's clerk.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on the 28th Dec last as well as the Special meeting of the 4th Inst. were severally read and confirmed.

The following accounts were presented and referred to the Finance Committee

From Penny Wilson & Co 2 Copies Herald	\$13.00
" Sednam & Young Channing roof	3.00

In the usual manner the following were duly elected members of the Institute

Joseph Martineau	3 rd Class
James Baulie	do
W McNaughton	do
Walter Scott	2 nd Class

No other business offering the meeting dismissed.

Norton B. Coase

President

Geo. Guildhall R. S.

Committee Rooms,
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 25 January 1869.

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General
Committee of the above named Institute held here this
evening were present, Mr Robert Sturtevant, Pres. present
in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs
Beckwith, Brown, Montgomery, Harper & Crutcher
Minutes of previous meeting were read
and confirmed

The following letters were read and referred
to respective Committees to wit:

Robert Alsop & Co. offering on certain terms
to put up in Institute Woodwards improved
Gas Carbonizer

Referred to House Committee

James Richards "Tailor" offering three
hundred and forty dollars per annum
for Office now occupied by Messrs Lewis
in St Peter St.

Accepted on condition that Mr.

Richards pay all City assessments for
five years.

J. D. Anderson offering seven hundred
and fifty dollars per annum for
stone occupied by Galbraith & Brown
in St James Street -

Agreed to hand this matter
with the president with instructions
to get from Mr Anderson \$500⁰⁰ per annum
and City assessments - lease not to
exceed five years -

Account from Messrs Dawson Bros	93.28
" " Gazette Office	8.00
Referred to Library Committee	
" " Richard Seale	35.20
Referred to House Committee	

The following were in the usual manner elected
members of the Institute.

R. Kennedy & John Dodsworth. first class
Stanley Auger. second class - James Davidson,
Jr, Guler & A. Rand. third class. -

The meeting dismissed -

Anton B. Gore

President -

Geo. M. M. M. M. M.

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 8th February 1869

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the general committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, were present: Mr Robert Brown, President, in the chair besides whom there were Messrs Weaver, Hindley, Beaman, Gilman, Harper, Montgomery and Countessmont.

Minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

Account from Geo W Reed for \$52.95 was referred to House committee —

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute —

Mr W. Reginald Wilson	Chemist	2 nd Class
James Callaghan	of Foundry	3 "
John McCann	Do	3 "
John Watson	Do	3 "

No other business offering the meeting dismissed —

Horton B. Coase

President.

Geo W Reed R.S.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 8 March 1869

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the general committee of the above named Institute held here this evening were present W B Coase, President, in the chair, besides whom there were Messrs Beaman, Hindley, Weaver, Harper, Reed, Brown, Gilman & Countessmont.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th ult. were read and confirmed —

Accounts from Wood & Allan	\$1.50
Chas Gault	4.00
Geo Armstrong	12.00
Andrew Thomas	3.50

were read and referred to House committee

The following parties were in

the usual manner checked members of the Institute
 C. S. Rumsey 'Broker' 1st Class
 W. S. Graham Telegraph 2 "
 Jas McPhail Book Keeper 2 "
 E. W. Jennings 2 "
 Jas Buchanan Clerk 2 "
 Thos Harrison Office Boy 3 "

Nothing further appearing the meeting closed

Winton B. Coorse

President:

Geo Mullholland R.S.
 Committee Room,

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 22nd March 1869

At a regular semi monthly meeting of
 the General committee of the above named Institute
 held here this evening were present N. B. Coorse Esq
 president in the chair besides whom there were
 Messrs Reid, Weaver, Montgomery, Harper, Bertram
 Rutherford and Crutcher

The minutes of the previous read and confirmed

& account from

Wm Morrison
 for repairs of
 plaster & \$11⁰⁰
 and referred to
 house committee
 if correct to be paid

It was moved seconded and carried
 that the house committee should push to a
 settlement the arrears of rent and storage
 of furniture due by Mechanics Exchange.
 No other business appearing the
 meeting closed.

Winton B. Coorse

President:

Geo Mullholland R.S.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 12th April 1869

At a regular semi monthly meeting
 of the General committee of the above named
 Institute held here this evening were present
 N. B. Coorse Esquire president in the chair,
 besides whom there were Messrs Irwin,
 Findlay, Reid, Bertram, Gilman, Harper
 Bidson and Crutcher

Minutes of previous meeting read

on the 22nd March were read and confirmed.

A donation of Anatomical drawings from Mr S. S. Dutton was on motion ordered to be acknowledged.

The following reports from respective committees were read and on motion duly made, received and adopted —

From House Committee. Mgt^s

" That the shelving be made in
" attic for old Books papers &c &c and
" that the contents of room at foot of the
" stairs be removed thither; that the Glass
" Case and Sofa be sold that the
" said room be thoroughly cleaned and
" put in proper order for rent, per
" year or Mgt^s —

" That a New Curtain be put
" up back of the platform in hall.

" That a New sink in place
" of wash basin in sink room be put
" up that floor of said room be painted &c.

From Library Committee. Mgt^s

" Your Committee have selected a
" number of Books at Dawson for the
" Library to the amount of about \$50⁰⁰
" and recommend that the Toronto Leader be
" discontinued and the Toronto Evening
" Telegraph be taken in its stead — and that
" the Glasgow Post be discontinued and that
" the Glasgow Weekly Herald be taken in
" its place —

It was moved seconded and carried —
that the Vicker of Natural History Society
sent to the members of Committee,
having the word "family" erased be
referred to that society.

The following were in the usual manner
elected members of the Institute. Mgt^s

M. Golbey — Barber, nos 1st Class
G. S. Rastnek — Architect 1st
James Locke — Carpenter 3rd Class

No other business affording the meeting closed

Horton B. Course
Geo. M. M. M. R. S., President

Committed Room,
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 26 April 1869

A regular semi-monthly meeting of the General committee of the above named Institute held here this evening were present H. B. Corse Esq. president in the chair besides whom there were Messrs Irvine, Gilman, Bertrand, Montgomery, Hindlay, Harper, Brown and Coulterhark.

Minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

An Application from Mr J. D. Anderson to be allowed to put in to his shop a gas machine was considered.

It having been represented that this machine is very dangerous, the application was on motion rejected.

It was moved seconded and unanimously carried that the cordial thanks of the General committee be communicated to the lecturers the Revs. Messrs Baldwin, Campbell, Irvine and Carmichael for their interesting lectures.

The House Committee reported that the Anter and end rooms have been rented to Mr David Brown and the School Commissioners at Eighty dollars per Annum and taxes such and that the Institute have the use of said rooms in the evening.

It was moved seconded and carried that a deduction of Six dollars be made from the rent of Hall, for the Musical Union owing to the want of Gas.

Accounts from A Patton $\$5 \frac{35}{100}$ and from A H Jacobs $\$8 \frac{75}{100}$ were on motion referred to House committee.

The following ^{persons} members were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. & The meeting closed.

Horton B. Corse
President.

Geo. M. M. M. R. S.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute
Montreal 10 May 1869

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening were present W. B. Case Esquire president in the Chair, besides whom there were Messrs Harper, Hindley, Montgomery, Beckman and Gilman.

Mr Gilman in the absence of Mr Comstock the Recording Secretary read the minutes of the former meeting, which were confirmed.

The Corresponding Secretary, reported that he had forwarded to the Rev^d Messrs Baldwin, Irvine, Chasmechal and Campbell the thanks of the Institute, in accordance with resolution of previous meeting — and also that he had returned Tickets to the Natural History Society in accordance with resolution.

Mr W. W. Ramage was in the usual manner admitted a member of the Institute.

The Committee thankfully acknowledge the receipt of a donation of 39 Volumes of Books from Mr Walter Charles.

Nothing further effecting the meeting dismissed.

Walter B. Case
President
Wm. H. H. H. H.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute
Montreal 14 June 1869.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General committee, of the above named Institute held here this evening, were present W. B. Coxe Esquire President in the chair besides whom there were Messrs Hindley, Bertrand Harper, Montgomery Brown Gilman and Crutshank

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10 May were duly read and confirmed.

The Corresponding Secretary reported having had a call from two members of the Managing committee of the Natural History Society, who expressed on behalf of that body regret at having sent tickets with the word "and family" - and their intention to send others on an early day.

The following accounts were read and on motion referred to House Committee

R. Mitchell & Co.	\$ 7. 00
J. Boyd & Son,	2 20
J. L. Bump & Co	90. 62
Thos Cook	6. 00
Dedman & Young	11 55
Ancus Logan	6. 00
Walker & Co	11 20

The Library Committee presented the following report

Cash received from all sources for tickets sold for course of four lectures during the last winter	\$ 216. 65
Paid all expenses	71 87
	144. 78
To received "sale"	6. 00
Bal due	150. 78

It was moved seconded and carried that the report be received and that the thanks of the committee be accorded to the Library Committee especially Mr Harper the Chairman for the successful efforts which resulted in such a gratifying report.

The meeting closed.

No other business offering
Wm B Coxe
President
Geo Muddiman R.S.

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 12 July 1869

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the
General committee of the above named Institute
held here this evening were present N B
Corse, Esq. president, in the Chair, besides
whom there were Messrs Findlay,
Harper, Montgomery, Gilman and
Crutshank,

The minutes of the previous
meeting held on the 14 June were
read and confirmed.

The following accounts were
read and on motion referred to the Library
committee -

The Evening Telegraphs \$ 5.00

Daily witness 1.68

No other business appearing the
meeting closed.

Anton B. Corse

President

Wm. Findlay

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 9 Aug^r 1869.

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the
General committee of the above named Institute
held here this evening, were present -

Messrs Bettsam, Findlay, Harper, Brown
Reed, Gilman, Montgomery and Crutshank
Mr Bettsam, in the Chair,

The minutes of former meeting were read
and confirmed. Mr Irvine came in
and joined the meeting -

It was moved seconded and carried
that a communication from Mr Sanson
intimating his resignation as Superintendent
be received and referred to a special
committee consisting of Messrs Corse
Irvine, Findlay and Harper.

The following accounts were

read and referred to the various committees
Kingston News, 2⁵⁰. Penny Wilson & Co. ^{advert - 1. 135}
C. Montgomery 14⁸⁴ 2 Cops. Heats 16.00

The following parties were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Mr Robt Strickland	1 st Class	Soap Manufact.
Wm Anderson	2 "	Joiner
David Laurie	2 "	Cabinet maker
David Brown	2 "	Clerk G. P. R. Office
John Vipond	2 "	Agent
Edward Davis	2 "	Electro plater
J. J. Gladstone	2 "	Wooland Manufacturer
Edward Nickman	2 "	Brass finisher
Edmond Cook	3 "	Ap Clerk
Geo Brown	3 "	" Architect
Ralph Stadeker	3 "	" Optician
Thos N Peckup	3 "	" Clerk

No other business appearing the meeting closed

Horton B. Corse
President -

Geo Cuddyhull P.S.

Committee Room,

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 14th August 1869

At a special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute, held here this evening were present - W. B. Corse Esq. president in the chair besides whom there were Messrs Findlay, Bertrand, Montgomery, Brown, Gilman, Weaver, Harper, Brown, Rutheford and Cuddyshark.

The following letter read at the regular meeting held on the evening of the 9th inst from Mr Sanson, the Superintendent and laid over - referred to a special committee to report this evening, to wit.

W. B. Corse Esq -

2nd August 1869

President, and members of General Committee, of the Mechanics Institute, of Montreal

Sir - After several years service as your Superintendent it would be superfluous to express any sense of regret at the severance of the

of the associations formed during that period, but not
circumstances involving the interest and happiness of those nearest & dearest to me - for
the sake of resignation, which I mean to take effect on Sept next. The position which your
kindness assigned to me, I trust I have filled with the honest & wide emanating
& from earnest endeavor. Mr Hendlay on behalf of said special committee
through mediators reported that they had conferred with Mr Sanson
capacity. who expressed himself in great ful terms
how worthy I have for the consideration showed him, but
been of your confidence at the same time for various reasons
and regard is matter he could not withdraw his resignation
which I conscientiously. Where upon it was moved & seconded
leave with you. And carried that Application for the
by gentlemen in Office of Superintendent be addressed
conclusion you for three times in the Daily Witness, and
will accept any that the time for receiving ~~to present~~
warmest thanks then be limited to Friday 20th instant
for the general con-
sideration and I was moved seconded and carried
respect which it has that this meeting adjourn till Saturday
been my good fortune the 21st instant -

to receive at your
hands. With which
I am gentlemen your
Obedt Servant
Wm. S. Sanson
Superintendent

Wm. B. Coase

President

Geo. Mulholland P.S.

Committee Rooms,
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 21st August 1869

At an adjourned special meeting of the
General committee of the above named
Institute, held here this evening, were
present W. B. Coase Esq. president
in the chair besides whom there were
Messrs. Weaver, Hendlay, Brown, Craig,
Thorp, Reed, Montgomery, Betts, Frank
Rutherford, Brown, and Gilman.

The following applications were received
Messrs. - Hudson, Charles Parker, Mattingly,
R. Jaap, A. Conner, S. A. Edwards
C. Warren, W. Smith, S. H. Priddy,
R. Laughlan, A. C. M. Indoe.
Donald McDonald, W. Worth,
J. B. Robertson, P. D. Coster

Combes I Lampard, Barron Taylor,
R. S. Farquhar, S. S. Reed, J. J. Cartwright
John Fraser, R. E. Kyle, James Ross,
S. Cruikshank, John Gibson, A. Reid,
J. O. Sanderson, S. Fordham, Geo. Richardson
Out of which the following six were reserved
for further consideration — viz —

Messrs Anderson, Chas. Barker, C. Warren
I Lampard, S. S. Reed and R. E. Kyle —

Moved by Mr Rutherford, Seconded
by Mr Findlay and Resolved — That
the six candidates reserved be notified
~~that~~ to send in their testimonials from
the parties named in their letters of
application on or before six o'clock on
Monday afternoon — and to appear themselves
at 8 o'clock in the evening for answer,

Horton B. Gorse
President.

Geo. Cruikshank

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute,
Montreal 23rd Aug 1869,

At a semi-monthly meeting of the
General Committee of the above named
Institute, held here this evening there
were present — W. B. Coxe Esq. president
in the chair, besides whom there were
Messrs Irwin, Brown, Gilman, Reed,
Weaver, Bestman, Craig,
Montgomery, Rutherford, Findlay
& Harper —

Mr Gilman acting Secretary read
the Minutes the Regular Meeting held
on the 9th inst, also the Special of the
14th and adjourned Special of the 21st — all
of which were approved correct.

A communication was received from
the Secy. Nat. Hist. Soc. regarding tickets to
Museum for Members of this Committee,
Ordered to be received and filed.

The following were in the

usual manner elected members of the Institute

Mr. Kingsford,	1 st Class	
Geo. Chesnut,	2 nd "	Carpenter
Robt. Alexander,	2 nd "	Roofer
James Wright,	2 nd "	Engineer
Hugh Dallan,	3 rd "	Ap. Cooper
Henry Emory Payson,	3 rd "	Office Boy
John Darroch,	3 rd "	Ap. Clerk

An Application from Mr. W. H. Laurie for the Office of Superintendent, in addition to those of the 21st inst^o refused -

Moved by Mr. Hindlay, seconded by Mr. Harper. That the Superintendent to be elected shall receive a Salary of Five hundred dollars per Annum - payable monthly. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rutherford - Seconded by Mr. Montgomery - That the Superintendent to be elected shall furnish security to the extent of \$750⁰⁰/₁₀₀ to the Satisfaction of the Committee for the faithful discharge of his duties, and for the security of the due and faithful payment of all monies received by him for the Institute. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Reed. That the Superintendent to be elected shall hold no Office in any other Society which would interfere with his Office as Superintendent, except with the permission of this Committee. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Reed. That the hours of the Superintendent to be elected shall be from 8 A.M. to 10 P.M. from the first May - until the 1st November and from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M. for the balance of the year - or till the Institute is closed - one hour and half allowed each for Dinner and Tea. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Hindlay, That the Committee in future engage the Assistant. Carried.

Moved by Mr Craig, Seconded by Mr Harper
That Mr S. S. Reed be appointed Superintendent.
Carried

Moved by Mr Reed, Seconded Mr Hindlay
That this Committee meet again on Monday
Night the 30th inst for the reception of Mr Reeds
Security, and for the transaction of other
business.
Carried

Moved by Mr Rutherford seconded
by Mr Bertram, That the Recording
Secretary notify Mr Reed to produce
Security, ~~at~~ Monday next. Carried.

Horton B. Coase

President.

Geo. Mullaugh P.S.

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute,
Montreal 30 August 1869

At an adjourned meeting of the
General Committee of the above named
Institute, held here this evening, were
present Mr Robert Brown, Vice-president
in the Chair, besides whom there were
present Messrs Messrs Hindlay, Reed, Harper
Weaver, Rutherford, Montgomery and
Cruikshank.

Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed.

Mr Samuel S Reed having
produced provisional receipt for a
guarantee of security, for seven hundred
and fifty dollars, from the Citizens Insurance
Company, It was moved seconded and
carried that the receipt be accepted

as satisfactory till the policy is issued.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee
inquired as to the carrying out of section
24 of the By-Laws and the resolution
of January 8th 1866. in reference to Park
account, In the absence of the Treasurer
no answer could be given.

No other business offering the meeting closed.

Horton B. Coase

President.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute
Montreal, Sept. 6. 1869.

At a regular ~~semi-monthly~~ meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute, held here this evening, were present: N. B. Corse Esq. President in the chair, besides whom there were Messrs. R. Irwin, Reid, Bertram, Weaver, Brown, Harper, Craig, Montgomery, Gilman and Cruikshank.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th August 1869, were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read the annual report which was approved of.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried, that a Gratuity of Fifty Dollars be presented to Mr. S. M. Sunsum, as a slight mark of their sense of the value of his services to the Institute.

The Committee then adjourned to the long room to attend the Annual Meeting.

N. B. Corse
President
Geo. Muldrew R. S.

Long Room
Mechanics Institute
Montreal, 6th September, 1869.

The Thirtieth annual meeting of the Members of this Institute was held here this evening according to rule and advertisement. N. B. Corse Esq. President in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs. Weaver, Bertram, Reid, Stevenson, H. Bulmer, Gilman, Craig, Harper, Montgomery, D. Brown, Macquistan, Irwin, Dr. Bernard, and about twenty others.

The Secretary read the Minutes of previous annual meeting, which were approved and confirmed, after which the following Annual Report was read.

In accordance with the requirements of the By-Laws of the Institute it becomes the duty of the General Committee to lay before you, in their Thirtieth Report - a statement of its affairs, previous to resigning the important

trust confided to them, at your last annual meeting. In so doing they desire to give a report of its condition in a brief but comprehensive form, and will therefore without further preamble proceed to consider the various items in the usual order.

The Membership

The number of Members at date of last annual report was.

Honorary	10
Corresponding	8
Life	267
Annual	<u>256</u>
Total	<u>541</u>

The number of Members on the Books at the present time is as follows.

Honorary	10
Corresponding	8
Annual. 56. 1 st class	} 204
89 2 nd "	
59 3 rd "	
Life	<u>268</u>
Total	<u>490</u>

The diminution in the list of members from year to year is hard to account for, kindred institutions in this City making great efforts to increase their membership of which many are paid for by employers having direct interest in the association, complain that notwithstanding all these advantages the number of members decrease rather than augment.

Library and Reading Room

A marked general improvement in this department is obvious, the platform round the shelves has been removed, additional shelving erected, the room thoroughly cleaned, painted, papered and varnished, books not worth repairing taken from the shelves - a large number of volumes re-bound, and many useful and valuable works added, besides a large number of the Standard, Historical and Modern Novels - with such of the principal Authors, as Bulwer, James &c. have been duplicated.

A new list and complete classified catalogue have been prepared. The Institute is indebted to the Rev^d Messrs Baldwin, Campbell Irvine and Carmichael, and the gentlemen who organised a course of four lectures in aid of the funds of this important branch of the Institute, whereby a sum of \$118⁰⁰ was netted to the purchase of books.

The number of volumes now on the shelves - 5000.
Books issued during the year 3791

In addition to the last years list of newspapers, the Toronto Telegraph and Philadelphia Enquirer have been added

Classes.

Your Committee during the past year found some difficulty in organising the usual winter classes, and not until the 20th Nov.

were they successful in opening a Mechanical Drawing Class under the able tuition of Mr Warrick. The course of studies were Practical Geometry, Details of Engines and other machinery and Solid Geometry, with lessons in Architectural drawing to a few of the pupils that desired it.

Members entered	254
Average attendance	16.
House	

In addition to the extension of shelving and repairs of Library Your Committee found it necessary to put up two new Rain water conductors on the St Peter Street side of the Building, and to whiten the ceilings in the corridors, and in the Cellar and Yard. Owing to the severe winter the Felt and Gravel roof became leaky, and damaged the Hall ceiling as soon as weather would permit the entire roof was examined and put in proper repair.

The occupancy of the Hall has prevented Your Committee from repairing the damaged ceiling.

The centre and end rooms have been thoroughly painted papered and varnished; and both rented to permanent annual tenants; the right to use these rooms at night, have been reserved to the Institute. A press has been built in one of the rooms over the platform in the Hall, for the safe keeping of Periodicals.

The Stores lately occupied by Messrs Galbraith & Brown in St James Street, and Messrs Lewis & Co in St Peter Street have been let respectively - after suitable repairs - to Mr P. D. Anderson, at an increase of rent, and Mr J Richards - the cellar divided between the two occupants - Your Committee have not thought it advisable to purchase the coal for the coming winter at the rates demanded.

Finances.

It is gratifying to note the increasing prosperity of the Institute. The Treasurer's statement shows over the previous years receipts, while the amount from Members subscriptions is less. The Hall and rooms giving an increase of 500^{rs} over the previous year.

The current expenses are nearly the same. Insurance, Gas, Fuel, Salaries, Newspapers and Periodicals vary but little, while the Interest is always the same. 4000^{rs} was paid this year for widening Little St James Street, over the usual assessments on the building.

The balance of 12400^{rs} after settling for books, binding and repairs on the Library will leave about Seven hundred (700) which with the Stock held by the Institute in the Gas Company amount to some 13000^{rs}. The Shares held in

the Gas Company, bought for \$538. has in less than ten years, returned in dividends, reduction on Gas bills and Bonus' \$253 or over 23% annually.

The Money borrowed by the Institute, amounting to \$26,000⁰⁰ falls due in about 13 years, and it will be advisable to lay aside \$1000. annually to pay the amount when due.

The property of the Institute is now valued at over \$60,000⁰⁰ and the rent of the stores alone amount to \$2490⁰⁰ per

With regret Your Committee have to state that Mr Sansum who for the last eight years, has so faithfully and well performed the duties of Superintendent has resigned that position with the view of engaging in Mercantile life. Your Committee cannot part with one whose services have been so conducive to the prosperity of the Institute without thus recording, and publicly acknowledging the constant urbanity and marked executive efficiency which characterized Mr Sansum's discharge of the duties of his responsible office.

Efforts to secure a continuation of Mr Sansum's services having failed, Your Committee advertised for candidates to fill the office and after due examination and deliberation, from among a host of applicants made choice of Saml Reed.

The foregoing detailed view of the operations of Your Institute cannot have failed to impress on your minds the cheering fact that it is in a sound and flourishing condition. Heretofore its financial state rendered a course of severe economy absolutely necessary. But now with judicious management of the revenues Your Committee are of opinion that somewhat more extended operations may be engaged in, and would recommend to its successors that these be in the direction of free evening classes, where apprentices and young Mechanics may not only be instructed in Mechanical drawing and the more scientific parts of their trade, but where also a common English education may be given to such as require it.

Your Committee in this way would desire to subserve the great and primary end of such institutions as this, viz. to diffuse scientific, mechanical, and General intelligence among the youth of our industrial classes.

Auditors Report.

To the President
of the Mechanics Institute,

Sir,

Having according to appointment audited the Books and Accounts of the Institute for the year 1868-9. we have to report complete accuracy on the part of the Treasurer, an evident judicious management of the finances by the Committee, and good systematic Book-keeping on the part of the Superintendent.

Montreal Sept 4th 1869.

Signed } George Starke.
 } A. C. Hutchinson

It was moved by Mr Stevenson, seconded by Mr Bulmer, that the Report he just read be received and adopted — carried. The President appointed Messrs D. Brown, Patterson, and Stevenson scrutineers, after which the meeting proceeded to ballot for Office bearers, and members of General Committee for the ensuing year.

While the election was being proceeded with the following parties were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute viz. —

Daniel Hall, 2nd Class, Saw Maker.

Robt Orr 3^d " Appt. Do.

E. Levitus 3rd " Appt. Ferriler.

The Ballot having been taken in the usual manner the following gentlemen were declared elected Office bearers and committee for the ensuing year.

N. B. Corse — President.	D. McFarlane, Vice President
F. E. Gilman. Cor. Secty	Geo. Cruikshank Recording Secty.
James Brown Treasurer.	John Harper. Librarian.
W ^m Reid Cabinet Keeper.	and Messrs. G. W. Weaver —
P. Macquistan, R. Irwin, A. Craig, W. J. Patterson, and J. Heath,	General Committee.

It was moved by Mr Irwin, seconded by Mr Stevenson, That the General Committee for the ensuing year, be instructed to accord to the members of the Fire and Police Departments of this city the privilege of the Library free of charge, under such conditions and restrictions as the Committee may see proper to adopt. after debate, carried.

It was moved, seconded, and carried, that the thanks of the members are due and hereby tendered to the President and Committee for their valuable services during the past year.

It was moved by Mr Bulmer, seconded by Mr Stevenson, and unanimously resolved. That this meeting have heard with regret of the resignation of Mr Sansum as Superintendent of the Institute which office he has filled for the past eight years and fully

approve of the action of the Committee in making a Gratuity of Fifty Dollars, and also express the high sense of the value of the services he has rendered to the Institute, and the hope that he may be successful in the position he is about to occupy.

This closed the business and the meeting
dismissed

Wm B. Corse

President.

Geo Russell R.S.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 13 Sept. 1869

At a regular semi monthly meeting of General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. W B Corse Esq. President in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs. Weaver Reid, Brown Macfarlane, Gilman, Heath, Harper, Patterson, Irwin Macquisten, and Cruikshank. The minutes of meeting of 6th Sept were read and confirmed. The following Sub Committees were nominated by the President, and agreed to, viz

Finance

Messrs Weaver, Cruikshank and Reid

Class

Messrs Macfarlane, Patterson, Irwin Brown, and Gilman

House

Messrs Reid, Brown, Craig, Macquisten, and Weaver

Library

Messrs Harper, Macquisten, Patterson, Macfarlane and Heath

Memberships

Messrs Gilman, Harper, Irwin, Heath and Craig.

It was moved, seconded, and carried, That the resolution of the annual meeting of the Institute, relative to according the privilege of the Library to the City and Fire Police, be referred to a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Irwin, Patterson, Macquisten, Gilman and Heath, to report at the next semi monthly meeting.

A letter was read from Mr Kennedy, in reference to a concert to be given by him in behalf of the Library, suggesting particulars in regard advertising, &c. It was moved, seconded and carried, that the suggestions be accepted, and the arrangements be confided to the Library Committee.

The following a/c's were read and

on motion refered to the House and Library Committee, respectively. viz -
Richard Seale of 27. ⁸⁵/₁₀₀ and Alex. Bantlin & Co. of 3. ⁰⁰/₁₀₀.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the House Committee be authorized to let the Hall to the Managers of Saint Patricks Orphans Asylum for a bazaar, at Eighteen Dollars per day, to include day for putting hall in order, also the time occupied in cleaning, The cleaning to be paid for by them, and also the repairs if any damages. The Hall not to be opened on Sunday.

The following named persons were proposed and in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

Richard Perry	3 ^d Class	
Henry Samuel	3 ^d "	Ap. Furrier.
James Hayden	3 ^d "	Ap. Saw maker.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Wm. B. Corse
President

Geo. M. M. R. S.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute.

Montreal. 27th Sept 1869

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, W. B. Corse Esq. Presid. in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Weaver, Reid, Craig, Harper, Heath, Irwin, Macquiston, Macfarlane, Patterson and Cruikshank. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following report of Special Committee, appointed at last meeting was read.

Montreal Sept: 25th 1869

To the President and members of the General committee Mechanics Institute:

Gentlemen:

We your Committee, appointed to consider and report upon the Resolution adopted at the last Annual Meeting relating to the members of the Montreal City and Fire Police, having the use of the Library, I would beg to present the following

Report.

That all members of the Montreal City and Fire Police be allowed the free use of the Library.

That previous to any Member of the forces above mentioned being entitled to the said privilege he shall present a Certificate from their respective Chairman of the Police and Fire Committee, countersigned.

by the Chief of the said Police and Fire Departments certifying that said member of the Police or Fire Department is a reliable person and worthy to be admitted to the privilege above stated. The said Chairman or Chief holding themselves responsible for the due return of any Book which may be delivered to member presenting certificate.

That every member of the above named forces, previous to receiving a Book shall sign an agreement, consenting to abide by the Rules and regulations of the Library, as printed in our Book of Catalogue.

That any Member receiving a Book and neglecting to return it or in any way injuring the same may by a vote of the General Committee be deprived of the use of the Library of the Institute on behalf of the Committee.

Signed.

Robt Irwin, Chairman

It was moved, seconded and carried that the above report be received and adopted.

The Library Committee presented the following report in reference to the concert given in behalf of the Library Fund by Mr Kennedy.

Am't Rec ^d from concert	147.31
Donation from D Kennedy	20.00
	<hr/> 167.31

It was moved, seconded and carried that the above report be received and adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That this committee tender their thanks to Mr A. A. Stevenson, for his services in inducing Mr Kennedy to give a concert in aid of the Library Fund.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the Library Committee be instructed to procure the Chicago Daily Tribune for the Reading Room.

Moved by Mr Macfarlane seconded by Mr Heath that the sum of \$167³¹ realized from the concert given by Mr Kennedy be appropriated as follows \$47³¹ for the Hall fund and the balance \$120 to the benefit of the Library of the Institute.

It was moved in amendment seconded and carried that the whole proceeds be given to the Library fund.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the House Committee be authorized to have the dressing room off the stage papered and varnished, floor carpeted, and furnished, and that a new stage curtain be procured.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the House Committee be requested to consider and report at the next regular meeting the better seating the Hall and Reading room and any improvement in the reading tables.

Moved by Mr Macfarlane, seconded by Mr Weaver ^{and a motion carried} That the

Treasurer be instructed to immediately carry out the terms of bye-law 24 in all its points - by depositing in the Merchants Bank of Canada in the name of the Institute.

An a/c from Alex Buntin & Co amtg to \$2.⁸⁹/₁₀₀ was referred to the Library Committee. Moved by Mr Patterson, seconded by Mr Craig and carried. That the Finance Committee be instructed to inquire about an investment of the funds in hand and if deemed expedient to invest forthwith, and in any case to report at the next meeting.

The following parties were in the usual manner elected Members of the Institute.

Mrs Isabella Sternberg	3 ^d Class.	Pupil
W. J. Grant	3 "	Ap. Clerk.
Alex Fraser	3 "	Ap. Machinist
George Roberts	3 "	Pupil
John Roberts	3 "	Do
D. Nightingale	3 "	Ap. Carpenter
F. L. Gundlack	3 "	Office boy.
James Richard	3 "	Ap. Carpenter
J. T. Soder	2 nd "	Printer
Fredk. Parsons	2 "	Carpenter
William Oman	2 "	Mason
W ^m Rutherford	2 "	Carpenter
Robt. Turnbull	2 "	Clerk
John Allan	1 "	Builder

No other business appearing the meeting dismissed.

Winton B. Coorse

President.

Geo. Gundlack M.C.S.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal October 11. 1869

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening W.B. Coorse Esq. President in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs. Craig, Reid Harper, Weaver, Irwin, Patterson, Macfarlane, Heath and Cruikshank

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Finance Committee reported in favor of investing about seven Hundred dollars in Gas Company Stock. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the report be received and adopted, and that the President be authorized to acquire the stock. The Membership Committee reported a list of members in arrears, and recommended that a circular be drawn up and sent to such members, which on motion was adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Classes in connection with the Board of Arts and Manufactures be advertised in the Daily Witness for one week, making prominent the fact that they are free to Members of the Institute. Aps from New York Albion \$4.⁰⁰ and C. M. Copeland for coal \$331.⁸⁸ in more read and refered to Library and House Committee. Moved by G. Macfarlane, seconded by Mr Harper that the purchase of a large flag (British ensign) for \$20. be confirmed and it is hereby authorized to pay for the same, - also that no flag or flags belonging to the Institute, be ~~not~~ loaned to any one without the consent of this Committee, carried. Moved by G. Macfarlane, seconded by W. F. Patterson, that the House Committee is hereby authorized to procure without unnecessary delay whatever seats may be required for the use of the reading room, carried. Moved by G. Macfarlane, seconded by W. F. Patterson, that Messrs Harper, Heath, Cruikshank, Craig and Reid be a Committee to consider the question of an exhibition in connection with this Institute, during the coming winter and report at next regular meeting. The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Rev ^d J. W. H. Watson	1 st Class
Thos ^s E. N. Drane	1 st do.
Robert Wilson	2 nd do.
Albert Meyer	3 rd do.
James A. Devine	3 rd do.
Geo. W. Craig	3 do.
W ^m Stark	3 do.
Herbert Patton	3 do.
W ^m Castle	3 do.
John Wilson	3 do.
John Matherson	3 do.
Thomas Collins	3 do.
Joseph Dredge	3 do.
Edward Pans	3 do.

No other business appearing the meeting dismissed

Hinton B. Course
President.
Geo. Fullerton W. A.

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute

Montreal October 25. 1869

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the above named Institute held here this evening, were present N. B. Corse Esq. President in the chair besides whom Messrs Reid, Weaver, Jamin, Patterson, Harper, Heath, Macfarlane, Gilman, and Cruikshank.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President reported that he had not yet purchased Gas Stock.

The House Committee reported as follows viz:

"That they had procured and placed in Reading Room 8 Office Stools and 18 Chairs... that they had agreed with Messrs Andrews & Thomas, to repair the Fresco work in Hall for \$30.⁰⁰ exclusive of cost erecting scaffolds, and also procured a new curtain for Hall from Mr Morrice, also to paper and grain retiring room, also to furnish it with table and looking Glass - one new stand for newspapers in reading room 2ft 6ins wide, with regard to seating the Hall, to get sample seat made and if suitable, as to make and price to get what number may be required."

The Class Committee reported that about 116 members of the Institute had joined the Classes of the Board of Arts and Manufactures.

It was moved by Mr Weaver seconded by Mr Cruikshank and on division carried "That the House Committee be authorized to purchase a cook stove and place it in the dressing room." A communication was read from

W. J. Patterson Esq. requesting the acceptance of a presentation volume of his six Annual reports, which was on motion was received and the thanks of the Committee be tendered to Mr Patterson.

Moved by Mr Harper seconded by Mr Heath. That Mr Patterson and Mr Macfarlane be added to the sub Committee appointed to report on the desirability of holding a Mechanics' Fair - carried.

An application from the Workingmans Benefit Society for a reduction in the rent of the Hall was read and on motion was received and placed on file.

An application was read from the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Montreal for the use of a room for their fortnightly meetings also space to place their Cabinet of Coins in the Library. Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Gilman, and carried. That the Numismatic & Antiquarian Society have use of room at end of Hall for 24 meetings and space for coins, subject to approval of House Committee for the sum of \$30.⁰⁰ and each meeting over twenty four in number the Society pay \$1.⁵⁰ each evening, extra.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

Thomas Craig.	Life Member
Henry S. Pell	do do
J. Nichols	1 st class

E. J. Wilkes	2 nd Class
A. H. Crocker	2 nd "
William Sweet Jr	Do
William Hill	Do
Henry Warner	Do
J. Underdown	Do
Alex. Sharp	Do
William Hill	Do
W ^m Kutherford	Do
Joseph Pincher	Do
William Macintosh	Do
J. M. Shaw	Do
John Keiley	Do
Charles Madden	Do
Genl B. M ^o Naughton	Do
G. Wallis	Do
William O'Keane	3 rd Class
James Lanson	Do
Thomas Telfer	Do
John Toomey	Do
James Morris	Do
Saml S. Isles	Do
Stephen Crosby	Do
James Parker	Do
John Cochrane	Do
John Leslie	Do
John Mattinson	Do
Edwin Russell	Do
Nip Nesbit	Do
Louis Laclerc	Do
Ph. Berry	Do
H. Stanway	Do
David Moore	Do
B. Chandler	Do
James J. Dempsey	Do
Arthur Farquhar	Do
John Craig	Do
O. J. Borch	Do

No other business appearing the meeting dismissed

Horton B. Morse

President

George W. B. S.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal November 8th 1869

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the above named Institute held here this evening were present W.B. Corse Esq. President in the Chair besides whom there were Messrs. Weaver, Harper, Heath and Cruikshank

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The application of the Workingmen's Society for a reduction in rent of Hall was considered. Moved by Mr Weaver seconded by Mr Cruikshank

* and carried. ~~That the rent of the Hall to the Workingmen's Benefit Society for their course of Lectures and Concerts be \$12 each night, instead of \$15, the deduction to be made only after the course of entertainments shall be finished~~

The following are were read and on motion referred to the House and Library Committees— viz. John Lovell \$3.00, Sa^r Morice \$42.⁰⁰, W. J. Montgomery \$28.⁶⁵.

An application from Mr Richard to be allowed to make an opening for a window, the work to be done at his expense, the Inst. to furnish a glazed sash. It was on motion referred to the House Committee.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

William James. Ironsmith 1st Class.

William A Short John Croghan. C. H. Gilmore John Simsbury

Francis Hopkins Joseph Mayer A. Smith Ser. Maj. Hayles

John Gay C. Chalfoux A. Desarigny John Gellatly

Chas Baron A. Shavers W. S. Gardner C. Deblois

James Alexander Alphonse Dube Chas Desoteler M. King.

Second Class— and G. Heatley, James M^c Dougall, W^m M^c Arthur

Henry Trigon, W^m Sterrart, F. Elliot, Alfred Kellond, Denis Garrity

W. F. Berry James Ducat, Alex M^c Cubbin, Tho^s Boughtin, Patk Polan

James Simpson, A. Kyle, Walter Blanchard, Geo. Sutherland, C. Hopkins

Geo. Desarigny, W^m Gray, Jo^s Mercier, W^m Hyndham, Peter M^c David

John Loughran, Edmond Roberts, Chas Sheppard, Henry Dillon

W^m M^c Nally, F. C. DeZouche, O'Connell Doherty, C. Somerville Hugh Martin

John Denton, C. Barber Solomon Wake, J. Daley, John Crawford, Jas Lusk

Jas Redmond, Sa^r Morice, John Michaels, L. White, John Kelly, J. Logan,

W^m Garrity, Chas Doherty, Geo Garrett, Geo Forbes, John Davis, C. M^c Carthy

Third Class.

No other business appearing the meeting dismissed

Horton B. Corse

Geo. Cruikshank R. S. President.

* "As the Montreal Workingmen's Benefit and W. O. Provident Soc^y have applied for a reduction in rent of the Hall, it is resolved that for each night that a Lecture shall be delivered, on Scientific or other subject that shall tend to elevate or benefit the Workingman, a charge of only \$12 shall be made for the Hall, all other nights \$15 as agreed upon, the deduction to be made only after the course of entertainment shall be finished"

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal Novr. 22^d 1869

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the above named Institute held here this evening, were present Mr. Corsi Esq. President in the chair besides whom there were Messrs Weaver, Irwin, Patterson, Macfarlane, Harper, Meash, Gilman, Reid, and Cruikshank. The minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed.

The following report from Special Committee in reference to a proposed Mechanics Fair or Exhibition was read.

Mechanics Institute

Novr 6th 1869

The special committee appointed to consider the feasibility of organizing a Mechanics Fair or Exhibition, beg leave to present the following report viz: That an exhibition of Mechanical and Architectural Drawings models of Machinery &c and works of native artists such as sculptures, paintings, photographs &c is not only in harmony with the views and objects of this Institute, but cannot fail to greatly promote one of its most important functions, to foster and develop a taste for a higher style of Fine and Mechanical Art. That an amount of about \$250, which will be required for prizes &c cannot possibly fail to be realized from entrance fees, and that for an experiment of so laudable a kind the Hall be given free for three evenings and the surplus funds, if any be devoted to a like object in the coming year. All which is respectfully submitted.

It was moved, seconded, and carried, That the foregoing report be received and the Committee reappointed to prosecute enquiries and report.

An offer from G. D. Edward for \$200⁰⁰ was read and referred to Finance Committee.

The House Committee was requested to report on altering or repairing the feet lights on stage.

Moved by Mr Macfarlane, seconded by Mr Harper and on division carried That whereas there are a number of the Juvenile or 3^d class members of the Institute who may be desirous of improving themselves in the commercial branches of an English education, it is resolved that the class committee be authorized to advertise that all applicants of that class of members on or before a certain date shall be received, and formed into a class in the British and Canadian school, the fees to be paid by this Institute.

An application from David Brown to have his lease for room No 2 cancelled was on motion agreed to:

An application from Daniel Ross to have the use of Hall and three rooms on second flat, was considered, it was moved, seconded, and carried that the rent be \$100⁰⁰. The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

William Clendenning,

William McMellan, second class and,

Mrs. Michaels. P. McNally. Wm Brownly. James Young
Joshua Tildesley Jacob Holman D. McBaird Arthur Laurent
C. A. Gordon H. Mathey John Walker H. Morrison
W. J. Waugh John Nicholson Geo McEwen D. H. Fraser
J. McCulloch. Third class.

No other business appearing the meeting dismissed

Horton B. Corse

President.

Geo Pullenault N.S.

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute

Montreal Dec 13. 1869

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the above named Institute held here this evening, were present N. B. Corse Esq. President in the chair, besides whom there were Messrs Reid Harper Heath Macquisten and Weaver. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Committee on Mechanics Fair or Exhibition reported progress. The Resolution offered by Mr Macfarlane and adopted at the last regular meeting was laid over until next meeting.

Moved by Mr McQuisten seconded by Mr Harper that the House Committee be instructed to procure 30 seats at \$5. for the Hall, carried. A donation of 31 Volumes of U.S. Patent Office Reports from Mr Grinnell Chief Clerk Patent Office, Washington, through Mr Patterson, was received, and referred to Library Committee to confer with Mr Patterson. The following ap's was received and referred to House Committee Richard Steale \$10. Alex Craig \$15.75. Rich^d Patton \$95.60.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute Wm Glendinning, J. P. Howard, and James Kennedy, 1st class. Wm Neville J. H. Darragh, Geo Scott, Tho Ryan, W. S. Walker, H. Gleson, Em. Elliott John Murrin Wm Johnston, Wm Stenhouse, J. S. Patch, W. S. Clement, John Glennon, A. Bennett second class and David Tees, A. W. Davidson, Chas Stacy, Robt Mackenzie, Chas Price Wm Lane, Tho Price, Mrs R. Watson, George Moore, Jas Sheridan, Enoch Riley, Robt Dugall James Tees, Tho Muir, Jo McLean, Jr. Jas Lockerby, Jas Findlay, W. Smith, Wm Tees Geo Wacker, John Laing - third class.

No other business appearing the meeting dismissed

Horton B. Corse

President.

Geo Pullenault N.S.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 27th Dec. 1869

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, were present D. Macfarlane Esq. Vice President in the chair, besides whom there were Messrs. Weaver, Macquiston, Patterson, Reid, Harper, Gilman, Heath and Cruikshank. Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Application for the Hall for Lecture by Rev. S. E. Hunter for the benefit of the library of the West End Methodist Sunday School on Tuesday evening 6th January was read, it was moved, seconded, and carried that the price be \$15.⁰⁰.

