

Your very obedient servant, T. M. MILLER, Montreal, 10th May, 1881.

The Mechanics' Institute.

To the Editor of THE STAR:

Sir,—I observe that you invite correspondence on the subject of a library for the city of Montreal. Now, that you have taken the matter up, no doubt you will be sustained and assisted in an effort tending so much to increase the moral and social standing of citizens in general, and no doubt it will all come in good time. Meantime, my more immediate object is to call your attention to a point in the management of the library of the Mechanics' Institute, which, in common with many others, I think unreasonable and unwise, and altogether contrary to the spirit of what I suppose to be intended, viz., the doing the greatest amount of good to the greatest number, at the least possible cost consistent with conducting the library on a sound sanitary basis. The annual subscription is \$20 dollars; to that I do not object, but I do say that if I, just arrived, say, wish to subscribe for the last Nov., for instance, it is hard that I must still pay \$2 (getting no allowance for the lapsed months) and if I renew, must do so on the 1st of January, again paying a similar sum; this I consider a great hardship. I appealed to a gentleman with great influence in the management, and he cavalierly replied, "we have plenty of money and don't care whether people subscribe or not."

This seems to me all wrong. Mechanics' Institutes were established originally for the benefit of the class whose name they bear. Many of these men can afford to pay the \$2 at once, but very many cannot, and on behalf of these I venture to speak. I would suggest, as at least a temporary measure, a change in the by-laws, so that the manager would be authorized to receive quarterly subscriptions of fifty cents per quarter. It might be objected that this would entail additional expense. Perhaps so, but it would be amply repaid by additional subscriptions. My word for it, many a hard working man, who cannot afford \$2 in one payment for a year, would gladly pay 50 cents for a quarter, with the privilege of a quiet hour reading the papers and a book to take home with him. I should like to find some of the men I refer to giving their opinion hereon through the medium of your journal.

Montreal, 9th April, 1881.

The Volunteers.

THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

(To the Editor of the Witness.)

Sir,—An evening gentleman had a most able letter concerning the Mechanics' Institute last night, from "A life member." The writer very properly complains that the hall of the Institute is being let for boxing and sparring purposes. The gloves are often a mere sham, to evade the law, for in reality they are pugilistic encounters, and should be prevented by the police and the promoters punished. When reading said letter I was reminded of another thing done lately by the authorities of the Institute. From its first opening clergyman of all denominations have been admitted free to the reading room, as in the Mechanics' Institute, where, both in Canada and the United States, the managers of our Mechanics' Institutes lately passed a resolution that this privilege should no longer be granted to clergyman. But instead of informing them in a straight forward manner, either through the press or some other way, they simply posted notices against the walls—"None but members admitted." Unhappy circumstances continued to the Institute as before, never supposing such notices was intended for them until they were informed by the Superintendent. Now, one who would go in for taxing clergyman round like other men, and I am sure would not do so without a reason, and quite a strong one, they are quite able, and quite will too, to pay for their rights and privileges, when "boxing" is allowed and clergyman excluded, the friends of the Institute look with regret and think a change has come for the worse. Why these changes? It is not for want of money, for the Institute is in circumstances. It has been hinted by some papers well that the spread of "Free Trade" movements. Whether this is so, I cannot tell, but of one thing I am sure, there needs a revolution in the management, and I hope that the members will see this at the next annual election. A UTILITY.

18th, 1882.

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1882.

THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

(To the Editor of the Witness.)

Sir,—Permit me to say a few words in reply to a letter in your yesterday's issue about the Institute. With reference to letting the hall for a sparring match, and some other matters, they do not come within my province, but I have no doubt that attention having been called to the fact, the General Committee will take action upon it as to the future, but I am anxious to correct a mis-statement in the letter referred to. Clergymen of all denominations are admitted free to the use of the reading room, and I believe no minister can say that he has ever been excluded or "scuttled." During the past year (1881) an effort was made by the Committee to exclude "strangers," i.e., people who persistently make use of the reading room without paying their fee, and a resolution was passed to suspend the free list entirely with the exception of the Press. This would, of course, have excluded clergyman, but at the annual meeting a resolution was passed "to permit clergyman of all denominations to the free use of the reading-room, as formerly." A notice that none but members were entitled to admission was "posted against the wall," a very proper way, as I think, of telling the before mentioned "strangers" that they were not wanted; but that any clergyman was excluded from the room, and that rudely, I most emphatically deny. With regard to what your correspondent says about the next annual meeting, it would perhaps be well if more interest was shown in the working of the Institute, especially by the life members. HENRY MOTT, Superintendent.

THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

(To the Editor of the Witness.)

Sir,—The gentle and gentlemanly Superintendent of the Mechanics' Institute need not suppose that I made any reference to him, for I did not. He has only been in office a few months, and therefore cannot be posted in the affairs of "1881." If he will kindly read over my letter again he will see that I did not use the term "rudely," politely was the word. His predecessor was too much of a gentleman to speak "rudely" to anybody. There was no "mis-statement" in my letter; my statements were facts, as plainly shown by Mr. Mott's admissions. I therefore need not repeat them. I wrote solely and entirely in the interests of the Institute, and hope that whoever may be the managers in future, that they will be more careful in preserving its respectability, and make it as far as possible useful to mechanics and apprentices according to its original intention. It never was intended for merchants, brokers and clerks; let us hope, therefore, that our Institute mechanics will ere long take a vigorous hold of it, and manage it themselves, and use it for its original purposes. As the entrance fee is small, I hope there will be a large accession to the membership before the next annual meeting. A CITIZEN.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 1882.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The Annual Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid on or before NOVEMBER 21st to secure the right of voting at the Annual Meeting, which will be held on the 1st DECEMBER 1st.

F. W. KELLEY, Secretary.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting will be held on MONDAY, December 11th, at 7.30 p.m., to receive reports of Committees and for the election of Officers for the year ensuing. Refreshment provided with "London Times," Daily Edition 17 daily, 54 Weekly and 27 Monthly and other Papers and Magazines. Library 8,510 volumes. 217 volumes added during the year. Annual fee, \$1, \$2 and \$1. Subscriptions now due. JOHN HARPER, Secretary.

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No.

THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

(To the Editor of the Witness.)

Sir,—You kindly allow me to call attention to the annual meeting of the Mechanics' Institute, which takes place on Monday evening, Dec. 11th, at 8 p.m. for the election of office-bearers and committee for 1883. This Institute is well equipped, has a large library, and all the leading English, American and Canadian daily and weekly papers and magazines, &c. In the absence of a free library, it is almost within the reach of all, as fees for membership are only \$1, \$2 or \$3. Ladies are admitted for reading or consulting any of the volumes contained in the very large reference library. Hundreds of young men should embrace the privilege afforded by this Institute, and let us trust the day is not far distant when we shall see classes, lectures, &c., delivered under the auspices of this Institute similar to the admirable course carried on by the Y. M. C. Association. A MEMBER.

Montreal, Dec. 1, 1882.

Mechanics' Institute.

With the revolving year there pass in review many anniversaries marking the progress or retrogression of a civic community. Tuesday next will be the forty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Mechanics' Institute in Montreal, and although its aims have become more far-reaching than was originally intended, this useful organization maintains its integrity amongst the best of our institutions. Stranded alike in prosperity and depression, it stands as emblem of the stability of right endeavor. The reading room is supplied with the best newspapers, and in all its appointments compares favorably with similar libraries in the various American cities. The library, comprising between nine and ten thousand volumes, has still many empty shelves appealing eloquently to the walkly lover of books and men. Still, nearly 300 volumes have been added during the past year, and it is to be regretted that the subscribers do not grow in similar proportion to the books. If in the future some library were founded the nucleus is here, and any effort given to that nucleus shortens the time when its foundation will become practical. The painstaking supervision exercised over its affairs has made it what it is to-day—a permanent and wholesome institution. The forty-fifth annual meeting will take place on the first Monday in December, and the committee expect the hope that the members will testify their appreciation of the Institute by a personal attendance on that day.

THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

A NOBLE INSTITUTION.—BRIEF SKETCH OF ITS CAREER.—WHAT IT HAS DONE FOR THE PEOPLE, AND WHAT IT STILL PROPOSES TO DO.

This invaluable Institution may safely be considered the only one of its kind in a healthy condition in this Province. It was first established in 1828, under the name of the Montreal Mechanics' Institute, and at once grew in favour with the population, including many since eminent French-speaking citizens, who were for many years identified with it. In common with all institutions of kindred aims started in a new country, it underwent several vicissitudes until 1845, when it was incorporated. Nine years later, in the month of May, the foundation stone of the present building (designed by Messrs. Hopkins & Nelson) was laid by the Hon. Mr. Justice Badgley—then the Hon. Wm. Badgley, Q.C., M.P.P., Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of British North America. The ceremony was very imposing, and included a monster procession, in which military bands and all the National and Friendly Societies took part in regalia. The membership at this time was 600, and the annual revenue \$1,600. The Library numbered 2,000 volumes, and the Reading Room was supplied with 50 periodicals and newspapers. The Library now contains upwards of 9,000 volumes, comprising the best and latest works on Science, Literature and Art, in addition to a most complete Library of Reference. New books in each department are added as they appear, and the Reading Room is supplied with no less than 90 newspapers and magazines, comprising the best dailies, weeklies and monthlies published in the English language.

The Institute has strong claims for public sympathy. It was started purely in the interests of the citizens in general and the working classes in particular, and can boast of having had as youthful members some of the leading manufacturers, merchants, and professional men of the day, whose success in life may, in some degree, be attributed to the instruction obtained within its walls. The annual membership fee is \$2 per annum for adults, and \$1 for apprentices. This entitles a member to all the privileges. It is very much to be regretted that the mechanics of to-day do not more largely avail themselves of the privileges of this Institution—an institu-

tion of which they cannot be too proud, as through its agency they can, if they so choose, become wealthy and wise, in the true acceptance of the term, by cultivating a pure and well-balanced mind in a pure body, by the relaxation and instruction there afforded. To the apprentice and young workman, as also the student, the privileges afforded by the Institution are invaluable, and it is very much to be regretted that the wholesome practice pursued by the employers of former years is not now continued, in enrolling every apprentice as a member of the Institute. Only one firm in the city now affords their apprentices this privilege, and that firm does so most religiously. Although the Institution has had some drawbacks, and may have suffered during the corresponding stagnation in trade, its Directors have cause for congratulation in the fact that they have had sufficient to pay current expenses and repairs—the latter alone amounting during the past 22 years to from \$5,000 to \$5,900. The revenue from the hall has considerably diminished, owing to other halls being built. The depletion of the treasury is to be regretted, as the object, dear to the heart of the Directors, is the continued and increasing prosperity of the Institute in membership and in means, until the time they can offer to the public a free library and free and regular educational classes. In this connection it may be said that the Directors warmly sympathize with the Institute. Considered at the present moment, and would have been very much gratified could they have assisted that Institution through its troubles.