A/c from G. Armstrong for \$20.⁰⁰ was read and referred to the House Committee.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

John Neville. Second class. and Charles Deacon, J. H. Dames
John Redmond, Edw. O'Brien, Tho. M. Laughlin, Third Class.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned to attend the General Meeting of members, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Board of Arts and Manufactures.

Wm. B. Borse

President.

Geo. M. McNeill Esq. Secy.

Committee Room.
Mechanics Institute.

Montreal 27th Dec. 1869

According to advertisement a meeting of the members of the above named Institute was held here this evening. The Vice President D. Macfarlane Esq. in the chair, besides whom there was present Messrs. Benn, Bertram, Findlay, Weaver, A. Perry, Harper, Heath, J. Craig, W. Reid, Patterson, Macquiston, Ferguson, W. Patton, Gilman, Herrick, Annett, N. Allan, H. Anderson, Henderson, Ross, Tasker and Cruikshank. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Chairman stated that the object of the present meeting was to elect delegates to the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada. That according to the attested list for the year last passed the Institute was entitled to twenty three delegates to represent them in the Board.

Messrs. J. Craig, Harper, and Heath were appointed scrutineers and proceeded to take the ballot which when closed resulted as follows.

A. Bertram
Wm Reid
J. Findlay
H. Sulmer
W. J. Patterson
D. Macfarlane
A. Craig
C. Alexander
D. Wilson
W. Rutherford
A. Murry

G. M. Weaver
G. Cruikshank
A. Perry
J. Harper
F. E. Gilman
D. Brown
J. Craig
A. A. Stevenson
J. Heath
R. Benn
W. Montgomery and P. Macquisten

Mr Macquisten ^{having} tendered his resignation
was on motion accepted and
in his stead

Mr A. C. Hutchinson, who had the requisite number of votes was declared elected.
Moved by Mr Weaver seconded by Mr McDoulin and unanimously
Resolved. That the thanks of the Montreal Mechanics Institute are
due, and hereby tendered, by the Mechanics Institute, to J. S. Grinnell Esq
Chief Clerk of the U. S. Patent office, at Washington, D. C. for his valuable
contribution to the Library, consisting of 33 volumes of Mechanical Reports
for the years 1855 to 1867 inclusive

Resolved - That on the unanimous recommendation of the Library
Committee, J. S. Grinnell Esq, be, and he is hereby constituted an
Honorary Member of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal

Resolved. That the Corresponding Secretary be, and he is hereby
instructed to communicate these Resolutions, with a Certificate of
Honorary Membership to J. S. Grinnell Esq.

Moved by Mr Macquisten, seconded by Mr Findlay, and unanimously
resolved. That the thanks of the Mechanics Institute be tendered to Mr
W. J. Patterson for the interest he has taken in getting 33 volumes of Patent
office reports from Washington for this Institute.

Mr Bertram suggested that the seal of the Institute be placed
above advertisements calling meetings of Institute

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Winton Morse
President

George M. Smith M.S.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 10th Jan'y 1870

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, W B Course President in the chair besides whom there was present Messrs Macfarlane, Heath, Macquisten Harper and Cruikshank

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed
An Ap from W. Clendenning for \$5.⁰⁰ was referred to the House Committee, also from H. C. Grafton for \$6.⁰⁰ was read, and referred to the Library Committee.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

P. Duruhan, First Class.
Henry Baillie, James Ruthven Second class and
Robt P. Sire, Wm McKay, James Corner, John Mc Manus
W. M. Drum, W. F. Alloway Geo Binmore, Frank G. Vary
Third Class.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Wm B Course
President.

Geo (null) M. S.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 24th Jan'y 1870

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the above named Institute held here this evening, W B Course Esq. President in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Macquisten Harper, Heath and Cruikshank.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.
A letter from J. F. Grinnell Esq of the U.S. Patent Office, Washington acknowledging the honor of electing him an honorary member of the Institute was read and on motion placed on file.

Ap's from G. W. Reed amt \$9 to \$25.⁰⁰ from J. Richards amt \$11.²³ were read and referred to the House Committee.

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute, W. Calvert, G. B. Dumont, and Chas Smith Second Class, and J. M. B. Rickey, Rich Jones, Philip Jones, G. P. Orr and Geo Lunde Third Class.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Wm B Course
President.

Geo (null) M. S.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 28th February 1870.

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening N.B. Corse Esq. President in the Chair, besides whom there was present Messrs Patterson McFarlane Heath Gilman Harper, Macquistan and Cruikshank.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Library Committee presented the following report which on motion was received and adopted.

Montreal 28th Feby. 1870

To the President and General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal
Gentlemen.

The Library Committee would report that they have examined the account of Messrs Danson Bros and upon representing the overcharges to them they at once corrected them and explained satisfactorily the reason.

They would also mention they obtained the price list of other newsdealers, and carefully compared the prices, they found so slight difference that they do not deem it advisable to make any change.

They would recommend that Barnum's Forty Year Struggle and Triumphs be added to the Library, and that Mculloch's Commercial Dictionary be placed in the Library of Reference, and also recommend that the following papers and periodicals be added to the list for the Reading room.

Manchester Weekly Guardian. Edinburgh (Weekly) Review. Athenaeum Engineering. Public Opinion. Saturday Review. Lady. The Workshop. Academy. British Controversialist. Halifax Colonist. Glasgow Citizen.

Canada Builder. making in the aggregate the sum of about \$80. and that the Glasgow Post be changed to the Glasgow Herald.

All of which is respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Library Committee

Signed. John Harper Chairman.

Moved by Mr Patterson, seconded by Mr Harper and carried. That the House Committee be and are hereby requested to consider the matter of agreements for letting the Hall, and that a clause be inserted in such agreements whereby the parties taking the Hall, be held responsible for all damages.

The following ap's were read and on motion referred to Library Committee.

Angus Logan 5 Co \$ 5. Gazette 16. Helap 19. Danson 1m^o \$168.27. The following were referred to House Committee. Akin & Morison 138. Lo Garth 8.95. W. Allen \$ 190.

Mr. Montgomery \$ 48.00. The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. Rich^d Anderson 2. Sexton. J. M^r Williams M.S. Gonsle and John Mason. 1st Class. J. F. Simpson. E. B. Fetherstonhaugh. J. P. Vancouver. John Robertson. Rob^t Bell. E. B. Water. I. Clark. J. H. Binney. John Honeyman. Rec. W. King. Sam^l Dutton 2nd Class and W. Potter. W. Silverston and J. W. Ellwell 3rd Class. No other business offering the meeting adjourned.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 11th April 1870

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. N B Corse Esq President in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Weaver Harper Heath Macfarlane Gilman and Conitshank. & M^r Deuster

Minutes of the last meeting ^{was} read and confirmed.

An A/c from the Montreal Printing and Publishing Co for sub to Evening Telegraph for \$6.⁰⁰ was referred to Library Committee also A/c from James Walker Co for \$15.⁰⁰ was referred to House Committee.

The following parties were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. Charles Reth, John Blooney, James Galbraith, J. Samuel William Brown, Charles Tressie, second class and. H W. Stroud Edwin Cox and William Roy. third class.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

Horton B. Corse

President

Geo. M. Smith R.S.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 25th April 1870

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. N B Corse Esq President in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Weaver, Reid Gilman Harper and Conitshank.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Chairman of the Finance Committee submitted the following state of the finances to April 1st which on motion was received.

Comparative Statement of Receipts and Expenditures from Aug 1 to April 1.

Receipts - Annual Subscriptions	1869-70 592.50	1868-69 320.00
Life	20.00	20.00
Rent Hall	1606.50	1496.00
Rent Rooms	255.00	220.00
• Stores &c.	1432.50	907.26
Other Sources	423.68	352.05
	<u>4330.18</u>	<u>3317.31</u>
Bal from previous year	1418.44	489.34
	<u>5748.62</u>	<u>3806.65</u>

Expenditures	1869-70-	1868-69
Corporation	323.60	309.10
Interest	840.00	840.00
Gas	435.53	303.32
Insurance	135.00	135.00
Heating	331.80	241.10
Danson Bro ^s	606.51	255.18
Sundry etc	1248.61	418.03
Contingencies	186.50	171.76
Salaries	548.29	606.67
	<u>4655.84</u>	<u>3280.16</u>
Total Receipts 1869-70-	5748.62	1868-70 3806.65
Expenditure	<u>4655.84</u>	<u>3280.16</u>
Balance April 1 st	<u>1092.78</u>	<u>526.49</u>

The following parties were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute, Henry S Craig - second class, and Tho^s Earl - third class.
No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Horton B. Coase

President.

Geo Mulliken R.S.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 23 May 1870

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, were present N. B. Coase Esq. President in the chair, besides whom there were Messrs. Miami, Heath, Harper, McFarlane and Cruikshank.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Acct from Messrs Danson, Broth^r was submitted and referred to Library Committee and if found correct paid.

The following parties were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute
J. P. Mackelcan, James McConnell and R. D. Toner, all second class, William M. Nat. Third Class.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Horton B. Coase

President.

Geo Mulliken R.S.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 13th June 1870

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening were present - W B Coxe Esq President in the chair besides whom were Messrs Weaver, Macfarlane, Heath, Patterson, Harper, Gilman and Cruikshank.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. A/c from A A Stevenson for \$132.⁰⁰, having been examined, was on motion ordered to be paid. Moved by Mr Macfarlane, seconded by Mr Patterson and carried that Messrs Coxe, Weaver, Reid and Cruikshank form a committee to enquire into the claim the Institute may have against R Campbell for the Metoyer wall, and report.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

Walter B. Coxe

President.

Geo. M. McCune M.R.S.
Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 11th July 1870

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the above named Institute held here this evening, were present W B Coxe Esq President in the Chair, besides whom were Messrs Reid, Heath, Harper, Macquisten and Cruikshank.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

An application from Messrs La^r Walker & Co to have gas pipes introduced into their cellar was on motion agreed to.

The Library Committee report in favor of a case to hold periodicals &c and inside split bamboo blinds for windows of Library and reading rooms. It was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Cruikshank and agreed to that the report be received and adopted with the exception of blinds for Reading room for the present.

A/c from Penny Wilson & Co \$14.⁰⁰ John Lovell \$3.⁰⁰ referred to Library Committee. and from Messrs James Brown \$9.⁶² John Boydson \$6.⁰⁰ and W. Montgomery \$9.³⁵ referred to House Committee.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

Walter B. Coxe

President.

Geo. M. McCune M.R.S.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 25th July 1870

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, were present W.B. Course Esq, President in the chair, besides whom were Messrs McFarlane, Heath, Harper and Gilman

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. An ac^t from R. Patton for \$9.³⁰/₁₀₀ was referred to House Committee and if correct, ordered to be paid

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned-

Horton B. Course

President

Geo. M. Belliveau M.S.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 22 August 1870

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, were present W.B. Course Esq, President in the Chair, besides whom were Messrs. Weaver Gilman, Heath, Harper, Patterson Macquisten, and Cruikshank

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Ac^ts from C. Atwater Co \$8.²⁵/₁₀₀ A. Lavigne 6.⁴⁰/₁₀₀ were referred to the House Committee, and if found correct to be paid.

W. Montgomery \$17.50

The Committee appointed to inquire regarding the Metcalfen mall, reported that no satisfactory arrangements could be made with Mr Campbell and recommend that a notorial protest be served on him, On motion the report was received and adopted.

It was moved by Mr Harper and seconded by Mr Cruikshank, and carried that the Superintendents salary be \$600. per Annum from Aug 1st.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. Andrew Grant, A. L. Kent, W. Lerox, George Pepall, Rev John Fraser, W. Perry, J. C. Reynolds, W^m Moore, L. Matherson, second class and Alfred Nall Louis Guyon, Alma McPherson, Louis Goulett, Mickl Byron, Alex. Robertson, J. S. Reid, John H. Garth, Tho^s Phillips, John Orr, James Smith, Chal Robertson James Dean, John Gorran, David J. M. Darling, Chas^s Richardson, W. Byron, James W. Boyd, W^m Barker, W^m Cooman, John Forger, B. W. Parker, Miss Carry Lazarus, Miss Himes and Miss K. Franklin Third class.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

Horton B. Course

President

Geo. M. Belliveau M.S.

Committee Room.

Mechanics' Institute

Montreal Sept 3rd 1870

At a special Committee meeting of the above named Institute preparatory to the Annual meeting, held here this evening, were present N. B. Cose Esq. President, in the chair - besides whom there were Messrs. Weaver, Patterson, Gilman Harper and Cruikshank. The minutes of previous meeting held on the 22nd August were read and confirmed.

The Annual report was read by the Rec. Secy Mr. Cruikshank and approved of.

No further business offering the meeting closed.

Wm. T. Cose

President.

Wm. Cruikshank Secy.

Long Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 5th September. 1870

The Thirty first annual meeting of the members of this Institute was held here this evening according to rule and advertisement. N. B. Cose Esq. President in the chair, besides whom there was present Messrs. Weaver Reid, Macfarlane, Cruikshank, Macquiston, Gilman Harper Heath, Patterson, Sundry, Becket, Hutchison, Perry, J. Craig, W. S. Walker, Barrett and about 16 others.

The Secretary read the minutes of previous Annual meeting, which were approved and confirmed, after which the following annual report was read.

"The General Committee of the Mechanics Institute in pursuance with the requirements of the constitution, beg leave to present their report for the year ending 31st July 1870, being the thirty first annual report of the proceedings of the Institute.

In so doing they desire to give a report of its condition in a brief but comprehensive form, and will therefore proceed to consider the various items in the usual order.

Membership -

It is very gratifying to be enabled to report that during the past year, there has been a marked increase of members over the past few years, owing no doubt to the interest manifested in regard the classes in connection with the Board of Arts & Manufactures, but at the same time think that the addition of new books to the Library and the attractiveness of our Reading room have had some

considerable influence. Your Committee can scarcely bring themselves to doubt that a more intimate and wider knowledge of the many advantages the Institute affords would lead to a more general appreciation and more active support. Of the number of subscribers at the last annual report say 204. — One hundred and thirty four (134) renewed their subscriptions and 278 members added.

Total number of members at date of last report	Honorary	10
	Corresponding	8
	Life	268
	Annual	204. 490

Number on the Books at the present time are	Honorary	11
	Corresponding	8
	Life	270
	Annual	412 701

showing an increase of 211 members over last year.

Library

The past year, in this department has been very gratifying and its success is to be attributed to the additions made last year. Your committee are much gratified in being able to report that they have had it in their power to add from time to time such reading matter as was consistent with the facilities afforded them. There has been added to the Library during the year 201 Volumes as follows—

By purchase	87 volumes
" Donations	55 "
" Periodicals bound from reading room	59 — 201 "

The number of volumes in Library at present is about 5300. The number of volumes issued during the past year has been 9368

Novels and Tales	6314
Voyages &c	659
History	531
Botanic Standard	309
Biography	180
Poetry	55
Magazines & Misc ²	768
Sci ² and Mechan ²	552 — 9368.

Six volumes have been lost during the year. Seven members of the City Police availed themselves of the privilege of the Library, granted them at last annual meeting. 107 volumes have been repaired and bound — The weak and insecure style of cloth binding in which nearly all books

all new sent forth by publishers causes them to give way under the severe handling of library use, for this cause books laid aside for repair and binding accumulate rapidly. Greater care in the use of the books of the Institute is urged upon the attention of our members, as expenditures in repairs of books reduces in like proportion the means of purchasing new books.

Reading Room

The reading room continues to attract a very large and regular attendance of members, several newspapers, American and British have been added to our files, and any new serial possessing sufficient literary or scientific character to justify being introduced is promptly added to the extensive range of periodical literature our members already enjoy. The following periodicals & papers have been added during the past year.

Engineering.	Glasgow Weekly Herald.	Glasgow Wk Citizen
Nature	Edinburgh Wk Review	Chicago Daily Tribune
The Academy.	The Lancet	Philad ^a Inquirer
The Chemical News.	The Graphic	Every Saturday
Public Opinion	Saturday Review	The Workshop
The Animal World	* The Technologist	Canadian Builder
Study	Canadian Ill News	* Peoples Journal
Donations.	Manchester Weekly News	* Can. Official Gazette
		* National Temperance

Your Committee have to acknowledge the following Donations
 33 Vols U.S. Patent Reports from S. J. Emmell Esq. Washington, through Mr. Patterson
 9 " from D. Macfarlane Esq. Montreal
 11 " " C. Pickup Esq. "
 1 " " W. S. Patterson Esq. "
 1 " " D. D. Mann Esq. "
 6 " " Walter Blanchard
 1 " " Thomas Harrison
 Copy Can. Official Gazette from Tho^s Workman Esq. M.P.
 " National Temperance Advocate, Montreal Temperance Society
 " League Journal, from S. C. Becket Esq.
 " Alliance News

& John Lovell, J. Dougall and G. Clark Esqs. for copies of their papers abt. to publishers of Le Mercant Monde. W. C. Jones Esq. for Richmond Guardian
 Messrs J. Cameron & Co for London (Ont.) Advertiser and J. Whelan Esq. for Peoples Journal. The Committee are also indebted to D. Kennedy Esq. vocalist for his great liberality in giving the proceeds of a concert to the Institute, by which the sum of \$167.⁴⁴/₁₀₀ was netted and appropriated for the purchase of new books.

Classes

There has been one classes the past year under the immediate control of the Institute, as our members are admitted to the School of

Art and Design, established by the Board of Arts and Manufactures.
Your Committee are much gratified to know that about 180 members of the Institute availed themselves of the advantages offered them by the opening of this school, and trust that a much larger number will attend the coming season.

House

There has been several much needed repairs and improvements in the Hall and Reading room during the year, at a cost of about \$700. In the Hall 36 seats have been placed, which will seat about 190 persons, a new curtain and foot light reflector for stage, and the retiring room off the stage has been papered, painted and varnished, and a large cooking stove put in for the use of Bazaars &c. The walls and ceiling which were damaged by water have been repainted. In the reading room, an additional stand for papers and rack for Portfolios has been placed in besides new chain and stools. A fire proof safe for the better preservation of the Books and records of the Institute has been purchased.

Finance

The last financial report gives a balance on hand of \$1400. and the a/c's remaining to be paid were supposed to amount to about \$800. thus leaving a balance of some \$600. but several accounts of some years standing had been overlooked which were sent in and paid leaving but a small balance, not exceeding \$100. on hand. The a/c's for Periodicals and papers has been paid in advance, up to Jan'y next and some up to April, and the a/c's at present due by the Institute do not exceed \$130. and to meet this there is due from Rents \$137.¹⁰/₁₀₀ besides the Balance in Treas. hand say \$373.²⁴/₁₀₀ and \$485 collected from Rents since Aug 1. making \$858. The President has endeavored to have every a/c due by the Institute up to the close of the current year sent in and paid - and thus leave the Institute free from any floating debts.

The receipts from the Hall during the year has been \$600 less than the year before, while the membership gives \$260. more.

The current expenses have been slightly less than usual, excepting for fuel and Gas bills, the Gas has cost \$100. more altho' the hall has not been used so often, while the Fuel cost \$331. against \$241. the preceding year. The Extra expenditure of the Institute amounts to considerable as mentioned before in reference to the House appropriations, but they will not necessarily have to be provided for again. The Insurance remains the same, but as the old wooden buildings adjoining that caused the high rate have been removed the Insurance should be at a lower scale. In our last report we mentioned the engagement of Mr Reed as superintendent in place of Mr Sansum, resigned, your committee have found in Mr Reed a faithful, efficient and polite officer.

In closing their report the Committee feel justified in congratulating

the members on the continued efficiency and extending usefulness of the Institute, and hope at no distant day it will occupy a wider sphere, and realize a more perfect fulfilment of the objects and duties it professes.

Treasurers Statement

James Brown, Treasurer.

In account with The Mechanics' Institute Montreal

Dr	\$	Cr	\$
To paid Interest	1560 00	By Balance from last year	1418 11 1/2
" " Insurance	135 00	" Cash rents J. Walker & Co	1012 50
" " Corporation Ass't & Water rate	323 60	" " " J. D. Anderson	600 00
" " Gas Comp ^y	587 96	" " " J. Richards	255 00
" " Fuel	337 85	925 81	1867 50
" " Sundry a/c's	761 00	" " Asst. Walker & Co	74 60
" " C. Edwards	200 00	" " " J. D. Anderson	68 00
" " Sundry a/c for repairs &c	669 22	" " " J. Richards	35 70
" " Dawson Bros	992 43	" " Rent Hall	1975 50
" " J. & Grafton	26 73	1019 16	375 00
" " Sundry a/c's (papers)	154 90	" " D. Kennedy	167 81
" " discount on silver	40	" " donations	160 00
" " Oataris	829 93	" " Interest on deposits	11 86
" " Contingencies	255 54	" " Gas dividend	32 00
	6824 56	" " Premiums	4 07
" Balance	373 24	" " Brand A. M.	120 00
		" " Annual Members	646 50
		" " Life "	40 00
		" " Old Papers	52 20
		" " Catalogues	15 25
		" " Fines	9 09
		" " Sundry a/c's	124 78
	\$ 7197 80		\$ 7197 80

Assets

Building and Land	55500 00
Furniture	4000
Gas Stock	560
Library	55 00
Sundry a/c's rents	622 50
Cash on hand	373 24
	66555 74

Liabilities

Colonial Church Society	26000 00
Sundry a/c's	130 00
Balance from Institute	40425 74
	66555 74

Auditors Report

To the President of
The Mechanics' Institute

Sir. We have carefully examined the Books of the Institute, as well as the Annual Statement of the Superintendent and found both to be correct. We find that the Books have been kept in a clear, simple and business like manner, easy to understand and check, which is due to the continued care and industry of the Superintendent.

Signed

{ Geo K Starke
{ Alex. C. Hutchison

It was moved by Mr Hindlay, seconded by Mr Shipway, that the annual report be just read be received and adopted. carried -

It was moved by Mr Perry seconded by Mr Shipway and unanimously carried, "That the thanks of this Institute be hereby tendered to E. K. Greene Esq for the valuable donation of books that he has presented to the Library and that it be acknowledged through the press.

The President appointed Messrs. A. Perry, Tho' Craig and D. Murray scrutineers, after which the meeting proceeded to ballot for office bearers and members of General Committee for ensuing year. While the election was being proceeded with the following parties were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute, viz, W. J. Mathers, 1st Class, C. J. Roach 2nd Class, and Miles Froats, John Lampard, David Campbell, James Keily Miss R. Tichman Robt Hargreaves, Chas Campbell, William Brown and David Williams, 3rd Class. The ballot having been taken in the usual manner, the following gentlemen were declared elected Office bears and Committee for the ensuing year.

N. B. Corse	President	Geo. Crutshank	Vice President
J. E. Gilman	Cor Secy	W. J. Patterson	Rec. Secretary
D. Macfarlane	Treas.	John Harper	Librarian
Wm Reid	Cabinet Keeper	and Messrs G. W. Weaver, J. Heath	
J. Hindlay	W. Montgomery, P. Macquisten	and John Boyd	

It was moved by Mr Hindlay seconded by Mr A. Ross that the Sectt is hereby instructed to keep a record of the attendance of Members at the meetings of the General Committee, to be submitted at the Annual meeting.

This closed the business and the meeting dismissed
Horton B. Corse
President.

W. J. Patterson
Ready Jan 2

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal September 12th 1876

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening G. Cruikshank Esq Vice President in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs. Weaver, Reid, Macquisten, Macfarlane, Harper, Findlay, Montgomery, Boyd, and Patterson.

The minutes of special meeting of 3rd Sept were read and confirmed. The following Sub-Committees were nominated by the President and agreed to. viz.

Finance

Messrs. Weaver, Cruikshank and Reid

Class and Lectures

Messrs. Macfarlane, Patterson, Gilman, Findlay and Cruikshank

House

Messrs. Reid, Weaver, Macquisten, Montgomery and Boyd

Library

Messrs. Harper, Macquisten, Patterson, Heath and Findlay

Membership

Messrs. Gilman, Harper, Heath, Boyd and Montgomery

The following named persons were proposed and in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. Samuel Fisher, John Corran, R. Garth, J. S. Mackenzie, Thomas Morton, J. Krauss, W. Paterson, W. Corning, J. C. Smith second class, and William Young, William Hyde, and Alexander Chandler Third class.

After some conversation as to the importance of a course of Lectures and free evening and other classes, the whole question was remitted for consideration and report to the Lecture and Class Committee.

Mr Montgomery inquired as to the date of foundation of this Mechanics Institute for the purpose of suggesting that on the Anniversary hereafter a Festival be held, and that a correct list of all Honorary, Life and Corresponding members of the Institute be prepared. These matters were referred to Library and Membership Committees, separately.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

Walter A. Corse

President.

W. J. Paterson,
Recording Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal Sept 26. 1870

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. N B Corse Esq. President in the chair, besides whom there was present Messrs Crickshank, Heath, Boyd, Montgomery, Hindlay, Gilman, Harper Macquisten and Patterson.

The minutes of meeting held on the 12th inst were read and confirmed. The Corresponding Sec^y was requested to acknowledge Mr Greene's donation of Books. It was moved by Mr Heath, seconded by Mr Crickshank and carried. That E K. Greene Esq. be elected a Life Member of this Institute.

The Chairman of the Library Committee reported that a donation of four volumes U.S. Census Reports 1860 from S. S. Grinnell Esq. through the Recording Secretary.

It was moved seconded and carried that the Corresponding Sec^y be instructed to communicate with the Mayor, relative to calling meetings in the Hall without pre-arrangement.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the House Committee be instructed to have the reading room cleaned.

The following named persons were proposed and in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. Henry Ross, M. Hess, 1st Class. William Kerr, John Calder, Alex. Lindsay, James Franklin, C H McLeod, 2nd Class. William Doran, Albert Linton, Welfred Pepin and Roderick McQuay, 3rd Class.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned

Nathan B. Corse
President
Wm J. Patterson,
Recording Sec^y

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal. 10th October 1870

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening N. B. Corse Esq President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs Weaver Harper, Heath Macquisten Boyd and Cruikshank.

Minutes of meeting held on 26th Sept were read and confirmed. An application from the Board of Arts and Manufacture for the use of the Long Room as a classroom, was refused on account of alterations required.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. Mr J. A. Barker, 1st Class. Peter Lunn, J. D. Barnett, John Lauder, G. Marsland, W. B. Laick, J. R. Manning, Jas W. Mills, H. C. Brewer, Gordon Rowe, Saml Grant, Walter Livermore, W. M. Kerr second class. Chal Patton, Arthur Patton, Wm McWood, G. Wyatt, G. Martin, John Robertson, E. Burroughs, A. Johns, Wm Lyons, Jas Mylie, Arthur Shelly, Reginald McDonnell, John R. Carmichael, E. Bessinger, And Reid, Arch. Duncan, James Wilson, Henry Date, John Mulligan, Angus Menish, Wm Glennon, J. O'Connor, John Drummond, J. Bromley, J. C. King, The Andersons, James Lea, John Moore, Peter Dougall, Luther Lea and E. Gerard. Third Class.

No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned.

N. B. Corse
President—
Wm J. Patterson,
Recording Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 24th October 1870

At a regular semimonthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, N. B. Corse Esq President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs Reid, Weaver, Harper, Gilman Cruikshank, Boyd, Hindley Macfarlane, Montgomery and Patterson.

Minutes of meeting held on 10th October were read and confirmed.

Lecture and Class Committee reported progress. House Committee reported relative to painting and papering reading room.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute George Harvey first class, G. V. Harman, Alfred Oakley, William Bruce, W. Johnson, Saml Oakley, J. G. Jardine, John Quinn, Jules Bourgoin, William Young, J. Borie, John L. Traquair, Alphonse Lavier, G. McKeedie, J. Notman

H. Caulfield William Young, J. S. Manser, G. A. Williams
L. F. Cameron, Walter Andrews, Wm Whitter, Wm Nixon, Second Class
Donald Besserer, G. O'Brien, Geo Neville, E. Pruneau, J. Gorr
Wm Greene, Wm Tattersalls, James Richards, John Taylor
Fred Cooper, Rob Hood, Wm Kirkham, Jas McKay, Geo Britton
Hugh Hood, H. Sullier, Cha Jaffe, Jas Jessenden, J. Ross
Burnet, M. Evence, John Martin, Wm Martin, E. Smith, J. Mercier
Rob Harte, Edmund Strain, Enfield Cole, Hudson Webster, J. Bradshaw
Moses Cochenhaler, Sam Cranford, S. A. Bulmer, Cha Sheppard Jr
Frederick McKeorn, Third Class

No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned

Wm B. Corne

President.
Wm J. Patterson
Recording Secy

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 14th Nov. 1870

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the
above named Institute held here this evening. W. B. Corne Esq.
President in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs Couikshank
Uraver, Heath, Hindlay, Harper Macquisten and Patterson.

Minutes of meeting held on 24th Oct. were read and confirmed
Treasurer reported that the Balance on hand Nov 1. 1870 was
\$1074.68.

Ak of Alex Buntin & Co. for \$5.⁴⁵/₁₀₀ was presented and referred
to Library Committee.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected
members of the Institute. John Robertson, Jas W. Muirhead, E. Sharr,
first class. Charles Barton, Rob Rattray, Fred W. Evans, W. H. Tapsen
Lemna Harpise, G. W. Woodford, W. A. Stephenson, David Toff, John L. Taylor
John Byron, second class and E. Gilbert Jr. Geo Bulling, Alex. Mason
Wm Hastings, Henry Laggett, James J. Mason, Miss Anna Brodie, John Forbes,
Rob Clements, John Fullerton, Edwin James, John McGibbon
W. Edwards, H. McCormack, Edmond Clarkin, Rob McCorkill
John W. Smith, P. J. McElroy, James McKeorn, Rob McGregor,
John Cummings, Thomas Nolan, Third class

No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned

Wm B. Corne

President.
Wm J. Patterson,
Recording Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute

Montreal, November 28, 1870

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, W.B. Gore Esq. President in the chair, besides whom were present, Messrs. Crutshank, Gilman, Hearper, Macfarlane, Heath, Findlay and Patterson.

Minutes of meeting held on 11th Nov. were read and confirmed. Letter from James Walker & Co. referred to House Committee. Mr. Macfarlane, Chairman, Class and Lecture Committee reported having written a letter to Chairman of Prot. School Commissioners with reference to free classes for members of Mech. Inst. He had not rec^d official reply.

Cheques from R. Mitchell & Co for \$1.⁰⁰ and from R. Seal for \$6.⁰⁰ were presented and refer^d to House Committee.

Notice of motion by Mr. Gilman seconded by Mr. Macfarlane "That By-Law 32, be amended by striking out the words "second and fourth Mondays of each month, and inserting in their place the words first Monday of each of the months of February, May, August and November in each year." ordered that notice be given in the usual way in Reading Room.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. Frank Gilbert and Peter Hood first class Charles Smith, A. W. Hoops Jr. second class, Jas L. Gardiner James Urquhart Arthur Simpson A. Clavel Tho^s Nichols, R. J. Fretk, W. G. Hodder J. H. Nicholls Miss A. Dennis, Denis Borden Mrs L. Matherson James Smeatt William Levick and David Hurst, third class.

No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned

W. B. Gore

President

W. J. Patterson
Recording Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal Dec. 26th 1870

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. G. Cruikshank Esq. Vice President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs Reid, Findlay, Heath, Macfarlane, Harper, Weaver, Gilman and Patterson. Minutes of meeting held on 28th Nov. read and confirmed.

Letter from Dr Jenkins, Chairman Prot. School Commissioners read and placed on file.

Letter from J. R. Annett laid over for consideration at next meeting.

Treasurer reported that the balance on hand Dec 1st was \$1104.84. A/c from Andrews & Thomas for \$140⁰⁰ was referred to House Committee. Mr Gilman stated that with the consent of the seconder, he would withdraw the motion of which he had given notice.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. Geo Young, and Geo Bond, first class. Rob Weir, J. Sully, C. Fessenden, A. Stevenson, A. G. Wilson, and Mr Gayford, second class. Geo Stevens, R. E. Ramsey, John Mansfield, J. Stewart, E. O. Skiddy, John Brown, Gilbert Leblanc, R. Robinson, Fred^l Tuck, third class.

No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned to attend the General Meeting of members for the purpose of electing delegates to the Board of Arts and Manufactures.

Winton B. Case
President

Wm J. Patterson,
Recording Secy.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 26th Dec. 1870.

According to advertisement a meeting of the members of the above named Institute was held here this evening. G. Cruikshank Esq. Vice President in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs Gilman, Macfarlane, J. Craig, A. Bertram, R. Irwin, A. C. Hutchison, J. Heath, W. Reid, J. Harper, G. W. Weaver, J. Findlay, H. Bulmer, W. Paterson, W. Patton, W. S. Walker, W. J. Patterson, and others. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The Chairman stated that the object of the present meeting was to elect delegates to the Board of Arts and Manufactures of Lower Canada, that according to the attested list, the Institute was entitled to twenty three delegates to represent them in the Board. Messrs J. Findlay, J. Harper, and J. Craig were appointed scrutineers of election.

after the balloting, a conversation ensued respecting the position, present and prospective, of the Board of Arts, and was participated in by a number of the members present.

Various other topics relative to increasing the value of the Library especially in regard Works of reference, such as Statistics &c &c

The Scrutineers reported the following delegates to be duly elected. H. Butler, G. W. Weaver, David Brown, W. J. Patterson, J. Cruikshank, D. Macfarlane, A. A. Stevenson, J. Findlay, C. Alexander, A. Murry, J. Harper, J. E. Gilman, W^m Reid, A. Bertram, W. S. Walker, R. Irvine, J. Craig, G. A. Drummond, A. C. Hutchison, J. Heath, W. Patton, E. K. Gore, A. Perry.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that an Ordinary General Meeting of this Institute be held on Monday 23rd Jan'y 1871, in order to consider the following amendments to the Bye Laws, viz—

"That the 32nd & 34th Bye Law be amended by striking out the words — "Second and" in each.

No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned.

Horton B. Gore

President.

W^m J. Patterson,
Recording Sec^y

Committee Room.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal Jan'y 9. 1871

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, W. B. Gore Esq. President in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Findlay, Montgomery, Heath, Cruikshank and Harper.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. On motion the consideration of the letter of J. N. Annett was deferred.

The Treasurer reported that the Balance on hand Jan'y 1. 1871 was \$1080.¹⁵/₁₀₀

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. Henry S. Evans, Frank Dudley second class and H. Chyman, Peter Turner third class.

No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned.

Horton B. Gore

President.

W^m J. Patterson,
Recording Sec^y

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal Jan'y 23. 1871

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. N Borse Esq President in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Findlay Macfarlane Macquisten. Cruikshank and Harper.

Minutes of meeting held on the 9th Jan'y were read and confirmed. The following ap's were read and refered to the Library and House Committees. Ottawa Times \$25. and J. Dougall Son, \$3. ³²/₁₀₀.
W. Montgomery \$18. ⁸⁶/₁₀₀ Craig Castle \$28. ⁷⁵/₁₀₀.

The following ~~minutes~~ named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. T. A. Coane, 1st Class
W. J. T. Louson, W. J. Taylor, Moses Parker, E. J. Rexford, C. M. Cookell
Louis Lemeinuy, 2nd Class. Wm Nelson, W. W. Seymour, Frank Crain
J. Lepage, J. K. Reid, John Miller, Peter Redmond, J. O. Usherwood
John Darrach and Miss J. Hunter, 3rd Class.

No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned

Hatton B. Borse

W. J. Patterson
President.
Recording Sec?

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 27. Febr'y 1871

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. N Borse Esq President in the chair - besides whom were present Messrs. Cruikshank, Gilman, Heath, Harper Macquisten Macfarlane and Patterson. Minutes of meeting held on 23rd Jan'y were read and confirmed. Circular communication from Gas Co in reference to subscription to new Stock - The President was authorized to subscribe for 5 shares of same. The Treasurer reported that the Balance on hand, Febr'y 1st was \$1054.13.

The following ap's were read and referred to the House Library Committees. Rick Patton \$91.94 C. Garth & Co. \$8. ⁰⁰/₁₀₀. Lepage \$6. ⁰⁰/₁₀₀. J. R. White \$10. ⁰⁰/₁₀₀. Moved by Mr. Macfarlane seconded by Mr. Macquisten, and unanimously carried. "That the premium of Mr. Reeds. Guarante Assurance for the current year be refunded to him by this Institute and that this Institute pay for him the future annual premiums. The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. John Findlay, Tho. McIntosh, F. S. Haight, J. Louson, C. P. Davidson Sam. Bird, A. C. Cummings, J. M. Keod H. S. Baker, Tho. Cross, C. H. Gilmore Tho. Dempsey, S. P. Correll, J. Watson, 2nd Class, Isabella Hunter, A. G. Nichols, R. Smith, 3rd Class. No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned

Hatton B. Borse

W. J. Patterson
President.
Recording Sec?

Committee Room
Mechanic's Institute

Montreal, 27th March 1871

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, N. B. Corse Esq. President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Macquisten Harper, Heath, Boyd, Findlay and Cruikshank.

Minutes of meeting held on 27th Feby. were read and confirmed. The Treasurer reported balance on hand March 1. 1871 as \$1294.91

An Application from A. C. Hutchison for use of Centre Room during the day was read and considered. It was resolved that the use of the room be given for \$100. Mr Hutchison paying for alterations to be made under the Superintendance of the House Committee.

Professor Goldwin Smith's lecture to be free to members of the Institute. Surplus tickets to be disposed of by members of Committee.

It was moved by Mr Harper seconded by Mr Heath, and carried. "That the President be instructed to take legal measures to recover rent due by Messrs J. Walker & Co."

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. Alex. Coultry and Robt Russell 1st class Thomas M^o Nat. Mr Eldridge Henry Miles Jr. A. W. Hutchison and C. McLean Second Class.

No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned

N. B. Corse

President

W. J. Patterson,
Recording Secy

Committee Room.

Mechanic's Institute.

Montreal, 20th April 1871.

At a special meeting of the ^{General Committee} above named Institute held here this evening for the purpose of considering the desirability of amalgamating with the Mercantile Library Association. N. B. Corse Esq. President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Findlay, Gilman, Heath, Boyd, Macquisten, Harper, Montgomery, Cruikshank, H. Kramer, McPherson, Caldwell, Kirkcaldie and others.

Motion by Mr E. Gilman, seconded by Mr S. Findlay. "That three members be named to meet three members of the Mercantile Library Assⁿ., only, as requested in the letter of Hon. John Young, and said Committee to report to this Institute their doings." Moved in amendment by Mr J. Macquisten seconded by Mr S. Boyd, and after discussion carried. "That a courteous reply be made to the letter of the 18th inst from the Hon. John Young, Chairman of Special Committee of the Mercantile Library Association asking them if they have any wish to amalgamate with this Institute, they make a

"proposition in writing, stating terms upon which they wish to do so."
No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned

Norton B. Corse
President
Wm. J. Patterson,
Recording Secy

Committee Room
Mechanic's Institute

Montreal 24th April. 1871 -

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. N. B. Corse Esq in the chair besides whom were present Messrs. Reed, Findlay, Heath, McFarlane, Harper, McQuisten, Boyd, and Chukshank - Minutes of regular monthly meeting 27th March, and also of special meeting of 20th April were read and confirmed - A letter from Hon John Young in reference to Amalgamation with "Institut Canadien" and "Mercantile Library Assocⁿ" was read and on motion placed on file. - An account from Jas.

Walker & Co. amounting to \$6.³⁰/₁₀₀ was after discussion and division ordered to be paid =

The Treasurer reported balance on hand April 1. 1871 \$1118.⁰¹/₁₀₀ = House Committee reported having conditionally on the Board of Arts & Manufacturers leaving; that the office occupied by them and the Centre room be leased to A. C. Hutchison for the term of one year at the rate of (\$240.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ and taxes) Two Hundred and forty dollars per ann. and taxes - on motion the action of the House Committee was confirmed

The following named members were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute - Robt. Muir - Merchant Life Member - H. R. Gray, W. Mc Donald, S. Pedlar - Walter B. Peck - John Lewis 1st Class. - W. Neill - A. M. Sissonright - Geo. Blacklock, W. Stewart - J. Whitley - John Nolan - A. W. Russell - 2nd Class. - Tho. Finn - Andrew Johnson - Wm. Nicholson - S. Stone, 3rd Class.

No other business appearing the meeting adjourned

Norton B. Corse
President
Wm. J. Patterson,
Recording Secy

Committee Room.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal May 4th 1841.

At a special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, for the purpose of receiving a deputation from the Mercantile Library Assocⁿ, relative to an Amalgamation with the Mechanics Institute N. B. Corse Esq. President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Cruikshank, Macfarlane, Gilman, Harper, Findlay, Heath MacQuisten, Montgomery and Patterson.

The President stated the object for which the meeting had been called - viz - to hear a statement or suggestions from the deputation of the Mercantile Library Assocⁿ, the gentlemen present, being Messrs. Matthews, M^r Gibben, Trenholme and M^r Masters

Mr. Matthews made a verbal statement about the condition of the Mercantile L. Assocⁿ

Mr. Trenholme submitted a memorandum which was placed on file - after explanations the deputation withdrew.

The members of the Committee having expressed opinions as to the General Questions of Amalgamating. It was moved by Mr. Findlay - seconded by Mr. Heath.

That the memorandum, now submitted on the question of "Amalgamation by the deputation from the Mercantile Library Association be laid before the General Committee of the Mechanics Institute at its first regular meeting" - which was carried -

No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned

Nathan B. Corse

President.

Wm. J. Patterson,
Recording Sec^y

Committee Room,
Mechanics' Institute

Montreal May 8th 1871-

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. M. B. Corse Esq. President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Cruikshank, Macfarlane, Reid, Findlay, Macquisten, Heath, Harper, Boyd and Patterson.

The minutes of regular meeting 24th April and special meeting held on 4th May were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer reported balance on hand May 1. 1871 as \$1184.71. The following a/c from F. C. Grafton for \$23.95. was refer^d to the Library Committee

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. A. Abrams, P. S. Curran, G. W. Hatton, second class.

The President stated that since the special meeting held on the 4th inst. he had received a letter and certain documents mentioned in it from W. N. Trenholme Esq. in behalf of the deputation from the Mercantile Library Assocⁿ. which were placed on file.

It was moved by Mr Findlay seconded by Mr Heath and unanimously carried. "Resolved"

"That without committing the members of the Committee on the subject"
"of amalgamation with the Mercantile Library Assocⁿ. it is deemed advisable"
"to refer the proposals from them to a Sub. Committee to consider the whole"
"question, with a view of ascertaining whether a satisfactory basis of Union can"
"be arranged. the Sub. Committee to consist of the President, Messrs"
"Reid, Patterson and the mover and seconder, and to report to the"
"General Committee at the earliest possible moment"

No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned

Wm. B. Corse

President.

Wm. J. Patterson,
Recording Sec^y

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal May 22nd 1871

At a ^{regular} special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, for the purpose of considering report of Special Sub Committee in reference to amalgamation with the Mercantile Library Assoc. - N. B. Coors Esq. President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs Findlay, Macfarlane, Heath, Harper, MacQuiston, Cruikshank ^{Reed} and Patterson. The minutes of meeting held on May 8th were read and confirmed.

It was ordered that a complete set of the Cadestral Plans of the different Wards of the City, be procured through the Library Committee.

The Question of repairing the stairs was specially referred to the House Committee -

It was ordered that the Reading Room be closed at 11 o'clock A.M. on the 24th inst (the Queen's Birthday)

The following named was in the usual member elected a member of the Institute. S. H. Redfern, 1st class.

The Sub Committee on Amalgamation of the Mercantile Library Assocⁿ with the Mechanics ^{Institute} reported as follows: -

W. J. Patterson, Secy
N. B. Coors, Pres
Committee Room - Mechanics Institute
Montreal 19th May, 1871.

To the General Committee of the
Mechanics Institute of Montreal.