Occasionally the Secretary has a very unpleasant duty to perform, that of refusing non-subscribers the privileges of the library, not from a desire to be discourteous, but for the reason that the parties are in a position to become members, but are evidently unwilling to expend the small amount of \$2 per annum for the privilege. The Institution is deserving of the attention and support of all classes, solely on its merits, and it is strongly hoped that it will during the present year receive an increased attendance and support, both from employers and employed. No effort will be spared in making the Institute attractive, and it is the earnest desire of the Directors to meet the wants of members.

THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Sir.—Public discussion of public institutions invariably result I think in some much needed reforms being carried out. It is with pleasure, therefore, that I notice some little attention being directed to the affairs of the Mechanics' Institute. Critics, however, should be exceedingly careful that the statements they are about to make are strictly in accordance with the facts before rushing them into print. The communication of "A Citizen" in last Thursday's Witness bears evidence of considerable laxity in this respect, and notwithstanding his reference in last night's issue is inaccurate in almost every particular. Had he been sufficiently awake to have made some enquiries before writing that important misdeed he would have found out that his grievance concerning the clergymen had been anticipated and rectified at the annual meeting held on the 6th December, 1881, and that it was rather late in the day to draw attention to it at the present time. With curious inconsistency he manages to entirely demolish his little grievance even if it were still in existence by telling us that he "goes in" for taxing clergymen all round, and that they are all able and the most of them willing to pay for their rights and privileges. How then can he call it a "retrograde movement" without laying himself open to the charge of being an advocate of retrogression.

One would also infer from "A Citizen's" letter that the hall had never before been rented for pugilistic exhibitions, and the present management are censured for making this new departure. Complaint might have been as persistently made any time during the past ten years, as at present. Pugilistic and worse performances have been given in the Mechanics' Hall, and the propriety of letting it for such purposes has never been called in question, and that at a time when the Institute was in a comparatively flourishing condition, and the loss of rental would have been a matter of little consequence. Now, however, it is a very different thing. It has only been by the exercise of the greatest economy, by cutting down expenses in every imaginable way that the income has been made to cover the expenditure during the past two or three years, and the action of the committee on Monday night with reference to this matter will certainly result in a serious deficiency at the end of the present year. The necessary additions to the library to keep pace with the times have not been made, and the course of scientific lectures which were partially arranged for last winter had to be abandoned, both for the same reason, want of funds. Yet "A Citizen" presumes to say, "It cannot be for want of money for the Institute is in good circumstances." This plainly shows how thoroughly posted he is in the affairs of an Institution which he attempts to criticize.

He also darkly hints at "Fresthoughtism." That is evidently a new term to him. He does not exactly comprehend what it means, and what little sympathy or connection it has with "boxing."

With the closing sentences of "Citizen's" second letter I entirely agree. How to increase the membership is a problem which is often discussed by the management, but has not been satisfactorily solved. It has been suggested that classes for technical instruction would be an attraction and an advantage to numbers of our young men, but in the present state of the finances such a scheme is altogether out of the question. Any practical suggestions, however, which may be offered in this direction will, I am sure, receive the careful consideration of the Committee of Management who, notwithstanding the strictures of "A Citizen," are one and all doing their utmost to promote the best interests of the Mechanics' Institute.
"A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE."
July 26, 1882.

THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.
(To the Editor of the Witness.)

Sir.—The letter from "a member of the committee" seems to call for a word or two in reply. I think he had better have left the matter as it was, in the hands of the worthy superintendent, for he would not have written an apology for "boxing" exhibitions, &c. He says the hall had been let for "pugilistic and worse performances" for ten years past. Well, so much the worse for that, but I was not the first to "rush into print" about it; that was done by "a life member." Was it not quite time for somebody to do it? No wonder that retrenchment was found necessary. "A member of the committee" thinks "that public discussion of public institutions invariably results in much-needed reforms being carried out." I quite agree with him, and am glad that it has been so already in this case. The recent action of the managing committee to refuse, in future, to let the hall for such debasing purposes was highly commendable, and was a good step in the way of "a much-needed reform." But "a member of the committee" says that that action "will certainly result in a serious deficiency at the end of the year," and he intimates that it will prevent them from replenishing the library, and making further improvements. Is that so? If it has really come to that, then I would suggest that a generous appeal for funds be at once made to a generous public, and I feel sure that for so useful a thousand of our citizens such an appeal would not be made in vain. But I have no such fear, for I believe these demoralizing exhibitions have seriously injured the Institute in the estimation of the public.

"A Member of the Committee" admits that for a time, up to December 6th, 1881, clergymen were not allowed, as formerly, the free use of the reading room, but when did they inform clergymen of this act of retrenchment? Was all this done by the present managers or not? I have not "criticized" the Institute but the management, for there is "considerable laxity" somewhere. I am quite willing to believe that the managers have "one and all been doing their utmost" in their own way, "to promote the best interests of the Institute," but it is admitted by this writer that it does not prosper under their management. I believe if the Grand Trunk men and the men from our leather machine shops, public works and factories would take a vigorous hold of it, there would be no lack of funds, for they would restore it to its former popularity and usefulness. I now earnestly call upon our mechanics to come forward and "run" their own Institute themselves.

Not having access to the books, I could not give dates, but I think it will now be seen that I was not "inaccurate in almost every particular" for "A Member of the Committee" has admitted all, and much more than I needed. I suppose we are both writing in the interests of the Institute, and both would rejoice to see it in a prosperous condition, therefore there need be no exhibition of feeling in the matter.
A CITIZEN.

July 28, 1882.

NO PLACE FOR SPARRING.
MECHANICS' HALL NOT TO BE LET FOR BOXING MATCHES.

Many saw with regret that the Mechanics' Hall was being let for sparring matches, and there appeared several letters in the Witness on the subject. While the question was being discussed by the Committee of the Institute another request was received for the use of the hall for another "boxing match," the petitioners agreeing to pay for six policemen to keep order. The question was thus presented for the decision of the Committee. A meeting was held last evening, when the decision was that the traditions of the hall were scarcely honored by letting it for such exhibitions, and it was resolved to refuse to let it now or at all in the future for such purposes.

Most people will learn with pleasure that the committee of the Mechanics' Institute have determined not to let their hall again for the vulgar purpose of boxing or sparring matches. No one will deny the great and useful work that the Mechanics' Institute has done for many years and is still doing, and we congratulate the committee on having had the courage to lop off this branch of parasitical growth, which could never bear good fruit, although they may lose a portion of their revenue in consequence. We learn with regret that the finances of the Institute are far from being in a satisfactory position, the competition arising from the erection of several other suitable halls and the removal uptown of so many entertainments has seriously interfered with their income, but we are confident that the Committee will be sustained by the public in their present course of action, and that it may lead to a revival of interest in the institution. From a long course of prudent management, the Mechanics' Institute deserves a liberal support from all classes of our citizens, and we may add that the present Committee were not so much to blame in the letting of the hall for the object complained of, as it came down to them a legacy from previous years without objection, and on every such occasion they took every possible precaution that the members of the Institute were not inconvenienced.

The Mechanics' Institute.

The Committee of the Mechanics' Institute have wisely determined not to let their hall for sparring or boxing exhibitions. We are not prepared to say that there is anything degrading about the noble art of self-defence in itself; on the contrary, a man will respect himself none the less because able to take care of himself; and perhaps it is not desirable that the roughs should monopolize the art of fist-fighting to the detriment of respectable people. Unfortunately, however, the associations of the ring are of the basest and most revolting order; the Committee of the Mechanics' Institute have doubtless discovered ere this a considerable difference in the quality of the audiences which fill the Hall on the occasion of sparring matches and the audiences which attend upon other occasions. The fact is that boxing, a very good thing in itself, is not a good thing for public exhibition. The class of people who appreciate this kind of thing most are precisely the people who can appreciate very little else; the people to whom an ungloried fight is as superior to a fight with gloves as the latter is to nothing. Then again the thing is out of place in the Mechanics' Hall; our Athenaeum should be the last place in the world for the apotheosis of brute force. The Committee take this step fully ex-

pecting a loss of revenue; we do not share their expectations. The tone of the institution will be considerably improved, and if not immediately, at any rate in the long run, the treasury will benefit by the change. We have reason to believe that, owing to the up-town movement, and the increase of rooms for entertainments, the income of the Institute has become sensibly reduced, calling imperatively for prudent retrenchment in the management; but the Mechanics' Institute is so old a friend, and has done (and is still doing) such faithful service in our midst, we are confident that an appeal made to the public would meet with a liberal response. The reading-room of the Institute, plentifully supplied with newspapers and magazines, is deserving of every encouragement, and it is one of the places which may be shown to visitors to the city with a considerable amount of satisfaction. The full subscription of membership, only three dollars per year (less than a cent), whilst a still lower scale exists for "loaves and apprentices," terms which secure the Institute within the reach of all classes. The Mechanics' Institute is a step in the right direction, in the direction of supplying the masses with literary food; that it does not go further is not the fault of the Institute but of the citizens, who fail to support it adequately, and pending the opening of the Public Library it is doing good work.

THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

(To the Editor of the Witness.)

SIR,—I was not aware until I read "A Citizen's" letter in last night's *Witness* that I had been apologising for or endorsing in any way pugilistic exhibitions. Without expressing any opinion either one way or another, I thought I had strictly confined myself to defending the present management from the charge of having been the originators of this "retrograde movement." For "A Citizen's" satisfaction, however, and to clear myself of the imputation, I may be permitted to say that I have not the least sympathy for the "noble art," that I very much prefer the pen as a weapon of defence to either the sword or the gloves, and that the motion in Committee for the prohibition of such performances in the future was heartily supported by myself, and my vote cast in its favor. That that action will result in a deficiency at the end of the year, I still maintain, unless funds are forthcoming from some unforeseen source. In regard to the complaint that ministers were not notified of their admission to the reading room, I reply that on the day following the annual meeting, a report of the same will be found in each of the five English daily newspapers published in the city, and the required information will be found in each of those reports.

"A Citizen" is after all, however, charitable enough to believe that we are doing to the best of our ability, but it is evident that his ability stands very low in his estimation and mismanagement is the result. Now, I think I can clearly show, in a very few words, where the whole difficulty lies. It is not in a diminution of the membership for the last report shows a gratifying increase. It is not in the reading-room for the supply of papers and periodicals has not only been kept up but some judicious additions have been made. In the library the additions are not nearly as numerous as could be wished. Why? Want of funds. How can that be, when you have a large membership and your property is all bringing in good rentals? Yes, all except the hall, and that is the whole difficulty. When the income from that source is reduced from between \$2,500 to \$3,000, which it averaged some years ago, to about \$800 to \$900, it makes a serious decrease in the income, and one over which the management has little or no control. The fact is, the hall is a white elephant on the hands of the committee, and the proprietors of the other public halls in the city are, from what I hear, in pretty much the same predicament. If "A Citizen" or any other citizen can suggest any method by which the income from the hall can be raised to the old figure, I do not think they will have to wait long to see some "much needed improvements and reforms" carried out.

A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.
August 2nd, 1882.

MONTREAL, 8th October, 1885.

SIR,

Your presence is respectfully invited at an informal opening of the *Fraser Institute Library*, on Thursday Evening next, at Eight o'clock.

Your obedient servant,

DAVID S. LEACH,

Acting Secretary,

F. I.

L. J. Harper

THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The sub-committees for the ensuing year.

A special meeting of the Committee of the Mechanics' Institute was held last evening, when the following sub-committees were appointed for the ensuing year:—

Finance—Messrs. Wm. Reid, chairman, H. Teulon, N. B. Corse, J. Harper, J. Boyd, J. A. Harte and M. Hutchinson.

House—Messrs. P. Lyall, chairman, W. Reid, J. Findlay, N. B. Corse, J. McCallum and J. W. Hughes.

Lecture—Messrs. J. Harper, chairman, Dr. Kelley, J. McCallum, H. Lampard, M. Hutchinson and S. H. Parsons.

Membership—Messrs. H. Lampard, chairman, P. Lyall, J. McCallum, J. W. Hughes and M. Hutchinson.

Library—Dr. Kelley, chairman, and Messrs. Teulon, J. Findlay, H. Lampard, J. Harper and S. H. Parsons.

ASSEMBLY BILL (No. 79.)

An Act to authorize "The Mechanics' Institute of Montreal" to borrow money on mortgage.

WHEREAS the corporation of "The Mechanics' Institute of Montreal" have, by their petition, to the Legislature, represented that they are desirous of improving and enlarging their building on the lot of ground hereinafter mentioned and described, by dividing the upper part of said building into three stories and converting the same into business offices and fitting them up with all modern conveniences and appliances, including an elevator, to run from the ground floor to the top of the building, thus adding greatly to the yearly revenue heretofore derived from the said building; and whereas the petitioners have also prayed for authority to borrow money on the security of the said lot of ground and premises for the purpose of improving their said property, as aforesaid, and of paying off their present indebtedness:

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for "The Mechanics' Institute of Montreal" to borrow a sum of fifty thousand dollars, to be used in enlarging and improving their said building and premises and in paying off their present indebtedness, from such parties or corporations, as may be willing to lend the same, and at such rate of interest and on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, and to secure the repayment of the sum to be borrowed, with interest thereon, to hypothecate the following lot of ground and premises, the property of the said Institute, to wit:

The lot of ground known and designated as cadastral lot number one hundred and sixty-five (165) of the official plan and book of reference of the West Ward in the city of Montreal, and situate and being at the corner of St. James and St. Peter streets, in the city of Montreal, containing sixty-two (62) feet in front on St. James street and one hundred and seven (107) feet in depth on St. Peter street, with the building thereon erected."

2. It shall also be lawful for the Institute, to borrow an additional sum of ten thousand dollars, to be used for the purpose above mentioned, and to hypothecate the said lot of land and premises as security for the repayment of the same with interest, provided that a majority of the members of the said Institute, present at a general meeting duly called and held for that purpose, approve of and authorize the borrowing of said additional sum of money.

In default of due payment of any sums of money so to be borrowed, the said lot of land and the building thereon erected, may be seized in execution in satisfaction of any judgment obtained for such sums, sold by the sheriff, and adjudged and shall belong to and be dealt with by the purchaser in like manner as any real property seized and sold in execution, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

3. This Act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

them clear ... use every Tuesday evening.
The terms of payment to be as follows \$2000.00 Cash
to pay off Mortgage on Nov 1st 1887.

When Sale is to be completed.
\$ 153.60 Cash on property at passing of Deed.
900.00 do for furniture
346-40 Mortgage to remain on land @ 5%
2500.00 do Beaver Lodge @ 5% for 3 or 5 years
with the option to Mechanic Institute to pay
the same at any time.

In account of which the said Trustees of Beaver Lodge
acknowledge to have received on this date, One
Hundred Dollars (\$100⁰⁰) as a guarantee that this
Sale shall be binding on both parties. Rent of the
Building and Certificate to be received by the Mech Inst;
from the 1st day of October, actual possession to be given
when Cash payments are made.

Insurance Taxes & Gas to be paid pro rata according to
length of time occupied by both parties.

In the event of title not being found satisfactory the said
\$100⁰⁰ to be returned to Institute, and should a further
Resolution of the said Lodge be required the undersigned
agree to furnish it.

John Gow) Trustees Beaver Lodge No 6
D. Dickson) 1007.
A. S. Stevenson President of Mechanic Institute
Wm. Nuttall, Chairman of Extension
Committee

The Meeting then adjourned A. S. Stevenson, President.

a few days the St Charles Branch of the Mechanics
Institute, will be an accomplished fact - and it is fully expected
that by judicious Management it will in time ^{really} ~~have~~ all that
its present promoters ~~could wish for it~~ ^{of promoting the progress of} and it is hoped
that, Whseans and others living in the neighbourhood, will give
it hearty and liberal support -

The Method - talked over - for the carrying on of the Branch

is, 1st To furnish - part of the Lower Hall as a reading room
well supplied with, suitable papers and periodicals
direct from the publishers or their agents

2nd to, furnish the room with Catalogues from the Central
Library - from which selections can be made - and sent
to that Library - ^{from which} when the Books can be ~~sent~~ and
be sent to the Branch - every day -

3rd for the present to enter a few suitable Lectures to
be delivered - ~~and class formed~~

4th the opening up of such Classes - as may be considered
necessary - so soon as can be conveniently done

The Part of the building not occupied for the Institute's
work - it is proposed to let for meetings of ~~all~~ suitable
sorts, ^{such} as the Management may approve of - the Proceeds
to be applied to assist ~~defraying~~ expenses - ^{the first}

Your Sub-Committee, hope and expect that a large addition
to the membership list of the Institute - will be obtained
at this Branch - and that, useful persons - will be found
joining the Central Institute thereon, ^{the Branch having all the rights and privileges pertaining to}
So the Gentlemen who so Considerately, and liberally
subscribed the necessary amount - to allow of the payment
demanded as a first instalment ^{of the} Sub-Committee, have
to return their hearty thanks - and as a further sum of \$1000
is required to pay for the wearable effects - it is hoped - the
General Committee will appoint a sub-committee, to
continue the good work & will begin.

The whole nevertheless, subscribed

The President and Member
of the General Committee.

Mechanics Institute, ^{St Charles}
Dec 26th 1857

Spencer P. ...
Chairman of the Sub-Committee

Report of
Special and General
Examiners and Officers
of
Bathurst

Printed and Published by
James R. ...

Officers

The gentlemen whose term of office now expires
are —

Col. A. A. Stevenson President,
Mr. Wm. Putterford. Vice-President,
Mr. James Moore. Treasurer,
Dr. Geo. Nichol. Secretary.

And of the General Committee —
Messrs Wm. Reid, Dr. J. W. Trellay. S. White,
S. Woods. J. B. Young, all of whom
are eligible for re-election.

The reports of the various Sub-Committees, and
the Financial Statement for the year ending
31st October last, has audited and appended.

The Committee have much pleasure in
respectfully submitting their reports and
earnestly hope that their labours of the past
year have given satisfaction to all the
Members.

Finance Committee Report. 1887

The Finance Committee beg to submit the following report,

That all claims up to date have been paid, they have much pleasure in stating that the revenue has again this year increased, and while your Committee have been most careful of the funds of the Institute yet they have allowed no matter that was needful for the general good of the Institute to remain undone or unsupplied. They have endeavoured as far as possible to find the comfort and convenience of the members.

The statement of the receipts and expenditure for the past year has been sent to all members except the India class. (in accordance with the By Law)

We are pleased to state ^{now (1887)} that we have a larger balance to our credit than for many years. We refer you to our published statement, namely \$6959.40
We have ~~our~~ supply of coal in for the year ~~to come~~ and paid for

The \$100⁰⁰ paid to the Point St Charles branch may be added to the balance - as it is really an asset, represented for the time in property - not yet received fully.

The a/c has been duly audited by Messrs Geo. Crankshaw & Co. for which service they deserve thanks

Respectfully - Yours

Ralphus W. G. Hunt
Dec 2 6959

Wm. P. Rutherford - Chairman

Report of the
Finance Committee

March 16/87 W. Putterford Men placing Iron Spring
on Entrance Door.

May 26 W. M. Briggs. Fixing Gas Meter

July 19 W. M. Briggs. repairing waste pipe of Filter

" 26 W. Chester. repairing Boiler. There
1 Man and one Labourer

" 26 W. M. Briggs 2 Men about Boiler.

July 13/88 W. M. Briggs. 2 Men Water Closet

" 14/88 " " " " " "

July 17/88 Jas Matthews Men. Water closet

April 26th 1889. W. A. Craig. one pane of glass in
Reading Room. that window

The Annual General Meeting of the Mechanics
Institute of Montreal was held in the Long Room
on Monday Dec 5th 1887 at 8 p.m.

Present. - Lieut Col. A.A. Stenhouse, President, H
Rutherford Vice-President, Dr F. H. Kelley, Alderman
H. Kennedy, W. L. Brown, Henry Garth, James Knight,
J. H. Hughes, H. J. Cooke, S. Woods, Stephen White,
John Nolan, Henry Lampard, J. B. Young, H. Walker,
John Harper, Robert Swain, James Moore, James H
Kennedy, H. Cheney, James Smith, J. H. Rayford,
J. A. Steward, Thomas Nichol M.D. James McKencher
L. L. B. A. C. McKeand, H. R. Glendinning, H. McLean
Hallbank, H. C. Doran, J. H. H. ~~Mc~~ ^{Mc} Huff, John McCallum,
G. H. Sadler, Thomas Rutherford.