"The Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Committee, to take into consideration the proposals made by the Mercantile Library Association of this City for amalgamation with the Mechanics Institute, beg leave to Report: -

"That they have given the subject careful consideration and have arrived at the conclusion that a union of the two institutions above named, is practicable on the following basis, viz -

I. "The amalgamated Institution, to be known as "The Mechanics Institute and Mercantile Library of Montreal"

II. "Life Members of both the Mechanics Institute and the Mercantile Library Association, who are such in accordance with the Bye-Laws of the respective Associations to be Life Members of the Amalgamated institutions, Ordinary members of both to be members of the amalgamated institution, until the period of their subscription expires; and that, until otherwise provided the scale of Fees of the Mechanics Institute shall be in force."

III. "All the property of whatsoever nature or kind now owned or possessed either by the Mechanics Institute or the Mercantile Library Association, to become the common property of the amalgamated institution"

IV — "The operations of the Mechanics Institute and Mercantile Library" of Montreal" to be carried on in the building, corner of S^t James and S^t Peter Streets, now owned and occupied by the Mechanics Institute of Montreal into "which building the Library, and the other moveable property of the Mercantile Library Association shall be removed, immediately after Amalgamation" "resolutions shall have been adopted by the members of both institutions," "The Reading-Room and Library in the Mechanics Institute building to be" "enlarged, so as to afford the necessary accomodation for the combined member-ship —"

V "That authority be obtained at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec to give legal effect to the union in question, and in order to obviate any difficulty which might arise regarding the disposal of the Real Estate now owned by the Mercantile Library Association, it is to be distinctly understood, that until the passing of the Act" "authorising the Amalgamation, The Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association, may lease the Building in Bonaventure Street, for a term not exceeding three years — and that immediately on the passing of said act, the Committee of" "Management of the Mechanics Institute and Mercantile Library of Montreal" shall assume the charge and control of said Real Estate, and shall either sell it or retain it, as may be considered most advisable — In case of sale the proceeds after liquidation of liabilities, to be placed in the General Fund of the Mechanics Institute and Mercantile Library of Montreal" but should the buildings and Real Estate be retained, "the latter must make provision to meet the liabilities of the Mercantile Library Association, consisting of a floating debt of, say, Three thousand and seven hundred" "(\$3700.) Dollars, and a mortgage for Ten thousand and Three hundred (\$10,300) Dollars, held by the Heirs of the late Judge Malloch, amounting in all" "to the sum of say, Fourteen thousand (\$14,000) Dollars" —

"The whole most respectfully submitted"

Signed —

N. B. Coxe

Chairman

W. Patterson

Jonathan Findlay

Geo. Heath

Wm. Reid

Moved by Mr M^cFarlane, seconded by Mr Harper and carried — "That the Report of the Sub-Committee be received"

Moved by Mr Heath seconded by Mr Findlay. "That the Report lay on the table until next Monday evening (29th May) and that the Corresponding Society be requested to communicate with the Committee of Mercantile Library Association"

Special notices to be sent to each member of Committee.

No other business appearing the meeting was adjourned —

Horton B. Coxe

President

Wm. J. Patterson,
Recording Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal May 29. 1871

At a special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. N. B. Corse Esq. President in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Findley, Macfarlane, Heath, Harper, MacQuistens, Gilman, Reid and Patterson.

The minutes of meeting held on 22nd inst were read and confirmed.

The President stated the Special business to be the consideration of the Report of Sub-Committee on Amalgamation of the Mercantile Library Association with the Mechanics Institute, which had been submitted at last meeting. On motion Resolved, That the Report of the Sub-Committee be considered clause by clause. Therefore Clause I. was read and agreed to.

" II was read, considered and amended by adding the words "Bye Laws and" before the words "scale of fees. This clause as amended was agreed to and is as follows. -

Life Members of both the Mechanics Institute and the Mercantile Library Association who are such in accordance with the Bye Laws of the respective Associations, to be life members of the Amalgamated institution. Ordinary members of both to be members of the Amalgamated institution until the period of their subscription expires; and that, until otherwise provided the Bye Laws and Scale of Fees of the Mechanics Institute shall be in force.

Clause III was read and agreed to.

Clause IV. was read and agreed to.

Clause V. was read, considered, and amended by adding the words "and shall draw all rents and revenue from said property." before the words "and shall either sell it or retain it." The clause as amended, was agreed to and is as follows. -

That Authority be obtained at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec to give legal effect to the union in question, and in order to obviate any difficulty which might arise regarding the disposal of the Real Estate now owned by the Mercantile Library Association, it is to be distinctly understood, that until the passing of the Act authorizing the amalgamation the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association may lease the Building in Bonaventure Street, for a term not exceeding three years, and that immediately on the passing of said Act, the Committee of Management of the Mechanics Institute and Mercantile Library of Montreal shall assume the charge and control of said Real Estate and shall draw all rents and revenue from said property, and shall either sell it or retain it as may be considered most advisable. In case of sale the proceeds, after liquidation of liabilities, to be placed in the General Fund of the Mechanics Institute and Mercantile Library of Montreal, but should the buildings and Real

"Estate be retained, the latter must make provision to meet the liabilities
of the Mercantile Library Association, consisting of a floating debt of say
Three thousand and seven hundred (\$3,700) Dollars, and a mortgage for
Ten thousand and three hundred (\$10,300) Dollars held by the Heirs
of the late Judge Malloch amounting in all to the sum of say fourteen
thousand (\$14,000) Dollars."

Moved by Mr Gilman, seconded by Mr Macfarlane and
Resolved — "That the report of the Sub Committee as amended be
adopted, and that a copy of the proposed Basis, as now agreed to by
the General Committee of the Mechanics Institute be laid before the
Directors of the Mercantile Library Association."

The Corresponding Sec^y. was requested to communicate the
foregoing Resolution, and a copy of the Amended report to the President
of the Mercantile Library Association.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned

Norton B. Corse
President
Wm. J. Patterson
Recording Sec^y.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 10th July 1871

At a regular meeting of the General Committee of the above named
Institute held here this evening. N. B. Corse Esq. President
in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs Findlay Harper
Cruikshank Boyd Macquisten and Patterson

The minutes of two meetings held on the 22nd and 29th May were
read and confirmed. Treasurer's reported Balance on hand May
1884 \$100. and on June 1st \$1269. 80.

A/c's from Messrs. A. Buntin Co. and Mr. Montgomery were
ordered to be paid.

Chairman of Library Committee, reported that Cadestral plans had
not yet been procured, some of the Wards not being completed,
Library closed as usual until Aug 1st and asking a grant of a Specific
Amount for new Books for the reopening of the library. — The Question of Fuel was left
in the hands of the President and Chairman of House Committee. — Moved by Mr
Harper — seconded by Mr Findlay —

"Resolved: — That the members of the
N. England Press Association and the Canadian Press Assⁿ. be invited to visit the Rooms
of the Institute during their stay in this city and that the Cor^y's Sec^y be requested to
communicate this Resolution to the respective Secretaries of those Assⁿ."

F. W. L. Penton Esq. was in the usual manner elected a Life Member of the Institute
The meeting was thereafter adjourned

Norton B. Corse
President
Wm. J. Patterson
Recording Sec^y

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 24th July 1871

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. W. B. Coors Esq. President in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs Crutskand Arkh Boyd Macfarlane Harper Macquisten Reid and Patterson. Minutes of meeting held on 11th July were read and confirmed.

The President submitted draft of proposed Protest in the matter of Miloyan Wall, against Robert Campbell. It was ordered that the document be completed, and served upon him.

Moved by Mr Macfarlane, seconded by Mr Harper. "That it is very desirable to the proper working of the Institute, that the bye-laws be carried out, therefore it is Resolved that the Corresponding Secy be and he is hereby instructed to notify the Agent of the Bank where the funds of the Institute are deposited that the same are to be withdrawn only by check, signed according to Bye Law No 24, and that office be and is authorized at present are. W. B. Coors President W. J. Patterson Recording Secy David Macfarlane Treasr"

Carried unanimously,

Moved by Mr Macfarlane, seconded by Mr Macquisten. Resolved, "That the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars, be and it is hereby ordered to be placed to the credit of the Library Committee, for the immediate purchase of new books. Carried unanimously. -

The meeting was thereafter adjourned

W. B. Coors

President -

W. J. Patterson,
Recording Secy.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 14th Aug. 1871

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, G. Crutskand Vice President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs Boyd Hindlay Macfarlane Harper and Gilman. Minutes of meeting held on 24th July read and confirmed. J. C. Gilman acting as Secy.

Treasurer reported Balance on hand Aug 1, as of 1871, \$12. A/c from Rich Patton for \$29. " " 100. Penny Wilson Co. 17. 85 James Nish 2. 50. referred to House and Library Committees and if found correct. Ordered to be paid.

Moved by Mr Macfarlane, seconded by Mr Gilman, "and carried" That rent charged for use of room be to the Board of Arts and Manufactures be \$200 per annum. The following named persons were in

the usual manner elected members of the Institute
 Louis Allard, W. D. McLaren, John Sutherland Dr. Ubley,
 W. H. Goddington, first class, A. Swan, G. E. Brooke, Jas Hilton
 H. Cooper, R. Cockburn, P. P. Bourque, Geo Hastings D. M. Beers,
 Saml Hume, A. D. Skule, W. Porteus, J. Mattinson, W. M. Connell
 Edwin Hunt Henry Massy, Comans, Jas E. Alston, Ch Adams
 W. J. Cuthbertson, Tho Cooper, B. Dakers, Robt Tatlow, W. Coupar
 G. Saraugeau, Jas A. Walker, John Deane, Wm Gray, Jas O'Brien,
 Second class, Ino W. Storer, W. Nolan, W. C. Patton, J. G. Graham
 David Millock, J. M. Hall, Geo Hastie, Geo Caldwell, J. Foster
 Robt Parker, Wm Brymner, E. Blackburn, J. Nichols, Geo Scott,
 A. Amos, W. D. McLaren jr., John Gannon, Jas Richards, A. Kellond,
 H. Sternberg, J. Blaiklock, G. Young, John Rowland, Jas S. Mc Dougall
 Jas Wright jr., Henry Willgren, H. Prince jr., J. Hoerner, R. C. Thornber,
 J. A. Riddell, Jas Nesbit, A. Dakers, A. Norrell, G. Barrette.
 Third class. The meeting was thereafter adjourned closed.

Wm. B. Gorse
 President.
 Wm. J. Patterson,
 Recording Secy.

Committee Room,
 Mechanics Institute

Montreal, 28th Aug, 1871.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee
 of the above named Institute held here this evening, J. Croutshank
 Esq, Vice President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs
 Macfarlane, Heath, Boyd, Reid, ~~Croutshank~~ MacQuisten, Harper and
 Patterson.

The minutes of meeting held on 14th inst were
 read and confirmed. The Chairman reported that Protest
 had been served upon R. Campbell Esq respecting his use of Mitoyen
 Hall, ordered to be filed along with the Deed.

The Report of the library Committee was presented and read by
 Mr Harper, it showed a growing interest in the library.

A conversation took place relative to investment of surplus funds, the
 consideration was deferred. The following named persons were in the
 usual manner elected members of the Institute. J. Mackenzie life
 Member, Louis Guerout, H. McLaren first class, A. Gillespie, Angus
 John Moir, J. Lantou, N. McIntosh, C. E. Woodley, W. Cahill, C. Boddy
 Robt Sharr, second class, Wm Davidson, Henry Brownlee, H. McGlashan
 Mrs De Bigny, John Fullerton, Tho S. Hedley, H. E. McIntosh, John Miller
 A. Pringle, John Noble, third class. — The meeting was thereafter adjourned
 until Saturday Sept 2, at 8 o'clock

Wm. B. Gorse
 President.
 Wm. J. Patterson,
 Recording Secy.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal. Sept 2. 1871.

At an ~~special~~ ^{adjourned} meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. N. B. Corse Esq. President in the chair besides whom were present Messrs Findlay, Macfarlane, Heath, Harper, Macquisten, Boyd and Patterson. Minutes of meeting held on 28th August. read and confirmed.

Draft report read and adopted. — thereafter the meeting was adjourned.

Horton Moore
President

Wm J. Patterson,
Recording Secy.

Long Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal. September 4th 1871.

The Thirty second annual meeting of the members of this Institute was held here this evening according to rule and advertisement.

N. B. Corse Esq. President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs Weaver, Cruikshank, Findlay, Macfarlane, Heath, Macquisten, Patterson, Reid, Gilman, Harper, Boyd, Irwin, Perry, Bernard, Barrett, Smith, Hall, R. Garth Walker, Whittaker, Haight, Steele, Cuthbertson, Nelson, Nolan, Ferguson and about twenty others.

The Secretary read the minutes of last Annual meeting which were approved and confirmed. after which the following Annual report was read.

To the members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal.
Gentlemen,

"In presenting for your consideration the Thirty second Annual Statement of the affairs of the Institute, the General Committee deem it unnecessary to do more than refer to the leading incidents of the year, which will enable you to judge whether during that time they have performed faithfully or otherwise, the duties which devolved upon them. They trust that the notice taken of matters connected with the prosperity of the Institute will afford you a satisfactory view of its present state and future prospects."

The first item to be considered is that of the Memberships

The number of members at last Annual report was —

Honorary	11.
Corresponding	8
Life	270
Annual	412

701

Members on the Books at present.

Honorary	11.	
Corresponding -	8	
Life	274	
Annual	<u>407</u>	709

Library

The Committee have given this Department of the Institute great consideration. The outlay in the purchase of Books and magazines has been larger during the past year, than in any previous one. The number of Books in Library at last annual report was —

		5300
added during the year, by purchase	207	
" Donations	65	
" Periodicals from R Room	<u>64</u>	5636

Number of Volumes in Library at present. 5613.

" " " Lost and worn out 23 5636

Number of volumes issued during the past year 11979

As follows:		
Novels	7792	
History	612	
Voyages	821	
Bohn Library	406	
Biography	283	
Poetry	103	
Miscel ^y & Magazines	1008	
Scienc ^e & Mechanical	<u>954</u>	11,979

Issues during previous year were 9368

Showing increase of 2611 11,979

Number of volumes rebound and repaired 217

Four members of the City Police, availed themselves of the privilege of the Library during the past year.

Reading Room

The Reading room continues to attract a very large and regular attendance of members, a great number of whom do not avail themselves of the Library. The Room is well supplied with the best Journals of the Dominion, G^t Britain and the United States and the supply of periodicals and magazines are numerous and well selected as will be seen from the following list, viz

Montreal Herald	Le Pays.	Church Observer
" Gazette.	Nouveau Monde.	Quebec Off ^r Gazette
" Daily News.	L'Aurore	
" " Witness	Canadian Ill ^d News.	
" Star.	True Witness	

Toronto Globe	Ottawa Times	Hamilton Spectator
" Telegraph	Quebec Chronicle	London Advertiser
Kingston News	Richmond Guardian	Waterloo Advertiser
Sherbrooke Gazette	Comansville Observer	Peoples Journal
Nova Scotian	S. John Telegraph	
London Times	Dublin Mirror	Edinburgh Wk Review
Glasgow Citizen	Glasgow Wk Herald	" " Scotsman
Athenaeum	Engineer	Engineering
Punch	Judy	Builder
Chemical News	Lancet	Public Opinion
Saturday Review		
New York Herald	New York Times	N. Y. Witness
Philadelphia Inquirer	Boston Journal	Chicago Tribune
Scottish Am Journal	Home Journal	J. Leslie's Illustrated
Albion	Every Saturday	Scientific American
+ National Em. Advocate	Christian Register	
Harpers Monthly	Atlantic Monthly	Senbner's Monthly
x Technologist	Workshop	Religious Magazine
The Academy	Art Journal	British Controversialist
Nature	Temple Bar	Once a week
London Society	All year Round	London Journal
Family Herald	Chambers Journal	English Mechanic
Cornhill	Dublin University	Macmillans
British Quarterly Review	Westminster Review	Lon. Quarterly
Edinburgh Review	Blackwoods	

— Finance —

It is gratifying to note the increasing prosperity of the Institute. The Treasurer's statement at last Annual report showed a Balance of £373. $\frac{2}{100}$ — Balance on hand at the close of the past year, \$1377.12. The receipts from Hall and Rooms shows a slight increase. The amt received from subscriptions of members is slightly in advance for the year last past.

From the following tabular statement a very good idea may be formed of the progressive state of the finances of the Institute. The table shows the gross receipts for the three last past years. —

Receipts from	1871	1870	1869
Members Subscription	719 -	686 50	403 50
Rents, Shops.	2688.99	2045 80	2489 76
Hall	2047.75	1975.50	2637.80
Rooms.	322.16	375 00	4396 30
Dividends & Interest	5058 90	354	5481 56
Papers Catalogues & Fines	712 3	47 93	132
Donations	54 25	76 54	9.55
A/c ^s collected		327 31	237 64
Class fees & donations for B of Arts		124 78	
			222
	\$5903 38	\$5659 36	\$6486 25

The amount of rents in 1870 and which were collected in 1871, accounts for part of the increase of the latter year over the former, but it will be observed that there were donations and a/c^s collected (\$452.⁰⁹/₁₀₀) in 1870, against which there are no corresponding receipts in 1871, setting aside this sum, as also the amount of rents from 1870 collected in 1871, we find the ^{net} increase in the receipts of last year over the receipts of the previous year to be \$374.⁵¹/₁₀₀. Again, if we deduct from the Gross receipts of 1869 \$459.⁶⁴/₁₀₀ of donations &c. received that year it will be observed that the revenue of the past year is only \$123.⁰⁰ short of that in 1869 although that year the receipts for the Hall amounted to \$590 in excess of last year.

It will be observed that the balance of Cash in hand at the close of the past year is about \$1000 more than that in hand at the close of the previous year, and it is worthy of remark that the receipts since the close of the financial year are more than sufficient to pay all accounts now due or about to become due by the Institute. The current expenses are somewhat increased, Gas, Fuel, Salaries, Newspapers &c. &c. vary but little, while the interest is always the same. The Gas Company having increased their Capital Stock to the extent of 50 per cent, present stockholders were afforded the privilege of subscribing to the new stock in the ratio of 1 to 2 Shares held by them at par. Your Committee availed themselves of the opportunity and secured 5 Shares, making in all 15 Shares now held by the Institute. The money borrowed by the Institute amounting to \$26,000 falls due in 11 years and the committee suggest that some definite measures ^{be adopted} for the increase of the sinking fund. The property of the Institute is valued at \$55,550.

House.

During the past year your committee have improved the Reading Room by having it painted, papered, and varnished, and the ceiling frescoed, making it as attractive as possible. They have rented the Centre room to Mr A. C. Hutchison, and the necessary alterations was incurred at his own expense. They have also had Gas pipes &c introduced in the cellar of the store corner of S Peter Street occupied by Messrs James Walker & Co

Classes and Lectures.

The school of art and design under the control of the Board of Arts & Manufactures was largely attended by the members of the Institute during the winter months.

Your Committee have very great pleasure in reporting that during the past winter, Professor Goldwin Smith delivered a Lecture to the members of the Institute which was attended by a crowded and appreciative audience; by the kindness of Professor Smith the Committee were able to make the admission free.

The Committee have especially to mention that a difference has arisen between them and R. Campbell Esq; as to his using more or less of the Mitoyen Hall of the property belonging to the Institute - and that for the purpose of preserving and protecting the interests of the Institute, they have deemed it expedient to serve a formal protest upon said Campbell, for not having first procured the right to such use of the Mitoyen Hall by purchase or otherwise. The Committee were averse to entering into proceedings at law in the meantime in the hope that when a more substantial building is determined upon by Campbell or his heirs, they will respect the rights and property of the Institute the Committee have therefore merely protested to prevent detriment to the Institute by lapse of time; and copy of the Protest has been filed away with the deed of the Institute property.

Communication having been made to this General Committee, in the interest of the Mercantile Library Association of this City, that there was a desire on the part of Members of that Association and of the Mechanics Institute for a union of the two bodies - the question was referred to a Sub-Committee for consideration and report (1st) as to the practicability of amalgamating the two institutions (2nd) a basis upon which it might be effected - and (3rd) generally as to the probable results. That Sub-Committee gave the whole subject careful attention, and, after frequent deliberation reported in writing that such a Union was practicable, submitting a basis upon which it might be carried out.

That Report was considered in General Committee; and, while the feeling was general that the increasing prosperity of this Institute did not render such a step at all necessary, still the Committee readily admitted that, if the classes in the community for whose special advantage the two organizations were established, would be benefited to a commensurate extent by amalgamation, it would not be their duty nor interest to let obstacles come in the way. The report was therefore adopted with a great degree of unanimity - it being deemed expedient, before submitting the matter to the members of this Institute, to transmit a copy of the proposed Basis to the President and Directors of the Mercantile Library Association. This was accordingly done, and there is no doubt as to their having received it; no notification to that effect has ever been received, however, and thus the matter ended. The Report and correspondence are all matters of record with the Secretaries of the Institute - but this brief statement conveys the sense of the proceedings. It may not be improper, however, to mention here, that the Mercantile Library Association subsequently disposed of their

real estate on Bonaventure Street; and the intention of the Directors is now understood to be, to carry on the business of the Association in another part of the City. While the General Committee of this Institute have in good faith, acted as above stated, yet without leading to the result contemplated by those who pressed the matter upon their attention, they have not the slightest regret to express. They are and most of them have ever been of opinion that it would be a loss to the members and friends of the Mercantile Library Association, if that body should cease to have an individual and separate existence. In a City marked by such enterprise and rapid growth as Montreal, there is undoubtedly scope enough for the operations of the Mercantile Library Association; and it will afford the General Committee who retire to night, - as well no doubt as their successors great pleasure to hear of its future prosperity. The whole of which is respectfully submitted -

Treasurer's Statement
David Macfarlane, Treasurer.

In acc^t with the Mechanics Institute of Montreal.

To paid interest	1560 00	By Balance from last year	34324
" " insurance	135 00	" Cash rec ^d from Rent stores	2490 00
" " Assessments & Water rate	338 60	" " " " Assessments	19899268899
" " Gas Company (light)	502 50	" " " " Hall	204775
" " for Fuel	272 00	" " " " Rooms	32216236991
" " Sundry acc ^t 107.82		" " " " Int deposits	3923
" " Alterations & Repairs 340.04	44786	" " " " Gas Dividends	32 00 7123
" " Sub. to newspapers 61.50		" " " " Board Arts M.	120 00
" " Advertising 33.03	9453	" " " " Life Members	90 00
" " Donation Prithus 1174 55		" " " " Annual "	629 00 71900
" " Salaries 865.00		" " " " Old papers	33 50
" " Contingencies 329.46	119446	" " " " fines	8 00
" Bal on hand July 31/71	1377 12	" " " " Catalogues	1275 5426
	639662		639662
Assets		Liabilities	
Building and Land (estimated)	55500 00	Colonial Church Soc ^y	26000 00
Furniture "	4000 00	Sundry acc ^t 's (estimated)	7000
Gas Stock	560 00	Balance in favor of Inst ⁿ "	41132 12
Library	5700 00		
Sundry acc ^t 's	65 00		
Cash on hand	1377 12		
	67202 12		67202 12

Auditors Report

Montreal September 4. 1871.

N. B. Corse Esq

President

Mechanics Institute of Montreal.

Sir

We beg to report that we have examined the vouchers, checked them with the entries in the Cash Book, and the latter with the entries in the Ledger, and that the Ledger agrees with the accompanying statement.

We have much pleasure in testifying to the correctness with which the Books are kept.

signed } George K. Starke }
 } J. Craig } Auditors

Moved by Mr A Perry, seconded by Mr W. S. Walker, and carried, That the report be received.

Moved by Mr R. Irvine, seconded by Mr S. Whittaker. That the thanks of the members of this Institute be tendered to Committee for their zeal and industry carried.

The President appointed Messrs R. Irvine, S. Whittaker, and W. S. Walker, Scrutineers, after which the meeting proceeded to ballot for Office bearers and members of General Committee, for the ensuing year. While the election was being proceeded with the following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. A. Stoneken 1st Class Mrs Edwards Richard Parker James Keirnan M. H. Smith Duncan McLean Wm Yamble. W. H. Orchard Second Class Geo Halls John Mulligan A. Ferguson W. H. Stanton J. Feeney Geo Duncan J. O'Rush Craig Mrs Turner Wm Turner John Gahanan Tho^s McGrath Tho^s Finn Wm Davies Wm Leonard Jas Ewing A. Irvine P. Ryan J. Barry Jno Barlow Wm Dickinson M. Mahon Rob Eagan J. Pringle Mo Roman Jas Letters A. Robinson R. Wilson John Kellen M. Hagger Jas Dailly J. J. Kelly Wm Carsman L. Fulton H. Stone W. G. Philpott John Cockburn Wm Robinson, Third Class J. W. L. Penton Life.

The ballot having been taken in the usual manner the following gentlemen were declared elected Office bearers and Committee for the ensuing year. N. B. Corse President - Geo Cruikshank Vice Presid
J. E. Gilman Cor Secy W. J. Patterson Rec Secy
D. Macfarlane Treasurer John Harper Librarian
Wm Reid Cabinet Keeper and Messrs Macquisten Wears
Hendray Heath Irvine and Boyd. General Committee.

after remarks from a number of members, it was moved by Mr Cruikshank seconded by Mr Rutherford and carried that the Annual report be adopted. This closed the business and the meeting was dismissed.

Horton B. Case
President

Committee Room.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 11th Sept. 1871-

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening G. Cruikshank Esq. Vice President in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs Macfarlane Findlay Harper Boyd Reid Irwin and Patterson

The minutes of meeting held on 28th Aug and Sept 2nd were read and confirmed.

The following Committees were nomination of the President. Finance Committee, Messrs Weaver Reid Cruikshank and Patterson.

House Committee, Messrs Reid Weaver Macquisten Boyd and Irwin
Class & Lecture Committee Messrs Cruikshank Macfarlane Harper Gilman and Findlay

Library Committee Messrs Harper Macquisten Macfarlane Heath and Findlay

Membership Committee, Messrs Gilman Patterson Heath Boyd and Irwin.

Moved by Mr Harper, seconded by Mr Patterson. That Mr Findlay's name be added to the Finance Committee as Chairman carried and the list confirmed.

The Treasurer's monthly statement was read, and reported Bal. on hand Sept 1st 2063.48.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute - Prof Goldwin Smith M. A as Honorary member - John Dabe Life Member. James Thompson. J. B. Picken second Class. E. Nurse R. McLeod J. W. Phelpott and H. Mackay. Third Class -

The meeting was then after adjourned -

Wm. J. Patterson
President -
Secretary

Committee Room.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal Sept 25th 1871

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. N. B. Corse Esq. President in the Chair besides whom were present Messrs Cruikshank, Macquiten, Findlay Harper, Heath Irwin Boyd and Patterson.

Minutes of meeting held on 11th Sept were read and confirmed. Moved by Mr Findlay seconded by Mr Patterson "That the President be authorized to engage a person to attend to the boiler and Heating apparatus caused — The question of repairing or renewing a certain water pipe was referred to the House Committee.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute Nathan Mercer, A. A. Murphy, L. A. Lovelock, G. M. Entoye, Les Nekham, J. R. McKelvey, J. C. Allen and J. M. Hardy, 2nd Class. Tho^s J. Rutherford, W. P. Fields, Wm. J. Torrance, Arthur Stafford, D. M. Knox, W. M. Lamson, James Taylor, Chas Wilson, Angus Cameron and Geo. Aird Third Class.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned

Wm. J. Patterson
President

Committee Room Mechanics Institute

Montreal October 9th 1871

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening N. B. Corse Esq. President in the Chair besides whom were present Messrs Findlay Macfarlane Boyd, Harper, Irwin, Heath, Gilman Reid and Patterson.

Minutes of meeting held on 25th Sept. were read and confirmed. The President reported the engagement of R. Young to attend to Boiler and Heating Apparatus.

Mr Boyd from House Committee reported that the repairs to water pipes had been attended to.

The Treasurers monthly statement was read and reported Balance on hand \$1914.⁹⁸/₁₀₀

A/c from J. Armstrong was presented for \$49.⁰⁰ referred to House Committee and if correct ordered to be paid.

Mr Boyd from House Committee suggested an improvement in heating certain rooms. referred to House Committee

The Treasurer reported respecting certain balances due the Inst. since 1864. — and the question of Book-keeping was referred to the Finance Committee, and Treas^r to consider and report.

W. J. Patterson,
Recording Secy

The following named persons, were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. Tho' Nichol M.D. 1st Class
 N Kimber, J. A. Ballantyne, E. Leivigne, A. Davis Henry Price
 C. H. Baker, E. Bussell, Jas Humellon, Geo Stephen, B. Baker
 E. Wells, T. Rodden, J. Wilkinson, J. V. Wright, Geo Irving,
 Robt Thomson Second Class, John Cassells, Miss J. White
 Jos J. Leiper, D. Borden, P. Reid, J. Richards, A. Lakurantay
 J. H. Rooney, M. W. Kinny, A. J. Lauder, A. Ferguson, M. D. King
 Walter Miller, A. Gravel, John C. Martin, S. Stone, C. Sager
 D. Thorburn, W. J. Ross, John T. Porter, Archt. McIntyre Third Class.
 The meeting was thereafter adjourned

Wm. B. Coase
 President.
 Wm. J. Patterson,
 Recording Secy

Committee Room,
 Mechanics Institute

Montreal Oct. 23. 1871.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, N. B. Coase Esq, President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Cruikshank, Findlay, Harper, Macquisten, Boyd and Patterson.

Minutes of meeting held on 9th inst were read and confirmed, Report from Finance Committee was received, as follows - consideration deferred.

Montreal 21. Oct. 1871.

"At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on the above date, The Treasurer
 "Mr D. Macfarlane, called our attention to the present very imperfect system
 "of keeping the Books and accounts of the Institute, and after due consideration
 "your Committee unanimously came to the following conclusion, that they recom-
 "mend that a set of new Books be got and that be kept by double entry,
 "also that an accountant be employed to square up the old books with the
 "view of transferring the accounts to the new ones."

Signed, J. Findlay, Chairman

Class and Lecture Committee reported ^{and} interim report to a proposed course of Lectures and asked leave to report again.

House Committee authorized to attend getting in a drain &c.

The following named persons, were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute, W. Grady, J. Fournier, J. J. McDougall, J. H. Alcorn, D. Dale, P. Gruner
 H. J. Thompson, J. Harrison, Second Class, W. Sparling, M. Notman, B. Austin, D. Lang
 J. W. Thompson, A. Darling, J. C. Peacock, J. McCulloch, R. Harvie, A. W. Ramsay
 J. Costigan, W. Beck, E. Doucet, E. Desrosiers, J. Pascher, J. Wilson, J. Mathews,
 Chas Knapp, James Beckham, Third Class.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned

Wm. B. Coase
 President.
 Wm. J. Patterson,
 Recording Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal Nov 13. 1871.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, W. B. Converse President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs Macfarlane Harper Heath Boyd and Patterson.

Minutes of meeting held on 23rd Oct 1871 read and confirmed. After conversation relative to a drain and other repairs it was on motion unanimously "Resolved that the President and Mr Boyd be a special Committee to attend immediately to all necessary repairs. Consideration of Finance Committee's Report submitted at last meeting was taken up. Moved by Mr Heath seconded by Mr Harper and unanimously "Resolved That the question of balancing the the Books of Accounts of the Institute be referred to the Finance Committee and Treasurer with instructions to take all necessary steps in accordance with recommendations contained in their Report submitted to this General Committee."

The Treasurer monthly statement was read and reported balance on hand of \$1876 ⁷²/₁₀₀.

Application for Long Room for Quadrille parties once a week had been referred to this General Committee, the President was authorized to say, The Committee decline the proposal.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute, W^m Cassils 1st Class, R. Barry Geo Byrne Rev^d C. M. Myers, C. Lynch W^m Houston Second Class Jas. McKeown A. Davidson, C. M. Gibbs Cha^s Brown H. J. Burrash D. Wright Geo Tate, C. Goodwin A. McMillan A. Laurent. W^m Sandelands Third class.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned

Walter B. Converse

President

W. J. Patterson,
Recording Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute

Montreal 27th Novr 1871

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening Mr J. Findlay was called to the chair, besides whom were present Messrs Harper Heath Boyd Reid Cruikshank and Armin Sec^{ry} pro tem,

Minutes of meeting held on 13th Novr were read and confirmed. Library Committee reported that they had a meeting and accepted a certain number of New Books amounting to about Thirty dollars.

The House Committee reported that they had a new drain ^{constructed} and other works, as directed.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute J. B. Gardner, W. D. McNeil G. A. Miller John Tough, Chas Reeves, J. C. Thompson H. Mott, H. L. Knowles, P. Morgan, S. J. Reid, 2nd Class Martin H. Ryan, N. Engelke, P. Wall, Theodore Gorham Arthur Ritchie Third class

The meeting was thereafter adjourned

Horton B. Coase
President

Wm J. Patterson
Recording Sec^y

Committee room,

Mechanics' Institute

Montreal 12th Dec. 1871.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, H. B. Coase Esq. President in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs Macquisten, Gilman Heath Findlay Harper Reid and Cruikshank. In the absence of the Secretary Mr Cruikshank was requested to act in that capacity. Minutes of meeting held on 27th Novr 1871 were read and confirmed. Communication from J. E. Ferneide of Hamilton was read, asking the Institute to meet an advertisement in the Showman's and Commercial Travellers Guide. On motion it was agreed to give a \$4⁰⁰ advertisement.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute, E. A. Lewis G. W. Robinson J. W. Sutherland and H. Thirkwell second class, and Mrs Matherson, H. Ryan P. Morgan C. B. McKenzie H. Bracken R. Hallon and Jas Robertson 3rd Class

The meeting was thereafter adjourned

Horton B. Coase
President

Wm J. Patterson
Recording Sec^y

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 26th Dec. 1871

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, the Vice President G. Cruikshank Esq in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs Macquisten Macfarlane Boyd Harper and Heath

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12th Dec were read and confirmed. Treasurer reported progress. The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute, Peter Macfarlane 1st class, J. R. McRiddy John White second class, R. McLeod, J. F. Muir W. Hurst, W. Cairns 3rd Class. No other business offering the meeting was, adjourned to attend the General meeting of members for the purpose of electing delegates to the Board of Arts & Manufactures

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal Dec 26. 1871

According to advertisement a meeting of members of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the Vice President G. Cruikshank Esq in the Chair, besides whom were present, Dundas Brown W. Patton John Boyd, G. W. Weaver S. Findlay, J. Macquisten J. Heath S. Harper A. Bertram J. Ross A. Perry W. S. Walker, G. Starke, J. Nolan J. Whittaker A. Mercer R. Gardner J. McCullum R. Anderson W. G. Barr J. Smith, D. Macfarlane and seven others. in the absence of the Secy J. Macfarlane was requested to act as Secretary. The Chairman intimated that be the verified list of members of this Institute the Institute was entitled to a representation of 24 members on the Board of Arts & Manuf and that the ballot was now open for the election of delegates.

Messrs Dundas Brown Walton and John Boyd were called upon to act as scrutineers. The ballot being taken resulted as follows.

A. Bulmer	A. Bertram	A. Perry	G. Cruikshank
A. C. Hutchison	D. Macfarlane	S. Findlay	J. Harper
W. Patton	Dundas Brown	J. Macquisten	J. Boyd
W. Reid	Geo Starke	Dundas Brown	J. C. Gilman
J. Whittaker	W. S. Walker	G. W. Weaver	W. G. Barr
R. Arrin	A. A. Stevenson	John Heath	Thos Craig

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal January 22, 1872.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, N. B. Corse Esq. President in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Findlay, Cruikshank, Heath and Boyd. Minutes of meeting held Dec 26th 1871 were read and confirmed. A/cs from R. Patton \$173.⁸⁵/₁₀₀, D. Wilson \$55.⁰⁵/₁₀₀, Hutchison & Mitchell \$31.⁵⁰/₁₀₀ & Walker Co \$3.⁴⁰/₁₀₀ were referred to House Com^{tee}. The Treasurers Statement for the months of November and December 1871. Balance Nov 30, 1871 \$1955.⁸⁴/₁₀₀ and Balance December 31, 1871 \$1556.³³/₁₀₀.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute - George Foring 1st Class, James Elliot J. Trudeau W^m Clare Tho^s R. Gosselin 2nd Class, Richard Josin Cha^s Shorte John Inglis, Cha^s Selwyn Tho^s McGready Rich^d Thomas, E. Hyde George G. Nagy Alfred Grylto, 3rd Class

The meeting was thereafter adjourned

Norton M. Corse
President

W^m J. Patterson,
Recording Sec^y

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal Feby 26, 1872

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, N. B. Corse Esq. President in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Findlay, Heath, Armin, Macquisten, Harper, Cruikshank, Macfarlane, Gilman and Patterson. Minutes of meeting held Jan 22 read and confirmed. Mr Harper from Library Committee reported in favor of purchasing certain books and asking an appropriation therefor of \$50.⁰⁰. A/cs from Dawson Bros for Books & Periodicals 604.⁵⁰/₁₀₀ John Dougall Jan 22²³/₁₀₀ for advertising "Sub^{scrip^t" referred to Library Committee, and A/cs from G. G. G. Co \$4.¹⁴/₁₀₀ and A. Nightingale \$37.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ referred to House Committee. Treasurers Statement for Jan was read and reported Balance \$1572.⁹⁹/₁₀₀. A conversation followed relative to efficient repairs on the roof of the building - also about letting certain rooms - all referred to House Committee. The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute G. J. Gerhard, J. F. Kidner, M. Mullin 1st Class, Thomas Brennan, Henry Dorris, A. J. M. Saviche, J. Johnson, Cha^s B. Smith, N. B. Kanoner, G. A. Grover, Edward Field 2nd Class, George Stewart, W. A. Krwin, So^s Whelan James R. Smith W^m Rodden Andrew Patterson 3rd Class.}

The meeting was thereafter adjourned

Norton M. Corse
President

W^m J. Patterson,
Recording Sec^y

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute

Montreal March 25th 1872

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, were present N. B. Corse Esq. President in the Chair, Messrs Macquisten Gilman Harper Boyd Heath Macfarlane and Cruikshank. The minutes of the meeting held May 26th were read and confirmed. On motion the President was authorized to subscribe for maps of the Times \$2.⁵⁰ per.

Treasurer's statement showed the receipts for last month \$1089.⁰⁰ in disbursements \$500.⁰⁰ Balance on hand \$2089.⁰⁰ The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. Francis Stuart 1st Class, John Bond, A. W. Croft, Chas. C. Roche, C. M. Shuttlington 2nd Class, W. M. Rodcliffe 3rd Class.

No other business appearing the meeting was thereafter adjourned

Wm. B. Corse

President

Wm. J. Patterson
Recording Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute

Montreal April 22. 1872

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening N. B. Corse Esq. President in the Chair besides whom were present Messrs Findlay Boyd Macquisten Macfarlane Irwin Gilman Harper Heath and Cruikshank.

The minutes of the meeting held on March 25th were read and confirmed.

Treasurer's statement shows receipts to be for last month \$225.⁰⁰ in disbursements \$499.⁰⁰ Balance on hand \$1653.⁰⁰ —

Wm's from A. Buntin & Co \$17.²⁰
John Dougall for \$1.⁰⁰ A Scale \$5.⁰⁰ Corporation life for Chair \$100.⁰⁰
referred to respective Committees and if found correct to be paid. On motion the Library Committee be authorized to subscribe for Le Minerve and Building News

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute Robert Pemberton, James Carnegie, J. Langlands, A. Payne, second Class

No other business appearing the meeting was thereafter adjourned

Wm. B. Corse

President

Wm. J. Patterson
Recording Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute

Montreal June 1st 1872

At a special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this day, were present N. B. Corse Esq. President in the chair. Messrs Weaver Findlay Reid Harper Heath Cruikshank and Boyd and Gilman.

The Chairman of the House Committee reported that after having consulted with experienced roofers and mature deliberation, the Committee had unanimously concurred in recommending that a felt roof of the best description be placed over the present one at a distance of not less than four inches. The Committee also recommended that a new floor be laid for the cellar under Mr Anderson's store. It was moved by Mr Cruikshank seconded by Mr Gilman and carried that the above report be received and adopted.

It was moved by Mr Findlay seconded by Mr Heath and carried that the House Committee are hereby authorized to carry out the repairs above reported on. No other business appearing the meeting was thereafter adjourned.

Horton B. Corse

President

Wm J. Patterson,
Recording Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute

Montreal June 24th 1872

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening N. B. Corse Esq. President in the Chair besides whom were present Messrs Findlay Cruikshank Macquisten Harper Weaver Macfarlane Krin and Patterson. The minutes of the regular meeting of April 22nd and the Special meeting of June 1st were read and confirmed. Treas^r Reported Bal \$2373.28.

The following named persons were elected members in the usual manner Alex. Williamson Geo Johnson. 1st class and R. A. Howard. 2nd Class.

No other business appearing the meeting was thereafter adjourned.

Horton B. Corse

President

Wm J. Patterson,
Recording Secy

Mechanics Institute

Montreal Aug 12th 1872

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening were present M. B. Corso, Esq. President in the chair besides whom Messrs. Findlay, Harper, Boyd, McQuistin, Krath, Cruikshanks and Irwin. Minutes of the meeting held June 24th read and confirmed. Report of House Committee rec^d. and on motion received.

Report.

The House Committee report that they have had the cellar of the store of Mr Anderson's store floored, and the Grant part of the roof of the Institute building boarded and covered according to specification agreed upon at a cost of \$643.⁰⁰ in addition to this there is charge of \$21.⁰⁰ for removing earth from cellar and screwing up bolts in roof & making altogether the sum of \$664.⁰⁰ Some leakage was found in the Tin roof which is to be repaired at once and painted.

Signed W^m Reid, Chairman

per G. W. Mason.

Gifts presented from Dawson Bro^s. Rich^d Patton Es^r Brown & Bro^s. Morris referred to Library and House Committees.

The question was raised regarding admission of Ladies to the use of the Library and on motion of J. Findlay, seconded by J. Macquisten.

Resolved. That Ladies be admitted to the use of the Library on payment of (2⁰⁰ / 100) per ^{annually} annually, carried. The following named persons were

in the usual manner elected members of the Institute Dr J. Nichol Life Member James Little Henry Snain first class, John A. Watson Es^r. Douglass Arthur Walsh W. H. Butland, John Stringfellow Rich^d Thornton, P. Lawlor, A. C. Smylie, A. J. Lane, Tho^s Watkins Es^r G. Walsh, H. K. Lee second class, Arthur Watkins, A. M^c Robie H. G. Levitus, Neville, F. C. Chandler, John T. Watson, J. Loomney Tho^s M. Anderson, Tho^s Fulton Henry Burke Cha^s. Prill C. Barker, P. H. Gibson, W^m Sharp, G. Donaghay Es^r Wallace W^m Mathews N. Gardner Albert Latham, third class.

No other business appearing the meeting was thereafter adjourned

Walter B. Case

President

Mechanics Institute

Montreal. Aug. 26th 1872.

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held this evening - were present N. B. Corse Esq. President in the chair besides whom Messrs Hindlay Heath Harpur Irwin Macfarlane Macquisten and Cruikshank. Minutes of meeting held Aug 12th were read and confirmed. Reports from Library and Class and Lecture Committees were received, amended and adopted. The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute John Trotter Geo Morris, G. Chamberlain John Dyer. A. Francis J. G. Smith second class. C. J. Gurlie John Robertson Robt Warren and David Nelson Third class. The meeting then adjourned to meet on Saturday evening at the usual hour.

Wm B. Corse
President

Mechanics Institute

Montreal. Aug 31st 1872.