The Annual Report was read by the Secretary, when it
was moved by Mr R. Swain, seconded by Mr S. Woods, and
carried that the Report be received and laid over for
consideration later in the evening

The President nominated Messrs Doran, McCallum and
Cook as Scrutineers.

Moved by Mr H. Kennedy, seconded by Mr Alfred Perry
that Lieut Col. A.A. Stenhouse be President for the
ensuing year. Carried.

Moved by Dr Nichol, seconded by Dr Kelley that Mr
H. Rutherford be Vice-President for the ensuing year. Carried.

Moved by Mr John Harper, seconded by Mr Cook that Mr
James Moore be Treasurer for the ensuing year. Carried.

Moved by Mr Robert Swain, seconded by Mr J. B. McKencher L. L. B.
that Mr Thomas Nichol be Secretary for the ensuing year.
Carried.

The following were nominated for membership on the General Committee: namely Messrs H. Lampard, J. M. Hughes, Alfred Perry, J. Cayford, F. H. Kelley, W. D. St. Kitt, S. White, George Sadler, J. M. M. Duff, W. J. Cook, John Harper, J. B. W. Kercher & J. B. James Smith.

The Scrutineers reported that at the first ballot 41 votes were cast. Mr J. Smith receiving 33, and F. H. Kelley W. D. 31, who were accordingly declared duly elected.

The Scrutineers reported that at the second ballot 39 votes were cast. Mr S. White receiving 31, Mr Henry Lampard 28, Mr W. J. Cook 26, and these gentlemen were declared duly elected.

Moved by Mr Alfred Perry seconded by Mr S. Woods that the Annual Report be adopted and printed. Carried.

Moved by Mr John Harper, seconded by Mr J. M. Hughes that a vote of thanks be given to the retiring committee. Carried.

Moved by Mr J. M. Hughes, seconded by Mr J. M. M. Duff that a vote of thanks be given to the Scrutineers. Carried.

Moved by Mr Robt Irvine, seconded by Mr Henry Lampard that a vote of thanks be given to the Auditors. Carried.

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Long Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
14 December 1876.

The 37th Annual meeting of the Members of the above named Institute was held here this evening. The President George Cruikshank occupied the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs Macfarlane, Heath, Wright, Allan, Boyd, Harper, Deulor, Corse, Glover, Weaver Sr, Thos Craig, Stevenson, Young, Munroe, H.S. Walker, John McCallum, Dixon, W. Reid, Joseph Smith, Alex Craig, W. Moran, Jas Craig, A. McShannon, C. Garth, W. Drysdale, Hugh Andrews Mr. Desjardis, David Laurie, A. Laprade, E.E. Wood, Chas Cooke, D.R. Baird, Wilson John Nolan, D. Nagy, Thos Currie, G. Wanless and several others. The President called upon Mr Secretary to read the report.

Gentlemen, Your committee in presenting the Thirty seventh Annual Report of the Institute Affairs, would say in reference to the Amendments to the Constitution laid before last Annual meeting and referred to the Committee for further consideration, that your Committee at one of its earliest meetings appointed a Sub-committee of their number, to take the matter into consideration and they, after carefully considering the whole Constitution reported a number of proposed alterations. Your Committee employed Edward Castel Esquire Q.C. to form a draft of a new Bill in accordance with the proposed Amendments; but as the result of his labors has only been received today, Your Committee can only leave the whole matter in the hands of their successors.

Your Committee would also report in regard to the Amendment, to the By-Laws raising the Life Membership Fee from twenty dollars to forty dollars - that at their first meeting they received a communication from Mr John Harper, protesting against the same as the Notice given was only four days instead of eight, thus rendering the Amendment illegal. Your Committee therefore only collected the sum of \$200 from the Life Members as heretofore.

Your committee would direct your attention to the following reports of Sub-committees giving a statement of the work performed during the Year.

Membership

Your committee have much pleasure in reporting, that, notwithstanding the general depression that has affected all branches of business during the past year the Annual Membership has not declined being in number fully equal to the previous year. The Life Membership only showing a deficit.

The following is a complete list of the membership

Non	11
Bot.	8
Life	237
Annual	614

House Committee

Your committee found their duties very light during the past year owing to the ample arrangements for repairs and alterations entered into by their predecessors in office.

The Library has been completed according to the plans then made but still more shelves are needed for the present number of volumes, independent of the increase that takes place from week to week.

The Composition Gas-pipes in the Hall have been removed and Iron pipes put in their place as more safe and durable.

A great improvement has been effected in lighting the Hall, Reading Room, and Library, by using the Lava instead of the Scotch burner in the Reading room and Library, and substituting the Elio burner and Globe for the three prong light in the Hall.

A comfortable desk has been supplied the Library, a want that could not have been deferred much longer.

The Ventilation of the Hall has had careful attention, the improvement in this respect is manifest.

Your Committee found it expedient for the comfort of the tenants and for the preservation of the Steam pipes; to put in a double window in the St Peter Street side of the building; A new water fitter has been placed in the Reading room, with other necessary repairs.

The Wood work has been thoroughly painted and varnished by the Care taken during the past summer.

Twenty long benches have been put in the Hall. Your Committee would recommend to their successors the consideration of reseating the Hall, the present seats notwithstanding repeated repairs are becoming useless.

Library

The Librarian has to report that during the past year a meeting of the Library Committee was held nearly every Saturday for the purpose of selecting Books. These meetings were generally well attended.

The most important work in connection with the Library that has yet been performed was commenced and completed during the past year. By the energy of the Superintendent every Book in the Library was recatalogued in two large Books. One for Authors, the other for Subjects, both arranged Alphabetically.

The Librarian thinks he is safe in saying that no other Library in the Country with the exception of the Parliamentary Libraries has so complete a Catalogue, and the Institute is to be congratulated on its position in this respect.

In addition to the ready reference which these new Manuscript Catalogues give to the Library, there will be a considerable saving of expense to the Institute, should it be thought desirable at any time to reprint the Catalogue, because the reprinting can be done without closing the Library, and without extra help, thus saving the unnecessary

waste that occurred when the last Catalogue was printed. —
 The Librarian has made the usual Annual —
 examination of the Library and has checked every Book on the
 shelves by the Catalogue.

The number of Books in the Catalogue is 7406
 There were found to be on the shelves 7180
 In the Binders hands 7
 In Circulation 51
 Destroyed 67
 Lost 101 = 7406

The number destroyed and lost is the result of two-
 years operations.

That 67 Books should be destroyed is not to be wondered
 at but that 101 should be lost is to be lamented and is the
 result partly of want of care and partly of the bad system that has
 been in operation since the formation of the ~~Statute~~ Statute.

While the system in use at the beginning, when the Library consisted
 of a few hundred books, was effective enough then, the same system
 is found not to work so well now when the Books are numbered
 by the thousand. The adoption of some better system of keeping
 a record of the Books in circulation is suggested as a subject
 for the New Committee to consider.

The number of Books added to the Library during
 the year is 527.

These were classified as follows —

History and Biography	60.	
Travels	29	
Mechanical & Scientific	54.	
Literature	53.	
Pamphlets	72	
Magazines	116.	
Novels	154	
Dictionaries	11	<u>527</u>

They were acquired as follows — By Purchase — 414.

Added from Reading room — 44

Presented by Messrs P. Macquiston 7. Patterson 1.

J. Fitzgerald 1. Dr. W. A. Osborn 2. H. Macintosh 1 —

McGill College 1. Macfarland 1. Canadian Government 26.

Boston Public Library 23. Dr. Macfarland 6.

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527

The Circulation last year was 14583

Every available space on the present shelves is now occupied and the
 New Committee will require to provide further accommodation, and it
 will not be long at the present rate of increase until an additional
 room is required.

The Reading Room continues to be well used by the members,
 The Librarian would suggest that as soon as the state of the
 funds will allow it that first class Maps of all the principal
 countries of the world should be purchased and placed on the
 walls of the Reading Room, This is thought would be a great

improvement

The Magazines and Papers now on the files are Tables and Classified as follows. 17 Canadian Daily Papers, 3 Portists Sales
 7 American Dailies, 24 do Weekly do 3 do weeklies
 9 do weeklies, 2 do Monthlies 21 do Monthlies
 11 do Monthlies, 1 do Quarterly 5 do Quarterly

Finance

The Financial affairs of the Institute although not so satisfactory as last year are nevertheless exceedingly gratifying

The Gross receipts during the year as compared with the previous year are less by \$3600. This deficit is accounted for as follows.

- 1st An Amount of 2700 received on loan account
- and 511 on Lecture account
- 280 Rents of Hall
- 30 Rents of Room
- 120 Members subscriptions.

This last is accounted for by fewer Life Members joining during this year as compared with the previous one.

As to expenditure the Gross Amount paid out this year as compared with the previous one is less by about \$500. Yet the Committee have been enabled to pay off about \$800 of the floating debt.

Financial Statement from 1st Aug 1875 to 31st July 1876

20 Recd Rent Stones	3925 00	By Pd Loan Acct	800 00
" Hall	3282 00	" Lecture "	16 82
" Room	258 00	" Taxes "	766 95
" Memberships	1074 70	" Interest "	1820 00
" Catalogues	15 00	" Light "	869 06
" Interest	178 09	" Heating "	482 91
" Salaries	502 78	" Alterations & Repairs	603 85
" Old Paper	39 46	" Furniture	150 02
" Heating	300 00	" Advertising	106 39
" Light	2 00	" Postage	575
		" Stationary	82 49
		" Wages & Cleaning	2227 03
		" Reading Room	571 24
		" Library	970 10
Bal from 1874-5	264 73	" Insurance	285 50
" Card to 1876-7	96 37	" Gas Stock	180 00
	<u>\$9938 13</u>		<u>\$9938 13</u>

Signed } G.W. Craig } Auditors
 H. J. Paulson }

Balances 1876

3 Real Estate	43573 60	1 Capital	31502 77
5 Furniture	4078 85	23 Cash	96 37
9 Library	7016 69	25 Col Church	26 000
15 45 Shares Gas Stock	1800 00	107 Loan Acct	900
	<u>58499 14</u>		<u>58499 14</u>

Signed } G.W. Craig } Auditors
 H. J. Paulson }

Committee Room.
Mechanics Institute of Montreal

11 September 1876.

The regular ~~same~~ monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. George Crutch-
shank Esquire in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs
Coxe, Boyd, Heath, Jos Smith, Brown, Mr Reid, Mr, Deulon and
Rose,

The following sub committees were duly
submitted and confirmed.