At an adjourned meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held this evening were present Geo Cruikshank Esq. V. President in the Chair besides whom Messrs Macfarlane Harpur Hindlay Heath Macquisten Irwin Gilman. Finance Committee report read and adopted. An application for the use of the Hall for public exhibition of Scriptural paintings on the Sunday evenings it was unanimously agreed that we should not consent to let the Hall for such a purpose on Sunday. Library Committee report as amended was received and adopted. On motion meeting adjourned until Monday evening next at 7 o'clock P.M. the purpose of considering Annual report previous to Annual meeting

Mechanics Institute

Montreal. Sept 2nd 1872

At an adjourned meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening G. Cruikshank in the chair besides whom were present Messrs Macfarlane Harpur Hindlay Heath Irwin and Gilman. Minutes of meeting held Aug 31. were read and confirmed. Craft report read and adopted - thereafter the meeting was adjourned

Long Room Mechanics Institute

Montreal September 2nd 1872.

The Thirty-third annual meeting of the members of this Institute was held here this evening, according to rule and advertisement. G. Cruikshank Esq Vice President, in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Weaver, D. Brown, J. Findlay, F. E. Gilman, A. Perry, J. Harper, D. Macfarlane, J. Keath, John Boyd, A. Bernard, J. Craig, W. Patton, S. Fisher, Jas Brown, A. Bertram, W. Rutherford, A. G. Nash, W. S. Walker, John Murphy, G. Sumner, A. G. Hutchison, A. D. Stale, John Nolan, W. Ferguson, A. A. Stevenson, R. Irvine, G. Pefall and about twenty others.

The Secretary read the minutes of last annual meeting, which were approved and confirmed - after which the following annual report was read.

To the members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal
Gentlemen.

In presenting the 33rd Annual Report for your consideration, the General Committee deem it unnecessary to do more than refer to the leading incidents of the year. The item of Membership is the first on the list.

Number of members at date of last annual report was	Honorary	11
	Corresponding	8
	Life	274
	Annual	407
		<u>700</u>

Number of members at the close of the year are	Honorary	11
	Corresponding	8
	Life	276
	Annual	338
		<u>633</u>
	Decrease	67

Library

The Committee have given this department of the Institute great consideration. The out lay in the purchase of books &c &c has been large, but the requirements of the Institute demand the acquisition of books as they are issued. Several donations of a valuable character have been added to the Library.

Added during the year -	By donations	18 Volumes
	" purchase	<u>120</u>
	making	138
	worn out and lost	<u>28</u>
	Leaving	110 added

number of volumes issued during the year has been 14624 as follows.

Novels	8694	History	772	Voyages and Travels	1032
Biography	471	Poetry	170	Miscellaneous & Magazines	2017
Scientific and Mechanical	1468	making			<u>14624</u>
Issued the previous year		increase			<u>11979</u>
					<u>2645</u>

Reading Room

The Reading Room continues to attract a very large and regular attendance of members. The strangers who have visited the Room has greatly increased and scarcely a day passes but some three or four persons are introduced. The following list comprise the leading Newspapers and periodicals of Canada, Great Britain and United States.

— Canadian —

Montreal Herald	True Witness	Kingston News
" Gazette	Can ^{da} Illustrated News	Sherbrooke Gazette
" Daily News	Toronto Globe	Waterloo Advertiser
" Witness	do. Mail	Comansville Observer
" Star	Hamilton Spectator	Richmond Guardian
" La Minerve	London Advertiser	Dubec Official Gazette
" La National	Ottawa Times	S ^t Johns (N.B.) Telegraph
" La Aurore	Dubec Chronicle	Nova Scotian

St. John's News

— British —

London Times	Engineer	Animal World
Glasgow Herald	Engineering	Cornhill
do Citizen	Builder	Chambers Journal
Edinburgh Wk Review	Building News	London Journal
do Scotsman	Chemical News	Family Herald
Dublin Warder	Lancet	Once a Week
Punch	Athenaeum	Temple Bar
Judy	Academy	Dublin University
Art Journal	All the Year Round	Blackwood
Nature	British Controversialist	Westminster Review
Edinburgh Review	British Quarterly	London Quarterly

— American —

New York Herald	Philad ^a Inquirer	Scientific American
do Times	Chicago Tribune	Scottish Am Journal
do Witness	Home Journal	Christian Register
Boston Journal	Albion	Frank Leslie's Illustrated
Industrial Monthly	Religious Monthly	Warpers Monthly
	Scribners Monthly	

Finances.

The Finances have fallen off somewhat during the year this decrease is accounted for in the following items Rent Hall \$119, rooms 37, subscriptions \$170. Revenue from this year from sale old papers, catalogues is about half it was last year, from interest and dividends we have about \$30 more. It is useless to speculate on means which might be adopted to increase the revenue of the Institute from Rent of Hall &c. The increase from that source will always be uncertain, but on the matter

of membership there is something of importance for consideration. It appears to us that there are two ways by which the membership might be increased, first a more general interest than heretofore by the present members to inform their friends and neighbors of the benefits which they may receive by becoming connected with such an Institution as this, these benefits to persons engaged in Mechanical pursuits are not to be for a moment estimated by the small sum charged for Annual subscriptions or Life membership. Secondly— We believe that a regular system of advertising the Institute in the newspapers would be a means of increasing its usefulness by making the public acquainted with its aims and objects.

Balance on hand at the end of the fiscal year is $\$6119.57\frac{1}{100}$, the balance at the close of the preceding year $\$1377.17\frac{1}{100}$. The expenditure during the year has been $\$6319.36\frac{1}{100}$ while the receipts have been $\$5591.81\frac{1}{100}$. Of the Gas stock reported as having been subscribed for in the last annual report two instalments have been called for and paid amounting to $\$100.00$.

House.

Extensive repairs have been made to the roof amounting to over $\$600$. besides other repairs to the extent of some $\$400$.

Class and Lecture

For some years one of the chief functions of this committee was the management of the classes. These classes have been carried on at the sole expense and under the management of the Board of Arts and Manufactures, for the last year your committee consequently have very little to report under that head, except to mention the satisfactory way in which the classes were carried on in the various branches and numbers attending.

After several meetings and mature ~~deliberations~~ ^{discussions} your committee determined not to have a course of lectures last season.

Two members of your committee waited on Prof. Goldwin Smith last April and expressed to him the great pleasure it would afford the members of the Institute to have him lecture for them. he stated his inability to do so then, but promised at a future day which he would intimate by letter to deliver a lecture in connection with the Institute. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, H. E. Gilman
Cor. Sec.

Treasurers Statement
 D. Macfarlane, Treasurer
 In ac with The Mechanics Institute

To paid Interest	15 60 00	By Bal from last year	13 77 12
" " Insurance		" Cash rent Stores	
" " Assesments to		" " Assesments	
" " Gas Co. Light		" " Hall	
" " Fuel		" " Rooms	
" " Sundry a/c's		" " Interest deposits	
" " Repairs		" " Gas Dividends	
" " Subscriptions & Ad ^s		" " Life Members	
" " Danson Bro ^s		" " Annual do	
" " Salaries		" " Old papers	
" " Contingencies		" " fines	
		" " Catalogues	

Assets

Building & Land	55 500 00
Furniture	
Gas Stock	
New Gas Stock	
Library	
Sundry a/c's	
Cash on hand	

Liabilities

Colonial Church Soc ^y	26 000 00
Sundry a/c's	
Bal fav Institute	

Auditors Report
 Montreal Sept 2. 1872.

N B Corse Esq
 President

vs We beg leave to report that we have examined the entries in the Cash Book and compared them with the vouchers in the Warrant Book and find the whole correct and that there is a cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer on 31st July of \$649.⁵⁷/₁₀₀.

signed } W. Brown
 A D Staley } Auditors

Moved by Mr A Perry seconded by Mr H Tuston that the report be received and adopted - carried.

The Chairman appointed Messrs Tho' Craig W. S. Walker and James Brown Scrutinars after which the meeting proceeded to ballot for Officers and members of General Committee for the ensuing year. While the ballot was being taken the following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute W. Angus A. Buntin Life Members. Jas Parkyn Saml Filer Rob' Herrin first class W. Ho Taylor G. Vickery Miss Picken J. W. Lybourn second class. Henry Connolly John Gardham W. Kennel W. A. Smith C. DeSole S. Baillie G. Stevenson.

The ballot having been taken the following gentlemen were declared elected Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.

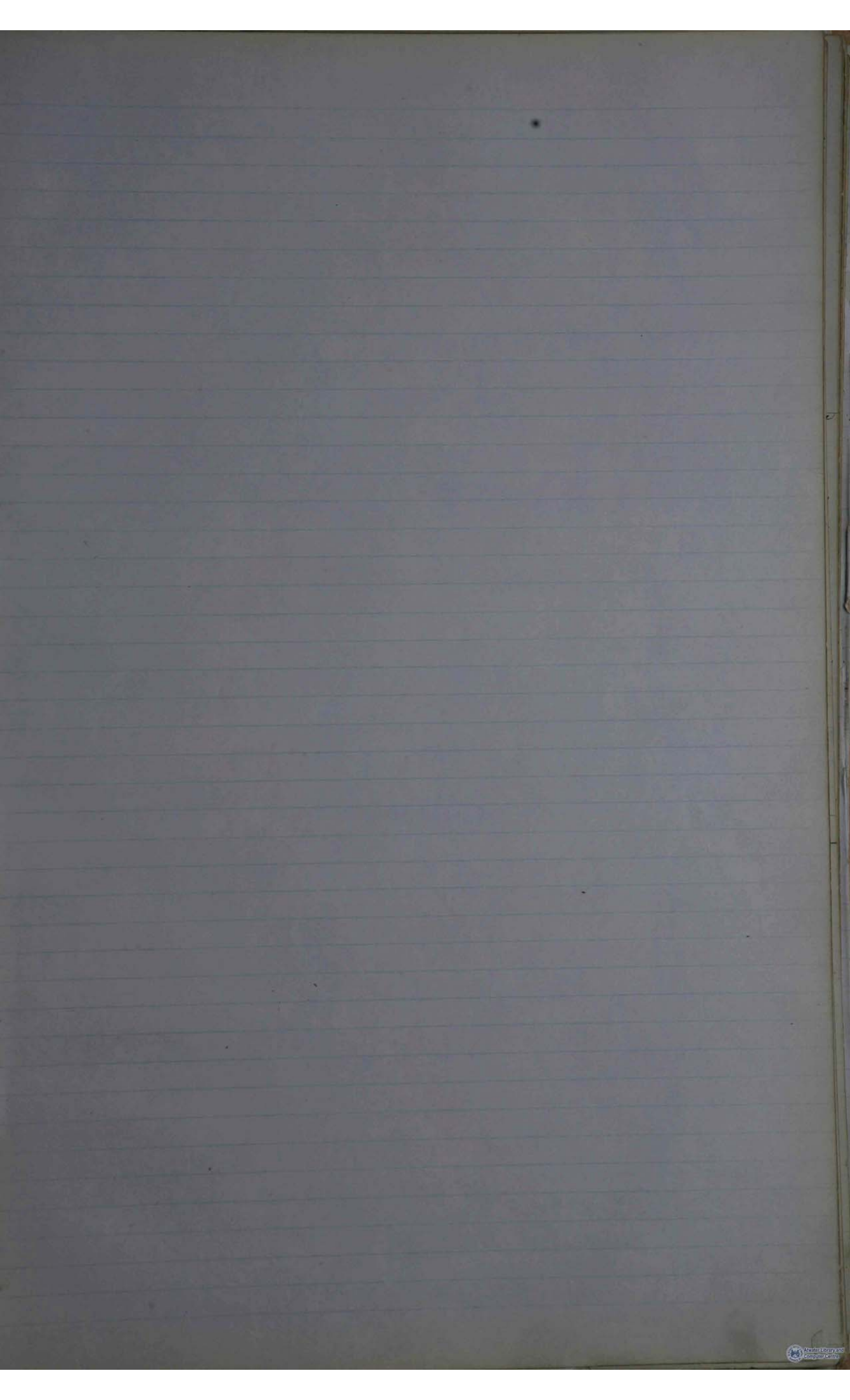
D. Macfarlane - President W. J. Patterson Vice President.
T. Craig Cor. Secy. John Heath. Recording Secy.
Geo. Cookshank Treasr. John Boyd. Cabinet Keeper.
John Harper Librarian and Messrs. A. C. Hutchison J. Findlay.
M. B. Corse. A. A. Stevenson P. Macquisten and R. Irvine General Committee.

Moved by Mr Irvine seconded by Mr Perry. "That the next Committee be instructed to endeavor to have a public lecture on some scientific subject or a concert twice in a month during the winter." Moved in amendment by A. C. Hutchison seconded by H. Tuston that all words after instructed be struck out and the following inserted "to take measures to have meetings of the members of the Institute during the ensuing winter to discuss questions of a scientific nature mechanics or social science the meetings to be held as often as the Committee may consider desirable." The amendment carried and the main motion lost.

Moved by Mr Macfarlane seconded by Mr Heath. That the thanks of the members of the Institute be tendered to Mr Bloorse Esq for his zeal and attention to the wants of the Institute while President.

Moved by Mr Sumner seconded by Mr Perry. That a vote of thanks be given to the retiring Committee.

The meeting thereafter was dismissed.



Mechanics' Institute

Committee Room

Montreal Sept. 9. 1872.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening D Macfarlane Esq President in the Chair besides whom were present Messrs W B Corse J. Hindley J. Boyd, J. Craig, and A. G. Hutchison. Minutes of meeting held Aug. 26. and adjourned meetings of Aug 31 and Sept 2 were read and confirmed. Mr Hutchison's motion at Annual meeting was ordered to be held over for consideration at next meeting.

J. Harper,

The President read a letter from H. Armin resigning his position on the Committee. Moved by Mr Boyd seconded by Mr Hindley that the resignation be accepted - passed.

A letter was read from W. Rutherford Esq. respecting what he considered improvement in the Institute held for further consideration at next meeting. The President submitted a list of the Sub Committees and after revision the following was passed as the Committee for the present year.

Finance Messrs Hindley Crutshank Patterson Corse. Hoath House Messrs Hutchison Boyd Corse Craig MacQuisten Library Messrs Harper MacQuisten Hindley Hoath Craig Lec & Class Messrs Crutshank Harper Hindley Stevenson Hutchison Membership Messrs Boyd Stevenson Hoath Harper

A. Bunton Esq.

W. Angus Esq.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. John Grilly first class J. Wilson W. J. Nelson D. English J. A. Walton J. Thatcher W. Walker A. Dyer 2nd Class W. Arnold G. Thom C. Bogg E. Herbert J. S. Davidson H. M. Adam E. Browne 3rd Class.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned

Davidson, Fairlane
President

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Mechanics' Institute

Montreal 23rd Sept 1872.

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening D. Macfarlane Esq. President in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Findlay Harper Cruikshank Hutchinson Macquisten Stevenson Boyd, Craig and Heath. Minutes of meeting held Sept 9, 1872 were read and confirmed.

Communication from L. Morrison dit Fict in reference to Concert, declined also Communications from G. S. George and A. C. Williamson were referred to the House and Lecture and Class Committees.

The motion of Mr Hutchinson at annual meeting was referred to Lecture and Class Committee to report.

Moved by Mr Boyd seconded by Mr Cruikshank. That Mr S. C. Beckett be elected a member of the Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of R. Irvine. ~~carried~~ - carried.

The letter from Mr W. Rutherford was referred to Membership Committee, a/c from McCulloch & Lamson referred to Library Committee and if found correct ordered to be paid. The following alterations were made in the Sub. Committees. House - instead of Messrs Craig and Macquisten read Messrs Macquisten and Beckett. Membership, instead of Messrs Heath and Harper read Messrs Harper, Patterson and Beckett.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute James C. Ansley, G. W. Weaver Jr. first class, W. S. Wright B. H. O'Brien D. Campbell, M. Desola second class, W^m Beattie Alfred Innis W. J. Bennallock, third class.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned.

David, W. Farlane
President

James Heath
Clerk

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute

Montreal Oct 11. 1872.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening D. Macpherson Esq. President in the Chair besides whom were present Messrs Macquisten, Bissett, Hutchinson, Stevenson, Harper, Boyd and Heath. Minutes of meeting held September 23rd were read and confirmed.

A letter from Messrs. J. Walker & Co. asking for terms of new lease agreed to lay over untill next meeting. Corporation Tax referred to the Finance Committee if found correct to be paid, and also to inquire about School Tax. Report of Library Committee read, and that portion of the report referring to finance and the other portion referring to House, referred to the appropriate committees.

"Report."

At a meeting of the Library Committee held on Saturday evening 28 Sept and adjourned to Saturday evening Oct 12 it was unanimously resolved to recommend the following for the consideration of the General Committee

"A monthly grant for the purchase of Books for the Year"

"That a Young man be engaged as Assistant Superintendent in lieu of a Boy at a Salary not exceeding \$20. per month.

"That the Long Room be converted into Library and the present Library be used as a Magazine reading room.

"That the present Newspaper desks be altered so that chairs may be used in reading, and that the Reading Room floor be covered with Matting

"That the following Newspapers and Periodicals be added to the Reading Room. Halifax and S. Johns Daily papers in lieu of Weekly Liverpool Weekly London Spectator Pall Mall Gazette Frazer's Magazine Fortnightly Review Contemporary Review Appleton's Popular Science (monthly)

All of which is respectfully submitted. Signed

John Harper. Chairman

The House Committee reported the following.

"That R. Young had been engaged as fireman at the same rate as last year namely \$5 per week and on condition that he should make himself generally useful. The Committee"

"recommend, that a new floor should be laid upon the stage at an expense of \$400 and that a hoist should be put for taking the benches of the Hall up to the garret at a cost of \$250; they also recommended that the ticket office at the foot of the stairs should be enlarged and a gas light put into it and that a new gas pendent should be put up in the Hall at the foot of the stairs."

"The Chairman of the House Committee reported that he had ordered the benches to be put up in the class room and the gas pipe set as to suit for the classes."

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute H. Nightingale John Reid, 1st class G. B. Ward, A. J. Walter

John J. Henderson Walter Baw James Todd W. J. Ward Henry Mathers J. M. Muir
D. Danach second class John Crow Henry Long C. E. Nurse J. Shanks A. Devine
W. Johnston Arch^d. Williams W^m Locks H. C. Munry D. A. Robertson Jas. Ellicott
W. Carsman Jas. Wright John A. Muirhead W^m Lapham R. M. Dougall Jas. Wilson
Henry Lapham Third Class - also, Jas. McKeown Jas. O'Roughlin.

The meeting was thereafter adjourned.

David Macfarlane
President
Jas. Heath R. S.

Mechanics' Institute

Montreal October 28, 1872.

Committee Room.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, D. Macfarlane Esq. President in the Chair beside whom were present Messrs Corso Becket, Hutchinson Stevenson Macquisten Boyd, Craig Heath, Harper Findlay Cruikshank. Treasurers reported balance Oct. 1, 1872. \$1374.⁴³/₁₀₀.

Report of House Committee read and confirmed.

To the General Committee of the Mechanics Institute

"Your house committee would respectfully recommend that the following repairs and alterations of the building be made.

- 1st. That a new floor of hard wood be laid upon the stage at an expense of Fifty ^{two} dollars.
- 2nd. That a hoist be made for the removal of the seats in the hall to the garret and that the hatch in the ceiling over the stage be altered to suit. the cost not to exceed Twenty five dollars.
- 3rd. That an ornamental lamp with colored glass panels and an ornamental iron brackets to support the same over the main entrance be procured at a cost not exceeding
- 4th. That the stairs, plaster work at sides of stage, floors &c be repaired
- 5th. That your committee be empowered to fit up the tables in the class room and make the necessary alterations of the Gaslights
- 6th. That a new gas light be placed in the hall at the foot of the main stairs and that the ticket office be enlarged and a gaslight placed therein. The whole respectfully submitted.

Signed, A. C. Hutchinson

Chairman

Report of the Class and Lecture Committee read and confirmed. Report as follows.

At a meeting of the Class and Lecture Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal held on Saturday Oct 26th it was Resolved, That the tickets for the lecture by Prof. Goldwin Smith be given to members of the Institute up to Thursday noon, after which any remaining may be distributed to the general public on application at the Institute, and that public intimation be made to this effect.

Signed, G. Cruikshank

Chairman

The report of the Finance Committee referred back.
Moved by Mr Boyd seconded by Mr J. Fundlay and carried. "That the rooms on the second flat at present used by Messrs Walker & Co be not again leased in connection with the store below but that they be retained for the use of the Institute"
It was thereafter agreed upon that each member of the Committee be furnished with Twenty five (25) Tickets each for Prof. Smith's Lectures and that Ten (2) each be given to each member as he may require them.

The following named persons were then in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. Geo. Jeffery. A. Meldrum Geo J. Berles Jas Mc Cormack B. Baker A. B. Harris. S. W. Hardie D. M. Kerr G. W. Baker Thos Smiley John D. Sherwood second class. J. Reid Thos Armstrong W. Karanagh W. Penning W. Taylor J. M. Elroy Geo. Cochrane J. S. Karanagh John Sarigan Robt Simlain. M. Ryan G. E. Drummond Richd C. Varner Geo. Reid. A. Reid W. M. Elroy Geo. Nelson. Henry Leighton Third Class

The meeting was thereafter adjourned.

David Macfarlane President

Just as the R. S.

Committee Room.

Mechanics' Institute

Montreal. Nov 11. 1872

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening D. Macfarlane Esq. President in the chair besides whom were present Messrs. Corse Hutchinson Boyd Macquistan Cruikshank Harper and Heath. The minutes of meeting held Oct 28. was read and confirmed

Report of House Committee received. as follows and agreed too
"To the General Committee of the Mechanics Institute"

Your House Committee report the following work in connection with the furniture and repairs of the building. 1st New Furniture for the dressing rooms of the hall. 2nd new stools chairs and spittoons for the reading room. The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted.
Signed. A. C. Hutchinson.

Chairman -

Ac of J. Dougall & Son amounting to \$20.89/100 referred to Library and Lecture Committees and if found correct to be paid.

The letter from Messrs J. Walker & Co asking on what terms they could have a renewed lease was considered and agreed to have the matter laid over until next meeting.

Resolved. "That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to write to Prof. G. Smith conveying the thanks of the Committee for his lecture on the Labor Question."

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. W. Clendenning Life Member. W. Flynn John Wood B. Hunt 2nd class. W. Scott. T. Fogarty. J. Johnston. W. Tyler. M. Apjohn. 3rd class.
The meeting was thereafter adjourned. David Macfarlane President

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal Novr 25. 1872

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening -
D. Macfarlane Esq. President in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Corse Beckett, Sterimson, Harper, Boyd, Craig and Heath.
Minutes of meeting held on 11th Novr. read and confirmed. A letter read from Robert Young asking increase of salary, referred to House and Finance Committees.

Report from Finance Committee recommending a grant of \$500.⁰⁰ for the purchase and binding of new books &c. such grant to include the expense of additions to the Periodicals &c. named on the 14th ultimo - agreed to.

Treasurer reported having Balance Oct-31. '861. ¹/_{861.} ⁸⁰ Novr 25. 1872 ³²

The question of hiring chairs for use of Hall was discussed and the House Committee was requested to consider the propriety of seating the Hall permanently.

Corporation assess^{ment} amounting to \$64.⁷³/₁₀₀ for widening St. Peter St. ordered to be paid.

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute, Henry Schmidt J. Gazelsy G. Rodger W. W. Edwards T. M. Kenzie John Goodall Dan^l Bell Gilbert Allan 2nd Class Owen McShane J. J. Donovan G. DeSalaberry John Walker James Morrison Geo. Morrison 3rd Class

The meeting was thereafter adjourned until Monday Dec. 2nd 1872

David Macfarlane

President

John Heath R. S.

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute
Montreal Dec 2nd 1872

At an adjourned meeting of the General Committee of the
above named Institute held here this evening.

D. Macfarlane Esq. President in the chair besides whom
were present Messrs. Corse, Becket, Findlay, Patterson, Boyd,
Harper, Craig and Heath.

Moved by J. Craig seconded by J. Harper
That the store at present occupied by Messrs. P. Walker & Co. be
leased for Five (5) years at a rent of Two Thousand (\$2000) per Annum
with taxes - agreed to.

A letter was read from Rev. J. Empson, asking for use of
Electrical instrument belonging to the Institute. The Correspondent
Secretary was requested to write to Mr. Empson granting him the use
of the articles required.

The House Committee was instructed to sell all useless articles in
the garret and to repair any that may be thought well pay to keep
No other business appearing the meeting was thereafter adjourned

David Macfarlane President
Jas. Heath Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute
Montreal Dec 9, 1872.

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the
above named Institute held here this evening D. Macfarlane Esq
President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Corse Harper
Stevenson and Heath. Minutes of the two previous meetings were read
and confirmed. The President reported having had an interview

with Mr. J. Walker with regard to the releasing of store for the term of
Five years from 1st May next at a rental of \$2000 with taxes
Mr. Walker declined to give any definite answer for the present. The
President was instructed to again see Mr. Walker asking that an
answer be given to the Committee on or before the 23rd Dec.

The letter and map from J. Johnson was referred to the Library Com
The following named persons were in the usual manner elected Members
W. S. Giddelan 1st Class W. Fletcher John Rodds W^m Murry
John Thomson John Betting Dan Leahy 2nd Class, P. Larkin
G. Dunn, H. Hasley 3rd Class

The meeting was thereafter adjourned

David Macfarlane President
Jas. Heath Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute
Montreal Dec. 23rd 1872.

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening D. Macfarlane Esq. President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs Corse Hindlay Boyd Harper, Cruikshank Stevenson Hutchison Craig and Heath. Minutes of meeting held Dec 9th read and confirmed.

An application was read from Mr C. Alexander asking for use of Institute flag for a few days - agreed to.

Moved that the application of Rob^t Young for increase of Salary be granted - say \$6 per week - carried.

The following A/c's were referred to the respective committees and if found correct to be paid - J. N. Peel \$13.74 Evans Br^d 3.25 J. Allan \$102.⁰⁰

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of The Institute. James Moore. Life member A. W. Rothwell A. Maddison, Second class W. A. Gibson D. L. Macdonald D. G. Laidlaw Edward Marlon Geo A Ninks Arch^d Murry, Third class. The meeting was thereafter adjourned to attend a General meeting of members for the purpose of electing delegates to the Board of Arts and Manufactures.

David Macfarlane Presdt

J. W. Heath Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute
Montreal Dec. 23rd 1872.

According to advertisement a meeting of members of the above named Institute was held here this evening. D. Macfarlane Esq. President in the chair besides whom were present Messrs Harper Craig Hindlay Boyd Stevenson, Hutchison Wright, Cruikshank Reid, Corse, Nolan, Heath and six others.

The Chairman intimated that by the verified ^{list} of members of the Institute the Institute was entitled to a representation of 20 members as delegates to the Board of Arts and Manufactures. The Chairman then appointed Messrs Hutchison Craig and Harper scrutineers. The following named gentlemen were duly elected delegates.

H. Bulmer, A. C. Hutchison, W. Patton, W. Reid, D. Macfarlane, Dunbar Browne, W. S. Walker, A. A. Stevenson, A. Perry, J. Hindlay John Heath, Geo. Cruikshank J. Harper, J. Boyd, J. C. Gilman, N. B. Corse, W. Rutherford, Tho^s Craig David Brown, J. C. MacLennan,

Moved by Mr Cruikshank, seconded by Mr Finlay, "That it is the opinion of the members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal that the elective should be preserved in the Constitution of the Board of Arts and Manufactures and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prov. Sec^y"

The meeting was thereafter adjourned

David Macfarlane Presdt

J. W. Heath Secy

Committee Room.

Mechanics Institute

Montreal Dec 29th 1872

A special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute called by order of the President - was held here this ^{Day of the week of the} evening. The President D Macfarlane Esq. in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs Coxe, Cruikshank, Hutchison, Boyd, Harper, Hindlay, Stevenson, Craig and Heath. The President stated that he had called the meeting to take into consideration the following proposition from Messrs Walker & Co.

Copy.

Montreal 26th Dec. 1872

Gentlemen.

As we consider \$2000. too high a rental for store at proposed reduced accommodation, We beg to offer \$1600 for same, we would however respectfully claim a priority of refusal to any larger sum which may be offered you.

Waiting your reply we are

Yours respectfully

signed

J. Walker & Co

To the President (Comy)

of Mechanics' Institute

Moved by Mr Hindlay seconded by Mr Boyd, That the resolutions passed Dec 2. with regard to obtain the rooms at present occupied by J Walker & Co be reconsidered - Agreed to

Moved by Mr Hindlay seconded by A. A. Stevenson. That the President be instructed to grant Messrs Walker & Co a lease for 3 years of the premises at present occupied by them, except the room on the 2nd floor adjoining that of Mr J Mackenzie, at a rental of \$2000 per Annum and taxes carried unanimously.

The meeting thereafter adjourned

David Macfarlane

President

Just as R V

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal, Jan^y 14th 1873.

A Special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute called by order of the President was held here this day, at 2 o'clock P. M. The President - D. Macfarlane Esq. in the chair besides whom were present Messrs George Patterson, Cruikshank, Becket, Macquisten, Hutchison, Harper and Keath. The President submitted the following letter from Messrs J^r Walker, accepting of the terms proposed by the Committee for the lease of the corner shop and one room over it, but on condition that he should have the lease for one year with option of five years,

Copy.

Montreal 2nd January, 1873.

Dear Sir,

I accept your offer of rent of Store, say \$2000 per Annum with this slight modification, instead of Three years lease, it shall be for one or five years.

As it is of the utmost importance that I should have an answer soon will you be pleased to call a meeting of your Committee at your earliest convenience to which I may be invited to meet with them

I am

Yours respectfully,

Signed J^r Walker & Co

David Macfarlane Esq.

Presdt of Mechanics Institute.

after explanations from the President respecting the negotiations he had with Messrs J^r Walker & Co.

It was moved by G. Cruikshank, seconded by J. C. Becket - That the offer of Messrs J^r Walker & Co be accepted - lost -

Moved in amendment by Mr. Patterson seconded by Mr. Boyd - That ~~the~~ offer Messrs J^r Walker & Co the lease for a term of three or five years. carried -

The President and the Chairman of the House Committee were authorized to close the lease if Messrs Walker & Co accept of this offer.

The meeting thereafter adjourned -

David Macfarlane

Presdt

J^r Walker & Co

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute

Montreal Jan'y 13. 1873

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. The President G. Macfarlane Esq in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs Cruikshank, MacGaisster, Boyd, Harper and Heath.

Minutes of meetings held Dec 23rd - 29th 1872 and Jan'y 4th 1873 read and confirmed.

The President stated that Messrs La Walker & Co had accepted the offer of leasing the store at a rental of \$2000 for a term of three (3) or five (5) years in accordance with the resolution passed at the meeting held Jan'y 4th.

Treasurer's Statement showing balance Dec 31/72 of \$866⁵¹/₁₀₀ -

A communication was read from Mr W. S. Walker Sec^y of the University Literary Socy asking for a reduction in the rental of Hall for their forthcoming lectures. On motion the matter was laid over until next meeting.

The following a/c's were referred to the House and Finance Committee and if found correct to be paid Corporation of the City of Montreal for mending St Peter's \$64.⁷⁵/₁₀₀ Corporation for proposition of Ballard Parciment \$106.⁹²/₁₀₀ John Boyd. 55th James Brown & Co 65th - The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute Aug Andrews Life Member John Cameron L. Smiths La Cartwright 3rd class.

The meeting thereafter adjourned -

David W. Fulwiler Presdt.
Jas Walker Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute

Montreal 10th Febr'y. 1873

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. G. Macfarlane Esq. President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs Findlay, Bechtel, Boyd, Harper, Cruikshank and Heath. The minutes of meeting held Jan'y 15th read and confirmed.

Mr. W. S. Walker's letter was brought up for further consideration it was unanimously resolved that the price of rental of Hall for University Literary Society's lectures be fixed at \$15 per night with \$1.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ extra for Police. A communication was received from Mr W. Patton calling attention of the Committee to Rule 1. for the regulation of the Library and asking that the clause relating to the Library being closed between the hours of 6 and 7 o'clock may be reconsidered. referred to Library Committee with instructions to take the matter into consideration. The following a/c's were presented and referred the respective committees and if found to be correct to be paid Messrs. F & R. White sub. to Gazette. \$12.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Le National. \$6.⁷⁵/₁₀₀ A. A. Stevenson. \$7.⁷⁵/₁₀₀ For Library Committee. S. L. Bangs & Co 25th Dec. 0

Jas Walker & Co. \$2.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ to House Committee, also Gasker a/c. 253³²/₁₀₀

Treasurer's Statement showing balance Jan'y 31, 1873. of 1135.²³/₁₀₀

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. W. D. McLaren Esq. Life member S. Moch P. Macfarlane 1st Class Jas. Riggs B. Mignault, The Hague, 2nd Class W. B. Derby 3rd Class

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

David Macfarlane
Pres^t
J. W. H. A. S.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 13th Febr'y, 1873.

At a Special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this ~~evening~~ ^{afternoon} at 4 P.M. The President, D. Macfarlane Esq. in the chair, beside whom were present Messrs. Coors, Cruikshank, Kelchison, Boyd, Patterson, Surper, and Keash. The President explained that he had called the meeting at the request of some members of the Committee to enable Mr. Muir, Land and Estate Agent, to make a proposition for the sub-leasing of the store at present occupied by Messrs S. Walker & Co. Mr. Muir having been introduced by the President stated that as Messrs S. Walker & Co. were desirous of sub-letting the premises recently leased to them he was instructed by the Hon. A. B. Foster to offer to take the lease on condition that the Committee would grant the extra rooms as at present occupied by them under the lease expiring on May 1st next, and also that a further term of Four (4) years be granted at a rental of \$2200. per annum. Mr. Foster agreeing in consideration of the additional rooms to relinquish the use of the cellar. The premises being required by Mr. Foster for Railway offices and board room he was willing to expend from \$2000. to \$3000. in improving the property. Mr. Muir having retired the matter was taken up for consideration and after considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr. Coors seconded by Mr. Cruikshank "That we agree to release Messrs S. Walker & Co. of the lease for the next Five (5) years and that the premises be leased to the Hon^{ble} A. B. Foster for Railway office and board room for a term of 9 years from first of May next at a rental of \$2200. per annum and taxes." unanimously agreed to.

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

David Macfarlane
Pres^t
J. W. H. A. S.

Committee Room
Mechanist Institute
Montreal March 10th 1873.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. J. Macfarlane Esq. President in the chair, besides whom were present Messrs. Corse, Findlay, Patterson, Cruikshank, Craig, Beckett, Harpur, Boyd and Croth. Minutes of Meetings held February 10th and 18th were read and confirmed. The President stated that Hon. A. B. Foster had agreed to take the store at present leased to S. Walker & Co upon the terms agreed on, and that the lease had been signed by himself and Mr. Hutchison. The following letter was received from Mr. G. A. Sargent, Chairman of Committee of the Montreal Workmen's Benefit and Widows and Orphan's Society.

- copy -

Montreal Feby 22nd 1873.

To the President and Managers
of the Mechanist Institute.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the committee of the M. W. M. Benefit & Widows & Orphan's Society's concert to present to you the enclosed Bill of expenses incurred in consequence of a misunderstanding which occurred in the letting of the Hall for the 20th of December 1872, already engaged by us on the 13th November for the whole course of entertainments under the auspices of the above Society, and the name of the chairman of Committee entered on the Books at the time by Mr. Reid the Deputy Superintendent, and in the face of this record the Hall was given for the same night to Mr. Rosewitz, consequently all our expenses for advertising &c. were a total loss besides breaking our contract with a very important singer engaged for the whole course costing us four dollars each night extra (\$8.00 of which has already been paid) by being thrown out of our 20th December concert. The statement (and not the copy) was laid before the last business meeting of the Society and was by them decided that it would be a just charge against the Institute. While the Committee would desire to settle matters of this kind amicably, not wishing to do anything to injure the hitherto public confidence in the Institution or claim anything unjust, yet being accountable to the Society for the expenses incurred we are compelled to look to the Institute for the means to defray the same. We cannot of course estimate what our losses are and therefore decided only to ask for our actual outlay already incurred & paid. On behalf of the Committee
amt of exp. and. \$22.⁵⁷/₁₀₀ and 7/100.

I remain Yours

Most Obedt Servant.

Signed

G. A. Sargent

Chairman of Committee

It was unanimously resolved that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to write to Mr. Sargent stating that the Committee had given the matter very careful consideration and that they could not alter the compensation asked for.

Report was read from the Library Committee recommending that the Library be open for the issue of Books from 9. A.M. to 9.30 P.M. On motion it was agreed to postpone

consideration until next meeting. The Treasurer's Statement was read showing Balance to end of Febry \$1547.⁴¹/₁₀₀. The following Aps were referred to the respective Committees and if found correct to be paid.

Rich^d Patton \$9¹³/₁₀₀ Church Herald \$2.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ A. Buntin Co. 4.00

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. J. Harcett. Second class A. E. Garth. D. Donavan Third Class

The meeting thereafter adjourned

David W. Faulau

President

Craig

Cor Secy

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal March 14. 1873

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening D. Macfarlane Esq. President in the Chair besides whom were present Messrs. Corse. Crickshank Patterson Harper and Craig. Minutes of meeting held March 10th read and confirmed. Treasurers Statement read and adopted.

The President reported that he had accepted the stock (new issue) of City Gas Company. 15 shares paid up stock as Bonus. and 15 shares to be paid at par. The following Aps were presented

A. Buntin Co \$1.⁰⁰/₁₀₀ P. Boyd 50¢ J. Morrice \$3.²⁵/₁₀₀ J. A. Harte \$3.³³/₁₀₀ G. W. Reed \$81.⁶⁹/₁₀₀ Can. M^o News 6.00 Dawson Bro \$94.⁶⁰/₁₀₀ Referred to

respective Committees and if correct, to be paid. The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute J. J. Pearse, C. Bourne, J. F. Harper, C. H. Wheeler, W. D. Gillian, J. Hartkins 2nd class J. M^o Nat N. Raymore 3rd class. Unfinished business -

The reply to Mr Sargent's letter was made as follows.

10th March. 1873

"Sir. Your letter of the 22nd ulto with enclosure was duly received and it has received the most careful consideration of the Committee of management of this Institute, who have enquired very fully into the circumstances of the matter but cannot find that they are in any way responsible for the amount claimed, or indeed for any amount. The Committee of management of this Institute are anxious to do every thing in their power that is reasonable for the accomodation, convenience and comfort of their patrons and they consider it very unkind for you or your committee (if they sanctioned it) to traduce them as you did in your advertisement."

I am Yours Respectfully

signed

Craig

Cor. Secy

David W. Faulau

President

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute

Montreal April 28th 1873

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening J. Macfarlane Esq. President in the Chair besides whom were present Messrs N. B. Coors J. Lindlay J. C. Crutshank J. Boyd A. C. Hutchison S. Harper and J. Craig Esqrs. Minutes of meeting held April 11th read and confirmed. Letter from Mr. Foster read regarding leasing of premises leased to him referred to House Committee Messrs N. B. Coors and A. Hyman stated on President wanting the Library of reference of the Board of Arts & Manufactures to remain ^{as at present} in the library of the Institute without charge. Granted. The use of the Numismatic Socy's Journal \$1.50 refer'd to Library Committee The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute E. Mickelthwait J. G. Lee John Lyne Geo. May. Second class. The meeting thereafter adjourned.

David Macfarlane
President.

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute

Montreal May 12th 1873

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening J. Macfarlane Esq. President in the chair besides the Presidents whom were present Messrs N. B. Coors J. Crutshank J. Lindlay J. Boyd was requested S. Harper and P. Macquisten. The Minutes of Meeting held April 28th to ask Mr. Reed were read and confirmed. Treasurer's statement read and adopted to resign. The following a/c's were presented, and referred to the House & Library Committee the Office of - and ordered to be paid. Corporation of Montreal - rectified a/c \$213.⁸⁶/₁₀₀. Superintendent, Burdand, L'African Co. 7.⁰⁰. It was moved seconded and carried that the President Messrs Coors & Hutchison be a committee to arrange with reference to a Superintendent Mr. C. Whittaker was in the usual manner elected a member of the Institute. The meeting thereafter adjourned.

David Macfarlane
President.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 26 May 1873

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening, were present Mr Patterson Esq. the president in the chair Messrs Coxe, Findlay, Boyd Stevenson, Craig, Harper, Macquisten Crutcher and Heath.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Chairman of House Committee's report on repairs of the Boiler, read and referred back for further particulars.

Mr Coxe in the absence of the president stated that in accordance with the resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Committee, the President had requested Mr Reed to resign the office of Superintendent - to wit
"D. Macfarlane Esq. May 17th 1872

" President of Mechanics Institute.

" Dear Sir At the request of the Committee of Management, I hereby tender my resignation of the Office of Superintendent of the Institute, to take effect when my successor is appointed. I am Sir,
" Very Respectfully Your Obedt Servant, Saml. S. Reed"

The following advertisement was duly inserted in the "Daily Witness and Star" -

When 20 applications were received, after careful examination the following six were chosen to select from, viz
Messrs J. Craig, C. B. Mackenzie, Hollis, W. Kent, R. W. D. Oler and J. Sanson.

Moved by Mr Findlay, seconded by Mr Macquisten That Messrs Macfarlane Coxe and Crutcher, be a Committee to appoint a Superintendent.

Moved in Amendment by Mr A. A. Stevenson, seconded by Mr Heath

That it is not advisable to depute any sub-committee the power to appoint a Superintendent and that consequently this

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE. Applications in the handwriting of the applicant for the office of Superintendent for the Mechanics' Institute will be received by the Committee up to 4 p.m., of the 25th Inst. Parties applying for the office must present with their application copies of recommendations, &c., from former employers. For particulars as to duties, &c., apply to N. B. COX, Esq., at the Library of the Institute, from 10 to 12 o'clock. 1184 JOHN HEATH, Sec. Secretary.
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this committee adjourned until Wednesday evening next at 7 1/2 PM for the purpose of seeing the C. Applicants now on the list and then making a selection. A "Carried"

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to communicate with the said applicants requesting their attendance on Wednesday evening. Moved by Mr J. Boyd, seconded by Mr Findlay that the Treasurer be instructed to file a claim on the Citizens Insurance Co for the amount of \$200 or any further sum that may be found to have been taken by the late Superintendent,

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Jean L. Leprohon M.D.		1st Class
B. Robillard		2 "
W. W. Kidson	Clerk	2 "
J. G. Goodridge	Book Keeper	2 "
A. W. Scott	Clerk	3 "
John Kobold	an Engineer	3 "
Thomas Mason	" Pattern maker	3 "

This finished the business of the evening and the meeting adjourned to meet again at 7 1/2 PM Wednesday 28 inst.

W. J. Patterson
Vice President

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Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 28 May 1873

Adjourned meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening. D. Macfarlane Esq. President in the Chair besides whom were present - Messrs Beckett, Findlay, Bore, Craig, Boyd, Harper, Macquisten, Crutcher, Heath, Patterson and Sherinson,

The President having stated the special object of the meeting - The following were severally called in
J. Craig aged 25 years single
R. D. Oler 47 " married

C. B. Mackenzie aged 24 years Single
 C. Hollis " 41 " Married
 W. Kent " 34 " Married

After some discussion as to the merits of the respective Candidates a Ballot was taken and the President declared that the election had fallen on Mr Simons. The meeting was thereafter closed.

David Macfarlane
 President.

Jas. Hart C. S.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 9th June 1873

At a regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening there were present D. Macfarlane Esq. President in the Chair, besides whom there were Messrs Coxe, Boyd, Patterson, Craig Harper, Hutchinson, Crumshaw, Heath, Fendley and Dickitt.

Minutes of regular meeting of the 26th and adjournment of the 28th Current were duly read and confirmed.

The following accounts were referred to the respective Committees with instructions if found correct to be paid - Viz

D. Morrie for Scit Gas. M. Building Co. \$ 3.50

The Report of the House Committee on the repairs of the Boiler was considered when it was moved by Mr Craig, seconded by Mr Harper and Resolved.

That the House Committee be and is hereby authorized to proceed at once with the purchase of a New Boiler capable of heating the whole building.

The following report was received from the special committee appointed to enquire into the defalcation of the late Superintendent. " Your committee appointed to enquire into the correctness of the Cash intrusions of the late Superintendent with the Institute.

By

By the report, that as regards the Rent of the Hall and proceeds of Membership tickets - so far as they could be ascertained - were duly entered in the Cash book and accounted for.

That in the entry of Room-rents a few omissions of small amounts of one or two dollars may have been made and if so could not be attributed to any thing worse than carelessness. The Collecting from Mr Anderson \$200⁰⁰ with which he was away, is the only act of dishonesty which are found chargeable against him.

Moved by Mr Findlay. Seconded by Mr Craig and Carried - That the report be received - $\frac{1}{2}$ ayes $\frac{1}{2}$

Moved by Mr Harper seconded by Mr Craig and Carried - That the services of Robert Young be retained till the 1st May next at a salary of seven dollars per week to commence today.

The House Committee was instructed to make a thorough examination of the Roof and if found sound to report upon the expediency of decorating the

Moved seconded and Carried That Mr Cove be hereby requested to make arrangements for the purchase of Coal

The Montreal Mutual Building Society is permitted to place a small Iron safe in one of the Committee rooms for security of their records &c.

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

M. P. Connolly - 2nd Class

This finished the business of the evening and the Meeting closed.

David W. Faulkner, Secy
Wm. H. Ash, R. S.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 23 June 1873.

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute held here this evening were present D. Macfarlane Esquire President in the Chair, besides whom there were Messrs Corse, Bickett, Hutchinson Boyd, Macquiston, Patterson, Harper and Heath.
Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

House committee reported progress, respecting Boiler and decorating of the hall

Moved by Mr J. Boyd, Seconded by Mr Patterson That a flag staff be erected on the roof of the building under the superintendence of the House committee. Carried

Account from the Montreal Water Works for the year ending 1 May 1871 was submitted amount Net \$43⁷² ordered to be paid

Nothing further appearing the meeting closed

David Macfarlane President
Geo Heath Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute.

Montreal 28 June 1873

At a Special meeting of the General committee of the above named Institute, held here this evening were present D. Macfarlane Esquire, President in the chair, with Messrs Patterson, Craig, Corse, Hutchinson, Findlay, Crankshaw, Boyd & Heath

The President, stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the several Tenders that had been sent in, and to decide upon having the Stone at the corner of St Peter Street,

The following Tenders were submitted by the House Committee and opened to view

Garth 1887⁰⁰ Mitchell 2050⁰⁰ Patton. 2065⁰⁰

After some conversation it was moved by Mr Crankshaw, seconded by Mr Findlay and Resolved that Garth's tender be accepted and that the House Committee be instructed to carry out the same.

Moved by Mr Boyd, seconded by Mr Craig and
Resolved: That the amount to be charged to Mr
Foster, for heating the Store at present occupied by
Mr Walker corner St Peter Street be fixed at two
hundred and twenty, five dollars per annum.

No other business remaining the meeting
closed.

David McFarlane
Pres
Just Read R 5

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 14 July 1873

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee
was held here this evening, The President D. McFarlane
Equin on the Chair, besides whom there were
present Messrs Patterson, Hutchinson, Findlay, Beckett
Harper and Keith.

Minutes of regular meeting of the 23 and
subsequent special meeting of the 28 June were
duly read and confirmed.

The following communications were severally
read To wit

" Montreal 5 July 1873

" W. Farlane Esq. Pres. Mechanics
" Shall, Dear Sir, If you will put steam
" into the premises lately occupied by Mr
" Walker furnishing all necessary steam
" pipes, fittings and fixtures in sufficient
" quantity, and number to thoroughly heat
" the premises as an office, I will pay you
" the sum of two hundred dollars per
" annum, for the term of the lease, payable
" quarterly, same as rent

" Yours truly, J E Foster

" Citizens Ins Co. Guaranta - Montreal 5 July 1873

" Geo Crombhart Esq Treas Mechanics
" Inst, Montreal, Sir, In reply to your
" communication of the 23 Ult, received
" yesterday, I beg leave to inform you
" that the claim of your Institute against
" this Company for two hundred (\$200)
" dollars has been admitted, and will
" be paid on terms of the policy. I have the
" honor to be, Sir your obt servt Edward R. St...

moved by Mr Hutchinson, seconded by Mr Heath and carried that Mr Foster's offer of \$200 per Annum for heating the premises voted by him be accepted.

The House Committee reported having rec'd the following Tenders for the decorating of the Hall.

C. Foye \$350. without scaffolding	} Desiderius A Craig 800 ⁰⁰ with scaffolding. Owen & Godwin, 850 ⁰⁰ with scaffolding or 100 ⁰⁰ if done in oil.
Thomas Castle 475 with scaffolding	
J. Murphy 600 without scaffolding	
J. Held 700	

moved by Mr Fordley seconded by Mr Heath that the Tenders Messrs Thomas & Castle and Mr J. Murphy be referred to the president and House Committee with instructions to accept the one they considered most desirable, carried

The Library Committee reported having received a donation of 11 volumes of Books from Mr S. J. Macfarlane for the use of the Library - orders were acknowledged.

It was unanimously resolved that the President be instructed to arrange with the Citizens Insurance Company for a Bond of \$1,000. for the faithful discharge of the duties of the Superintendent J. M. Sanson, the premiums to be paid annually by the Institute.

The following accounts were to the respective committees and if found correct orders were paid, James Walker & Co 405, A. Bunting Co 80 Graham Co 1088, Cowper & Nish 300

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Inst.

The Hon: A B Foster, Life member

J. E. Foster, do

James Crossley, Clerk 2nd class

No other business appearing the meeting closed

David W. Faulmer
President.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Monday 28 July 1873

monthly

The regular semi-annual meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening; the president D. McFarlane Esquire, in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Patterson Harper Stevenson, Core, Craig, Cruickshank, Heath & Bateson.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Letter from Messrs L. Mitchell & Co, concerning lighting of Hall, read

Moved by Mr J Harper, seconded by Mr Geo Cruickshank, that the question of lighting the Hall be left on the hands of the House Committee, with power to act in accordance with their opinion. Carried.

House Committee reported that the Tender of Messrs Thomas & Castle was accepted for decorating the Hall, and that the work was progressing.

The Treasurer's Report to end of June placed on the table.

Moved by Mr J Heath seconded by Mr Stevenson that the Bank account be changed to Mechanics Bank, provided it gives six per cent interest on current account. Carried.

The following accounts were received and referred to respective committees:

House Comtee	J. Motter	\$ 3 25
do	Brown Bros	4 65
do	J Wright	50 00
do	J. Boyd	6 65
Library Comtee	J Shannon	4 00
	Conny Wilson & Co	12 00
	Dawson Bros	24 39

and if found correct to be paid

Some discussion took place as to the advisability of re-seating the Hall;

The question was referred to House Committee with the object of getting plans and prices

of ~~order~~ to report if possible at next meeting;
No other business offering the meeting closed.
David W. Fallais
President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 11 Aug 1873

At a regular semi-monthly meeting of the
General committee of the above named Inst.
held here this evening were present
D. Macfarland, Esq., President on
the Chair, besides whom there were Messrs
J. Boyd, J. Studlay, J. Harper, J. Heath,
J. C. Beckett, and J. Craig.

Minutes of last meeting read
and confirmed.

Letter from the Citizens Insurance
Company read, referred to President
and Co. Secretary.

House committee reported
on lighting Hall, that arrangements
for lighting made with Mitchell for
three centre Gasaliers and two side brackets
for ~~\$100~~ for \$650.

That Lamp for front door has been
ordered to cost \$100⁰⁰ complete —

That the work of heating and
decorating of Hall is progressing
favorably.

Library Committee report
read, ~~with~~ ~~moved~~ by Mr. Heath
~~secondly~~ — "Your committee would again call
attention to the very crowded state of the Reading
Room and the great inconvenience suffered by
the members thereby and they again to
recommend that the Long room be used
as the Library by removing the Partition
and that the present ~~Reading~~ ^{Library} room be
used as the Magazine reading room — the
present reading rooms being reserved
entirely for News-papers and your committee

recommend that this be ^{done} immediately, so that the Rooms may be made comfortable for the coming winter.

Your committee beg to report that the Library has been carefully examined and ~~that~~ the Books compared with the Manuscript Catalogue and your committee regret to report that under the Management of the late Superintendent 1405 Books have disappeared of which no trace can be found in the Register, whether these Books (Some of them are valuable) are now in the hands of Members or have been stolen your committee cannot say, but they would recommend that advice be taken as to the Liability of the Guarantee Company for the discrepancies" - Signed J. Harper C.M.

Moved by Mr. Heath, Seconded by Mr. Hindley that the first part of the report be referred to House and Library Committee, as to cost of alteration and mode of alteration,

Resolved that the second part be adopted and Legal Opinion be taken as to liability of Guarantee Company to the Institute,

The following accounts were received, and referred to several Committees

House Committee.	R. Patton	\$41.22
Library Committee	W. E. Jackson	1.20
Take Paid	Gas age	133 04
Take paid	Post Office	3 93
Take paid if correct	Interest	3 50

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Thomas Allan Esq	Life member
Henry Morton.	1 st Class -
J. A. Adams	1 100
Mr. R. Pownall	2 "
Mr. Robt Lindsay	2 "
" Jas Byrne	2 "
" Thos Foxley	2 "
" M. B. Champion	2 "
" C. W. Bastable	2 "
" John L. Dupire	2
" John Harrower	2
" Jos James	2

- " Thos B. Short 2nd class
 " A W Peathers 2nd "
 " Robt M Smith 2nd "
 3rd Class Bertam Cox, Louis Monette
 " Jos Venables, St. Hanna
 " J. Percusford, St. Roseborough
 " Pat Lynch, St. W. Kelsey
 " R. Boyd, St. Carl
 " John McKinnan, Chas Hart
 " Alex Chandler, Michael Lynch
 " John Kessock, Wm. Bulling
 " Henry Woodley, Albert Lout
 " Chas Shaw, John Semmon

The President reported that the Bank account was transferred to the Mechanics Bank.

The House committee did not report as to resiating Hall.

The meeting closed

David McFarlane preside

Committee Room.

Mechanics Institute.

Montreal 20 August 1873

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General committee of the above named Institute, was held here this evening. The president D. McFarlane, Esquire in the Chair - beside whom there were present Messrs. Coxe, Millar, Hutchison, Harper, Crutcher, Craig, and Heath. Minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The House committee reported that they have taken into consideration that portion of the report of the Library Committee - presented at the last meeting of the General committee - having reference to the enlargement of the Library and Reading room and recommend that the proposed changes be undertaken at once. Your committee have also taken into consideration the advisability of improving the main stair case of the building and herewith submit a plan for new stairs from the Street to the Hall and also for the enlargement of the Library which they accompany with a Memo of the different works required to be undertaken in making these alterations and estimate of

of the cost of the same. These alterations your
 Committee recommend to be carried out as early
 as possible so that the Institute may receive
 the full benefit of the improvements which have
 been made in the hall - Signed A C Hutchinson,
 Chairman &c

Moved by Mr Stevenson, Seconded by Mr Craig -

That the report of the House committee be received
 and adapted and that it be submitted for the
 consideration of the Members of the Institute at
 the Annual Meeting to be held next Monday
 evening with a recommendation that authority be
 conferred upon the New Committee to raise, by
 temporary loan or otherwise, the amount
 necessary to carry out the important question.

The following accounts were presented and
 referred to Library Committee, to wit:

Messrs A Purton & Co \$4⁰⁰ Saml S. Butt for globe box

The following names were in the usual manner
 elected members of the Institute.

Thomas Castle	1 st Class	Geo H Mercey	3 rd Class
Jos Thomas	1 "	Dr H. Smith	2 "
Duncan McCormack	1 "	Henry Boyd	2 "
Wm Dixon	1 "	James Texas	2 "
J. C. Dunn	2 "	Geo P Clapp	2 "
Mr Armstrong	2 "	Wm Crawford	2 "
Geo S Butt	2 "	John W McGeeveran	2 "
Eugene Atherton	2 "	R H Wilson	2 "
Chas Simpson	2 "	John Spence	2 "
Mrs Townsend	2 "	Marian Williams	2 "
Pat McGaul	3 "	Thos Hamilton	3 "
Chas A Macpherson	3 "	James Green	3 "
Henry Cowie	3 "	Henry Somerville	3 "
James Mullhall	3 "	Geo Jones	3 "
Geo Bennett	3 "	Alfred Turner	3 "
W E Crookman	3 "	Alfred Lynet	3 "
Thos Rice	3 "		

The President and Chairman of Library Committee
 reported that the legal opinion was only ~~partially~~
 partially favourable as regards claim on Guarantee
 company for books, the amount claimed is \$600.00

Subject to Modification a new tariff for the rent of hall was considered
 according to Circ and decided upon as follows -

Entertainments with scenery \$35.00 Minus \$35.00

Concerts \$30. Lectures \$20. Bazaars \$20. Local Concerts 2/4
Public Meetings 25. Religious and Temperance Meetings 2/4
Messrs Geo. Starks and Robert Louisa
were appointed Auditors,
No other business offering the meeting
closed.
David McFarlane Presdt

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 30 August 1873

A Special meeting of the General Committee of
the above named Institute, held here this
evening, pursuant to notice duly given—
were present D. McFarlane Esq. President on
the Chair, with Messrs Stevenson, Hutchison,
Cruikshank, Heath, Harper ~~and~~ Macquisten, and
Craig. The draft of report for Annual
meeting on Monday was considered and
referred back. No other business offering the meeting
closed.
David McFarlane
Presdt

Large Hall
Mechanics Institute
Montreal 1 September 1873

The 34th Annual General meeting of the members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal was held here this evening, and present David Macfarlane Esquire President, in the Chair with Messrs Hutchison, Beckett, Crutshanks, Harper, Stevenson, Cox, Craig, Heath, Findlay members of committee also His Worship Mayor Bernard, Messrs G W Weaver, J Skerov, D Rose, A Bertrand, K A Hall, McFarlane with about fifty others.

Minutes of last Annual meeting read and approved.

The Recording Secretary read the 34th Annual Report to wit:

"Gentlemen

Your Committee in presenting the 34th Annual Report of the Condition of the Institute would briefly refer to the leading incidents of the year, the first item to be considered is that of Membership—

The number of Members at date of last Annual Report was

Honary	11
Corresponding	8
Life	276
Annual	<u>338</u> = <u>633</u>

The number of members at the close of the year 31 Aug 1873 and—

Honary	11
Corresponding	8
Life	321
Annual	<u>347</u> = <u>490</u> —

Showing a decrease of 143 —

Seven life members was added to the list during the year, but as the whole list has been ^{more} carefully examined than heretofore it was found that 53 had to be struck off that number through deaths during previous years, whose

names had been allowed to remain on the list.

The falling off in the number of Annual Subscribers your committee much regret but when they state that in Two Large Manufacturing Establishments 60 Apprentice members did not renew their subscriptions the decrease is largely accounted for.

Your committee have much pleasure in stating that the New and Renewal Subscriptions for the year on which we have now entered has very considerably increased being at the present 251. The number at the date of last year was 102.

Library

This department of the Institute has been extensively used during the past year, but owing to the inexactness of the Records kept by the late Superintendent the actual number of Books used cannot be given, but from an estimate based on an accurate observation during two months it is calculated that 4000 Volumes were taken out ^{by} readers of the Library.

Your committee are unable for the same reasons to give the number of the various classes of Books that have been circulated.

239 volumes of New Books have been added to the Library of which 225 were purchased, Mr Jas W M'fortune gave 10
" I Heath " 3
Mr C W Winfield " 1
" W J Patterson " 3 = 239

The total number of Volumes now in the Library is say

Your committee called in all the Books outstanding immediately after the departure of the late Superintendent and having carefully compared them with the Catalogue found that 405 Vols were missing, of which no trace could be found in the Register, but as the number lost in previous years by wear and tear was 28 it was considered equitable to take 28 as the number worn out during the ten months of the year up to the time the comparison was made, leaving 326 Vols.

Not still unaccounted for, the value of which at an average of two dollars each your committee has claimed from the Quarantine Company Reading Room.

This important portion of the Institute continues to attract a large and regular attendance of the members many of whom do not avail themselves of the Library. Your committee feeling the importance of this branch of their duties have endeavoured to supply the requirements of all classes - besides the varied and large number of Periodicals reported at the end of previous year the following additions have been made

Reading room
Committee
on 11/11

3 Daily Provincial Papers

1 Weekly English

7 Monthly Canadian & American Magazines

Finance

Your committee are pleased to be able to report an increase in the receipts of over \$1000. this is the more satisfactory in view of the fact that the ordinary expenditure has not materially augmented or grown in the same ratio. The investment in Gas Stock has been very productive, a Stock Bonus of 15 paid up shares have been received in addition to which the right was given of subscribing for a similar number of shares at par which have also been taken. The Institute now holds 45 Shares of which 30 are paid up and ^{on} the remaining 15 shares 20% has been paid.

Auditors Report -

D. Macfarlane Esq. President of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal -

Sir We being appointed Auditors for the present year, would most respectfully report.

That we have examined the accounts and vouchers, presented by the Superintendent, that we have experienced some difficulty in the matter, but aided by Mr Sansum the present Superintendent find the vouchers to agree with the financial statement appended to the annual report and would say that as far as we could see the accounts are correct.

Signed

Robert Down

George H. Davis

auditors

Statement of Finance.
for the Year ending 31 July 1873
Mechanics Institute of Montreal. 30 Aug 73

1872		1873	
Aug 1 To Bal	661 57	July 31 paid Interest	1500 00
July 31 " Cash Rent Hall	2709 58	" Printing & advertising	109 98
" " Rooms	574 80	" Library & R Room	1089 28
" " Stores	2623 33	" Gas Stock	210 00
" " Life member	100 00	" Acccts water &c	628 94
" " Annual do	401 00	" Light	685 67
" " Bank Int	100 87	" Salaries	925 35
" " Gas dividend	44 27	" Insurance	285 00
" " ^{Stores} Acccomts fro	206 21	" Building	551 96
" " Waste paper	13 05	" Contingencies	597 29
" " Catalogues	25	" Cash on hand.	848 83
" " Fine	37		
	\$ 7493 30		\$ 7492 30

Assets

Building & Land	60000 00
Furniture	3600 00
Gas Stock ^{544 18 1/2}	1320 00
Library	5200 00
Rents due	915 00
Cash on hand	848 83
	71873 83

Liabilities

Colonial Church	26000 00
Sundry Accts	429 70
Bal from Inst	451 54 13
	30851 24

Audited and found correct, } Robt Brown
Signed } George K Starks

Lectures and Classes

Soon after the last Annual Meeting your committee determined, set to work to organize a series of semi monthly meetings open to members of the Institute for the reading of papers and the discussion of subjects connected with practical Science &c. This scheme was almost completed when it was found necessary to give up all the accommodation we could spare for the drawing classes organized by the English speaking portion of the Board of Arts and Manufactures - the accommodation and convenience of these classes being in the eyes of your committee of paramount

importance all pecuniary responsibilities was assumed and paid for the Board

Lectures

While your committee were corresponding to ascertain the Terms of some of the leading Lecturers and otherwise considering the Matter a trusted association raised a guarantee fund and entered into engagements with four or five of the most eminent and having engaged our Hall to deliver the Lectures - we deemed it expedient to defer further proceedings. Your committee have again to acknowledge the great obligations which the members of the Institute are under to Professor Goldwin Smith for his very able and instructive free lecture on the labour question on the 1st November last.

House

During the past year several alterations and repairs have been made amongst others a New Floor of Hard wood has been laid upon the Stage of the Hall and a Stage staff erected in front of the building, the Ticket Office at entrance has also been enlarged the whole at a cost of \$120⁰⁰. Soon after the beginning of the present year your committee granted a new lease of the corner Stone to Messrs James Walker & Co for a term of three or five years at a rental of \$2000 per Annum being an increase on previous lease of \$650⁰⁰ they however did not continue to occupy it but procured another Tenant for the place The Hon: A B Foster to whom your committee had granted a still more valuable lease at a rental of \$2200 per Annum, an application has since been made by Mr Foster for the heating of the premises & occupied by him, which your committee have assented to do at a charge of \$200 per Annum for the term of the lease. This brought up the question of the capabilities of the then present boiler and after a thorough examination was found so unsafe through wear and tear that your committee decided to at once purchase a New Boiler with pipes capable of heating the whole of the Building.

and which has been successfully carried out at a cost of \$1500.

The decoration of the Hall having been much damaged by water and to its soiled appearance generally, your Committee decided to redecorate the same and what has been done in a manner they consider very satisfactory. The Members will have an opportunity tonight of judging for themselves.

Your committee have also arranged to light the Hall by three handsome Gasolins with brackets for the Stage in place of the present numerous pendants; as also a lamp for the front door outside and for which the Corporation have agreed to give the Gas the whole at a cost of \$1200.

Your committee have deemed it prudent to increase the Annual of Insurance on the building and property of the Institute to \$39000. They have also had under consideration and in a manner agreed to a new scale of charges for the use of the Hall.

Your Committee have obtained plans for the extension of the Reading room. They recommend that the partition between the Library and Long room be removed that the Long room be made the Library and the present Reading room being used for Newspapers - they believe that the attractions of the Reading room will be more appreciated with the increased accommodation and comfort which the Members will receive.

The most expensive of the alterations your committee have had under consideration is to give easier access to the Hall, the complaints have been numerous of the difficulty of getting in and out and the crowding of the narrow stair. It is proposed to have one stair the full width of the passage say ten feet running up towards the back of the building with only one turn on the Reading room flat, a passage to the Reading room would have to be taken off the rooms at present occupied

by Mr. Stukelion, the rear stairs to remain as at present, giving exit to St. Peter Street through the gate which it is proposed to light when required to be used. The proposed changes would involve an expenditure of about \$1800.

Your committee regret having to report that in consequence of the very numerous irregularities of the late Paper Superintendent S. S. Reed, they were compelled in May last to request him to place his resignation in their hands to hold office only till his successor could be appointed, a few days afterwards he absconded appropriating the sum of \$200, which he had that day collected from Mr. Anderson for rent. Your committee at once filed a claim on the Guarantee Co. for the amount which has been admitted by them. Advertisements were inserted in the Daily papers and from a large number of applicants they made choice of Mr. Sanson who was formerly Superintendent, and who is now discharging the duties of the office.

Your committee have instituted a new system of accounts and checks which they believe will prevent the possibility of irregularities — occurring for the future.

The Board of Arts in which this Institute had a large interest has been dissolved and a Council of Arts nominated by the Provincial Government has been appointed in its place. Application was made by your committee by the Council that the free library belonging to them should be accommodated in our Rooms till such time as the Council should have a place of their own this request has been freely granted.

If the plans and improvements which your committee have submitted should be adopted it will be necessary to grant power to the new committee to borrow money to meet the cost the amount required will be about \$4000. The Church Society have notified your committee that the rate of interest on the present mortgages is to be increased from 6 to ⁷/₈ per cent from the present time.

All respectfully submitted.

Reading room continued.

News papers and periodicals on file

British

London Daily Times	Pall Mall Budget	
Public Opinion	Punch	
Art Journal	Judy	
Illustrated London News	Glasgow Herald	
Edinburgh Scotsman	Glasgow Citizen	
Edinburgh Review	Dublin Worker	
Engineer	Engineering	
Builder	Building News	
Athenaeum	Academy	
Lancet	Chemical News	
Animal World	Nature	
All the Year round	British Antiquary	
British Quarterly Review	Cornhill	
Westminster	Do	Chambers Journal
London	Do	London Journal
Edinburgh	Do	Family Herald
Contemporary	Do	Once a week
Fortnightly	Do	London Society
Saturday	Do	Simple Bar
Beetlewood		Practical Magazine
English Mechanic		Spectator
Graphic		European Mail
Macmillans		Illustrated
Journal of Science		

Canadian

Montreal Gazette	Herald	Mercury
Star	Witness	La National
Im Witness	La Couronne	
	Illustrated Canadian News	
Toronto Globe, & Mail	Ottawa Times	
Hamilton Spectator	London Advertiser	
Kingston Chronicle & News	Ottawa Express	
Lindsay Canadian Post	Peterborough Review	
Quebec Official Gazette	Chronicle	
St Johns News	Cornwall Observer	
Sherbrooke Gazette	Medical Record	
Canadian Monthly	St Johns & B Telegraph	
Halifax Chronicle	Novascotian	

American NY Herald, Times, Witness, Home Journal, Albion
S.A. Journal, Frank Leslie's Paper, Harpers Monthly
Sentinel, Popular Science, Sci American Boston
Journal, Chicago Tribune, Christian Register
Atlantic Monthly, Phil Inquirer

Moved by Mr Gilman, seconded by Mr Hall
 That the Annual Report be adopted and
 passed with the understanding that the New
 Committee have the power to modify the
 alterations suggested in any way they may
 deem advisable. Carried.

Measures. In Wright, Wilson and Rose
 were appointed scrutineers for taking the ballot,
 while the ballots were being cast the
 following persons were in the usual
 manner elected members of the Inst.

Kenneth W Lee	1 st Class
Thomas Jones	1 "
Edmond Walcott	2 "
Alex Graham	2 "
J. M. Hayden	2 "
James Walker	2 "
Rudolph Leprohon	3 "
Wm Geo Palmer	3 "
John R Craven	3 "

The ballot having been taken in the usual
 manner, the following Gentlemen were declared
 elected Officers and Committee for the
 ensuing year

David Macfarlane Esq	President
J. C. Beckett Esq	Vice
James Wright Esq	Cor ^y Secy
Robert Irvine Esq	Recor ^y Secy
Geo Cruikshank Esq	Treasurer
W. S. Walker Esq	Librarian
John Boyd Esq	Cabinet Keeper
Messrs A C Hutcheson, W B Coxe	General Committee
A A Stevenson, Jonathan Indlay	
P Macquiston and Geo P Clapp	

Moved by Mr A A Stevenson, seconded by
 Mr J Craig and Carried unanimously.

That the General Committee to be elected
 this evening, be authorized to obtain on the most
 advantageous terms, a temporary loan, comprising
 a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars in order
 to defray expenses already incurred for building
 improvements, and to complete the improvements
 referred to in the Annual Report, or such
 modifications thereof as the new committee

may determine; and that the president, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary, he, and they are hereby, specially empowered to sign in the name and on behalf of the Institute, a Note bond or Mortgage for the amount which it may be necessary to borrow, not exceeding the above named sum of Ten thousand dollars.

Moved by Mr R. Brown, Recorded by Mr W. S. Walter and passed unanimously.

That the thanks of this Institute are due and are hereby tendered to the Committee for their efforts during the past year, for the very great improvements made and the general interest taken in the welfare of the Institute and especially to Mr A. C. Hutchinson for his valuable and gratuitous services in connection with those improvements.

Moved by Mr Rutherford, Seconded by Mr McCormick. That the Committee now elected be instructed to consider the question whether the useful uses of the Institute would not be much enhanced by the doing away with the 2nd and 3rd Classes as sanctioned by the present By law and making ^{the} use of the Library and Reading and Classes free on such condition as safety and order may require and to report at next meeting. This motion was ruled out of order.

As Worship the Mayor D. Bernard in his usual felicitous style addressed the meeting, advertising to his long connection with and ^{lively} interest he still feels in the Institute. Concluded with moving a vote of thanks to the Secretaries which was recorded by Mr Cruckshanks and carried unanimously. — when the Meeting closed —

David W. Faulkner
President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute.

Montreal 8 Sept 1873.

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. The President David Macfarlane preside on the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Hendley, Boyd, Clapp, Wright, Irwin, Walker, Hutchinson, Cranstont and Stevenson. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed after appending marginal notes. Minutes of special meeting also read and approved —

The following letters were read and referred to committees to wit:

1 From Mr W A Hall,

" Calling attention of Committee to bad gas light in reading room.

referred to House Committee.

2 From Mr Estabrook Manager Insurance Snow C.

" Denying claim for books smeared from Library,

ordered to be paid —

3 The President submitted the nominations for Sub Committees which after due consideration were approved of as follows

Finance

Messrs W B Corse, Chairman with Messrs Cranstont, Jonathan Hendley, J. C. Beckett and R Irwin.

House

Messrs A C Hutchison or Chairman, Boyd, Corse, Macquisten, and Wright.

— Lectures and Glass —

Messrs J. Hendley, ^{Chairman} Stevenson, Hutchinson, Clapp and Walker.

Memberships

Messrs J. Boyd, Chairman, Stevenson, Clapp, Wright and Cranstont.

Library

Messrs W S Walker, Chairman, Macquisten, Hendley, Beckett and Irwin.

5. Treasurer brought in report of last months finance — as follows —

Dr	Cash	September 1873	Cr
To Recd from Stores	468 33	By pa Int & ass'ts	103 70
" Rooms	237 00	" Light	133 04
" Members	434 00	" Alterat &c	1158 55
" Heating	16 67	" Furniture	3 50
" Catalogues	30	" Prtg. advts	10 88
" Cash from last month	848 83	" Postage	3 93
		" Stationery	80
		" Wagon Hkly	166 75
		" Reading room	12 00
		" Ops Hkly	60 00
		" Cash Bank	334 00
		trans	17 89
			351 98
	2005 73		2005 73

The following accounts were received and referred to Finance Committee with instructions to pay them if found correct —

Graham B	adv't meeting	8 50
Hearn Harrison	Stamp	9 00

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

William Hudson	Book Keeper	Life
Lewis Short	Naturalist	1 Class
Walter Grose	Clerk	2 "
Miss Weeks		2 "
Donald Carmichael	Clerk	2 "
Robert Dickson	"	2 "
John Anderson	Steward	2 "
A. A. Ritchie	Student	2 "
Thomas Smith	Pupil	3 "
Chas Wheaton	Int. Clerk	3 "
Lewis Magnanet	Pupil	3 "

The House committee was instructed to procure Chairs for the platform

Suggestions in regard to cleaning rooms, referred to President and Chairman of Finance and House committee,

Moved by Mr Andrew, seconded by Mr Boyd: that the question of Superintendent's Salary be referred to Finance Committee and to report at next meeting of Committee that action may be taken thereon

Lewis Faulques, Presdt
Wm O'Neil Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Monday 22 Sept 1873

The regularly semi-monthly meeting of the ^{General Committee of the} above named Institute was held here this evening, when were present Messrs J. C. Beckett, J. Findlay, J. Boyd, James Wright, Geo. P. Clapp, A. C. Hutchinson, W. S. Walker and A. A. Stevenson.

In the absence of the president, Mr J. C. Beckett vice president took the Chair, and Mr Stevenson acted as Secretary.

The Minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

The Membership Committee reported verbally that in order to awaken a deeper interest in the Institute they would recommend that an annual Industrial Exhibition be held, at which Members only should be allowed to compete. At this Exhibition Songs and addresses could also be introduced, for the entertainment of the public. They would also suggest that printed Circulars be distributed through the Manufactories and work shops in the City, setting forth the advantages of connection with the Institute, and they think that it would be well to keep the Institute prominently before the public by notices in the newspapers.

It was moved by Mr Stevenson, seconded by Mr Findlay, that the Report of the Membership Committee be received and adopted. Carried unanimously.

It was also resolved that the Exhibition should be held early in February and the Membership Committee were instructed to prepare and issue circulars referred to in their report.

The Chairman of the various sub-committees with power to add to their number were named a Special Committee to consider more fully the question of an Exhibition such as it is proposed to hold, and to report to the General Committee an outline of the plan to be adopted in carrying it out.

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

Geo. Stacey	1 st Class
John A. Perry	2 "
Arthur Faulkner	2 "

Fred Bentley	2 Class
W.D. Woodhall	2 "
Chas Stacey	2 "
Fielden Crossley	2 "
James Fleeton	2 "
Michael Clark	2 "
Richard South	3 "
Wm Cameron	3 "
Richard Smith	3 "
Lewis Perham	3 "
Jos Millan	3 "
Randolph Hersey	3 "
John Gallagher	3 "
Jos Ott Callahan	3 "
Arthur Mantoh	3 "
Thos Stonehand ^{unrec}	3 "

The following accounts were submitted and referred to the several committees with instruction if found correct to be paid - viz:

City Treasurer "Assessments"	\$ 480 50
John Allom "Repairs"	21 14
Gratton & Co "Star" Advt."	2 40
Owen McFarvey "Chairs"	17 10
Chas Eplin "Boards"	1 98

No other business appearing, the meeting adjourned. Closed

W.H. Smith Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 13 October 1873

The regular same monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening; The president David Macfarlane Esquire, in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Findlay, Stevenson, Hutchison, Boyd, Clapp, Brown, Beckett, Wright, Cruikshank and Walker.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and confirmed,

Treasurer submitted Financial Statement for September, to wit:

To Bal from August	\$51.98	By Thomas Castle	100.00
" Rent Hall	135.00	" R Patton	41.32
" Rooms	26.50	" Boyd & Co	6.65
" Life Member	20.00	" Cooper Mott	3.00
" Annual Do	118.00	" McFarvey, Chair	17.10
" Int-ops Gas Div	49.97	" Advertising	10.90
" Sales Newspaper	6.63	" Postage	3.70
		" Stationary	4.00
		" Salaries & Cleaning	109.95
		" Reading room	6.00
		" Bal	405.56
	\$708.08		\$708.08

The Finance committee in accordance with Resolution passed on the 8th ulto brought in the following report — Montreal 4 October 1873

To the General Committee of the Mechanics Institute —
Gentlemen. At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day were present Mr. N. B. Corcoran, Chairman, with Messrs J. Findlay, J. C. Beckett and A. Irvine, the matter referred to them relating to the Salary of the Superintendent, was duly considered, and after careful attention the following resolution was unanimously adopted. Viz.
Resolved, that we consider the Office of Superintendent to be worth at least One thousand Dollars per annum and would recommend that amount.
We would also recommend that considering the labours of our present Superintendent Mr. Sansum, that should the above be adopted, the increase of his salary date from the first day of August next.
In behalf of the Committee Sig^d Robt Irvine
Secy

Moved by Mr Crankshaw, Seconded by Mr Clapp,
That the Report just read be received and adopted.
Carried unanimously

House committee reported verbally on the coupon
-plate improvements.

Report from Membership committee containing
draft of Circular approved by them for distribution amongst
the working men of Montreal.

Moved by Mr Bickett

That the Circular be approved and adopted, and
that the President be appointed Chairman of the
Exhibition committee. Carried

The following persons were in the usual manner
elected members of the Institute,

John Allan Life

Wm. Patton Life

Prof. A. S. Dean Swift 1st Class

Robert Martin, G. E. Jenkins, John Forbin } 2nd Class

John Scott, Mr. A. D. Riddle, R. O. Stein }

Chas Perkins, Mr. A. Noble, Jas Wilson }

Chas Sumner, P. Kyle, Carey White }

Saml. Douglass, Richd Rice, St. B. Ireland }

Geo McLane, Harold B Smith, Capt. Morgan }

Chas Kenrick, Jas T. Martin, R. Busland }

Thos Day, W. B. Powde, A. Crook } 3rd Class

W. D. Shaver, Frederick Hamilton, R. Paul }

The following accounts were presented and
on motion referred to several committees, and
if found correct to be paid

Dawson Bros \$99.65. New York Albion \$15.00 US.

No other business remaining the meeting closed

David W. Faulkner

President
Wm. J. McCay

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 27 October 1873

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. The president David Macfarlane, Esquire in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Peckitt, Corse, Boyd, Wright, Crankshaw, Sturday and Brown.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Report presented from Joint Committee on Alterations
" Report of the Library and House Committee
" on the proposed alterations of the Stairs and
" entrance of the Mechanics Hall.

"The Library and House Committee to whom the
" General Committee referred the different plans for
" the proposed alterations of the building, for their
" consideration have to report. That at a meeting of
" their committee held on Monday evening the 20th ulto
" at which there were present Messrs W. S. Walker, J. Sturday,
" A. Brown, J. Wright and A. C. Hutchison. It was resolved
" that they should recommend to the General Committee
" that the Stairs from the Street to the Second Story should
" be carried up the full width of the entrance hall
" and that the new stairs from the second story to the Lecture
" Hall should be carried up on the side of the building
" near St Peter Street as shown on the plan submitted at
" the annual meeting. Alex. C. Hutchison

Chairman Joint Committee

Moved and seconded and Resolved that the Report
just read be received

Moved by Mr Sturday seconded by Mr Wright
That the alteration in Hall entrance be carried
out according to the plan last presented to the
Committee showing entrance from Street to Lecture
Hall on West side of building. Carried

Moved by Mr Sturday seconded by Mr Boyd and
Carried unanimously. That the House Committee
Call for Tenders at once for the alterations on the
above resolution and report to the Committee at
next regular meeting

The following accounts were submitted and
on motion referred to respective Committees with
instruction to pay them if found correct.

Printer Bros \$1.10

John Boyd \$0.40, Russell & Johnson 1.00

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

John Fees 1st class, John Smyth, A L Warham
 Wright, Geo Douglas Esq, Jas B Mabel } Second
 Henry Hasford, J B Leblanc, Frank Peypett } Class
 Cuthbert Fitzherbertough, W. F. Hulsehins
 Henry Singh,

Arthur Whimby, Bernard Dunlop, John McGregor } Third
 Edward Hopkins, Robert Kerr, John Miller } Class
 Michael McKeown, Jas J. Donald, William Walsh
 Thomas Varner, William Moser, Phil W Ross
 Wm Stephens, William Bulley, Richd Fees
 William Watson, John Watson, Frank Nurse
 Felix Saragana, Fousin Menard, Rene Gifford

Another business offering the meeting closed.
 David Macfarlane, President.
 R. H. Smith Secy

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute

Montreal 10 November 1873

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. The president David Macfarlane Esquire in the chair. Besides whom there were present Messrs Clark, Rankin, Corse, Hutchison, Boyd, Wright and Stevenson.

Minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The following accounts were submitted, and referred to several committees for examination and approved correct to be paid
 Geo G for light and oil 24 Oct. Dec 89. 19
 R Seal for double windows 6 00
 J Morrison Job planing 23 75
 Alex Starns or for Stamp 9 00
 McDougall & Logic Co for Paint 17 00

" The House committee, reported that the Gasaliers had been put up in the Hall, and were satisfactory.
 " owing to a misapprehension of the instructions contained in the Minute of the 27th October your Committee ask the next meeting to submit tenders for alterations of Stair's 9th.

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute. J. G. Coit Dupreone member 1 class
 David Smith, A C Williams, Chas B Murphy, Ed Humphris, Fred White } 2 class
 Jas S. Carnegie, and Peterson, Wm Smith, Sidney Simons
 William Haldeman, Robert Haldeman, Thomas Pagan }
 a. g. Henderson, Fred Elliott, W. Herring, J. S. Amosel, Thos. Pessentor } 3 Class
 Robert Allan, Jos Charbonneau

The Treasurer's report submitted as follows.

Case October 1873

Bal from September	400.56	Paid Gas Hook, 3 rd instalment	60.00
Recd from League from: Guarantee		" Salary Apr	447.81
for Anderson's rent	300.00	" Reading room	148.00
" Rent hall	589.00	" Wages cleaning	247.00
" " Rooms	277.50	" Postage	3.13
" Life members	140.00	" Alterations	99.39
" Annual do	121.22	Bal to Nov	577.71
	<u>\$ 1188.06</u>		<u>\$ 1188.06</u>

No other business offering the meeting closed

David McFarlane, President
 Wm Brown Secy

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute

Montreal 8 December 1873

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. The president David McFarlane Esquire in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Horse, Crookshank, Macquisten, Hutchinson, Boyd Walker Wright, Stevens, Clapp and Lewis.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Communication from Mr St. Anderson, asking for ~~release~~ a new lease of premises now occupied by him in the Institute building - Referred to House committee for consideration and report - Corresponding Secy request to acknowledge receipt of Mr Anderson's letter -

Treasurer's report - furnished as follows -

Case November 1873

Recd from Hall	245.00	By paid Taxes	480.50
" Stoves	833.00	" Light	89.19
" Rooms	93.00	" Heating	471.88
" Members	155.00	" Alterations	307.60
" Do fine	25.00	" Postage	2.69
" Taxes	367.20	" Wages and	
" Heating	83.33	cleaning	154.76
Bal from Oct.	577.71	" Insurance	150.00
		" Gas Hook	60.00
		" Bal	406.87
	<u>\$ 2323.49</u>		<u>\$ 2323.49</u>

Book Book laid on the table -

Tenders for alterations laid on the table, until next meeting in February next.

Report from Committee of Chairman on the Exhibition, left over to next meeting.

The following accounts were presented and referred to Committees to wit:-

Montreal Mutual Building Co	\$ 3 ³⁴	Finance Committee
Thomas and Castle	38 ⁴⁰	House Committee
Geo Armstrong	194 ⁵⁰	House Committee
Chas Garth Co "Garth & Co. in part" 1836	2 ⁰⁰	House Committee
Robert Mitchell Co	711 ⁶⁰	House Committee

The following persons were in the usual manner duly elected members of the Institute

- Stanley Kenner, David Edward, Jas Barreau. } 1st Class
- James Allan, J.C. Jenkins, Jera Crawford }
James Eplin, Chas Cart, Fred Wheeler, Mos Hurst, }
John E Thomas, J.A. McRider, Arthur Malboeuf } 2nd Class
Henry H. Smith, Jas Foster, J.R. Blake, Robt Leigh,
Chas Parish, John Middleton, Thos H. Mills }
W.L. Ross, William Castles, Thos Brockwater }
Chas Currie, Geo Bertrand, D.C. Brown, David Allan }
Wm Henry Hawkins, Wm Lee, Thos Grisdale, Jas Whyte, } 3rd Class
Donald Castles, Chas Whitham, Albert Johnson }
William Gillespie, Gilbert Coupland }

No other business offering the meeting closed

David McFarlane, President.
Robt Brown Secy

Committee Rooms

Mechanics Institute, Montreal 22 Decr 1873

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening were present Messrs W.B. Coxe, G. Conkentrant, C. Macquisten James Doughty and R. Howard In the absence of the president Mr Coxe was called to the Chair

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

The following accounts were presented and referred to Committees from C. Garth & Co \$ 44³⁰ referred House Committee
" Le National " " " " Library Committee

Letter from Mrs Homer Baker Agent for Baker's Fire Extinguisher read and referred to House Committee

The following persons were in the usual manner duly elected members of the Institute. = And J. Davies } 1st Class

Chas Davies, Chas McDermott, W. Sable, Jas B Henderson, Geo Cooper. } 2nd Class

Chas Black, Jas Glendening, P. Saneum, A.B. Satt, M Macquisten, } 3rd Class
H Moor, J. Coleman, Chas, A.M. Conroy, J. McConach, Geo Sles }

No other business offering the meeting closed

Committee Room,

Mechanics Institute, Montreal 12 Jan'y 1874

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening; The President S. Macfaldane Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corcoran, Wright, Boyd, Louis Guichard and Stevenson.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Letter from the Rev. Mr Gale, Secy Quebec Temperance & F League, complaining of the change in renting Hall, laid over until Wednesday morning,

Mr Carr, Secy, offering his services for readings referred to Lecture Committee.

Financial Statement for December submitted, viz

To Rent Hall	30.00	By Paid Interest	840.00
" " Rooms	39.50	" Allowance	45.00
" Membership	84.00	" Furniture	9.00
" " Fines	25.00	" Postage	3.61
" Bank Interest	16.40	" Wages Cleaned	157.13
" Mr. Salomon's Debt 5%	1000.00	" Bal hand	397.31
" Bal from November	406.87		
	<u>\$ 1077.02</u>		<u>\$ 1677.02</u>

Committee of Chairmen of Sub Committees submitted their report as follows

The committee of chairmen report that they have had two meetings, and have made many inquiries touching the proposed Exhibition of Mechanics, Industry and Manufactures; they find that there would not be much difficulty, (excepting perhaps in the matter of expense) in getting up such an exhibition, only it would involve such an amount of time and labour as not one member of committee who was present at either of the meetings could devote to it from his business engagements.