- Finance John Heath Chairman - A B Coxe, J Boyd,
J Rose, Robt Brown.
- Finance Mr Reid, Chairman, A B Coxe, John Allan
Mr Paton, Jos Smith.
- Lecture & Class John Boyd, J Findlay, Heath, W S Walker
Mr Deulon
- Membership J Rose, A. Brown, Mr Reid, Mr Paton, Allan.
- Library Mr Deulon, J Findlay, J Boyd W S Walker
Jos Smith.

The Treasurer submitted the Financial Statement for August.

To Rent Rent Stores	975	By Paid Interest & Oaxes	138 70
" Hall	50	" Light	128 05
" Rooms	8	" Heating	426 50
" Members	486 50	" Postage	5
" Heating	75	" Stationery	3 80
		" Wages & Cleaning	137 37
		Bal from July	96 87
		" to Sept	638 71
	<u>\$ 1394 50</u>		<u>\$ 1594 50</u>

Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Coxe.

That a special Committee composed of Messrs Crutchshank
Brown, Walker, Findlay & Rose be appointed to consider the
Bill of Incorporation and to do what is necessary to complete
the same. Carried

Account presented from A Craig \$19 55 referred
to the House Committee

No further business offering the meeting
closed

Geo Smith President

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute, Montreal
 9th October 1876

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. George Cruekehart Esquire President in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Brown, Allan, Boyd, Deulow, Smith, Findlay, McKid, H.S. Walker and Heath.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, as well as the annual meeting of the Committee adopting the Annual Report of the 4th September, were read and confirmed.

The financial Report for the month of September was submitted and adopted;

Dr Recd for Hall	95 ⁰⁰	Paid wages Cleaning &c	161 ⁵⁰
Rooms	6 ⁰⁰		
Members	1412 ⁰⁰		
Gas &c	90 ⁰⁰		
Travels	1441 ⁰⁰		
Bal from Aug	688 ⁷¹	Bal Card 6 Oct.	1251 ²¹
	\$ 1412 ⁷¹		\$ 1412 ⁷¹

The Library Committee, presented the following report to the General Committee of the Mechanics Institute,

At a meeting of the Library Committee held on the 30th Sept 76 the two suggestions brought forward at the last Annual meeting by the outgoing Committee with reference to an increased accommodation in the way of shelving, and the purchase Maps for the walls of the Reading room were taken into consideration and —

It was resolved to recommend that in view of the limited space in the Library for additional shelves, and expense of making the necessary alterations, that it would be more advisable to make room by pulling out all useless books in the Scientific Departments and also to take all theological works off the shelves, except those which could be classified as Standard, Philosophical or Historical. The space thus made available would enable the Committee to put the Library upon a much more efficient footing in this respect, at present two thirds of the books representing many branches of Science are not only useless, but hurtful inasmuch as the very names of the things dealt with have been changed.

It was also resolved to recommend that a Terrestrial Globe be purchased for the Reading room in place of the Wall Map as being more useful and less expensive.

(Signed) Henry Deulow Chairman, John Boyd, H.S. Walker and Geo Smith

On Motion the Library Report was received and adopted —

The following Accounts were presented and referred to several committees

John Boyd	\$ 6.20	} Finance Committee	
Graham & Co	21 ⁰⁰		
Tronto Hatters	1 ¹⁰		
		} Library Committee	

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The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

M Hutcherson	Advocate	Life-member
A McLaughlin, Miss Mary Flade,	G M Randall C.P. Ort, H. Baillie,	} Second Class
Geo Hooke, Wm Mathews, H Roberts	A Duke, G. Lee, Walter Thorneloe	
Roulard Norman, J Short,	P. Thompson, H. Selwyn	
Chas Allen, W.E. Brodie, A. Rupert,	E. E. McKenna, A McLaughlin	} Third Class
A. Evans, J. Mehan, Geo Case	P. Griffard, A Myers	

Moved by Mr R Spurr, seconded by Mr Reid.

That the use of the Long room be given to the persons for an afternoon on condition that no charge for admission be made.

No other business appearing the meeting closed

Geo Guillaumont President

Committed Room
Mechanics Institute Montreal
23rd October 1876

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. George Guillaumont Esquire President in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Ross, Spurr, Reid, Smith, Walker, Sculson and Rose, Findlay

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The consideration of the Act of Incorporation was then taken up when it was moved by Mr Findlay seconded by Mr Sculson: that the original draft of the New act of incorporation as passed by the Committee appointed to draw up the same and afterwards approved of by a meeting called for its consideration be laid before a special meeting of the Institute.

Moved in Amendment by Mr Walker, seconded by Mr Rose: that the draft of the Bill made by Mr Carter be sent back to be amended in conformity with the original draft. On the motion being put the Amendment was declared Carried

The following debts were read and ordered to be paid by the several Committees of fund Collect.

R Patton	187/75	House Committee
Graham & Co	21 00	} Library Committee
Douglass & Co	£ 53	
J B Taylor	66 00	

The Library Committee reported in favor of selling the London Series
Moved by Mr Findlay seconded by Mr Walker

That the Library Committee be authorized to sell the London Books
Carried

No further business offering the meeting closed.
Geo. M. Stewart Chairman

Committed Room
Mechanics Institute Montreal
6th November 1876.

A special meeting of the General Committee of the above named
Institute was held here this evening.

George Cruikshank Esquire the President in the Chair
beside whom there were present Messrs Corse, Smith, Paulson,
Reid, Findlay, Walker, Allen, and Abel.

The act of Incorporation as prepared by
Mr Carter Esq. was considered - when it was Resolved
That the President be authorized to call a General Meeting
of the Members of the Institute for this day week Nov 13
for the purpose of submitting the proposed new act for final
consideration.

This finished the business of the evening and the
meeting closed.

Geo. M. Stewart Chairman

Long room Mechanics Institute of Montreal
14 November 1876.

A special General Meeting of the Institute was held there this evening
for the purpose of taking into consideration the adoption of a New Act
of Incorporation. Present George Cruikshank ^{President} in the Chair
beside whom there were Messrs John Boyd, Robert Brown, Henry Paulson,
John Allan, Wm Reid, A Perry, J. M. Craig, Thos Currie, Chas Garth,
David Macfarlane, A. Bremner, Wm Hoggall, Wm Ferguson,
Daniel Rice and others.

The meeting then proceeded to consider the Act
clause by clause.

Moved by Mr Garth, seconded by Mr Reid and resolved
that the following Act be adopted; and that the General
Committee be authorized to get the same passed by the Provincial
Legislature.

An Act to Consolidate the several Acts Incorporating the Mechanics
Institute of Montreal, and Amending the same; and to make further
provision respecting the said Corporation.

Whereas, the Mechanics Institute of Montreal, a body
corporate and politic, constituted as such under and by virtue of the
Act, passed in the eighth Year of Her Majesty's reign, Chap. 93, and
intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Mechanics Institute of
Montreal," which Act was Amended by the 23 Victoria

BILL

An Act to Consolidate the several Acts Incorporating the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal, and Amending the same; and to make further provision respecting the said Corporation.

WHEREAS, the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal, a body corporate and politic, constituted as such, under and by virtue of the Act, passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's reign, Chap. 93, and entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal," which Act was amended by the 23 Victoria, Cap. 137, have, by their petition in that behalf, prayed, that the said several Acts should be consolidated, and that further power should be granted to the said Corporation, and it is desirable to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows:—

1—The Mechanics' Institute of Montreal, and the several members thereof, together with such other persons as may hereafter become members of the same, shall be and remain a body Politic and Corporate, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal, and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and a Common Seal, and shall have power from time to time to alter, renew or change such Common Seal at their pleasure, and shall by the same name, and from time to time, and to all times hereafter, have the right to hold, possess and enjoy such real estate and property as may now belong to the said Corporation; and further it shall be lawful for the said Corporation to have, take, receive, purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy to them and their successors to and for the uses and purposes of the said Corporation, any other messages, lands, tenements and hereditaments of what nature, kind or quality soever, situate and being within the

Province of Quebec, not exceeding in yearly value the sum of fifty thousand dollars currency ; and also to take, receive, purchase, acquire, have, hold and possess, to and for the same uses and purposes, any goods, chattels, gifts, benefactions or bequests ; provided always, that if such gifts, benefactions or bequests consist of real estate, the annual value of which shall together with property already held by the said Corporation, exceed the said annual value of fifty thousand dollars currency, such real estate or such proportion thereof as may be necessary to keep within said limitation, shall be sold and disposed of for the benefit of said Corporation within the period of one year after the Corporation shall have become possessed of the same ; and 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 three calendar months before his decease.

2—The said Corporation, by the same name, may sue and be sued in all Her Majesty's Courts, and may answer and defend any suit in which said Corporation may be impleaded, in the most full and ample manner.

The service of process in any suit, instituted against said Corporation, shall be made personally upon the President or the Secretary, any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

3—For the management of the affairs of the said Corporation, their shall be elected by the members of the said Corporation, and by a majority of votes of the members present at any special or annual meeting thereof the following officers :—

A President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, as also ten other members, who, with the officers hereinbefore named and the retiring President, shall constitute and form the general Committee of the said Corporation^x and at least two thirds of the said general Committee shall be elected from among the operative or retired Mechanics or Manufacturers then members of the said Corporation : Provided always that it shall be competent for the said Corporation, by a By-Law to be passed for that purpose, to ~~alter and change the Constitution of the said general Committee, or to diminish or add to their numbers, or to alter and change the number of Officers of the said Corporation as from time to time may be deemed advisable, and to declare what number shall constitute a quorum of the said general Committee for the execution of the powers vested in said Committee.~~ ^x

ERRATA.

Insert the following after the word "Corporation," in the fourth line, on the last paragraph of 2nd Page :

*a "The Officers to be elected for a period of one year, the other ten members of Committee to be elected for two years, 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 re-election ; the retiring President shall be ex-officio a member of the New General Committee during his successors term of Office."

The following after "Committee" on last line of 2nd page :

*b "Provided always, that 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 preceeding the time of election, and all dues of said Corporation paid up."

*c After the last word (voting) in Section 6 :

"And of holding Office."

After the last word (thereof) in Section 10 :

*d "Provided always that one month's notice of the proposed alteration or repeal be given."