If some individual with ability and taste in such matters could be engaged as director or manager of the affair with such a force of assistants as he might require then the committee think there would be no doubt of its success. Respectfully submitted in name of the committee, Sigsbee Davis Macfaldane Montreal 16 Jan'y 1874

Finance Committee, reported that they did not consider it necessary to purchase the Babcock fire extinguisher for the use of the Hall.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to Committee. John Lovell of 250 Quebec Street 600

Messrs Pennycuik & Co \$12.00

It was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the General Committee of the Institute are due to Mr R. Reid for his kindness in replacing the letter of the Institute on the name of the Institute over the ^{front} door - and that the Co-Secretary be requested to communicate the same to Mr Reid.

The following persons were in the usual named desks members of the Institute.

James C. Wilson	Manufacturer	Life Class
Henry Baylis, Jas Sedgwick		First Class
Wm M Lachlan, Mr. Jas Culler		Second Class
J. T. MacLeish, J. W. Gibson		Do
John Dromey, Wm Hall		Do
John G. Nicholson, Jas R. Dain		Do
G. B. Ward, Michael McFarlane		Do
Chas Hastie, Michael McFarlane		Third Class
John Simister, Saml D Jones		Do
Geo Smart, A S Wiley		Do

No other business offering the meeting closed.

David McFarlane
President
C. H. Smith

Committee Report

McFarlane's Institute, Montreal 26 July 1874

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening; the president D. MacFarlane Esquire in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Coase, Hendley, Walker, Crumshank, Wright, Clapp and Jervis.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved.

Two letters of the 17th and 23rd January from Mr McCarr, agent his proposal to read under the auspices of the Institute, read and referred back to the Finance Committee.

The House Committee report as follows.

"Our House committee have had under consideration the
"rental which should be put upon the Shops as proposed
"occupied by Messrs Anderson, and Richards, and would
"recommend that the rental of Mr Anderson's shop should
"be fixed at Twelve hundred dollars per annum for
"a lease

a lease of three years and that should Mr Anderson require heating that the pipes should be put in and heat furnished for an additional sum of two hundred per year
 Your Committee would further recommend that the water closets in rear of the Shop occupied by Mr Richards should be removed and that the room now occupied by them should be added to the Shop and that the closets be fitted up in the basement of these shops for the use of the Tenants. That should the additional room be added to the shop occupied by Mr Richards that the rental of that shop be fixed at Five hundred Dollars per annum for a lease of three years

Signed A. C. Hatchison, Chairman

Moved by Mr. Crutcher seconded by Mr. Hindlay that the Report of the House Committee just read be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr Crutcher, seconded by Mr Hindlay that we require the use of one room ^{next to the Reading room} at least now occupied by Mr Hutchison, and that it be retained. Carried.

Hindlay. The President was instructed to notify Mr Mackenzie, that the Rent of the Room now occupied by him will be One hundred Dollars per annum, with the privilege of using the Room in the evenings.

The following accounts were presented and referred to several committees,

Ed. G. Cook	"Dishes & Articles" \$6 ⁰⁰	Library Committee
Jas. Walker	1 ⁰⁵ / ₁₀₀	House Committee
Jas. Brown & Bow	3 ¹⁵	

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

J. D. Black	First Class
Walter Gordon	First Class
Chas Stewart	Second Class
Miss Anna Tensell	
Isaac Lawless	
Walter R. Hubbard	Third Class
John Rowland	

No other business offering the meeting closed.

Davidno Faulkner
 President
 R. H. Jones
 Secy

Committee Room,

Mechanics Institute of Montreal
February 10th 1877.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. The president David Macfarlane Esquire, in the chair, besides whom there were Messrs Corse, ~~Sturday~~ Crutcher, Hutchison, Wright, Boyd and Irwin.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The president reported, that he had written to the occupiers of the Shops and had received their answers - accepting the terms,

The Treasurer submitted Financial Statement for January as follows.

Dr			61
Balance from December		640 28	
" Recd " Hall		235 00	
" " " Rooms		96 00	
" " " Members	81 50		
" " " No. Form	157		
		83 07	
By Paid Alteration A/c			344 96
" " Staircase A/c			120
" " Postage A/c			148
" " Stationery A/c			145
" " Wages & Cleaning A/c			149 78
" " Reading Room A/c			22 50
" " Library A/c			2 58
" " Printing A/c			35 00
" Bal Carried to February			373 68
			<u>\$1051 35 / 1051 35</u>

Moved by Mr Crutcher, seconded by Mr Wright that the House committee be instructed to make the necessary arrangement for heating the House now occupied by Mrs Anderson according to the terms of the agreement with the landlord per letter.

The question of alterations in the building was discussed - when it was thought advisable to lay the matter over until next meeting.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to the several committees, to wit:

John Druggall & Son -	Strained Committee	35 68
J & R White -	Library - do	6 00
Evans Brothers -	House - do	10 17
Gas Co - for light	do	145 68

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

W. M. G. Deers	First Class
James Lamont	Second do
R. W. Bending	Second do
Sam Lewis	Second do
William J. Vincent	Second do
Donald Young	Second do
John Campbell	Second do
Thomas Warren	Second do

No other business offering the meeting closed.

Sauvignac
President
Roll-Price Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

23 February, 1874

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the Vice-president J. C. Bickell Esq. on the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs. Bousquet, Macquisten, Findlay, Wright and Stevenson Mr Wright acting Secretary Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Communication received from Advertising Company, ordered to be filed.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to General Committee with instructions to pay them if found correct

Corporation of Montreal, widening St Peter St	\$108 ⁰⁰	Finance Acct ⁿ
A. Coffin Plumber	71.26	House Acct ⁿ
Bowman Bros connected acct.	573 51	Library Acct ⁿ

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

John Fisher, James McMullan	First Class
Chas Simpson, Walter Thornblad, A. J. Spencer	} Second Class
Geo Lawton, R. H. Roberts, J. N. Hardy	
Archibald Wright, Simon Reinheimer	
Fred Hanning, A. Boucher, Eddy Talbot	Second Class

No other business offering the meeting closed

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 9 March 1874

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the president David Macfarlane Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs. Coase, Cruikshank, Knight, Clapp, Stewart,

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The president was requested to communicate with the Finance Committee, regarding the necessity of painting the outside of wood work in Mr Andersons Store, that is the Door and Window

Treasurer submitted financial statement,

To Bal from January,		373 68
" Cash "	Stores	835 00
" Do "	Hall	445 00
" Do "	Rooms	84 00
" Do "	Members	34 25
" Do "	Heating	50 00
		<u>1438 25</u>
By Do Paid Interest		70 00
" " Light		145 68
" " Postage		4 83
" " Wages and Cleaning		147 06
" " Reading room		4 00
" " Insurance		15 00
" Bal Carried to March		<u>1425 36</u>
		<u>1811 93 1811 93</u>

Account for a Memoire from 25 April '73 to 9 Mar 1874 submitted, and referred to Library Committee with instructions to pay the amount if found correct

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

C. M. Putney	_____	First Class
John D. Robinson	_____	Second do
C. A. Hosmer	_____	do do
Wm McGowan	_____	do do

No other business offering, the meeting closed

David Macfarlane
President
R. H. Min
Secy

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute Montreal
23 March 1874

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president D. Macfarlane Esquire in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Borse, Cruikshank, Boyd, Hutchison, Macquiston, Stevenson and Brown, Minutes of last meeting, were read and confirmed. The President reported that the work spoken of at the last meeting of Committee was arranged for. Mr Borse reported that all the Insurances on the property of the Institute was arranged to fall due at the same time.

Combed account submitted from J. W. White for 2 Copies of the Daily Gazette, the 1st presented on the 10th of May being for one Copy — referred to Library Committee.

Moved by Mr Boyd, seconded by Mr Borse that the House Committee be instructed to procure tender for the Alterations in the entrance to the Hall, and present the same at next meeting of the Committee, the said Alterations to be made ~~at~~ about the end of April or first week in May. Carried.

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

A. A. Murphy	Mr Foley	} First Class
A. C. Macdonnell		
J. E. Moore	Thos Case	Second do
John Morris		Third do

No other business offering the meeting closed.

David W. Fulmer

President
R. T. Minley

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute Montreal 9 April 1874

A special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening; the president D. Macfarlane Esquire, in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Hindley, Stevenson, Macquiston, Hutchison, Boyd, Wright and Brown.

The President read the request calling this meeting. The House Committee presented their report relating to Alterations &c. as described by the

General committee, with Tenders for the whole work
"Stairs from Hall entrance to the Lecture Hall,
"enlarging Reading room, altering Library,
"supplying and placing shelving therein, Painting
"glazing, Plastering, Plumbing work &c. &c. making
"in all the sum of Fifteen hundred and Fifteen dollars.

Moved by Mr Hutchison, seconded by Mr
Fendley and unanimously resolved

That the House Committee be authorized to accept
the Tender of Mr John Allan for the different
works required in the making of New Stairs from
the entrance door to the Hall, altering of the
entrance doors, forming new doors to the Library
and Committee rooms &c. &c. according to the
plans and specifications prepared for the
same.

And further that the Rooms now occupied
by A C Hutchison Esquire be given up for the
Reading room and that the House Committee be
authorized to accept the offer of the aforesaid
Mr John Allan to take down the partitions so
as to open these rooms into the Reading room
and to complete all the plastering and painting
in connection with the same, and also to
increase the length of the Library up to the partition
of the New Stairs and to alter the shelving to suit.

Further that the tender of Mr Gorth to fit up
two Water Closets and one Urinal below the
main Stairs be accepted.

The whole amounting to Fifteen hundred and
fifteen dollars.

No other business offering the meeting closed

Davidson Faulkner

President

R H Min Secy

Committee Rooms.

Mechanics Institute 13 April 1874.

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General com-
-mittee of the above named Institute was held here
this evening, the Vice president J. C. Becket Esquire
in the chair besides whom there were present
Messrs Crutshank, Fendley, Clapp and J. W. Smith,

The Minutes of the regular meeting

held on the 23rd March, as also the subsequent Special Meeting held on the 9th instant were covered, read and confirmed.

Letter from Mr. East, read and referred to the following Committee.

Treasurer submitted financial statement.

To Bal from February			1125.36
By Paid	Hall	205.00	
	Rooms	36.50	
	Members	24.75	
	Interest A/c	56.58	
	Old paper	4.60	327.43
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			1752.79
By Paid	Interest A/c	13.95	
	Alterations	49.86	
	Postage	4.62	
	Pages & cleaning	150.61	
	Reading room	12.00	
	Insurances	200.95	431.99
			<hr/>
	Bal in Books		1320.80

The following accounts were presented and referred to several committees:

The Canadian Antiquarian, \$1.50 Library Committee
 John Boyd \$2.00 }
 A Seal 6.50 } House Committee

The following were on the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Geo H Lyons } First Class
 Chas Forrest, Thos Bruce }
 And Chrystal } Second Class
 Jos Bell, Chas Cameron }
 Chas Dalmeida } Third Class

No other business offering the meeting closed

John C. Becket
 Robt. Irvine Secy

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute Montreal

27 April 1874.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute, held here this evening, were present J. C. Becket Esquire Vice-president in the Chair besides whom there were Messrs Cruikshank, Corse, Boyd, Wright and Irwin.

Minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

Account submitted from A Dunbar Esq of £2.10 referred to Finance Committee.

The usual annual Sale of News-papers to take place on Monday evening eleventh of May ensuing.

The rate for Public meetings to be twenty five dollars.

The following, were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

H. G. Kent, First Class
Thomas Hallworth, St. Snowball, Second Class

No other business offering the meeting closed.

John C. Becket

Robt Irwin Secy

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 11 May 1874.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, were present D. Macfarlane Esquire, the president in the Chair, besides whom there were Messrs Becket, Corse, Boyd, Wright, Hindley, Stevenson, Cruikshank Hutchison and Walker Mr Walker acting Secretary.

Minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr Labille asking to be excused taking the Hall for concert tomorrow night according to engagement. Referred to Mr Corse and the Superintendent.

The Cor: Secy: was instructed to write to Mr N Carr, the reader.

Treasurer submitted financial statement, as follows

To Bal from March		1320 80
" Rent Hall	415 00	
" do Rooms	29 50	
" do Members	144 50	1459 80
		<u>1779 80</u>
By Alteration (apd)	6 50	
" Furniture	3 15	
" Post Office	4 53	
" Reading room	23 10	
" Library	1 50	
" Insurance	39 00	
" Cleaning wages	152 20	229 98
		<u>229 98</u>
	Bal in Bank	1549 82

The following accounts were read and ordered to be paid. T. Robinson 50

Evans Bros 3 75

Gas bill to 30 April 20 12

Moved by Mr Conitokant, seconded by Mr Corce and Resolved,

That the Alterations in the Library and Reading room be made according to the opinions of the Library and House Committees.

The Library Committee were instructed to prepare a Catalogue and employ required assistance.

No other business offering the meeting closed.

Davidson Faulstich

President

Robt Wm King

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 25 May 1874

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. In the absence of the President, Mr A A Stevenson, was asked to take the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corce, Boyd, Wright and Fendley. Mr Fendley acting Secretary.

The Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

The following accounts were submitted, and ordered to be paid City Corporation for widening St Peter Street \$108 00

Le National to 1 May 1874 - \$4.⁰⁰

Mr E. Picken was duly proposed and elected Life member of the Institute.

No other business offering, the meeting closed

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

Montreal 8 June 1874

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the President St Macfarlane Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Bisset, Coxe, Findlay, Cruikshank, Stevenson, John Wright, Clegg, Boyd and Hutchison,

The Minutes of the last meeting was read and confirmed.

A letter from Robt Young asking for three weeks leave of absence was read, whereupon it was Resolved: That Robert Young be allowed three weeks leave of absence, as soon as the present alterations and repairs are completed.

Account presented from James Nick MD for excess of Subscriptions to Kingston Chronicle and News - amount \$3.⁶² referred to Library Committee.

Treasurer submitted Financial Statement & wit

Recd Rent Stores	835.00	Paid Light	209.62
" Hall	496.00	" Alteration etc	600.00
" Rooms	116.59	" R Mitchell	700.00
" Members	1.00	" Postage	4.85
" Old Paper	19.95	" Stationary	58.68
" Heating	50.00	" Wages etc	199.68
Bal from April	1579.82	" Reading Room	323.55
		" Library	166.07
		Bal to June	805.91
	<u>\$3068.36.</u>		<u>\$3068.36</u>

Resolved: That the Library Committee be requested to make arrangements as soon as possible to have the Catalogue printed

That the House Committee confer with the Library Committee in regard to the

the internal arrangements of the Library

That Mr Corse be requested to attend to the purchase of Coal for members.

No other business offering the meeting closed.

David Macfarlane
President.
R. W. M. Reay

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
22nd June 1874

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. The President D. Macfarlane Esquire, in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Becket, Crutshank Boyd, Clapp, Wright and Irons.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

Account from Messrs J. C. Wilson & Co for a beam of Paper for backing Library Books was submitted and referred to Library Committee.

No other business offering the meeting closed
David Macfarlane Presd.
R. W. M. Reay

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
13 July 1874

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. The Vice-President J. C. Beckett Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Boyd, Crutshank, Wright, Clapp, Spenserson and Irons.

The minutes of last regular meeting was read and confirmed.

The Treasurer submitted Financial report for June to wit:

Bal from May	805.91	Part Interest	8.10 00
Res " Hall	1495 00	" allocation	7 00 "
" " Members	23 " 1495 00	" Advertising	35 68
" " Loan Exp	500 00	" Postage	6 64
		" Reading room	4 00
		" Wages etc	239 64
		" Library	2 00
And to Bal	24 04		
	<u>1827.95</u>		<u>1827.95</u>

Mr Corse, reported that the Coal has been purchased from Mr E. M. Copeland at \$8⁶⁵/₁₀₀ per Gross Ton.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to respective Committees.

John Morrison	24 35	} House Committee
E M Copeland	516. 69	
Evans Bros	14 25	
John Boyd	22 58	

No other business offering the meeting closed

John C. Becket
Roll Smith Secy

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute of Montreal

27 July 1874

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening; The President N. Macfarlane Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Stevenson, Wright and Macquisten - In the absence of the Secretary Mr Macquisten officiated Pro Tem -

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

The following accounts were submitted and on Motion referred to respective Committees:

R Patton	138. 79	} House Committee
J Yould	4 00	
H ^m Deydale	97 00	

Mr John M. Douglass Junr. of Three Rivers was in the usual manner elected a second class member of the Institute

No other business offering the meeting closed -

Darwin Farlane
President

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute of Montreal
 10 August 1874

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of above named Institute was held on this evening, the President W. Macfarlane Esq. presided on the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Crockett, Kirk, Gorse, Macquisten, Wright and Irvind, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer submitted Financial Statement for July. to wit -

To Recd from Hall	325 00	By Bal	244 04
Rooms	200 00	" Heating	14 25
Members	23 25	" Furniture	1 30
Old paper	12 70	" Postage	3 57
		" Wages &c &c	265 57
		" Reading Room	5 63
		" Library	5 50
		Bal Car'd in Aug	48 04
			<u>362 95</u>
			<u>362 95</u>

The following accounts were presented and referred to the several Committees -

Montreal Paper Works	\$ 43 40	Finance Comt
Dawson Bros	3 12 03	Library
John Sait 'Propolis'	9 50	
J. C. Wilson Paper & Books	2 75	
Thos Allan & Co	1 00	House
Hearn & Harrison	2 50	
James Brown & Bro	14 20	
R. Seale	29 40	

The following ~~new~~ members were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Messrs John Hatoon & A. S. Huasey	First Class
" Jas I. Dempsey, G. E. Roy	Second "
" Geo. Gall, Jas. Fraser,	
" Geo. Hadrill, John Salisbury	
" R. C. Kirkpatrick, A. E. Myers	Third "
" A. Parker, Geo. Seale	
" P. Kennard, Henry Lapham	
" G. W. Johnson	

No other business appearing the meeting closed

John C. Becket

Robt Irvind Secy

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute of Montreal
 24 August 1874.

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. The Vice President J. C. Becket Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Cox, Cruikshank, Macquisten, Brown, Wright, Boyd, Hatcher, Stevenson and Hallett.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to respective committees:

City Montreal Accounts of	}	Finance Committee
D. M. Arceid Sec		
New York Albion	}	Library Committee
Daily Globe Reports		

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

A. B. Stewart	official assigned	Life
H. D. Miller	Jos. A. Eggenston	1 st Class
Jas. Guill	J. J. Brown	}
Mr. M. Stark	Miss L. Stark	
John Hamblin	Wm Phillips	}
James Orr	Wm Norris	

The meeting adjourned to meet again on Sunday the 31st inst. to receive reports from Sat. Committees.

David Macfarlane
 President
 Wm. B. Bay

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute of Montreal
 31 August 1874.

The General Committee of the above named Institute met here according to adjournment on the 31st met. The President D. Macfarlane Esquire in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Becket, Hatcher, Wright, Macquisten, Brown, Boyd, Clapp, Cruikshank. The Finance, Membership and Library Committees submitted their reports when the meeting adjourned to meet again on the 4 September.

David Macfarlane Pres.
 Wm. B. Bay

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
4 Sept 1874

The General Committee of the above named Institute met here according to adjournment on the 31st August evening the President D. Macfarlane Esquire in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Boyd, Walker, Rose, Hutchinson, Becket, Wright and Cruikshank.

The reports of the Membership, House, Finance & Library Committees were read discussed amended and adopted. The Statement of Finance was also read.

Messrs George Stark and Thomas Craig were appointed auditors.

The business having been completed the meeting closed.

David Macfarlane Presid.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
7 September 1874

A Special The regular annual meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the President D. Macfarlane Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Beckett, Boyd, Macquisten, Walker and Wright.

The Annual Report read and adopted, where the Meeting adjourned to the Annual meeting in the Long room.

Long Room.

The 25th annual annual meeting of the Members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal was held here this evening, The President David Macfarlane Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Beckett, Macquisten, Hutchinson, Cruikshank, Duncan, Macfarlane, Boyd, A. Perry, Craig, Healy, S. Newton, McKim, W. A. McLaren, Harper, Teulon, Heath, R. Young, A. Seal, Patton, H. Hall, H. S. Walker, Rose, J. Allan, Thomas and Wright, with some (15) fifteen others.

The minutes of last annual meeting was read and confirmed.

Mr. Walker read the 35th Annual Report,

Gentlemen, Your committee have much pleasure in presenting the 35th Annual report of the Mechanics Institute of this City, being the report for the Year ending 31st July current in which we refer to the more particular items of interest in the Management of the affairs since the previous Annual report. These items may be classed as follows

First Membership

The number of members as per last Annual report who were then on the list was as follows

Honorary	11	now on roll	11
Corresponding	8	" " "	8
Life	224	" " "	231 -
Annual 1 st			71
	2		281
	3. 247		269
	490		871

Showing an increase of 281

Second Finance

It is a gratifying fact that the revenue of the current year exceeds that of the previous one by fully two thousand dollars, this augmentation is derived from increased rent of Stores about \$500⁰⁰ of Hall and Rooms \$1000⁰⁰ and the receipts from members is nearly \$600⁰⁰ in excess of the amt so received last year.

On account of the extensive alterations & improvements made during this and last year, a total expenditure of Six thousand dollars has been made, this includes the decorations and improvements made of lighting the Hall and the putting in of a new boiler, and the extending of the heating apparatus to the Stores in St James Street, as well as the alterations authorized at last annual meeting which alone necessitated an outlay of \$1574⁸⁰/₁₀₀

Altho fully authorized, as you are aware, no funded addition has been made to the debt of the Institute to meet these extraordinary expenditures, The Treasurers Account will show that nearly \$3000⁰⁰ has been disbursed out of the ordinary income, \$1500⁰⁰ has been raised on

a temporary loan, while about \$1200 remains due to the Contractors. The Gross indebtedness of the Institute at the end of the financial year is about \$4000. So met this year committee recommend a resort to a temporary loan, fully commended that by prudent management the surplus revenue of the current year will suffice to clear it off.

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During the past year an unusual amount of work has fallen to the lot of the Stoney Committee by the carrying out the alterations of the interior of the building, which had been recommended by their predecessors in office and adopted at the last annual meeting.

Plans and specifications were prepared for the alterations and tenders invited for the performance of the work from several Contractors - the tender of Mr John Allan - being the lowest was accepted.

These plans (which differed slightly from the plans recommended at the last Annual meeting) provided for a new Stair 10 feet wide from the front entrance to the second story, and a Stair 7 feet wide from the second story to the Hall - and for new entrance doors to open the full width of the Stairs, they also provided for the enlargement of the Reading room by adding the space occupied by the old Stairs and two of the offices which fronted upon St Peter Street to it, and for the enlargement of the Library by adding about 6 feet to its length.

As the occupancy of the Hall would be interfered with during the time the new Stairs was being made, the beginning of the month of May was selected as a time when the Hall was least likely to be occupied - for the commencement of the work. The Contractor by employing a large force of men and working at night as well as by day was enabled to have the main Stairs so far completed that the Hall was vacant for only five nights. The work of enlarging the Reading room, Library &c was prosecuted with as much diligence as the nature of the work would admit, while regretting that the Members

members of the Institute who frequent the Reading Room and Library had to suffer so much inconvenience during the time the work was in progress and which was quite unavoidable cannot but believe that such temporary inconvenience as was felt at that time is more than compensated for by the handsome and well equipped reading room and Library with the easy and well lighted entrance to the same which the members now enjoy.

That the endeavour to make the building as perfect as possible in its appointments for a Reading room and Library and with an attractive and well lighted Hall with ample entrance to the same is appreciated by the Members and by the Public is evident from the flattering notices which the Institute has lately received from the City press; and your committee hope that the privileges and attractions which the Institute offers, and which are within the reach all should result in a largely increased membership during the ensuing year.

In addition to the main alterations before mentioned several minor changes and improvements have been made in the Building among which may be mentioned the removal of the Privies which occupied part of the Ground floor in the rear of the Shop on St Peter St occupied by Mr Richards and which had become very offensive and the adding of the space occupied by them to the Shop.

The fitting up of Water Closets for the use of the tenants and the painting of the wood work of the Windows of the two fronts of the building.

As the lease of the Shops occupied by Messrs J. Anderson, and J. Richards expired last May, they were again leased to the same parties for three years at an increase of four hundred dollars on the Shop occupied by Mr Anderson, and one hundred and sixty dollars on the Shop occupied by Mr Richards so that these two shops now yield a revenue of twelve hundred dollars and five hundred dollars respectively. Mr Anderson having

offered to pay One hundred dollars per Annum in addition to the Rental of the Shop if the Committee would put in Steam pipes and heat it from the Boiler used for heating the other rooms of the Institute.

Your committee accepted his offer and directed Messrs Garth & Co to put in the Pipes at the same price as they had offered to do this work for when they contracted for the heating of the building last year, this work is now completed and ready for use during the ensuing winter, so that the whole building with the exception of the Shop occupied by Mr. Richards is now heated by Steam from one boiler.

Your Committee while carrying out the alterations and improvements have kept in view the making of the building as perfect as possible, and the cost as low as was consistent with having the work properly done,

The whole cost of the work done during the past year including the heating of the Shop occupied by Mr. Anderson, Furniture for Reading room and sundry repairs has been \$3154 ⁸²

Mr. J. M. Clendenning having kindly offered to give the Institute two Ornamental Iron Lamp posts to put up in front of the building in place of the two plain posts now there, your committee accepted his offer and have contracted with Messrs R. Mitchell & Co to provide and put Ornamental Lamp on the posts.

Fourth - Library, & Reading room.

The Committee have devoted no little time and labour to this department and it has been our constant aim to make this section of the Institute as operative as possible, and as useful as the limited means at our disposal will admit.

The outlay in the purchase of Books, Papers and Magazines has been great but not by any means so large as the necessities of the time demand. Much of the expenses in the Book department is owing to the fact that several books have had to be purchased in order to complete the sets which heretofore were never complete and in cases where many were either lost or worn out.

There is one point which is worthy of more than a passing observation and that is the New Catalogue which has been prepared during

Magazines and Reviews
weekly

Academy
Builder
Chemical News
Engineering
New York Scientific American

Atheneum
Building News
Engineer
Lancet

Monthly

All the Year Round
Atlantic
Blackwood
Canadian Monthly
Contemporary, Review
Dublin University Magazine
English Mechanic
Fortnightly Review
Harper's Magazine
London Society
Medical Record
Once a Week
Popular Science Monthly
Temple Bar
University Gazette

Animal World
Art Journal
British Trade Journal
Chambers Journal
Cornhill
Family Herald
Fraser's Magazine
London Journal
Macmillans
Nature
Practical Magazine
Scribner
Unparan Review

Quarterly

British Quarterly Review
Canadian Antiquarian
Edinburgh Review
Journal of Science
London Quarterly
Westminster Review

Newspapers

Daily

British — London Times
Canadian — Halifax Chronicle, Hamilton Spectator
London Advertiser,
Montreal Gazette, Herald, La Minerve
" La National Star, Arthur
Ottawa Times
Quebec Chronicle
Toronto Globe, Mail

Weekly

British — Australasian Sketches, Dublin Herald
Edinburgh Review, Express Mail
" Scotsman.

the past summer with great care, and diligence, and will we are satisfied supply a desideratum which has long been felt. The Books have all been re-arranged, re-covered and classified under their respective heads, and we cannot help but think that it will give full and entire satisfaction.

The Library has been well patronized but it is to be lamented in this connection that the Department of Novels and fiction receives more perusal than all the other branches of the Library combined. It has been the particular aim of the Committee during the past year to prevent as far as possible the introduction of works of this character and to increase the number of those which are more healthful and beneficial particularly to the rising generation.

The number of Books in the Library, 6300
number taken out during the year 10959
which is very much in excess of any former year.
The number purchased 383 Magazines bound
39.

The reading room continues to be visited by a large number of the members and during the evenings the room presents an interesting appearance. The increase in the attendance is due no doubt in a great measure to the change that has been effected in the enlargement and general improvement of the room to which reference has already been made.

During the year several additions have been made to the list of Newspapers, Magazines, Reviews and Illustrated papers and much improvement could still be made by securing a number of other Newspapers, Magazines & Illustrated papers published in Canada, United States, Great Britain and the Colonies. We are satisfied that an improvement has also been made in the dispensing with the noisy ponderous and unsuitable reading desks on which were placed a large number of the Magazines and Illustrated papers and the introduction of the light & convenient covers which are now attached to the various periodicals.

The following embraces the list of the Newspapers, Magazines, Reviews etc in the Reading room.

Glasgow Herald, Citizen, Pall Mall Budget
Public Opinion, Saturday Review, Spectator
Canadian Bourne, Cowanville Observer, Kingston Chronicle
and News — Lindsay, Canadian Post.
Nova Scotia Orville Spaitor, Peterborough
Examiner, Peterborough Review
Quebec Official Gazette, Richmond
Guardian, Sherbrooke Gazette
St. John's News (Quebec)
St. John's Telegraph (N.B.)
Waterloo Advertiser

United States — Daily —
Boston Journal, Chicago Tribune
New York Herald, Times, Witness
Philadelphia Inquirer —
Weekly
Boston Christian Register
" Every Saturday
New York Albion, Home Journal
Scotsman American Journal
Illustrated

British Weekly
Graphic, Illustrated London News, Ind,
Punch, Pictorial World
Canadian Illustrated News

United States Graphic Daily
Frank Leslie Illustrated Newspaper, weekly,
Aldine Monthly,

A large item of expense connected with the
Library has been entailed in consequence of the
additional help and assistance which had to
be secured in the re-cataloguing, re-arranging
— ~~ing~~ and repairing of the books, but what has
been disbursed in this particular we believe
has been advantageously applied and we
are fully satisfied that the work has been
well and truly performed and will eventually
be of paramount importance to the success,
well being and usefulness of our Institute.
Sixth — Lectures

There has not been any regular course of
lectures delivered in connection with the
Institute either during the year just closed
or for a number of years past, as the

the lecturing ground was occupied last year by other organizations, your committee felt that it would be utterly useless to inaugurate a course of lectures, but we would recommend to our successors in office to establish a course during the coming winter believing that it is our province and that it is the absolute duty of the Institute to do all within its power to foster the popular education and to provide for the culture of its members aside from the ordinary mediums of the Library and Reading room. We are credibly informed that other and similar organizations do not propose to establish lecture courses during the coming season. We therefore think that we should avail ourselves of this opportunity believing that a course well managed would result in both benefit and financial success.

Seventh Class —

Our members in great numbers particularly the younger portion have availed themselves of the advantages of the admirable drawing class organized under the auspices of the Council of Arts and Manufactures and the same advantages will be extended to this Institute in the future as has been the case in the past.

Trades Exhibitions —

Soon after your committee entered upon their duties a year ago, they had under consideration the means which should be adopted for the purpose of drawing the attention to, and enlisting the sympathies of the Mechanics and Artisans of the City and suburbs in the working and interests of the Institute. For more fully considering and maturing schemes or plans to that end, a special committee consisting of the President and the Chairmen of the different sub-committees was appointed, that committee held several meetings at which the whole matter was carefully considered. One thing which was done was to prepare a circular (copy of the same is attached hereto) setting forth the objects and advantages of the Institute;

Mechanics' Institute of Montreal



OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1873-74:

President,—DAVID McFARLANE, (of Messrs. A. Buntin & Co.,) 345 St. Paul Street.

Vice-President,—JOHN C. BECKET, 180 St. James Street.

Corresponding Sec'y,—JAMES WRIGHT, 37 St. Antoine Street.

Recording Sec'y,—ROBERT IRWIN, 167 McGill Street.

Treasurer,—GEORGE CRUIKSHANK, 391 Commissioner Street.

Librarian,—W. S. WALKER, 51 McGill College Avenue.

Cabinet Keeper,—JOHN BOYD, 13 St. John Street.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE:

A. C. HUTCHISON, Mechanics' Hall.

N. B. CORSE, 76 University Street.

P. McQUISTEN, City Hall.

A. A. STEVENSON, 245 St. James Street.

J. FINDLAY, 540 St. Paul Street.

GEORGE P. CLAPP, (at Pillow, Hersey & Co's.,) 98 Mill Street.

The General Committee of the Mechanics' Institute desire to draw the attention of the Mechanics and Artisans resident in the City and neighborhood, to the facilities which the Institute affords for the instruction and improvement of the working classes. It was organized in the year 1839, and obtained a charter of incorporation in 1845. The object contemplated by its founders, was to impart to its members, instruction in the principles of the Arts, and in the various branches of science or useful knowledge, necessary or advantageous to them in their pursuits in life, by means of a Library, Reading Room, Lectures, and Classes.

THE LIBRARY

contains upwards of 6,000 volumes, comprising the best standard works on the following subjects, viz:—

Agriculture, Botany and Gardening; Anatomy, Physiology, Medicine, &c.; Antiquities; Architecture and the Fine Arts; Astronomy, Navigation, &c.; Biography; Chemistry, &c.; Civil Engineering, Manufactures and Trades; Dictionaries, Encyclopædias, &c.; Education; Geography, Gazettes, Atlases, &c.; Geology and Mineralogy; Government, Politics and Laws; History; Intellectual and Moral Philosophy; Mathematics; Manners and Customs of Nations; Natural History; Natural Philosophy; Novels, Tales, &c. Poetry and the Drama; Political Economy; Statistics; Voyages, Travels, &c., &c., &c.

Very considerable additions are made annually to the Library, care being taken to secure early copies of the most popular works issued, thereby keeping pace with the literary requirements of the membership. The Library also contains the Council of Arts' British Patent Reports from 1617 up to the present time, in which are to be found Accurate Drawings and copious Letter-press descriptions of all inventions for which patents are granted. These works, numbering over sixteen hundred volumes, are of special value to mechanics and manufacturers. As an evidence of their utility, it may be here stated that a gentleman of this City, being desirous of obtaining some information regarding a certain invention, recently took a trip to London for that purpose, and on presenting himself at the British Patent Office, found to his astonishment, that all the information he desired, was contained in one of the volumes in the Library of the Mechanics' Institute! and, on his return to Montreal, he actually copied from one of these books, the very information he had gone 3,000 miles to seek. Had he been aware of the existence of this Library, he might have saved the time and expenditure necessary for a voyage across the Atlantic.

THE READING ROOM

Is furnished with all the principal Newspapers, Magazines, and Periodicals published in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain and the United States. On the Reading Desks and Tables will be found the following, viz:—

CANADIAN.

<p>Montreal Gazette, 2 copies. " Herald, 2 " " Witness, 2 " " Star, 2 " " L'Aurore. " La Minerve. " Le National. " L'Ordre, weekly. " Canadian Illustrated News, weekly. " University Gazette, monthly. " Medical Record. Toronto Globe. " Mail. " Canadian Monthly. " Grip. Ottawa Times. Hamilton Spectator.</p>	<p>London Advertiser. Kingston Chronicle. " News. Orilla Expositor. Lindsey Canadian Post. Peterborough Review. Quebec Chronicle. " Official Gazette. St. Johns (Que.) News. Waterloo Advertiser. Comanville Observer. Richmond Guardian. Sherbrooke Gazette. St. Johns (N. B.) Telegraph. Halifax Chronicle. Nova-Scotian.</p>
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UNITED STATES.

<p>New York Herald. " Times. " Witness. " Home Journal. " Albion. " Scottish American Journal. " Frank Leslie's Illustrated Paper. " Harper's Monthly. " Aldine. " Graphic.</p>	<p>New York Scientific American. " Scribner's Monthly. " Popular Science. Boston Journal. " Atlantic Monthly. " Christian Register. Every Saturday. Philadelphia Inquirer. Chicago Tribune.</p>
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BRITISH.

<p>London Daily Times. Pall Mall Budget. Public Opinion. Art Journal. Punch. Judy. Illustrated London News. Graphic. Glasgow Herald. " Citizen. Edinburgh Scotsman. " Review. Dublin Warder. Engineer. Engineering. Builder.</p>	<p>Building News. Atheneum. Academy. Lancet. Chemical News. Animal World. Nature. All the Year Round. London Quarterly Review. Edinburgh Review. British Quarterly Review. Westminster Review. Contemporary Review. Fortnightly Review. Saturday Review.</p>	<p>Dublin University Magazine. Blackwood's Magazine. Cornhill Magazine. Fraser's Magazine. McMillan's Magazine. Practical Magazine. English Mechanic. Spectator. European Mail. London Journal. Chambers' Journal. Journal of Science. Family Herald. Once a Week. London Society. Temple Bar.</p>
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LECTURES.

For some years the Institute has not organized any regular course, but Lectures have been delivered, from time to time, by eminent men, on interesting subjects, the two last being those kindly delivered by Professor Goldwin Smith. It is probable that several Lectures will be delivered during this season, and it is the intention of the Lecture Committee to organize a series of Conversational Meetings, of which ample notice will be given when arrangements are perfected. Members are in all cases admitted free.

CLASSES.

In this department, the Institute has been the means of conferring incalculable benefit upon thousands of our working population, many of whom received the principal portion of their education at the excellent Evening Classes, which for many years were opened regularly every Winter, and in which were taught Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, French, and Architectural, Mechanical, and Ornamental Drawing. For the past few years, this branch of operations has been suspended, in consequence of arrangements by which the members of the Institute, on presentation of their membership cards, are admitted free to the Drawing Classes organized under the auspices of the Council of Arts and Manufactures for the Province of Quebec. These classes will be held this Winter in the Rooms, 75 St. James Street, and will be opened on Monday, 20th October.

TRADES EXHIBITION.

In the early history of the Institute, the Committee of management held annually what was termed the "*Mechanics' Festival*" which consisted of an Industrial Exhibition on a small scale, with vocal and Instrumental Music, addresses, &c., &c., &c. These Festivals were largely patronized by the citizens generally, and were looked forward to with great interest by all the Mechanics of our city. They thus helped materially to keep the aims and objects of the Institute prominently before the public. In later years the Festivals have been discontinued, and since that period very little special effort has been exerted to keep up an interest in the Institute, amongst those for whom it is more especially designed. Although there is no disposition on the part of the management to revive the Festivals as formerly conducted, yet the Committee are of opinion that something of a similar nature is needed to place the Institute in a more prominent position before the Community, and they think it would prove to be of great service in accomplishing this end, if there could be held every Winter, in the Halls of the Institute, an *Industrial or Trades Exhibition*, at which would be shown, not only specimens of Manufactured articles, but where also would be exhibited, *in actual operation*, the various processes through which the Material passes in course of Manufacture. To do this in *every* branch of Trade, would of course be an impossibility, but there are many businesses in which it can be done with comparative ease, and which would be both interesting and instructive to the public generally. *The Committee have determined to try the experiment this Winter, and they propose to hold the first of these Exhibitions in February next, at which only members of the Institute will be allowed to compete, and they earnestly solicit the cordial co-operation of the membership in carrying out this project.* The details of the plan will be announced at an early day.

FINANCES, &c.

Although the financial condition of the Institute is at present quite satisfactory, the Committee deem it to be their duty to state, that an expenditure of several thousand dollars must be incurred within a short period, in order to complete several important and costly improvements in the Institute Building, which are now in progress. These improvements will greatly promote the comfort of members visiting the Institute, and will also make the Hall more attractive to the general public. They consist in part of the renewal of the main stairway leading to the rooms, the extension of the Reading Room, and the enlargement of the Library, the re-lighting and decoration of the large Hall, &c., &c., &c. It would be a source of great gratification to the Committee if the expenditure incurred in making these alterations could be made up by the subscriptions of *new members*. They feel that this could easily be done if only a few hundreds of Mechanics or Artizans, who have not yet joined the Institute, would hand in their names to any member of the General Committee, or to the Superintendent at the Institute. The terms of subscription are so moderate as to be within the means of nearly every one. They are as follows:—

Life Members.....	\$20.00
Annual Subscribing Members,—Master Mechanics, Merchants, &c.....	3.00
Do do do Journeymen Mechanics and Clerks.....	2.00
Do do do Apprentices and Youths under 18.....	1.00

The Committee therefore hope that a large accession of new members will be the result of this appeal to the large community of working men residing in and around Montreal, whose duty it most unquestionably is to maintain and support their own Institute, which is organized for the express object of making "the man a better mechanic, and the mechanic a better man."

On behalf of the General Committee,

DAVID McFARLANE,
President.

ROBERT IRWIN,
Recording Secretary.

Montreal, October 13, 1873.

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Mechanics Institute
Report of Auditors

We have carefully examined the entries in the Cash Book and have checked the items with the Vouchers and find the same correct. We have also verified all the entries in the Ledger and find them correct.

Under the new system of Book Keeping adopted in 1873. the system of checks has been found to work well and the Superintendent has faithfully carried out the plan and deserves credit for the neat way in which he has kept the Books.

Sept 15. 74

Joseph K. Stahl
F. Craig

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Real Balances

3	Real Estate	✓	\$8,378	53	1	Capitol	✓	23,347	36
5	Furniture	✗	3,754	05	25	to Church	✓	26,000	00
9	Library	✗	5,524	88	31	Rents	✗	7,456	42
15	Stocks	✗	1,500		37	Membership	✗	1,132	32
21	Cash	✗	42	09	43	Catalogues	✗		30
45	Heating	✓	300	05	91	Old Paper	✗	43	88
47	Interest	✗	1,687	05	101	Loan etc	✗	1,500	00
"	Daxes	✗	157	00					
53	Lights	✗	577	53					
59	Alterations	✓	4,362	74					
63	Advertising	✗	57	46					
67	Postage	✗	50	60					
73	Stationery	✗	64	93					
77	Wages	✗	2,122	14					
85	Reading Room	✗	461	28					
97	Insurance	✗	404	95					
103	Printing	✗	35	00					
		✓	59,480	28					
								59,480	28

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Dr
1873

Financial Statement for

Aug 1	To Bal from last year			↓ 848 83
July 31	" Recd " Stores	3173 33		
	Hall	3195 00		
	Rooms	788 09	↓	7456 42
	Life members	1410 00		
	Annual "	992 32	↓	1132 32
	Interest	16 40		
	Gas dividends	106 55		
	Taxes	367 20	↓	490 15
	Heating		↓	200 00
	Old Paper		↓	43 88
	Catalogues		↓	30
	Loan Ac		↓	1500 00

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The Year ending 31st July 1874

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July 31 By Furniture	✓	1544 05	
Library	✓	3244 88	
Gas Stove	✓	180 00	
Heating	✓	500 05	300 05
Interest		1810 00	
Gas	✓	<u>524 20</u>	2334 20
Light	✓	577 53	
Alterations &c	✓	4362 74	
Advertising	✓	57 46	
Postage	✓	50 60	
Stationery	✓	624 93	
wages & cleaning	✓	2122 14	
Reading Room	✓	461 28	
Insurance	✓	404 95	
Printing	✓	35 00	
" Bal Cash	✓	412 09	11672 96
			<u>11672 96</u>

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We have carefully examined the ^{entries on both sides of the} Cash Books and compared the ~~same~~ with the Vouchers + receipts and find the same correct. The financial statement and the balance sheet have been compared with the balances in the Ledger and we find the whole correct and kept in a careful manner.

This Circular was printed and extensively circulated amongst the Mechanical Classes of the City. In it your Committee gave notice of their determination to try and get up a "Trades Exhibition" in the Hall of the Institute. Your Committee were promised by some Manufacturers some of their Machines with such help as would be necessary to exhibit them in operation producing their respective Manufactures - As none of your Committee could devote sufficient time to superintend the collecting of Material as well as organizing and conducting such an Exhibition, and not finding a person deemed fit to manage with their direction such an affair the matter was held in abeyance until a little later at which time it happened that the Hall was very fully occupied in consequence of the unfortunate burning of the Queens Hall - Since then your Committee have not had the matter before them, it may however be a subject to which our successors in office shall give their attention with more practical results -

Moved by Mr Rose, seconded by Mr A Perry
That the meeting adjourn to this day week
next.