*X by three insertions in two City newspapers
and by Circular to each member*



4—That the annual meeting, for the election of the said Officers and members, to compose the said general Committee of the said Corporation, shall be held in conformity with any By-Law that may be passed for that purpose: Provided always, that whenever the day, appointed by this Act or by any ^{By} law, shall happen on a legal holiday, or in the event of anything happening to prevent the said election from taking place, it shall be competent to the said Corporation to enact by any such By-Law, or amendment thereto, in what manner such election shall take place, and such election so made under the provisions of said By-Law or amendment thereto shall avail to all intents and purposes as if such By-Law or amendment had been incorporated in this Act.

5—In the event of any vacancy occurring in any Office of the said Corporation or among the members of any Committee thereof, by death or otherwise, the said Corporation, by a By-Law, to be passed for that purpose, shall provide for the filling of such vacancy, and the persons so appointed shall hold Office for such time only, as the persons whom they replace would have held Office.

6—The said Corporation shall consist of an indefinite number of Ordinary, Annual, Subscribing, Corresponding and Honorary Members; all of whom shall be chosen in conformity with such By-Laws as may be passed by the said Corporation; the ordinary members being those who are now life members of the said Corporation, or who shall hereinafter become members for life; and who shall pay and contribute to the funds of the said Corporation such a sum as may from time to time be enacted by the By-Laws of the Corporation; the annual subscribing members being those who shall pay and contribute, to the funds of the said Corporation, such annual subscription as may from time to time be enacted by any By-Law; the corresponding, and Honorary members being entitled to all the privileges enjoyed by other members, except the right of voting. ^xe

7—It shall be lawful for the said Corporation by any By-Law or By-Laws, to enact in what manner and at what periods any annual, or general, or special meeting shall be convened; to provide for the admission of new members, the election and appointment of Officers, and generally for the government and control of the Officers and members of the said Corporation; to define what shall be the powers and duties of the several Officers of the said Corporation, and of the members of the general Committee, ~~likewise to declare what shall be~~

~~the rights, privileges and liabilities of life members,~~ and of all other members of said Corporation, and under what circumstances they shall incur forfeiture of such rights and privileges, and be liable to exclusion from the said Corporation or to any fine or penalty as hereinafter provided ; and further to provide for the administration of the affairs of the said Corporation in the most comprehensive form notwithstanding any special provision herein before contained.

8—Until otherwise provided for by By-Law, the annual meeting for the election of the Officers and general Committee of the said Corporation shall be held on the first Monday in ~~September~~ *December,* in each and every year, and the present Officers and members of the Committee, at the time this Act comes into force, shall continue in office until the next annual meeting, to take place under this Act or under any By-Law passed regulating the time of such annual meeting.

9—The By-Laws of the said Corporation now in force shall continue to be the By-Laws of the said Corporation, until the same are repealed or amended, by any new By-Law or By-Laws to be passed at an annual or special meeting of said Corporation, by a majority of the members ~~thereof~~ *present* *Two thirds*

10—All such By-Laws as are now in force, and every By-Law hereafter to be passed may be repealed, altered or amended by any subsequent By-Law or By-Laws, to be enacted by the said Corporation ~~majority of the members thereof.~~ *x d*

11—All subscriptions and penalties, due or to become due to the said Corporation, may be recovered by suit at law, instituted in the name of such Corporation, but a member may withdraw from the Association at any time after the payment of all money due by him to the said Corporation.

12—A copy of any By-Law or By-Laws certified by the President and Secretary, under the seal of the said Corporation to be a true copy, shall be received as *prima facie* evidence of such By-Law and the contents thereof in all Her Majesty's Courts.

13—The several Acts mentioned in the preamble of this Act are hereby repealed.

" cap. 137, have by their petition in that behalf, prayed, that the said
 " several Acts should be consolidated, and that further powers should
 " be granted to the said Corporation, and it is desirable to grant
 " the prayer of the said petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and
 " with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec,
 " enacts as follows:—

1. The Mechanics' Institute of Montreal, and the several
 " members thereof, together with such other persons as may hereafter
 " become members of the same, shall be and remain a Body Politic
 " and Corporate, by the name and style of the Mechanics' Institute of
 " Montreal, and by that name shall have perpetual succession,
 " and a Common Seal, and shall have power from time to time
 " to alter, renew or change such Common Seal at their pleasure
 " and shall by the same name and from time to time and to all
 " times hereafter, have the right to hold, possess and enjoy—
 " such real estate and property, as may now belong to the
 " said Corporation; and further it shall be lawful for the said
 " Corporation to have, take, receive, purchase, acquire, hold, possess,
 " and enjoy to them and their successors to and for the uses
 " and purposes of the said Corporation, any other messuages,
 " lands, tenements and hereditaments of what nature kind
 " or quality soever, situate and being within the Province
 " Quebec, not exceeding in yearly value the sum of fifty thou-
 " sand dollars currency; and also to take, receive, purchase
 " acquire, have, hold and possess, to and for the same uses
 " and purposes, any Goods, Chattels, gifts, benefactions or bequests,
 " provided always, that if such gifts, benefactions or bequests
 " consists of real estate, the Annual value of which shall together
 " with property already held by the said Corporation, exceed the
 " said Annual value of fifty thousand dollars currency, such
 " real estate or such proportion thereof as may be necessary to
 " keep within said limitation, shall be sold and disposed of
 " for the benefit of said Corporation within the period of one year
 " after the Corporation shall have become possessed of the same;
 " and 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 three—
 " calendar months before his decease

2. The said Corporation, by the same name, may sue and
 " be sued in all Her Majesty's Courts, and may answer and
 " defend any suit in which said Corporation may be impleaded,
 " in the most full and ample manner.
 " The service of process in any suit, instituted against said
 " Corporation, shall be made personally upon the President or the
 " Secretary, any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwith-
 " standing.

3. For the management of the affairs of the said Corporation,
 " there shall be elected by the members of the said Corporation,
 " and by a majority of votes of the members present at any special

of annual meeting thereof the following officers;
A President, a vice president, a Secretary and a Treasurer,
as also ten other members, who, with the Officers hereinbefore
named and the retiring president, shall constitute and form
the general committee of the said Corporation, the Officers
to be elected for a period of one Year, the other ten members
of committee to be elected for two Years, one half of the 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 re-election; the
retiring president shall be ex-officio a member of the new
general committee during his successor's term of office; and
at least two thirds of the said general committee shall be
elected from among the Operative or retired Mechanics
or Manufacturers then members of the said Corporation;
Provided always that it shall be competent for the said
Corporation, by a By-Law to be passed for that purpose to declare
what number shall constitute a quorum of the said general
committee for the execution of the powers vested in said committee
Provided always, that 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
of said Corporation paid up

4. That the Annual meeting, for the election of the said Officers
and members, to compose the said general committee of the said Corporation,
shall be held in conformity with any By-law that may be passed for
that purpose; Provided always, that whenever the day, appointed by
this Act or by any by-law, shall happen on a legal holiday, or
in the event of anything happening to prevent the said election from
taking place it shall be competent to the said Corporation to enact
by any such by-law, or amendment thereto, in what manner such
election shall take place, and such election so made under the provisions
of said By-law or amendment thereof shall avail to all intents and
purposes as if such By-law or amendment had been incorporated
in this Act.

5. In the event of any vacancy occurring in any office of the
said Corporation or among the members of any committee thereof,
by death or otherwise, the said Corporation, by a By-law, to be
passed for that purpose, shall provide for the filling of such vacancy,
and the persons so appointed shall hold office for such time only,
as the persons whom they replace would have held office.

6. The said Corporation shall consist of an indefinite number
of Ordinary, Annual, Subscribing, Corresponding and Honorary
Members; All of whom shall be chosen in conformity with such
By-laws as may be passed by the said Corporation; the ordinary
members being those who are now life members of the said
Corporation, or who shall hereinafter become members for life;

and who shall pay and contribute to the funds of the said Corporation --
 such a sum as may from time to time be enacted by the By-Laws of
 the Corporation; the Annual subscribing members being those who
 shall pay and contribute, to the funds of the said Corporation, such
 annual subscription as may from time to time be enacted by any
 By-Law; the corresponding, and Honorary members being entitled to
 all the privileges enjoyed by other members, except the right of voting
 and holding Office

7 — It shall be lawful for the said Corporation by any By-Law or By-
 Laws, to enact in what manner and at what periods any annual,
 or General, or special meeting shall be convened; to provide for the
 admission of new members, the election and appointment of Officers,
 and generally for the Government and Control of the Officers and
 members of the said Corporation; to define what shall be the
 powers and duties of the several Officers of the said Corporation,
 and of the members of the General Committee, and of all other
 members of the said Corporation, and under what circumstances
 they shall incur forfeiture of such rights and privileges, and be
 liable to exclusion from the said Corporation or to any
 fine or penalty, as herein after provided; and further to
 provide for the administration of the affairs of the said
 Corporation in the most comprehensive form notwithstanding
 any special provision herein before contained.

8 — Until otherwise provided for By By-Law, the annual
 meeting for the election of the Officers and General Committee of the said
 Corporation shall be held on the first Monday in December in
 each and every year, and the present Officers and members of the
 Committee, at the time this Act comes into force, shall continue in
 office until the next Annual meeting, to take place under this Act or
 under any By-Law passed regulating the time of such Annual meeting.

9 — The By-Laws of the said Corporation now in force shall continue
 to be the By-Laws of the said Corporation, until the same are repealed
 or amended, by any new By-Law or By-Laws to be passed at an
 annual or special meeting of said Corporation by a two third majority
 of the members present.

10 — All such By-Laws as are now in force, and every By-Law hereafter
 to be passed may be repealed, altered or amended by any subsequent By-
 Law or By-Laws, to be enacted by the said Corporation, provided always
 that one month's notice by the ^{insertion} ~~insertion~~ in two City Newspapers, and
 by circular to each member of the proposed alteration or repeal
 be given.

11 — All subscriptions and penalties, due or to become due to the
 said Corporation, may be recovered by suit at Law instituted
 in the name of such Corporation, but a member may withdraw
 from the Association at any time after the payment of all money
 due by him to the said Corporation.

12 — A Copy of any By-Law or By-Laws certified by the President
 and Secretary, under the Seal of the said Corporation to be a
 true copy, shall be received as prima facie evidence of such

" By Law and the contents thereof in all Her Majesty's Courts.
 13 - The several Acts mentioned in the preamble of this Act
 are hereby repealed.

The meeting closed.

Geo. M. Braithwaite Chairman

Committed Room.

Mechanics Institute of Montreal

Saturday 9th December 1876

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening.

The President George Brunswick Esq. in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Findlay, Reid-Smith, Heath, Teulow and Rose

The notice calling this meeting was read.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 23rd October and the 6th November were severally read and confirmed

The Treasurer submitted Financial Statement for October and November.