Moved by Mr Duncan McFarlane seconded
by Mr John Boyd that the report as read be
received and adopted, Carried unanimously

Moved by Mr Duncan McFarlane seconded
by Mr John Boyd. That the Finance Statement
be received and adopted subject to the
Auditors report, Carried unanimously

The President appointed Messrs Thomas
Barrett, Daniel Ross, & Paul Fisher Scrutineers
of the ballot.

The following persons were in the usual
manner elected Members of the Institute
James Taster. Amos Gowan — Life members
C.R. Meggy Jos Blackmore — 2 Second Class
William Conroy — 3



William Hurst Geo Beale Saml Thom, Third Class
 The ballot having been taken in the usual manner, the following Gentlemen were declared to be the elected Officers and General Committee for ensuing year.

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| David Macfarlane Byrne | President |
| Mrs Clendenunng | Vice President |
| James Wright | Corresponding Secy |
| Samuel Foster | Recording Secy |
| Geo Cruikshank | Treasurer |
| Thomas Craig | Librarian |
| H.S. Walker | Cabinet Keeper |
| Messrs. A.A. Stevenson, P. Macquinston | General Committee |
| Mrs Rutherford, H.J. Patterson | |
| John Stewart, Mrs Angus | |

Moved by Mr A Perry, seconded by Mr. Fraser. That no part of this building be let for Parliamentary or Municipal election purposes. Lost.

Mr H.K. Hall gave notice of Motion of New By Law to wit that all Candidates for office on the Committee of the Institute be nominated previous to the ballot being taken for the same.

at next General Meeting of the Institute

Mr Thos Craig gave notice of Motion to become a By Law of the Institute at next General Meeting of the Members to wit that Section two (ii) of the By Law be so changed that the Cash payment for Life Membership will in future be forty dollars and that the latter part of said clause referring to donation of Books be cancelled.

Moved by Mr Cruikshank seconded by Mrs Hutchinson. That it is an instruction from this meeting to the General Committee to consider any changes in the Constitution and By Laws which they may deem desirable and report to a Special meeting of the Members of the Institute to be called at as early a date as possible. Moved by Mr Rose seconded by Mr Craig. That a vote of Thanks be tendered to the Officers

Office-Bearers for their valuable services in the past year.
Comed.

David Macfarlane Presd.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
14 Sept 1874

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the President D. Macfarlane Esquire in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Thomas Craig, John Heath, W. Clendinning A. A. Stevenson, Wm Angus, P. Macquisten Jas Wright, H. J. Patterson & Saml Fisher the minutes of the last regular meeting, with the subsequent adjournments of the 31 August and 4th Sept were severally read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr Clendinning, seconded by Mr Angus, that the Matter of Leave of Absence of the Superintendent be left in the hands of the President for arrangement. Carried

The President submitted list of Sub-Committees which was agreed to. Draft

Finance. Messrs Geo Cruikshank (Chairman)
Wm Angus, J. Craig

House J. Fisher, H. J. Patterson
J. Wright (Chairman)

Rutherford, Macquisten
Stewens Clendinning

Lectures & Class W. S. Walker (Chairman)

Stevenson Cruikshank
Heath Clendinning

Membership Messrs Stevenson, (Chairman)
 Rutherford, Heath,
 Hoker and Wright
 Library " Mrs Craig (Chairman)
 Macquisten Walker
 Angus and Patterson.

The Treasurer submitted Financial Statement
 for the month of August. Dr & Cr

Recd from Stores	975 00	Paid Interest	40 00
" Hall	95 00	" Water rate	43 70
" Members	289 00	" Light	1444 12
" Heating	75 00	" Alterations	1 35
Bal	432 09	" Furniture	29 40
		" Postage	7 39
		" Wages 198.34	
		Extra 117 40	
		Cleaning 36 68	273 42
		" Reading room	16 50
		Loan Acc	500 00
		Bal Car to Sept	391 31
	<u>\$ 1476.09</u>		<u>\$ 1476.09</u>

The following persons were in the usual
 manner elected members of the Institute

William M'Dougall Life member
 Francis Moore, W. H. Huntley }
 J. R. Meaker } Second Class
 Jas Murray, Mrs Hanley, Jas Taylor }
 John McGinn, W. C. Doudiet }
 J. Rustin, John Phalen } Third Class

The Auditors report was submitted and
 approved of

Moved by Mr Clendenning, seconded
 by Mr Heath that the additional amount
 required to complete Lamps in front of Hall be
 granted - Carried -

Moved by Mr Angus, seconded by Mrs
 Wright that a Committee of the following Gentlemen
 be appointed to take into consideration the
 amendment of certain By Laws, Dr & Messrs
 David Macfarlane (president) W. Clendenning
 A. A. Stevenson and W. J. Patterson. - Carried

No other business offering the meeting closed
 David Macfarlane Presd-

Committee Rooms
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
12 October 1874

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president David Macfarlane Esquire on the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Clendenen, Courtchank, Walker, Stevenson, Wright, Bush Patterson and Stohel.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 11th of September were read and confirmed.

The following accounts were presented and referred to Committee to wit:

John Dait 71⁰⁵ referred to Library Committee

John Doyp 24⁶⁰ " Home Committee

The payment of Corporation account referred to the President and Mr Courtchank.

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

James Marshall Doyp First Class

Messrs Arthur F Holland

John F Gillies

Joe Pope

Henry Sanders

R W Spence

C H Robinson

Second Class

Geo Slack, Alex Leslie, J Payne,

H Gregorini, A Joyal, W Graham,

R Smart, F Sutherland, J Ballantyne

A Childs, W J Astwith, J McMahon

J Wardlow

Third Class

Lecture Committee recommended that the Institute inaugurate a course of Lectures during the season of Sept 5.

No other business offering the meeting closed
David W. Fairman Presd.

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute of Montreal
 9 November 1874

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the president David Macfarlane Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were Messrs Macquisten, Wright, W.S. Walker, Heath, Patterson — Rutherford and Fisher.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurers Report submitted.

To Bal from Sept.	135.70	By the alterations	56.70
" Recd " Hall	494.00	" Postage	6.91
" " Members	128.25	" Wages &c	183.88
" " Catalogues	24.00	" Reading room	5.55
		" Library	62.25
		" Gas & Coal	60.00
		Bal adv to Nov.	636.66
	<u>\$1041.95</u>		<u>\$1041.95</u>

The Library Committee Report submitted, moved by Mr Heath seconded by Mr Wright that the Report of the Library Committee be left over until the next meeting, Carried

The following accounts were presented and referred to several Committees:

J. C. Wilson	2.00	} Library Committee
Hamilton Specimen	17.00	
Jess Potts	21.60	House Committee
Gas Co	144.78	Finance Committee

The following named persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

St. Keon	Life	—
P. J. Boyle	1st Class	
John O'Connor,	C. H. Baker,	J. Denning
R. Sweetwell	R. Kirraltt,	J. Sullivan
J. Gill,	Geo. Howard	C. Hayward
E. A. Lilly,	J. P. Campbell	P. M. Pearce
John Carry	a	
E. W. M. Ingham,	C. Chandler,	J. D. Campbell
R. H. Smith,	C. Patterson,	M. Watson,
W. G. Brantley	Madames A. Murray	W.

2nd Class
 3 Class

No other business offering the meeting closed
 David Macfarlane President

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute Montreal.
 14 December 1874

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president David Macfarlane Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Wright, Cross, Ashbank, Heath and Craig. Mr Craig acting as Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

The Treasurers Statement for the month of November was read. *W. J. T.*

To recd from Taxes	1025.00	By Int Interest & Taxes	537 86
Hall	502	Light	141 78
Room	8	Furniture	48 70
Members	134 85	Postage	5 17
Catalogues	9 00	Wages	155 23
Taxes	408 01	Reading rooms	23 90
Old paper	1 75	Library	121 06
Heating	75 00	Insurance	12 50
Bal from Oct	636 66	Loan acc	1000 00
		Bal cd to dec	794 07
	<u>2860 27</u>		<u>2860 27</u>

The following accounts were submitted and ordered to be paid when approved.

Le National	4 00	Lib committee	
J. C. Wilson	2 00		20
Advertising B	1 50	Lecture	
J. W. Peel	11 55	House	
R. Seal	10 25		20
McKeown	21 15	} House and Special Com ^{tee}	
Egerton	30 00		

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Messrs Alex Cooper, J. P. Ryan, & R. Watson	first class
" R. Robertson, S. M. Bliff	} second "
" L. H. Robertson, G. H. Owen,	
" G. W. Inglis, W. H. Andrew	
" W. Locke, F. Dangleon, M. Leitch, J. Seligman	} third
" R. Field, W. Compton, J. Lindsay, W. H. Gillan	
" A. Bulmer, M. McManus, J. Cunningham	
" J. J. Knox, Geo. McDougall, W. Keston, R. M. Lewis	
" R. Young, M. Mullockie, J. Schumaker	

The President and Chairman of House and Library Committees were authorized to complete changes in Library at once taking estimate of cost of work and selecting lowest.

The House Committee requested to report as to the cost of material for ~~deducted~~ found on Hall Affairs.

No other business offering the meeting closed
Leol ~~Nichols~~ Chairman

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute Montreal

28 Dec 1874.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening there were present Messrs Crutcher, Stenerson, Wright Patterson and Craig, Mr Crutcher in the Chair, Mrs Conroy acting Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported having borrowed one thousand dollars from Mechanics Bank to meet Alterations and Repairs.

The Chairman reported ^{that the President} having rented the long room for taking the votes for election in the Center division. Chairman of Membership Committee resigned his position as Chairman of that Committee - decided to let it lie over till next meeting.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to several committees with instructions to pay them when approved -

Graham & Co	Adv - Lectures	14 00	Lecture Duties
John Palmer	Books & work	17 50	House "

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

J. S. Armstrong		First Class
A. White, John Hilland, G. W. Dougall		} Second "
A. G. Walsh		
Geo H. Chapman, Fred ⁿ Bolton, C. Ford,		} Third "
R. Clarke D. Lee or S. Birch Jr's Secy		

No other business offering the meeting closed.

Davis, Faulstich President

Committee Rooms
Mechanics Institute of Montreal

11 January 1875

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the President D Macfarlane Esquire in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Conikshank Wright, Rutherford, Walker and Craig, the latter acting as Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer submitted Statement for the month of Decr.

To Balance November	1994.07	By Paid Interest	873.99
" Recd " Loan	1000.00	" Heating	576.69
" " Hall	484.00	" Alterations	31.40
" " Room	7.00	" Stationary	16.65
" " Membership	99.30	" Wages &c	168.78
" " Catalogues	5.75	" Reading room	89.54
" " Bank Interest	42.28	" Library	205.31
" " Old paper	4.20	" Lecture	300.00
" " Lecture	179.00	" Bal Ad to Jan ^y	413.19
	<u>\$ 2615.60</u>		<u>\$ 2615.60</u>

The following accounts were referred Commlttee's audit

R Mitchell & Co	-	\$ 184.80	-	House Committee
Penny Wilson & Co	-	12.00	} Lecture	"
J & R White	-	7.25		"
W. S. Walker	-	3.94		"
Penny Wilson Co	-	12.00	} Library	"
J. J. Foste	-	6.00		"
A. Bunton Co	-	3.30		"

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

And L Johnson, Saml Armstrong,	} 3 rd Class
Francis McCaffray, Chas Beer -	
Aneas Macdonald, Wolpelt Thibault	
Jos Bledman, Pat Duvagh -	} 2 nd Class
Mrs. G. J. Lynn, H. de Navillier	
Thos Middleton, H. Collins	
Thos Mills	

The Chairman of the Lecture Committee reported that the next Lecture to be delivered under the auspices of the Institute will be given by the Rev. J. F. Stevenson L.L.B. on the

5th instant - Subject "The Last days of Cromwell" -

The next Lecture in the Course will be given by W H Kerr LL.D on the 5 February - Subject Laws of Marriage in the Province of Quebec.

Paul des Chailles the African traveller will appear on two lectures the 18 & 19 February - ~~with a~~ Matinee Subject African travel - Admission for members 25¢ and 50¢ for the general public - with the Matinee Admission 15¢ Adults 25¢.

No other business offering, the meeting closed -

David Macfarlane
President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
25 January 1875

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president David Macfarlane Esquire in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Smith, Craig, Wright, Fisher

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The president reported having received an application from Mr Ellis of the Theatre Royal for rent the Hall, which after consideration the Committee declined.

The Chairman of the House Committee submitted the following tenders for alterations in the Library

Mr R Seal	\$95.00	}
Mrs D Rutherford	125.00	

It was moved and seconded & Resolved

That Mr R Seal's tender be accepted
The House Committee was instructed to get Casts in Iron for numbering and lettering the backs of the ^{in Chairs} Seats in the Hall.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to several Committees with instructions to pay them if found correct.

John Boyd 4.45 House Committee

Evans Brothers 7.00 House Committee

The Chairman of Library Committee is authorized to put The New York Evening Post on the file.

It is ordered that a Blank Book be provided for the Chairmen of Committees to record

Order to the Superintendent,
 The following persons were in the usual manner elected
 members of the Institute:

William Blom, Mitchel Solepter — 2nd Class
 Chas Green Michael Staines 3 do

No other business offering the meeting closed

David W Faulmer
 President

Committee Room,
 Mechanics Institute of Montreal
 8 February, 1875.

The regular semi monthly meeting ^{of the} General Committee
 of the above named Institute, was held here this
 evening Mr George Cruikshank in the Chair —
 besides whom there were present Messrs Wright
 Heath Patterson and Craig the latter acting
 as Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were
 not read not having been entered in Minute Book.
 The Treasurers Statement was read, to wit

To Recd from Hall	500.00	By pd Alterations	33 50
" Rooms	145.00	" Postage	3.00
" Membership	49.60	" Coages & Cleaning	109 46
" Catalogues	3.00	" Reading room	10 70
" Light	5.72	" Bal	895 85
" Bal from Decr	413 19		
	<u>\$ 1118.57</u>		<u>\$ 1118.57</u>

A Statement was made that the Lecture delivered
 by Prof W H Kerr, D.C. was well attended;

Complaint was made that so few of the Committee
 were present and that none of the Lecture Committee
 were present to receive the lecturer

The following A/c were submitted and referred to
 several Committees with instructions to pay them
 if found correct —

J & R White — Gayette Subr — 12.00 Library Committee
 Graham & Co. attractions 24.20 Lecture Fund
 New City Gas Co 391 38. Finance

The following persons were in the usual manner elected
 members of the Institute —

Chas Legge — Life — Jas Mullins, A Mackenzie — 1st class
 Wm Scott, John Smith, Hg. Wood, A.H. Robertson, Jas Morgan } 2nd class
 Francis Ferguson, David Lewis, Geo Burn }
 Walter Bonnell — 3rd class

Orders were given for divisions to be made on the Tables for Magazines.

No other business offering the meeting closed.

David Macfarlane,
President.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute of Montreal
8th March 1875.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president David Macfarlane Esquire in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Crutcher, Wright and Craig & Patterson. The minutes of meetings 25th January, and 8 February, were read and confirmed.

The Chairman of House committee reported that the Iron Cases for the numbers on the Seats would cost 10 Cents each and that he declined to buy them and has ordered some printed tickets for temporary use.

The Treasurers Statement was read with details of Dubchail's lecture tour:

To Bal from Jan'y	895. 85	Paid Interest	70. 00
" Recd " Stones	975. 00	" Light	391. 38
" " " Hall	235. 00	" Alterations	344. 86
" " " Room	10. 00	" Postage	1. 45
" " " Membership	93. 50	" wages & cleaning	148. 37
" " " Catalogues	1. 50	" Reading room	4. 00
" " " Interest	5. 10	" Lecture	300. 00
" " " Lecture	332. 50	Bal to Mar 1304	39.
" " " Heating	75. 00		
	<u>2621. 45</u>		<u>2621. 45</u>

The following accounts were submitted and referred to several Committees with instructions to pay them if found correct.

J. Brown Pres	1. 92	House Committee
R Patton to 31 Dec	219. 62	
Dawson Pres		Library Committee
J & R White Lecture	20. 35	Lecture Committee
Graham & Co	53. 60	
Evans Pres	10. 25	Supervisor of the building & property
M. Macfarlane Insurance		

president to get done cheap as possible.

An application for the Hall for Father Chemigny's Lecture Paper on Infidelity was made.

Moved by Mr Crutcher, seconded by Mr Wright, that the use of the Hall be given to Father Chemigny.

~~The~~ committee at the usual price, provided that the committee give personal bonds in writing for any damage that may possibly happen in consequence of any disturbance.

The following persons were in the usual manner duly elected members of the Institute

Alexander Watson	First class
Wm White, Brian McConnell, Wm A. Sturge,	} Second class
Jas Mc Intosh, Ed Robertson, Q MacKenzie	
J. D. Whitehead, Wm Whitehead, J. P. Bacon	
Wm Ainslie, Albert Vass, F. W. A. Adams	
Wm Cooper, Malcolm Reid	} Third class
Ogden Perry, A. S. Mutter, J. Brown	
Empire Saviour Henry Pickard	

No other business offering the meeting closed

David Macfarlane
President

Committee Room,

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 15th April 1875

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president David Macfarlane Esquire in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Crookshank, Macquibbin, Stevenson, Heath and Wright. Mr Wright acting secretary

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The President reported having insured the Building and property of the Institute at a rate ^{about} one hundred dollars less than the former on W. B. Mercantile

The Treasurer submitted for the month of March.

To Recd from Hall	175 00	Paid July 1874	108 00
Rooms	6 00	Heating	10 50
Members	32 85	Alteration	4 15
Gas & Sundries	6 82	Stationary	3 30
Old Paper	1 20	Wages & Cleaning	142 30
		Reading room	3 00
		Insurance	213 00
Balance February	134 39	Low A/c	1000 00
		Bal Credit April	166 81
	<u>1641 26</u>		<u>1641 96</u>

Moved by Mr Crookshank & Seconded by Mr Wright, that the Treasurer be authorized to raise the temporary loan

of Eight hundred (\$800) dollars to pay the pressing claims

The following Accounts were submitted and referred to Committees with instruction to pay them if found correct,
Messrs Monk & Butler \$1.33. Finance Committee

Canadian M. News 1.00

H. E. Grafton 3.75

Library Committee

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Dr. Wm. Oster,

1st Class

Hon. Jackson, Jessie Harris, Mrs. Swomey

W. Morrison, W. B. Smith, W. Berley

Lizzie LaForte, W. Westac, W. Jobbell

J. M. Gresham, Geo. Robertson,

D. B. Macdonald, Wm. Crockett

2nd Class

~~Geo. Robertson~~

No other business offering, the meeting closed

David Macfarlane

President.

Committee Rooms

Mechanic of Southside, Montreal 26 April 1875

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the president David Macfarlane Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Geo. Knight, Courtchante, Rutherford, Sketh, and Conroy latter acting as secretary

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved,

The following Accounts were submitted and referred to Committees with instruction to pay them if found correct.

Barreney Proves & Dunscrean, - Mineome - 3rd = Library Comtee

Railway Newspaper Advertising Coy 1st = Lecture do

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute, - James Moodie - Life Class

Saml. McLeod, Geo. Black 1st Class

Neil Shannon, J. J. Oxford, A Boy. 2nd Class

The Superintendent reported that his son was leaving and that he wanted another Boy. The Engagement of another Boy, who left with the President and Chairman of the Library Committee.

No other business offering, the meeting closed.

David Macfarlane

President

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute Montreal 4th June 1878

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the President David Macfarlane Esquire in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Crustohant, Wright, Heath and Craig.

Mr Craig acting as Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Treasurers Statement for the months April and May - submitted

	April		
Recd from Rent Hall	320 00	Paid Interest on loan	19 13
Room	63 00	" Alterations &c	453 64
Subs Membs	41 00	" Furniture	1 00
Sales Catalogues	75	" Postage	1 85
Old Paper	1 40	" Stationery	2 90
Loan Acc	800 00	" Reading room	310 82
Bal from March	166 81	" Library	136 34
		" Lecture &c	60 74
		" Wages & cleaning	147 40
		" Bal to May	170 11
	<u>1292.96</u>		<u>1292.96</u>

	May		
Recd from Rent Hall	125 00	Paid Interest	28 02
Stores	975 00	" Light	192 32
Rooms	29 00	" Alterations	955 12
Subs Members	41 15	" Wages & cleaning	1321 12
Sales Catalogues	75	" Reading room	9 55
Rent Heat	75 00	" Bal to June	76 98
Bal from April	170 11		
	<u>1410.01</u>		<u>1410.01</u>

Correspondence recd from the Secretary of the Interior with 1, 2 & 3rd parts of the Statistical Atlas of the United States

The Treasurer authorized to borrow nine hundred dollars.

The purchase of Coal left in the hands of the President and Chairman of the House Committee.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to several Committees with instructions to pay them if found correct

H. S. Walker	\$6.00	} Library Committee
E. Nelson	3.00	
A. MacIntosh	65.68	
A. Craig	33.75	} House Committee

Messrs Geo. W. Redd's account referred to House Committee,
 The following persons were in the usual manner
 elected members of the Institute.

Fred Cole, Alex Broomer — Rep'd members
 John Kennedy, — First Class "
 Amos Black, Geo. Chas. Tutvort —
 D. R. Gardner — Second Class

No other business offering the meeting closed

David Macfarlane
 President

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 26th July 1875.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee
 of the above Institute was held here this evening, the
 President David Macfarlane in the Chair. The following
 members were also present: — Messrs Fisher, Craig,
 Patterson, Wright, Meath & Cruikshanks.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed
 Treasurers Statement for June:

Agues from Wall	310.00	Paid	Interest	874.60
" Rooms	4.00	"	Furniture	65.68
" Members	3.50	"	Wages & Cleaning	129.72
" Catalogues	.50	"	Reading Room	15.00
" Loan etc	900.00	"		
Balance from May	70.98	"	Balance to July	209.98
	<u>1294.98</u>			<u>1294.98</u>

Repairs of conductors & roof referred to House Committee.

Alteration of Bye Laws discussed & referred for future
 consideration.

Discussion was held on the state of the Registry of Books
 in the Library & dissatisfaction expressed as to the manner in
 which it is kept.

The following accounts were submitted & referred to the
 several Committees with instructions to pay them, if correct.

R. Patton	3.99	House Committee
Graham & Co	4.28	do
Jama Walker & Co	3.55	do
Jno Boyd	1.80	do
A. Buntin & Co	5.40	do
R. Forsyth	45.00	do
J. D. Snyall & Son	92.73	do.

Penny Nelson & Co	16.80	Lecture Committee
James Brown & Co	3.42	Home do
Gazette	2.00	do
Scottish Am Journal	2.50	do
J. Nelson & Co	5.50	do
Lawson & Co	6.00	do

This closed the business and the meeting adjourned

David Macfarlane
President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute.

August 16. 1875.

A Special meeting of the General Committee of the above Institute was held here this evening the President David Macfarlane Esq in the chair. The following members were also present: Messrs Cruikshanks, Rutherford, Craig Macquisten and Fisher.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed -
Treasurer's statement for July. -

Received from Hall	95.00	Paid Reading Rooms	2.50
" Rooms	14.00	" Library (directing)	2.00
" Old papers	33.60	Gas instalment	60.00
Bal from June	209.98	Cleaning	24.50
Recd from F. Cole	} 20.00	Salary a/c	15.00
Life Member		Contingencies	3.85
		Bal to August	<u>264.73</u>
	<u>372.58</u>		<u>372.58</u>

It was moved by Geo Cruikshanks, seconded by P Macquisten that the report of the sub-committee on amendments to Bye-Laws be accepted & minuted.

Report of sub-committee on amendment
of Bye-Laws. &c.

The sub-committee appointed at meeting on 14 September last, beg to report that they have met & considered the question of amendments to the Act of Incorporation & Bye-Laws of the Institute. And because of the many disadvantages of having several Acts, more or less in force at the same time, they would recommend

That the present Acts of Incorporation be consolidated & amended in one new Act of Incorporation.

The Amendments being:

First.- A preamble setting forth the foregoing reason and any other thing necessary for the introduction of the new Act.

Second.- That the said Corporation be empowered to hold property of a yearly value of \$20,000 above the ordinary expenditure for maintenance of the Institute.

Third.- That the said Corporation have power by vote, or written consent of two-thirds of the members, to alienate or otherwise dispose of the property or any part thereof from time to time as occasion may require, and other estate, real or personal, may acquire instead thereof.

Fourth.- The management of the affairs of the said Corporation shall be by a President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer, and also ten other members who, with the officers, shall constitute and form the General Committee of the said Corporation: One half of the ten members shall retire annually. The five having the lowest number of votes at first election, under this Act shall be the first to retire. Those retiring are eligible for re-election.

From the end of Section III of the amended Act (23 Vic. Cap 137.) leave out all the words beginning with: - " and at least two-thirds " &c.

Fifth.- No one shall be eligible for election as an officer or a member of the General Committee unless he has been a member for three years then immediately preceding.

Sixth.- Any officer or member of General Committee who shall absent himself without permission of General Committee from three of the regular consecutive monthly meetings, shall cease to be a member of General Committee; and the General Committee at its next regular meeting may elect one to fill his place.

Amend Bye-Law XXXIV by striking out the words " and fourth ", and read Monday instead of Mondays. -

The following were elected members of the Institute

14	First Class
16	Second "
12	Third "

MEMBER

The following a/cs were presented & referred to the respective
Committee with instructions to pay same if correct.

Prove Bros 21.80
L Morris & Co 6.00
Evans Bros 482.91
A Beaman & Co 1.20
A Craig 34.15
W Dugdale & Co 57.44

There being no other business the
meeting then adjourned.

David W Faulane
President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

August 23rd 1875.

The regular semi-^{monthly} meeting of General Committee of the above Institute
was held this evening, David W Faulane Esq in the Chair. -
Others members present - Macgister, Heath, Cruickshank,
Walker & Craig, the latter acting as secretary.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
The President reported the Boy's absence to-day without
leave. It was decided to dismiss the Boy & that the
was authorized to engage another.

The President brought up the matter of wages to Young
during his absence & after discussion the Pres was
authorized to settle with him -

David W Faulane
Presd.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

September 4. 1875.

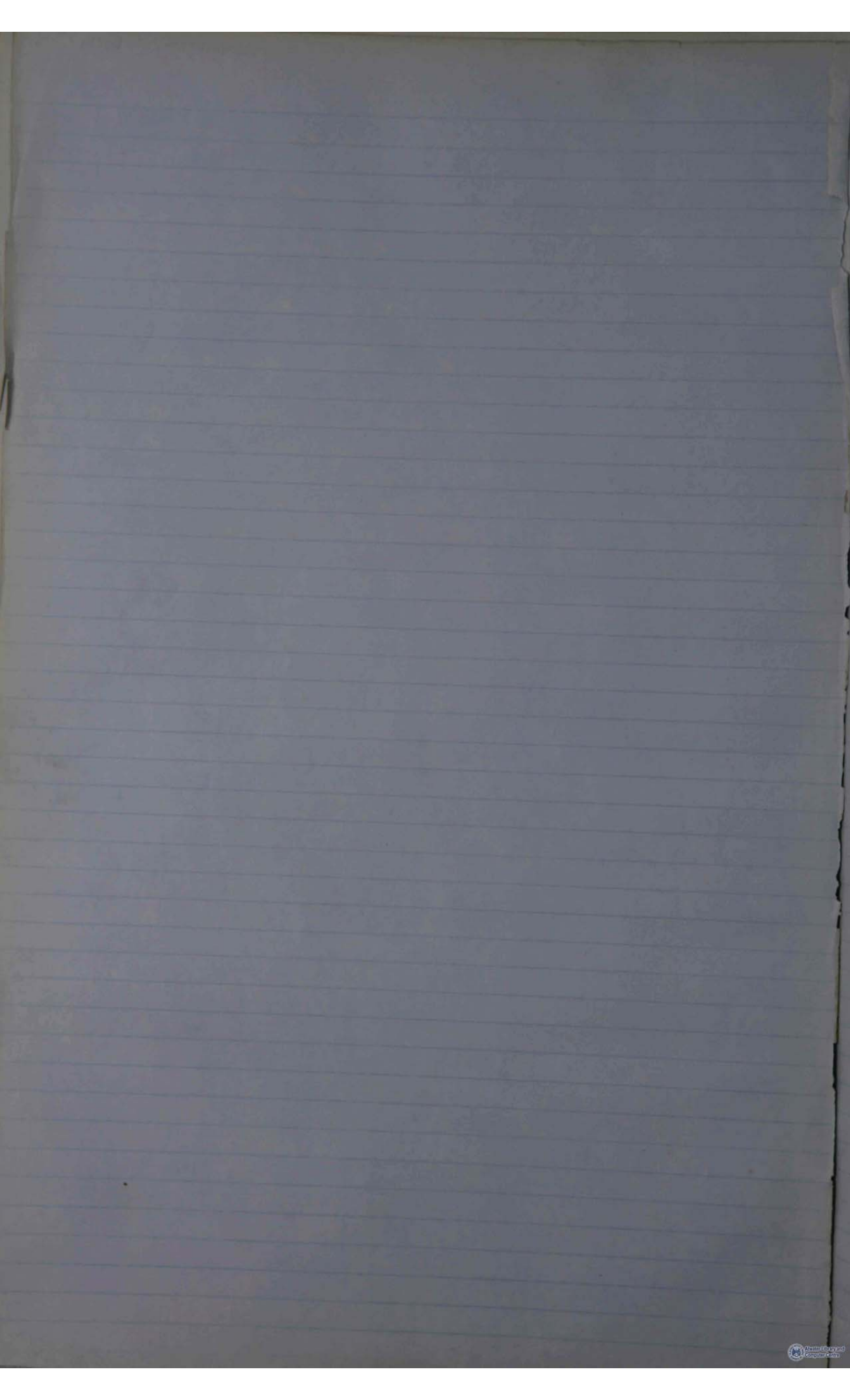
A Special Meeting of the General Committee of the Institute
was held this afternoon, David W Faulane Esq President,
in the chair. Messrs Wright, Cruickshank, Heath,
Craig, Macgister & Fisher were also present.

The Library Committee presented their report which was
adopted as were also those of House & Finance Committee.

David W Faulane
Presd.

For Finance & House Committees' reports as accepted at Special Meeting, on September 4th 1895, see Annual Report ==

The annexed sheet of the Librarian's reports was also adopted but not included in Annual Report ==



It is the unpleasant duty of your
Com to state that 228 Books are
missing and that no record of them
appears in the Register of Books in
Circulation. Your Com are of
opinion that a state of affairs
where so many volumes disappear
in one year & no traces of them can
be found in the Registers of the Institute
merits the severest condemnation on
the looseness of the management of
the Superintendent and that he should
be held personally responsible for the
loss of the Books. It is a question for
the Genl. Com to decide as to whether
under such a gross case of carelessness
they should not at once ~~dismiss~~ engage
more careful employees. —

Long Room.

Mechanics Institute
6th September 1875

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the members of the above Institute was held here this evening.

The President David McFarlane occupied the chair. Members present: Mess^{rs} Fisher, Keath, Harper, Hutchinson, Wright, Allan, Crankchank, Irwin, Perry, Rose, Dinahy Boy, Seaton, McCallum, Gross, Sumner, Booth, Young, Corrie, Munro, G. Craig, Pasloway, Smith, Geo Robertson, and eight others.

The minutes of last Annual Meeting were read & confirmed. The Recording Secy Mr Samuel Fisher then read the report as follows:-
Gentlemen.

Your Committee in presenting the 36th Annual Report of the Institutes affairs have thought worthy of directing your attention particularly to the following:-

— Membership —

The last annual report shows 871 names enrolled as members of the Institute, - including deceased Life members. The roll at the end of July 1875 shows -

Honorans	11
Corresponding	8
Life	127
Annual	639
Total	785

Including deceased life members an increase of $\$8$ in the total membership, has been made -

— Finance —

Your Committee have much pleasure in stating that the financial position of the Institute is in a much more satisfactory state than at the corresponding season last year. The revenue, as per Treasurers statement, shows an increase in rents of $\$344.00$ and $\$62.00$ in Memberships fees, exhibiting a total income of $\$13,180.00$ + a total increase of $\$1,300.00$. A corresponding increase in the expenditure was occasioned principally by the payment of $\$1,500$ due the Contractors for alterations from last year. This has also had the effect of increasing the outlay on Interest &c which, together with taxes, has necessitated an additional disbursement of $\$300.00$. It will be particularly noted, too, that the enjoyment of the Reading Room Library, while depriving us of 500% rental formerly accruing therefrom, has, with

the improved lighting of the Hall, tended to swell our gas a/c to nearly 300¢ over that of the past year. This item of expenditure has, however, been largely occasioned by increased use, & therefore is set off by increased Income of the Hall.

An extra expenditure of 300¢ was also made in the purchase of Books & papers for the Reading Room & Library.

On account of lectures the Institute has incurred an expense of \$150 above receipts.

A saving of \$200 in our Insurance was effected.

Notwithstanding the notable increase in the disbursements the financial position is most gratifying. An increase in the revenue of every department allowing us, not only to face all the current expenses but also to pay 800¢ (besides the 1500 already mentioned in Loan a/c) of former debt, leaving the only balance against the institute (900¢) which, maturing in November, will be liquidated by the November Rents. Besides this, an equal amount has been already paid for Sundries - including the present year's coal. We mention this simply to convey some idea of the promptness with which all a/c's passed by the Committee have been met, the Institute thereby deriving all the advantages resulting from cash payments.

A rigorous economy has been maintained throughout without being inconsistent with the necessities for the well-being of the Institute or the convenience of its members.

From the foregoing it will be seen the new Committee being relieved of all liability on a/c of alterations, will have a large amount of revenue to devote to the internal management of the Institute.

— House. —

During the past year the labors of your Committee have been light on account of so much having been done the previous year. We have only carried out the contemplated improvements mentioned at last annual meeting. The steam pipes have, with some slight alterations, worked well. As reported last year W^m Glendinning Esq^r presented the Institute with two large pots - Cost to the Institute for bases, & setting off of same with Camps has been \$280.95. The water conductors & cove spouts have been put in repair & the walls pointed where found necessary. The Chimneys have been repaired & built higher in conformity with the City Bye-Laws - Other necessary repairs have been made on the building - The seats in the Hall have been repaired & renumbered. Additional shelving & counter

Balances . 1875

— August —

3	Real Estate	44.969 75	1	Profit & Loss	29.159 90	
5	Furniture	3.898 83	25	Colonial Church	26.000 00	29
9	Library	6.046 59	101	Loan a/c	1700 00	00
15	Gas Stock	1.680 00				50
21	Cash	264 73				64
		<u>56.859 90</u>			<u>56.859 90</u>	25
						75
						70

Trial Balance.

1874/5.

3	Real Estate	42.741	27	1	Capital	26.062	29
5	Furniture	3.898	83	25	Colonial Church	26.000	00
9	Library	6.046	59	32	Rents	7.800	50
15	Stocks	1.680	00	37	Membership	1.194	64
22	Cash	264	73	43	Catalogues	45	25
45	Heating	227	19	91	Old Papers	44	95
47	Interest	1.962	47	101	Loan acc	1.700	00
"	Taxes	110	02				
-3	Light	863	78				
-9	Alterations &c	2.228	48				
37	Postage	25	77				
13	Stationery	24	25				
17	Wages & Cleaning	1.908	40				
35	Reading Room	501	11				
17	Insurance	215	50				
5	Lecture acc	149	24				
		<u>62.847</u>	<u>63</u>			<u>62.847</u>	<u>63</u>

London Sept 6th 1875

W. H. Wood & Co.
Auditors

Assets

Real Estate	42.741	27
Furniture	3.898	83
Library	6.046	59
Stock	1.680	00
Cash	264	73
	<u>54.631</u>	<u>42</u>

Liabilities

Colonial Church	26.000	00
Notes Discounted	1.700	00
Balance favor Ins.	26.931	42
	<u>54.631</u>	<u>42</u>

Financial Statement

1874

Aug 1	To Balance from last year			42 09
July 31	Cash rec'd from Stores	3950 00		
	Wall	3562 00		
	Rooms	288 50	7850 50	
	Life Members	180 00		
	Annual "	1074 64	1194 64	
	Bank Interest	42 28		
	Int. A.B. Foster	3 10		
	Gas. Div'd	119 42		
	Taxes	408 01	572 81	
	Heating		3 00	
	Old Paper		44 95	
	Catalogues		45 25	
	Loan a/c		27 00 00	
	Lecture a/c		511 50	
	Light		5 72	
				<u>13.217 46</u>

from 1st August 1874 to 31st July 1875.

July 31	By Furniture		144	78
	Library		521	71
	Gas. Fitch		180	00
	Heating		527	19
	Interest	2007	85	
	Taxes	637	45	
	Light		869	50
	Alterations		2228	48
	Postage		25	77
	Stationery		24	25
	Wages & Cleaning		1908	40
	Reading Room		501	11
	Insurance		215	50
	Loan etc		2500	00
	Lecture etc		660	74
	Balance of Cash		264	73
			<u>13,217</u>	<u>46</u>

We have examined the entries in the Cash-Book and have checked the items with the vouchers and find the same correct, which we hereby certify -

Howard Wright

George H. Craig

Montreal

6th September 1875

Auditors

have been put in the Library. More shelving will be required for the proper classification of the books.

The improvements carried out last year in the Reading Room have given satisfaction.

Your Committee would recommend their successors to take into consideration the reseating of the Hall; as the present seats will not last much longer & a competition with larger Halls must soon ensue -

Our successors will have to consider the advisability of erecting a gallery at the end of the Hall or making two stories of it & letting them for offices -

— Library —

The Library Committee have to report that as soon as they could meet after the last Annual meeting a thorough examination was made of the Reading Room & of the papers on the files.

After careful scrutiny & enquiry as to the usefulness of some of the papers & periodicals your Committee decided to discontinue certain of them & to take others that would more suitably occupy the space both from a literary & instructive point of view. The following is a list of those discontinued & of the new ones added: -

Discontinued: -

Fanciers Gazette	London Journal
Practical Magazine	Pictorial World
Glasgow Citizen	Judy
Home Journal	Graphic N.Y.
Albion of New York	Aldine do

Added -

Toronto Grip	Lippincotts Magazine
Canadian Antiquarian	Com. of Pat Journal. Eng.
Monetary Times	Manchester Examiner
Journal of Commerce	Liverpool Albion
Canadian Patent Record	Londonderry Standard
New York Evening Post	Notes & Queries
" Nation	Science Gossip
" Harper Weekly	Land & Water
New Orleans Picayune	Iron
San Francisco Chronicle	Jinsley's Magazine
" Overland Monthly	Victoria "
Danbury News	Geographical "
North American Review	St. James "
American Journal of Science & Nat. =	Nature —

The total number of papers & periodicals now on the tables of the Reading Room, is as follows.

18	Canadian	Daily	Papers
7	American	"	"
2	British	"	"
25	Canadian	Weekly	Papers
7	American	"	"
24	British	"	"
3	Canadian	Monthly & Quarterly	Magazines
8	"	"	"
23	British	"	"
8	Comic & Illustrated	Weekly	Papers

Making a total of all kinds of 125 Newspapers & Periodicals placed on the files.

With regard to the Library, your Committee have to report that when they took office it was with the impression that there would be comparatively little to do in consequence of the books having been recently catalogued & placed in the excellent order that last year's report said they were in. Instead of such being the case your Committee found that no manuscript list of the books existed in the order of their numbers, & that the printed catalogue contained numerous errors - several of the books having the same numbers thus leading to confusion & loss of books. In addition to the errors of the printed catalogue it was found that it did not contain many of the valuable pamphlets & reports that are in possession of the Institute - that even those that are in, are so badly catalogued that there is no means of telling what they are. The necessary corrections have entailed a very heavy labor on your Committee. A system has been adopted by which every book in the catalogue & library can be properly checked as often as the library Committee may think necessary, with not more than a couple of hours work. An accurate account of the books in the Manuscript Catalogue has been made, which shows that the total number of books, bound periodicals, & pamphlets contained in the Library is 6843 an increase over last year of 548 volumes of which 482 were purchased during the year, which have been classified as follows -

113 novels

326 Architecture, Engineering, Trades, Manufactures, History, Science, Trade &c.

66 volumes of Periodicals

The Institute is indebted to the

United States Government for the gratuitous presentation of the valuable Statistical Atlas based on the last census, by General Walker

It is the unpleasant ^{report of committee} duty to state that by the system of checks before mentioned they find that 228 Books are missing from the Library & that no record of them appears in the register of Books in Circulation - but it is due to the Superintendent to say, that, owing to his absence from the Institute by severe indisposition he has not had an opportunity to explain why so many books are missing -

Lectures.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Lecture & Class Committee or any report from him the President reported that the Committee had organized & carried through a course of Lectures during the past season. It comprised eight or nine lectures on various subjects by, Rev. R. F. Burns, S. D.

Nevenon L. L. B.

G. W. Dawson.

Paul Du Chaillet

Mr Kerr -

As has been already reported they were not financially successful, but the Committee have reason to believe their efforts were in some measure appreciated, & their hope is they may have done good -

Moved by Mrs Finley, seconded by Robert Irwin that the report as read be adopted, except that portion which refers to the alteration of the Bye Laws Carried

Moved by N. Manroe seconded by A. Perry that a special ^{committee} ~~meeting~~ be appointed to look into & consider the alterations to the Bye-Laws ^{as read from minutes of meeting of August 16} & that a special ^{annual} meeting of the Institute be called for the purpose of ^{receiving & considering report of said Committee} Carried -

Moved by Thomas Craig seconded by J. Boyd that the life Memberships fees be \$40⁰⁰ (Forty Dollars) instead of Twenty Dollars - Carried -

Moved by R. Irwin seconded by A. C. Hutchinson that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Retiring Officers, particularly to Mr Thomas Craig the Librarian - Carried -

The following officers were then duly elected - Messrs Smith, Rose & Paton being appointed scrutineers -

President George Cruikshank.

Comtee
Ad. of Comm
Wm. - and

Vice-president John Boyd
Treasurer Norton B. Corse.

Corresponding Secy James Wright
Recording Secy Daniel Rose.

Librarian Thomas Craig

Cabinet-Keeper A. C. Hutchison

— Committee. —

Members Allan, Macquisten, Neath, M. Furlane
and Finley, Wm Patton. —

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute

September 13th 1875.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above Institute was held this evening. The president Geo. Buchanan Esq. in the Chair. Other members present — Messrs Boyd, Finley, Craig, Macquisten, Neath, M. Furlane, Corse, Rose and Allan.

Minutes of meetings held on August 23rd + Sept 4th were read & confirmed.

Mr M. Furlane reported that Mr Young received the sum of seventy five ⁰⁰ Dollars on acc of Salary during his absence in Scotland, and also that a new boy has been engaged.

The report was adopted.

The President then appointed the following ^{Sub-}Committee-

viz:- Finance - M. Furlane, N. B. Corse, P. Macquisten,
Thos. Craig and D. Rose —

House. - James Wright, W. B. Lore, R. M. Hutchison
Jno Allan, Wm Paton.

Lecture & Class. - R. M. Hutchison, J. Findlay, J. Boyd
J. Meath & J. Shae.

Memberships. J. Boyd, J. Meath, J. Wright
J. Allan, W. Paton.

Library Tho. Craig, P. Macquisten, D. M. Furlane
J. Findlay, J. Boyd

Read Communication from Mr Geo Harper protesting against
the increasing of fee for Life Membership from 20 to 40 \$ at
last Annual Meeting as the notice given was only four days
instead of eight.