October.

To Rent Hall	200 00	Paid Assessments &c	1044 39
" Room	4 00	" Alterations	246 91
" Members	124 50	" Wages & Cleaning	160 48
" Bal from Sept.	1201 21	" Reading room	6 00
		" Library	5 00
		" Insurance	12 50
		Bal to Nov.	149 43
	<u>1584 71</u>		<u>1584 71</u>

November

To Amot. from L. & M. Co "fine"	50 00	Paid Light	108 99
" Recd " Stores	425 00	" Alterations	59 90
" " Hall	580 00	" Furniture	2 50
" " Room	2 00	" Advertising	48 23
" " Members	120 55	" Postage	4 80
" " Taxes	176 40	" Stationery	10 75
" " Old Paper	3 15	" Reading room	27 29
" " Starting	25	" Library	284 48
Bal from Oct	149 43	" Wages & Cleaning	163 82
		Private Bill Secy L. & M. Co	100
	<u>1531 53</u>	Bal to Dec	720 44
			<u>1531 53</u>

The Library committee report, asking a grant of one hundred and fifty dollars \$150 for Books for the current three months. On motion the grant was allowed.

The following letter was read:

" Legislative Assembly Quebec 7 December 1876.
 " My dear Sir, Your favor of yesterday is to hand and carefully noted. There will be opposition from members of the Private Bill committee to your holding such a large amount of

" real estate as you ask for and there will likely be some other
 " clauses opposed by a member or members of the Institute from
 " Montreal. I have not had time to go into the Bill myself
 " and I cannot say much about it but I would rather have one
 " of yourselves come down here and look after it and that is
 " the reason that I got the Chairman of the Private Bills Committee
 " to do me the favour of fixing Tuesday the eleven o'clock for
 " your bill. I remain Yours very truly, A. W. Ogilvie,
 " George Courtchanks Esq.

Moved by Mr Hindley, seconded by Mr Smith,
 That the President be invited to proceed to Quebec, to take charge
 of the Act of Incorporation — Carried

The Treasurer reported that Mr Foster has not
 yet paid the quarters next due on the 1st November

Moved by Mr Hindley, seconded by Mr Reid
 That the President be authorised to consult Mrs Gilman in
 regard to the matter and the signing of the Seal. Carried

The following accounts were submitted and
 referred to the several Committees with instructions to pay
 them if found correct.

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| J. L. Bangs & Co | 15.50 | } House Committee |
| Denron Drake & Sons | 11.53 | |
| Burland's Magazine | 00 | } Library Committee |
| J. L. Foster Quebec Co | 6.00 | |
| Graham & Co | 5.94 | |

The following persons were in the usual manner
 elected members of the Institute

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| G. W. Beach, J. A. Crane, | } 1 st class |
| R. Macdonald, C. Bernard, | |
| E. M. Shillington, C. A. Cushing, | } 2 nd class |
| J. Bowen, N. J. Brown, | |
| Chas Turner, G. B. Henderson, | |
| Mrs Sample, Jas Bowe, | |
| J. P. McKeown, Ann Harris, | |
| C. P. Quirk, H. G. Gamble, | |
| L. M. Beers, A. C. Telfer, | |
| J. Walsh, A. B. Muir | |
| J. W. Scott | |

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| G. Dupreani, H. M. Burnie, E. J. Walters, | } 3 rd class |
| A. Barnard, H. Roy, Lev Goselin, A. Gillan | |
| G. Murray, H. Verrill, W. D. Ker's Attorney | |
| C. Mitchell, D. C. McMullan, A. B. Dissett | |
| Mr J. McCullack, C. Chesses, H. Roy | |
| J. O'Brien, W. D. McQuire, Mr Praker, | |
| R. Turner, D. J. Hadley | |

No other business offering the meeting closed.
 Geo. Mitchell Esq. Chairman

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute Montreal 5th Jan 1877

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. The president George Comstock Esquire in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corde, Heath, Findlay, Smith, Reid & Reed.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The President reported that he had visited Quebec and appeared before the Private Bill Committee and after overcoming some objections made to the "Bill consolidating the several Acts incorporating the Institute and amending the same" - by parties opposed to certain sections of it, he had the pleasure of reporting that the Act was adopted with only one exception, the reduction of the Annual Revenue from \$50,000 to \$25,000.

Moved by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Reid, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the President for his services in going to Quebec. Carried unanimously.

The President reported that a portion of Mr Hooders rent had been paid and the balance will be paid this week. Communication read from Mr J. D. Anderson stating that his lease of the Store would soon expire, and asking for a reduction of his rent, 4%.

On motion the matter was referred to the House Committee to report on at next meeting.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to the several committees, -

Shos Castle	12 00	} House Committee
Lavin Patonson	21 64	
Jas Brown & Co	3 45	
Evans Brothers	2 75	
Richers Scale	12 20	} Library Committee
Bustland & Co	13 75	
A. A. Stevenson	659 75	
E. Carter 26		

Special Committee Messrs Findlay & Reed

Moved by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Reid, that the Superintendent be instructed to collect all outstanding accounts against the Institute before the close of the financial year. Carried.

Moved by Mr Reed, seconded by Mr Reid, that the President with Messrs Heath, Findlay, Smith and the Secretary be a Committee to draft By-Laws in conformity with the New Act of Incorporation. Carried.

The Treasurer submitted Cash Statement for the month of December 1876.

Recd from Stores	300 00	Paid	Interest	840 00
" Hall	370 00	"	Alterations &c	15 50
" Room	11 00	"	Stationery	1 75
" Members	77 50	"	Wages Cleaning	173 89
	758 50			1021 14

Amount forward

458.50

1031 14

Paid Reading room 9 40

• Bill Incorporation 63 64

Bal from Nov 420.77
\$ 1479.27

Bal Card to Jan 77 345 09

\$ 1479.27

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

Richard Patton 1st Class.

Mr (Lud), C Gaskel, Mr S. Putman, Mr Hughes } 2nd Class
Mr Hicks, Chas Price, A. Evans, R. Patton,

Mr Johnson, P. S. Gow, W. B. Barry, J. W. Mount

A Miller, Mr Parker, Mr Gendley, J. Speer

W. H. Drummond, Thos. Cleburn, Mr Potter } 3rd Class

J. M. May, R. Jacobs, R. Anderson

Closed.

No further business offering the meeting
Geo. Smithwick Chairman
Daniel Rose Secy
Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
22nd Jan 1877

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. The President George Courtshank Esquire in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs W. B. Corcoran, J. Gendley, J. S. Smith, H. Cleburn, R. Smith, J. Heath, W. S. Walker and Daniel Rose.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The consideration of Mr Anderson's ^{lease} comm. up there as moved by Mr Down, seconded by Mr Tailor

That Mr Anderson be granted a lease for five years at an annual rental of Thirteen hundred dollars including the heating. Carried unanimously.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to several committees and ordered to be paid if correct.

Daniel Rose 13.00 } Finance Committee
Jas Walker 1.35 }
J & R White 18.00 }
Herald Publishing Co 13.00 } Library Committee

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute,

G. Whitney, Jas Lee, Mrs Swenholme } Second Class
A. E. Duncan

A Cherry A M

A Mercer, J. M. Mearns, G. D. Steven Third Class

No further business offering the meeting closed.

Geo. Smithwick President
Daniel Rose Secy

Mess: Dawson Bros tender for binding it being the lowest.
 The MS sheets of Supplement of Catalogue submitted.
 The Library Committee is authorized to ask for tenders for printing
 the same

The Treasurer submitted his statement for the month
 of February, -

To Recd from	Stoves	825 00	Paid Return Age (printing)	90 50
	Hall	285 00	" Interest	70 00
	Members	47 10	" Light	280 00
	Heating	25 "	" Repair r	23 53
			" Furniture	1 "
			" Printing	509 50
			" Stationery	1 70
			" Wages & cleaning	159 25
			" Reading room	18 00
			" Act of Incorporation	103 00
Bal from Jan		695 48	Bal to Mar	535 05
		<u>\$1877.58</u>		<u>\$1877.58</u>

The following accounts were presented and
 on motion referred to the several committees with
 instructions to pay them if found correct

E. Picken "Ret. Cash"	18 72	} Library Committee
La Meniere	3 00	
R Patton	37 16.	
A Mitchell & Hopkins	3 20	} House Committee

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members
 of the Institute

Thos White Esq. A. White,	1 st Class
G. C. Graham, J. Turnbull,	} 2 nd Class
Wm Reed Mrs E. J. Brooks.	
Mrs E. Langlands, A. Graham.	
G. J. W. Guy, B. J. Whitehead	
J. A. McDonnell. J. C. Apple	

No further business offering the meeting closed
 Geo. Millshooll President
 Daniel Cox Sec

John Boyd's Account \$4.15 presented and referred to House Committee with instructions to pay the same if found correct.

The following persons were elected in the usual manner members of the Institute:

- D. Glass, Harald Maltby, J. J. Walker
- J. C. Stevenson, J. E. Rendell, E. P. Hunter, } 2nd Class
- Geo. Hart, Wm. Hall
- Chas. Grannelli, Fred. Hall } 3rd Class

The By-Laws were further considered

Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Allan that the New Code of By-Laws be classified as in the Original Code, carried

The meeting then adjourned to meet again on Monday the 16th instant for further consideration of By-Laws

Geo Grannelli President
Daniel Rose Secy

Committed Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
16th April 1877

The meeting of the General Committee of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal adjourned from the 9th inst to this date was held ^{here} this evening. The President George Conikshawant Esquire in the Chair, besides whom there were ^{present} Messrs Corse, Boyd, Findlay, Smith, Toulon, Reid, Allan, and Rose,

The By-Laws were further considered and after due deliberation of certain articles the meeting adjourned to meet again on Monday the 23rd inst for further discussion.

Geo Grannelli President
Daniel Rose Secy

Committed Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
23rd April 1877

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the abovesaid Institute was held here this evening, the president Mr George Conikshawant in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Findlay, Reid, Boyd, Toulon, Smith and Allan.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 9th & 16th inst were severally read and confirmed.

The Library Committee submitted the following report which was duly adopted:

The Library Committee desire to report that since their accession to office in September last, they have added to the Library one hundred and twenty one new books at a cost of one hundred and thirty seven dollars

This sum added to the cost of books ordered but not received will exhaust the appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars. It is requested that a second appropriation of the same amount be granted.

The Supplementary Catalogue ordered to be printed is now ready for binding and will be in circulation in a few days.

Dr. St. Julien, Chairman & J. Fendley.