On motion the communication was laid on the table.
Accounts were presented from C. Healy, Graham "Star" & Co,
& "Minerva" subscription, & were referred to Library Committee.
The following members were then Elected

1st Class E. A. Copleston.
2nd " Wm Rathbun
" Jno Forset
" F. A. McLeod
" Jno Meir.
" J. P. Twist
" J. Mc Kinghorn
" F. Codd
" R. B. May
" James Craig
3rd " Samuel Mcillard
Louis Parris
Jno Philpott
Josiah Riddle
M. M. Canning
Robert Parker
Joseph Kirkpatrick
David M^{rs} Furlane Jr

The meeting then adjourned —
Geo Mcillard
President
Daniel Ross
Rec. Secy

Committee Room.

Mechanics Institute.

27 September 1875

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Institute was held here this evening. The president Geo Cruikshank Esq in the Chair
 Other Present - V Boyd, Macquisten, Allan, Wright, Paton, Keith, Rose, Strindlan, Corrie, Macfarlane, Craig -

The finance committee reported an estimated revenue of \$8,055 -
 & an estimated expenditure of \$9,070 -
 with probable deficiency of \$1,015

Including payments of \$1,700 on Loan a/c

Moved by Mr Craig seconded by Mr Keith that the finance Committee Report be ~~accepted~~ ^{received} - Carried -

Treasurers Statement of
 - August Cash -

Recd from Stores	1050 00	Paid - Loan a/c	800 00
Hall	235 00	Furniture	6 97
Room	2 00	Alterations &c	5 79
Memberships	348 00	Gas Co	102 86
Catalogues	1 00	Water	62 70
Fines	20	Post Off Drawer	3 50
Bal from July	264 73	Heating (wans)	432 91
		J. Wilson & Co	5 60
		Dunstable (Book)	43 04
		J. Dougall & Son	92 73
		Gas Mutton	70 00
		D. Morice & Co	6 00
		Cleaning	17 00
		Contingencies	11 26
		Sal a/c	100 02
		Bal to Sept	140 65
	<u>\$ 1900.93</u>		<u>1900 93</u>

Library Committee reported that 50 of the Books reported at annual meeting as lost have been found - leaving still 170 to be accounted for.

Moved by Mr Boyd, & seconded, that the report be referred back to Library Committee for further consideration - Carried -

Some remarks having taken place in regard to the attendance of the Superintendent, it was resolved that the President be instructed to see that the Officers of the Institute be present at the proper hours -

The following members were then proposed & elected -

1 st Class.	R. MacFarlane	3 rd Class	Geo Murray
2 nd Do	Wm Wren	"	W Laney
"	J. G. Nicholson	"	W. Schneider
"	Andrew A Bell	"	R. Gunn
"	Wm Hogg	"	J. Chapman
"	Chas Vedasey	"	R. B. Howard
"	C. Hatch	"	Francis Foley
"	Edw Hare		
"	J. M. Forquhar		
"	Jas Guillat		
"	Miss Jane Darling		
"	G. H. Heubach		

Mr MacFarlane reported that the ~~Council~~ ^{Council} of Arts have a large number of new Patent Reports & asked for room & permission to erect shelving for the same.

Moved by Mr MacFarlane, seconded by Mr Findlay, that the ~~Council~~ ^{Council} of Arts be permitted to put up in the Reading Room, & at their own cost, the necessary shelving, under the Superintendence of the House Committee - Carried

On motion the membership committee was empowered, if they thought advisable, to print a small circular in regard to the membership - The meeting then adjourned

Geo Smith Clerk, President.
Daniel Ross Secy

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute 11 Oct 1875.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Institute was held here this evening, the President Geo Cruikshank Esq in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs J. Wright, P. Macquiston, J. Allan W. Paton and R. MacFarlane

Mr Wright acting as Secretary - The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The monthly report of finance read and agreed to

Recd from all	85 00	Paid Furniture etc	21 30
" Rooms	2 00	" Advertising	6 66
" Members	183 00	" Wages cleaning	139 24
" Catalogues	1 75	" Reading room	19 00
" Int: " Gas dividend	63 02	" Library	24 85
Bal from August	140 65	" Gas Stock	60 00
		Bal to Oct	204 37
	<u>475 42</u>		<u>475 42</u>

Credits from Messrs Dawson Bros. to the amount of \$18⁰⁰ for over charge on magazines &c read and put on file.

The following accounts were read and referred to write

James Wright, \$ 21.45 to House committee

O. J. Barth, 240.00 to the President

It is agreed to offer a reward of twenty five \$25.00 dolls for the apprehension and conviction of the thief or thieves who steals or mutilates the Magazines or Papers in the reading room.

The following were proposed and elected members of the Institute.

Edward Wells	Chemist	1 st Class
John Foulds Esq	Bank Officer	2
A. W. Crofts	Clerk	2
A. E. M'Intosh	Imm Clerk	3
J. C. Macormack	do	3
J. J. Leckman	do	3
A. Fletcher	Officer	3
S. J. Chapman	School boy	3

The President reported having spoken to the Superintendent about being here at the proper hour in the morning, and that Mr. Sansum promised to attend to his duties and leave no other business offering the meeting closed.

Supper
President
Daniel Rose, Rec Secy

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute Montreal 25 Oct. 1875.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the president George Combs Esq in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Boyd, Macquidson, Stindlay, Wright, Heath, Corse, Paton, Allan and Rose.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr Boyd Chairman of Membership Committee submitted draft of a Card proposed to be printed in regard to the advantages of the Institute, the same to be distributed in the various workshops and other places.

The Chairman of the House Committee presented a report recommending a double window on the St. Peters Street side of Mr Posters Office.

On motion the report was duly adopted.

The following were proposed and elected members of the Institute in the usual manner.

H. S. Walker, "advocate"	Life member
Geo. H. Newer, "Rasp"	1 st Class
John Hope, Geo. J. Belling, Geo. Edwards, John Macara, Jas. Auld, C. W. Macdonald, and M. Louis	Second Class
Geo. Smith, C. J. Stanton, Jas. Foulds, Thos. Boyle, John Roberts	3 rd Class
John Taylor, A. M. Welsh, John Taylor, Thos. Battersy	3 rd Class

No other business offering, the meeting closed.

Moved by Mr Boyd seconded by Mr Wright that the President be authorized to engage a boy for the purpose of attending to the wants of the Reading room arranging Newspapers Magazines & Canned

No other business offering, the meeting closed
Geo McMillan President
Daniel Rose Rec Secy

Committee Room.

Mechanics Institute Montreal 8 Nov 1875

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the President George Cruikshank Esq in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Core, Hindley Wright, Boyd, Macfarlane, Craig, Hutchinson and Rose.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer submitted Cash Statement for October.

Recd from Hall	544 00	Paid Lectures' adv	16 84
" Rooms	27 00	" Taxes	698 25
" Members	133 00	" Alterations	34 15
" Taxes	363 13	" Inaugural Dinner	12 50
		" Wages & cleaning	32 92
		" Reading room	7 00
		" Library	15 70
		" Gas & Fuel	60
Bal from September	2174 37	Bal to November	54 14
	<u>1931 50</u>		<u>1931 50</u>

The following accounts were submitted, and referred to the several committees. Gas acc. net 135.45 ordered ^{to be} paid
J Boyd 1.40 House Committee
Jas Shannon Library Committee

The following were proposed and elected members of the Institute. Sam Kerr, Jas Peacock, R.A. Kelland }
Ed Green, W Brock, R Foster } Third Class
W.C. Fitch, C.H. Barnes, Jas Hamall }
Geo Tabb, W Parquhar, R.A. Dempsey }
Geo Waters } Second Class
Allan Dewar, R.H. Gardner } First do

No other business offering, the meeting closed
Geo McMillan President
Daniel Rose Rec. Secretary

Committee Room, Mechanics Institute

Montreal 13 December 1870

The regular, semi monthly meeting of the General committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the President George Brutechanki Esq. in the Chair, besides whom there were present - Messrs Lindlay, Keith, Wright, Craig, Paton, Joseph Macfarlane, Allan Cox and Rose.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Communication from the Council of Arts and Manufactures for the Province of Quebec, extending invitation to this committee to visit the Schools under their control was read. On motion the communication was received and filed.

Mr J. H. Badger, Superintendent Fire Alarm Telegraph, proposes for a consideration of about fifty five dollars, to connect the Institute Fire Alarm Gong to the Center Fire Station - see his letter of the 13th Dec 70 on file - on motion the matter was referred to the House committee.

House committee reported in favour of purchasing 20 seats belonging to the Salesian Society at four dollars each.

on motion the report was adopted.

Financial Statement submitted as follows.

Recd from Stores	975.00	Paid Gas & light	135 45
" Hall	580 00	" Heating	50 00
" Rooms	10 00	" Alterations	396 73
" Members	81 00	" Advertising	7 00
" Doors	139 65	" Stationery	5 57
" Heating	75 00	" Wages &c	179 32
Bal from Octr.	54 14	" Reading room	80 48
		" Library	442 87
		Bal to Dec	479 47
	\$ 1719.79		\$ 1719.79

The following accounts were received and referred to the respective committees -

A. Seal	11 90	House Committee
Montary Times	2 00	Library Committee
Toronto Nation	3 00	

Moved by Mr Rose, seconded by Mr Macfarlane that the Lecture Committee take into consideration the advisability of getting up a Mechanical Exhibition in the Victoria Park or elsewhere during the next summer. Carried.

The following were appointed a Committee to consider amendments to the Act of Incorporation and By-Laws, viz. Messrs Brutechanki, Macfarlane

Sindlay and Ross,

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

Henry Ross	}	1st class
Chas Drake		
H. H. Hubbard, H. J. Cowie,	}	2nd class
Thos Kerney, John Craib,		
John Van Buxkark, A. W. Leitch,		
Carrie Nichols, H. Tucker,		
Jas Sagan, E. Patehell,		
Wm Coffy, A. L. Kent,		
M. J. Lannard, J. L. Hamilton,		
Edwin McManus, A. C. McKean,	}	3rd class
Wm Cheney, A. Tomlinson,		
Mr Spence, A. Watkins,		
O Howson,		

No other business offering the meeting closed,
Geo. M. Smith President

Committee Room,

Mechanics Institute, Montreal N. th Jan. 1876.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the President George Combs in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Cowe, Sindlay, Allan, Paton, Macfarlane, Craig, Boyd and Wright.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A communication was read from St. Lawrence offering to lecture in the Hall this winter under the auspices of the Institute; The Lecture Committee reported in favour of giving the Hall free to St. Lawrence for his lecture "The Historical Cartography".

Moved by Mr Craig, seconded by Mr Allan: That the Hall be let to St. Lawrence at $\frac{2}{3}$ of the regular tariff but not to be advertised as under the auspices of the Institute. Carried.

Memorandum read from the North British and Merchantile Insurance Coy. noting that jobbing Carpenter work in the basement of the Institute cannot be allowed without payment of an extra premium.

The Library Committee presented a report showing that 234 volumes have been added to the

Library since the 1st September at a cost of \$157²³00.

Moved by Mr Macfarlane, seconded by Mr Allow,
that the report be adopted and homologated, Approved
Finance Statement submitted, as follows.

Recd from Hall	440 00	Paid Interest	840 00
Room	29 00	Alterations	11 90
Members	83 40	Stationery	6 60
Catalogues	4 00	wages &c	177 48
Interest	21 71	Library	1 25
Light	2 00		
Bal from Nov	4179 47		
Bal to Jan	7 15		
	<u>1037 23</u>		<u>1037 23</u>

The General Committee resolve that the Superintendent
be instructed to demand from all Members in arrears
for the past and current year the amount of their
subscriptions in accordance with the by law and
report at the next regular meeting of the Committee

The President reported that he had been unable to
arrange with Mr Booth in reference to remuneration
for services rendered in the absence of the Superintendent.

Moved by Mr Craig, seconded by Mr Hendley that
Mr Booth be paid \$100, in full of all claim for services
during Mr Sansum's absence last summer and that
Mr Sansum be given \$100. during same time. Carried.

The following accounts were received and
referred to the respective committees:

Jas Walker & Co	\$ 9.00	House committee
J. G. Nelson Co	5.50	Library committee
Montreal Herald	12.00	

The following persons were in the usual manner elected
members of the Institute.

W. J. Cook, plasterer	Life member
Alex Wells	1 st Class "
W. H. Lee, J. Simon, J. Maloney	2 nd " "
J. G. Wells, J. Lindsay, J. Taylor	3 rd " "
Jas Robinson, J. Craighead	
Geo Ort, M. Inglis	
J ^r Kerfoot, S. Reed	

No other business offering the meeting closed

Wm Mullishan President
Daniel Rose Secy

Committee Room,

Mechanics Institute Montreal 14 Feb 1876.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the President Geo Crockett Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Standley, Bath, Allan, Macfarlane Wright and Ross,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed
 Read Communication from Messrs Stevens & McRobie, offering to place a Fire alarm in the Institute for thirty dollars and to keep the same in repair for seven dollars per Annum.

On Motion the offer declined

Read a letter from Dr McLeverson thanking the Committee for the offer made of the use of the Hall at $\frac{2}{3}$ the usual price, but informing the Committee that he is not yet prepared to take advantage of it.

On Motion the letter was read and filed.

The Library Committee asked for an appropriation of one hundred and twenty five dollars for the months of January February and March,

On Motion the appropriation was granted

Finance Statements for the month of January submitted

Recd from Hall	260 00	Paid alteration of	36 00
" Rooms	14 00	" Furniture	2 50
" Members	73 00	" Postage	1 00
" Catalogues	1 75	" Mr Booths	140 00
		" wages & cleaning	168 59
		" Reading room	8 15
Bal to Feb	14 64	Bal from Dec	7 15
	<u>\$ 363 39</u>		<u>\$ 363 39</u>

The following accounts were submitted and on Motion referred to Special Committees

Chas Gault & Co	\$100.00	House Committee
McMucke & Co	59 76	
St Morris & Son	3 95	
John Boyd	1 70	
Evans Bros	3 50	
H. J. Shaw	60 71	Library Committee
H. J. Scott	1 00	
J & R White	12 00	
Canadian Antiquarian	1 50	

Read communication from Mr Booth in regard to the reward voted him at last meeting

On motion it was ordered to be replied to by

the corresponding Secretary informing Mr Booth, that the matter was definitely settled.

Moved by Mr Sindley, seconded by Mr Case, that Messrs Craig, Macfarlane and Ross be a special committee to get up a Life Membership List.

The following names were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Joseph Riello	Life member
Joseph Brown	1 st class member
Walter Smith, M. M. J. Flanagan, R. Moore	} Second class
J. B. Lyden, Geo. Alexander, P. Phillips	
A. Stewart-Scott, Henry Mackay	
J. J. Kincaid, W. H. Wilburn, H. Case	
J. C. Thurston, Thos. Whittaker	
Saml. George Rowell, Wm. George	
J. E. Sutton, David Burnett	} Third class
J. C. Hayden, M. McKeown	

No further business offering the meeting closed

Geo. Millbank President
Daniel Core Secy

Committee Report

Mechanics Institute Montreal 13 March 1876

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the President George Comberbank Esquire, in the Chair, besides about seven were present Messrs Sindley, Knight, Paton, Craig, Allan and Ross.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The House committee reported that tenders from Messrs Galvanizing Iron Ejecting Ventilators for the fitting up and repairs necessary, repair in the roof of the building which cost of eighteen dollars each - from Messrs Prowse Bros.

On motion the House committee was authorized to procure the same.

The President reported that he had insured the Building and property of the Institute for \$30,000 on the Liverpool, London and Globe.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to the several Committees with instructions to pay them if found correct:

McMuntrie & Bowden	60 75	} House Committee
R. Seale	6 75	
R. Mitchell Co	1 90	

Burland Debarb & Co	4 00	} Library Committee
Duverney Jones	3 00	
Othman Jones	60 00	
Dawson Bros	875 54	

Financial Statement submitted

Recd from Stores	1125 00	Paid Interest	70 00
Hall	335 -	" Light	384 95
Rooms	105 -	" Furniture	94 75
Members	65 -	" Wages &c	161 54
Old Paper	3 55	" Heating &c	19 23
Heating	25 -	" Library	66 21
		Bal from last	14 64
		" Com'd to Mar	146 16
	957 53		957 53

The following names were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

H E Long, Gavin Ross, Arthur Ross	} 2 nd Class
Mrs Rowan, Henry Earl, A. Morrison	
Fred Francis, H. S. Drysdale	
David Wilson, John Douglas	} 3 rd Class
Stedley Parrish, Walter Arnold	
Wm Dawn, Edward Carl	
Agostus Matshokko, Robt Mitchell	
Jas Wilson, Geo Brown	
A Sedman, A C Closter	

Geo Mitchell President
Daniel Ross Sec Secretary

Committee Rooms

Mechanics Institute of Montreal 10 April 1876.

+ Levin The regular ^{semi} monthly meeting of the the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the President George Gignac took the Chair, beside whom there were present Messrs - (Corse), Paton, Alan Macfarlane and Craig.

Mr Craig acting as secretary

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Library Committee reported that the appropriation of ~~of~~ one hundred and twenty five dollars made in January, for Books had been used to the extent of \$70⁰⁰ and the Committee ask for an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars for four months ending 31 July 1876. signed J Craig Chairman.

Library Report carried

A number of French Architectural works were submitted to the General Committee at a cost of \$209. - Mr Craig moved, seconded by Mr Macfarlane that \$100⁰⁰ be given for

the last motion had.

The President reported that News Room boys were dismissed.

Treasurer's Statement for the Month of March seen as follows

Paid for Gas Overhead	87 01	Paid alterations	124 98
Rest Stores	550 00	" Furniture	21
" Hall	259 00	" Wages Cleaning	162 79
" Room	39 00	" Reading room	35 50
" Membership	38 75	" Insurance	373
" Catalogues	6 00	" Gas Stove	60
" Interior	3 90		
" Heating	50 00		
Balance Feb'y	446 16	Balance April in Bank	466 55
	<u>1178 82</u>		<u>1178 82</u>

The following accounts were submitted and on motion referred to several Committees.

John Boyd 3.60 } House Committee
 G W Reed 41.58 }
 Dawson Brown to Dec 947 75 } Sub-Committee

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute:

D. A. Wright, Thomas Bell } 1st Class
 Chas Jones, R. W. Archer, J. P. Blewett }
 J. H. Bussell } 2nd Class
 Wm Wright, Ernest White, Daffy }
 H. Elliot, J. Shay and Jas Mason }
 Edmund Bondy, Gilbert, Greenman } 3rd Class
 Henry Lapham, Geo Thomas, C Noble }
 W S McCormick, Wm Macfarlane }
 J. W. Burner, Wm Rabbit }

The Superintendent is directed to get full addresses for each member.

No further business offering the meeting closed

Geo Macfarlane President
 (David Ross Secy)
 Committee Rooms

Mechanics Institute of Montreal 5th May 1876

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the President George Desjardins, Esq. in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Sunday, Paton, Allan, Boyd and Macfarlane,

Mrs Macfarlane acting as Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Communication from Montreal Novelty Company read and agreed that

it be referred to House Committee.

Treasurers Cash Statement read as follows

To Recd from Hall	275 00	Paid Renting room of	11 40
Rooms	6 00	Cooper cleaning, &c	1140 65
Members	492 00		
Bal from Mar	466 55	Bal to May	613 50
	<u>789 55</u>		<u>789 55</u>

Library Committee reported.

and it was agreed that the sale of Papers & periodicals be made from now to the end of the year and thereafter from year to year

The following accounts were submitted and referred to the several Committees for examination and if correct to be paid.

Richard Patton	73.25	} House Committee.
Chas Gorth & Co	5 55	
Corporation for widening St Peter Street	75 32	President & Treasurer
Murray & Co	4.48	Library, Committee

The following were proposed and elected members of the Institute in the usual manner

R. C. Cowan, W. D. Egan	—	first class
J. P. Cooke Jos Berel,		} second class
Gas Davidson, Mr. H. Hitch		
Wm Fuddes		third class

No other business & closing the meeting closed

Geo Smithmont President
Othello Ross Secy

Committee Report

Mechanics Institute Montreal

3rd June 1876

A special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute, was held here this evening to receive the report of the sub-committee appointed by the General Committee to revise the present act of Incorporation, for the purpose of getting an amended act, were present George Brinkhank Esq the President, in the chair, besides Messrs Heath, Alan, Paton, and Gas Wright, Corresponding Secy,

~~The minutes of the last~~

Mr Findlay read the report of the sub-committee as agreed to at a Conference of a large number of members of the Institute held on the 25 May Current, as follows
" Minutes of Conference held on the evening of the 25th May 1876, between the members of the sub-committee

composed of George Crumshank, Daniel Rose, David Macfarlane
and Jonathan Sindlay) appointed by the General Committee to
revise the present Acts of Incorporation for the purpose of getting
an amended act, and the Life Members of the Institute also
other members who have for a long period taken a deep
interest in the welfare of the Institute.

The following Gentlemen were present Messrs
Crumshank, Dr. Crockett Perry, Becket, Sindlay, Macfarlane
Craig, N. Lymann, Jos. Smith, Henry Bulmer, Harper
Robinson, Alexander, Heath, Munro, J. Bulmer, J. Speers,
Jas. Speers, Jas. Wright, Mitchell, Alan
Shearer, A. W. Stevenson and Rutherford,

The President Geo. Crumshank in the chair, who
called on J. Sindlay to act as Secretary, and to read
the proposed amendments after which the different
clauses were considered separately, when the following
amendments were adopted—

Clause 1st. It shall and may be lawfull for the said Corporation
to have, take, receive, purchase, acquire, hold, possess and
enjoy to them and their successors, to and for the use and
purpose of the said Corporation, any messuages, lands, tenements,
and hereditaments of what nature, kind, or quality soever,
situate and being within this province of a yearly value of
Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) and also to take, receive, purchase,
acquire, have, hold and possess provided the same do not a
like sum, to, and for the same use and purpose any goods—
chattels, gifts, benefactions or bequests whatsoever; Provided always,
that no will shall be valid and sufficient to pass any real, or
personal estate to the said Corporation unless such will shall
have been executed by the Testator Six Calendar months prior to
his decease.

Clause 2nd. requires no amendment,

3. For the management of the affairs of the said Corporation,
there shall be elected by the members the said Corporation
and by a majority of the votes of members present at special
or annual meetings thereof the following officers; a
President, Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who
together with ten other members shall constitute and
form the General Committee of the said Corporation, the
Officers to be elected for a period of one year, one half of
the other ten members to retire annually in rotation, the
five members who have the lowest number of votes at the
first election under this act shall be the first to retire, they
together with the retiring officers, shall be eligible for

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute, Montreal 10 July 1876

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the President George Cruikshank Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Allan, Wright, Craig & Rice,

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 8 of May and the special meeting held on the 2nd June were severally read and confirmed,

The Treasurers Statement for the month of June was submitted

De Recd Rent Hall	145 00	Paid Interest	840 00
" " " Store	250 00	" Alterations	3 30
" " " Room	10 00	" Wages & Cleaning	169 26
" " Membership	6 00	" Reading room	6
" " Interest	3 45	" Library	2 50
" " Old Paper	17 43		
" " Heating	50		
Bal from May	130 69		
" " to July	108 49		
	<u>1021 06</u>		<u>1021 06</u>

Mr Craig, reported on behalf of the Library Committee, that the New Catalogue of the Library, was now completed, in a very satisfactory manner — and that in acknowledgement of the extra services rendered by the Superintendent, the sum of One hundred and forty dollars be presented to him.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Committee on the Constitution reported that they had placed the matter in the hands of Mr Carter, Advocate — to draw up a draft of a New Act in conformity with the alterations suggested,

The following accounts were read and referred to the several committees.

City of Montreal, St Peter St.	75 32	}	Finance
	47 07		
Account	900 00	}	Library Committee
Water	66 00		
Le National	11 00	}	Finance do
J Walker & Co	3 29		
J Dugal & Son	12 72		
A Buntz & Co	3 80		
J Young	1 00		
H Carter	37 82		

No further business offering the meeting closed

G. Cruikshank President
Daniel Rose Secy

at election, the retiring President shall be ex-officio a member
of the New General Committee during his successive term of
office, and at least two-thirds of the said General Committee,
shall be elected from among the operative, and retired Mechanics
and Manufacturers then members in good standing of the said
Corporation; Five members of said General Committee, and
at special, or annual meetings of said Corporation, fifteen
members will form a Quorum, and be it provided that if
at meetings of either the said Corporation, or of the said
General Committee, ~~there shall not be a sufficient~~
number of Members present to form a Quorum those members
present shall have the power to adjourn said meeting from
time to time until a sufficient number of Members be
present to make a Quorum,

Clause 4

Alter to suit change in No 3

5 Instead of Ordinary Members substitute Life Members
6 For the election of New Members of said Corporation —
whether Life, Annual subscribing, Corresponding or
Sponsorship Members, it shall be sufficient, that the proposal
be made in writing, on printed forms by one member
of said Corporation seconded by another member
thereof, and laid before the General Committee —
who will then have the power to elect

7

Provided for in Section No 3.

8

Strike out this section and adopt No 11 of the first act.

9

No member shall be eligible for election as an officer
or a member of the General Committee unless he has been
a member of the Corporation for at least two years
immediately preceding the time of election and all
dues to the said Corporation fully paid up. Third
Class Members shall be entitled to take office or vote
at any meetings of the Corporation."

It was moved by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr.
Paton that the report be accepted and that the Sub-
committee be instructed to employ legal assistance in
framing the Act in accordance with the proposed amend-
ments, and to get the same printed for distribution
among the members

Geo. Smithwick President

Daniel Ross, Secy

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute Montreal
 14 August 1876

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute, was held here this evening, the President George Crankshaw, Esq. in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Coxe, Craig, Straight and Rice,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Library Committee reported the want of shelving in the Library to hold all the Books.

The matter was referred to the House Committee for their consideration, with power to act.

Mr Coxe reported that the Coal for the winter purchased and received the price of \$6⁵⁰ per long ton. Cost.

The Treasurers Statement for July submitted

St Rents Hall	445 00	By Large Cleaning	156 23
" Room	6	" Reading room	6 50
" Members	5 35	" Bal from June	108 49
" Sales Old Paper	18 50		
" Bal to Aug	96 37		
	<u>221 92</u>		<u>271 99</u>

The following accounts were read and referred to the several Committees, and ordered to be paid if found correct.

House Docs	9 50	House Committee
M ^r Mustu & Bowden	5 83	
R Patton & W ^h 4 th	109 45	
John Druggall & Son	50 53	Library Committee
La Menesic	3 00	

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| E. Levatus, John Connell | } First Class |
| Thos M Satt, J. A Adams | |
| J. G. Walsh, Mrs Morrice | } Second Class |
| C. W. Craig, A. W. Peard | |
| R. W. M. Druggall, D. Mares | |
| J. M. Garvey, Miss J. Laird | |
| D. Waters, A. Black, J. Logan | |
| W. M. Gann, H. J. Raymond | |
| J. M. Davis, P. Rennie | |
| J. Anderson, A. G. Levatus | |
| Mrs Myer Jacobs | |

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P. Kavanagh, H. Donohoe
 J. A. M. O'Connell, C. B. M'Carthy
 J. W. Simpson, H. Taylor
 J. M. O'Shea, J. P. Mullis
 R. L. Hill, A. J. O'Connell

Third Class

The Committee appointed Messrs H. Taylor and
 Geo. W. Craig Auditors

The Committee on the Act of Incorporation reported that
 Mr. Carter was working as the usual

No further business appearing the meeting closed

Geo. M'Call President
 Daniel Ross Secy

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute, August 28, 1876

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the
 above named Institute was held here this evening, the
 President George Cruikshank Esq. in the Chair,
 besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Heath,
 Craig, Macfarlane, Allen, Boyd and Rae.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and
 confirmed.

The following sub-committees submitted their inter
 reports: Digt. Membership, Finance and Library,
 the following persons were in the usual manner elected members
 of the Institute. Peter Syll 1st Class

Miss J. Clarke, A. E. Satter, P. P. Evans
 Thos. Finney, H. Britton, John Curdell
 Jas. Walker, J. M. McKee, Chas. M'Lean
 Alex. Gibb, Chas. Wallace

2nd Class

Patrick Muldoon, L. H. Laidlaw
 N. Nichols, L. J. Ross, Jas. Carroll
 John Campbell, Geo. L. Meis, G. Green
 J. W. Richards, Henry Norman
 J. B. Armstrong

Account from St. Nelson & Co. submitted
 and referred to Library Committee.

Meeting adjourned till Saturday
 next at 7/30.

Geo. M'Call President
 Daniel Ross Secy

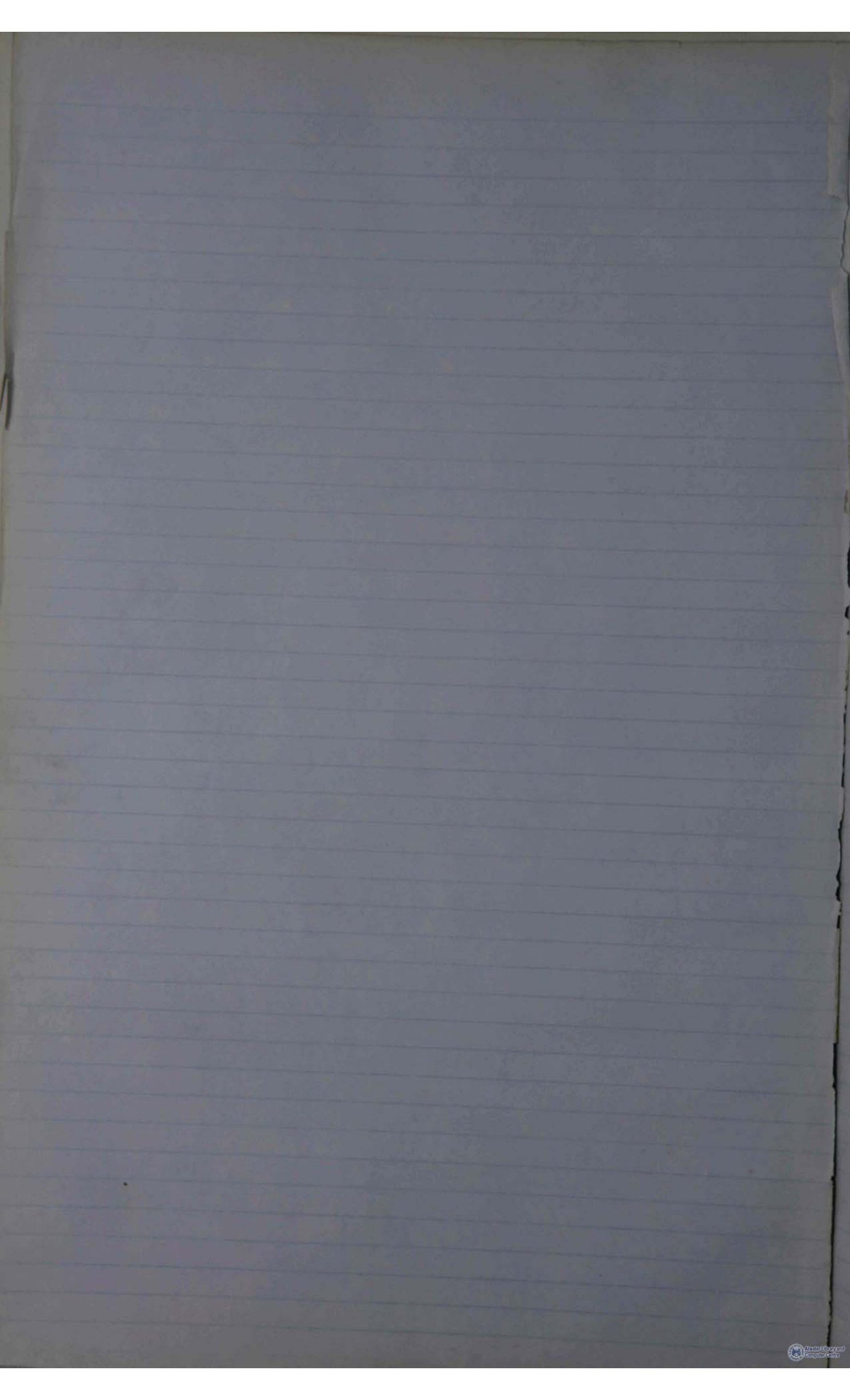
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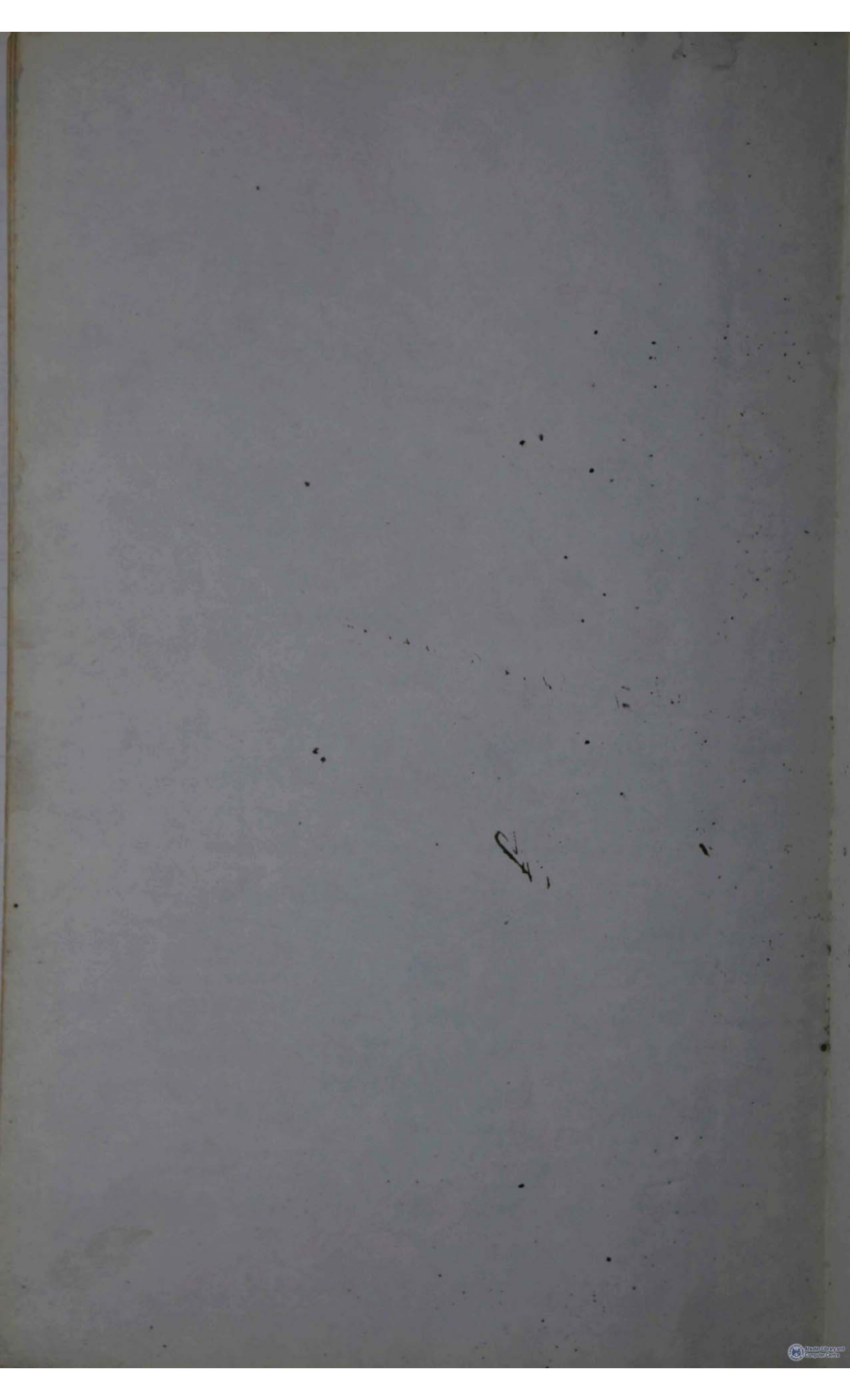
The regular Annual meeting of the General
Committee of the above named Institute was held here this
evening, the President George Crutcher Esq in the chair
beside whom there were present Messrs. Coxe, Meath,
Craig, Boyd, Macfarlane, Allan, Wright and Reed

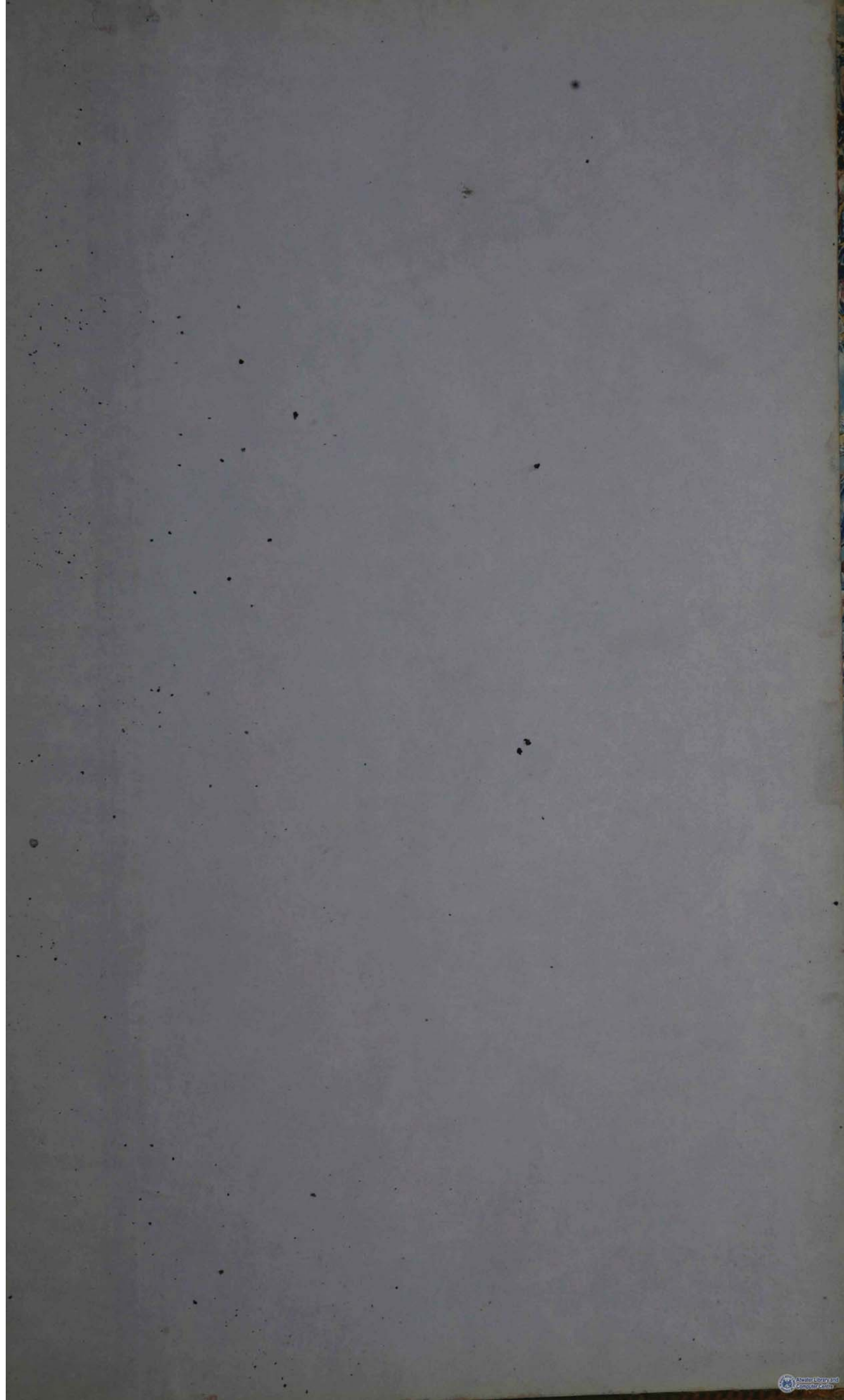
Report
The Annual ^{Report} read and adopted

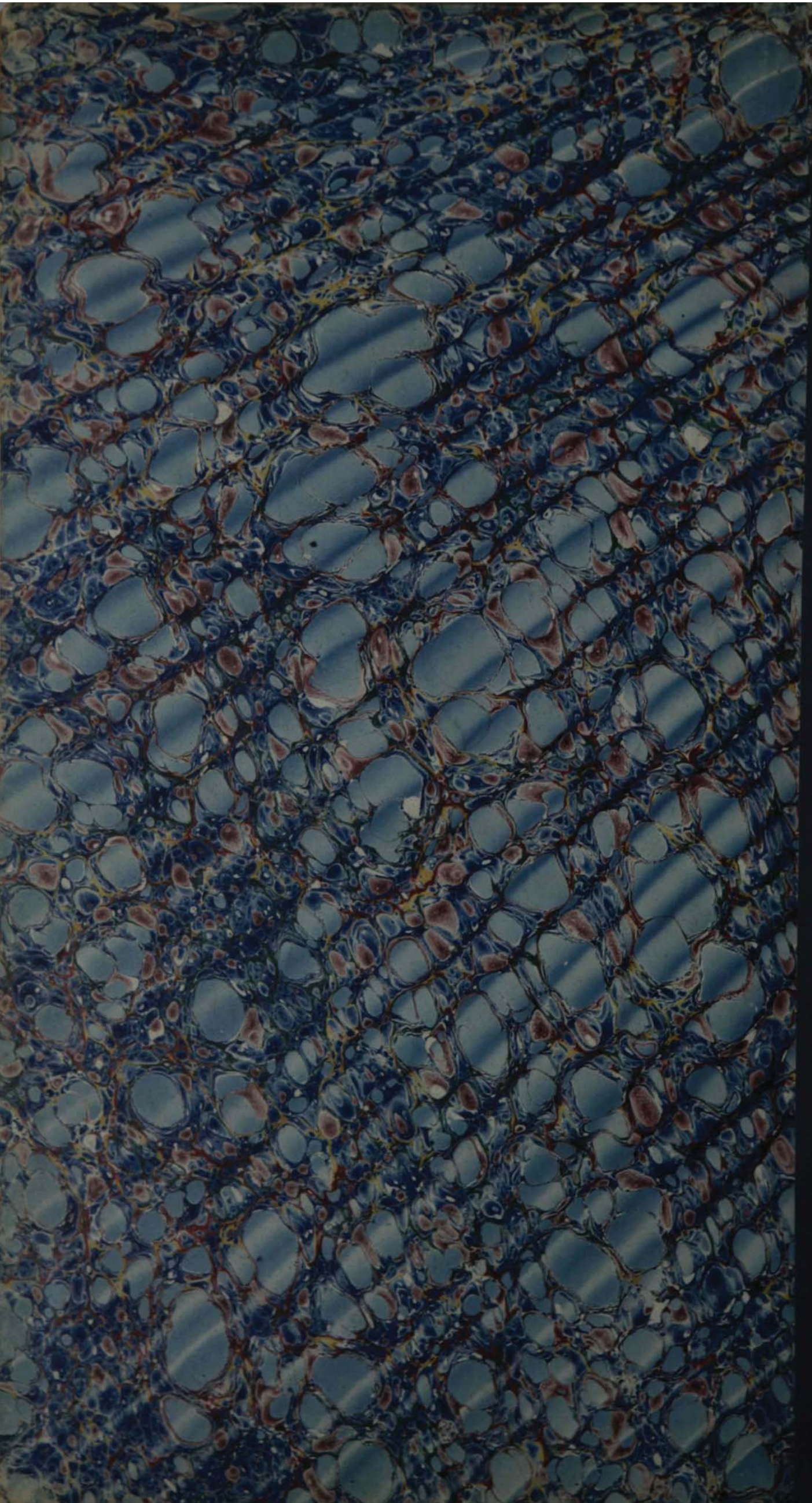
The Librarian explained in Reference to the Report of
the Library Committee of the 10th of July, that the sum of
\$140⁰⁰ presented the Superintendent was intended simply
to extinguish that amount advanced him during
the term Mr Barth acted as Superintendent.

Wm. McNeill
Daniel Rose Secy









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