The matter of disposing of the Lane pipes referred to Messrs. Hoffman and J. Boyd.

The further consideration of the By-Laws was then resumed and after mature deliberation it is ordered that a fair copy of the By-Laws be made under the superintention of Mr. Smith.

The meeting adjourned to meet again on Monday the 30th inst.

Geo. Mitchell President

Daniel Rose Secy

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute of Montreal

30 April 1877

The meeting of The Mechanics Institute of Montreal adjourned from the 30th instant was held here this evening, the president Mr. George Courtisbank in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs. Corse, Fendley, Reid, Smith, Sculor and Rose.

The President informed the Committee that Mr. J. E. Foster has been removing his Goods from the Store or Office and that he had put a seizure on the same, and stopped the removal.

Moved by Mr. Fendley, seconded by Mr. Reid — That the matter be left in the hands of the President and Treasurer to make what settlement they may deem best.

The By-Laws were read revised and confirmed. The meeting closed.

Geo. Mitchell President

Daniel Rose Secy

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute of Montreal

14th May 1877

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the president Mr. George Courtisbank in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs. Corse, Reid, Boyd, Allan and Rose.

The minutes of the last ^{two} meetings were read and confirmed. Mr. Reid, Chairman of the House Committee, reported that he had sold the old pipes &c for the sum of twenty six dollars.

The following accounts were submitted and on motion duly moved and carried referred to the several committees with instructions to pay them if found correct.

Erans Bros	1 50	} House Committee
R Patton	60 06	
Le National	3 00	
Wheeler Printing House	2 85	} Library Committee

The Treasurer submitted his statement for the month of April.

to recd from Ball	290.00	Paid Alterations of	33 09
Room	66 00	" Stationery	13 75
Members	15 74	" Wages Cleanings	15 27
Catalogues	4 00	" Reading Room	8 00
		" Library	3 75
Bal from March	<u>719.64</u>	Bal to May	<u>909 23</u>
	<u>1126.38</u>		<u>1126.38</u>

The By-Laws were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Rose, that tenders be asked for the printing of One thousand Copies (1000) of the Act of Incorporation and By-Laws with whatever corrections may be made at the meeting. Fifty copies to be supplied for the use of the General meeting. Carried

On motion duly moved and carried Mess Corse and Reid were authorized to purchase about Fifty tons of Coal for the ensuing year.

No further business offering the meeting closed

W. Millsteele President
J. Smith Secy per tem

Committee Report

Mechanics Institute of Montreal
21st May 1877

Special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute convened by the President for the transaction of the under mentioned business was held here this evening, the President Mrs G. Corse Richards in the Chair besides whom there were present Mess Corse, Findlay, Boyd, Allan, Deulon, Reid, Smith, and Walker

The sub-committee composed of Mess Corse and Reid "President and Treasurer" submitted a report of progress made about a settlement with the Lessee of the corner stone,

Moved by Mr Findlay, seconded by Mr Deulon, that the report be received and that the sub-committee use every effort to bring the matter to a close by agreement or otherwise. Carried unanimously

The Chairman of the Library committee, reported that the library hours having been taken into consideration, He moves that they be changed to 9 A.M. to 8³⁰ P.M. every day except Saturday when it shall be open to 9 P.M. Carried

It was agreed that one boy ^{only} should be employed by the Institute for the present, with the understanding that

Mr Young should ^{make himself generally useful.} attend to the ~~library~~ ^{business} required.
Moved by Mr Saulton, seconded by Mr Fendley
that the President and Treasurer, be a committed to attend
to the printing of the Act of Incorporation and By-Laws.
Mr Hallett, reported the steps taken with regard to Mr
Van Eckend, it was recommended to suspend proceedings as he
had offered to return the book and pay a portion of the fine.
The meeting closed

Geo. Mitchell President
J. H. Sec. pro tem

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
28th May 1877

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee, of the above
named Institute was held here this evening, the president Mr
George Cruikshank on the Chair besides whom there were present
Mess: Corse, Fendley, Reid, Saulton, Smith & Ross,

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed.
Mess: Corse and Reid, reported having purchased the supply of
Coal (20 tons more or less) at \$5⁰⁰ per ton of 2240 lbs.

The President and Treasurer reported in regard to Mr
O.E. Foster's lease, that the lease was transferred to Mr. A.B. Foster
and that legal proceedings were stopped, and the amount charged
for printing being included as rent making the amount \$24⁰⁰⁰⁰
per annum (Notary, W.A. Phillips)

The President and Mr Corse reported in regard to
printing By-Laws, that Mr A. Rose, had sent in the lowest tender.
Namely \$18⁰⁰ for 1000 Copies Act of Incorporation and By-Laws
with 500 of Copies for use of Public Meeting of the Institute —
corrections if any to be made and considered in the price
stated, and that the same was awarded to him.

The following accounts were presented and referred to
the respective Committees to pay them if found correct.

A. A. Stephenson Printing Catalogue	26 ⁰⁰	Library Committee
E. Pecked Books	4 ⁸²	

The Treasurer reported that the interest on mortgage \$840⁰⁰ due on the
8th June, On motion duly made it was ordered that the
President and Treasurer be authorized to borrow the amount
needed for this purpose.

Moved by Mr Fendley, seconded by Mr Saulton That
a meeting of the Members of the Institute be called for this
night three weeks (18th June) to consider and confirm the
By-Laws. Carried

The meeting closed

Geo. Mitchell President
J. H. Sec. pro tem

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal.
4 June 1877.

An Emergent meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this afternoon to consider the application from the "Caaton Anniversary Committee" for the use of the Mechanics Hall for the week commencing the 25th instant.

Mr George Crankshaw President in the chair besides whom there were present Mess: Corce, Heath, Lewis, Walker and Reed,

Mr A.A. Stenson representing the "Caaton Anniversary Committee" presented the application and explained the objects of the Committee.

After due consideration it was resolved that in view of the ultimate purpose of the Caaton Anniversary Committee being, consistent in accord with the objects of the Institute that this Committee do grant the use of the Hall for the time specified for the nominal sum of seventy five dollars. The meeting closed.

Geo. Crankshaw President
John Heathy Secy per tem

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
18 June 1877

A special General meeting of the Members of the above named Institute called by advertisement to consider the adoption of By-Laws in conformity with the New Act of Incorporation was held here this evening: the President Mr Geo Crankshaw in the Chair besides whom there were present Mess: Boyd, Havel, H. Reed, C. Garth, Findlay, Heath, Lewis, Deaton, Allan, Young, Hogg, David, Laurie, Fisher, Andrews, Reed and others.

The Notice published in the Montreal Daily Witness calling this meeting was duly read.

The By Laws were read clause by clause.

Moved by Mr C. Garth seconded by Mr Findlay, That the By Laws now read be adopted. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr Boyd seconded by Mr William Reed That the Members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal hereby express a sense of their obligations to A. H. Ogilvie Esq M.P.P. for his exertions in passing the New Act of Incorporation through the Legislative Assembly and to record a cordial vote of thanks to that Gentleman for the same, Carried unanimously.

The meeting closed.

Geo. Crankshaw President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
25 June 1877

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president Mr George Cruickshank in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs. Coase, Findlay, Heath, Allan, Brown, Coulton

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 28 May and 11 June were severally read and confirmed.

Communication from A H Ogilvie Esq M.P. acknowledging receipt of Vote of thanks passed at the Special meeting of the members of the Institute held on the 18th instant read and put on file
The Treasurer submitted his Statement for the month of May:

To Recd from Stores	577 70	Paid	Interest	118 00
Hall	140 00		Light	204 00
Room	14 00		Furniture	8 45
Members	17 65		Wages Cleaning	152 09
Catalogues	3 00		Library	28 85
Heating	75 00		Land Rent	9 00 00
Bal from April	909 52	Bal to June		242 18
	<u>1653 87</u>			<u>1653 87</u>

The following accounts were presented and on motion referred to Sub Committees with instructions to pay them if found correct

D. Morris Co	Secd	8 00
The Star	acc	1 20
Phillips & Cleveland (returns)		6 50
Montreal Water Works		71 25

No further business offering the meeting closed

Geo Mitchell President
Daniel Ross Secy

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal,
23rd July 1877

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president Mr George Cruickshank in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Heath, Allan, Coulton, Donth, Findlay and Ross.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed
Mr Coulton reported that Henry Judah Esq L.C. had presented the Institute with a copy of the Report Cadastres Abrégés des Seigneuries de Lower Canada 7 Vols.

Moved by Mr Coulton Seconded by Mr Findlay
That the thanks of the Institute be presented to Henry Judah Esq L.C. for his valuable present Carried

The Treasurer submitted Financial Statement for the month of June -

To Rent for Hall	440.00	Paid Interest	842.00
Room	10.00	Seating	260.40
Members	6.81	Alteration	10.13
Catalogues	1.50	Postage	99
Lean Cap	900.00	Wages Cleaning	158.08
Bal from May	212.18	Bal to July	23.84
	\$ 1300.29		\$ 1300.29

The following accounts were submitted and referred to several Committees (with instruction to pay them if found correct)

H. Scott	1.10	Library Committee
J. Henderson	1.90	
R. Young	6.25	
Jas Brown & Co	2.80	House Committee
Jas. Walker	2.02	
J. B. Young	36.45	

No further business appearing the meeting closed.
 Geo. Mill. Deane, President
 W. J. Paulson, Secy. pro tem.

Committee Room,
 Mechanics Institute of Montreal
 27 August 1877

The regular semi monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the President Mr George Crutcher in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Coors, Boyd, Friday, Reed, Gurn and Paulson.

Mr Paulson acting Secretary, pro tem.
 The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
 The following accounts were submitted and referred to sub committees with instructions to pay them if found correct.

R. Patton	\$	House Committee
Murray & Co	3.00	Library do

The Library Committee reported progress and submitted statement showing the number of volumes in the hands of members not returned on the 1st August - 22
 missing not accounted for 15 } making
 in all for the 12 months last passed 37 volumes
 An appropriation of two hundred dollars made to the Library Committee for the purchase of Books -

The Treasurer presented Financial Statement for the month of July -

Cash Statement for the Month of July 1877.			
Recd for	Shoes 600.00	Notaries	6.50
	Hall 120.00	Furniture	1.50
	Room 2.00	Stationery	8.08
	Members 8.96	Wages & cleaning	142.50
	Catalogues 2.50	Reading room	104.05
		Library	77.83
Bal from June	23.84	Bal to Aug	416.83
	\$754.29		\$754.29

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute:

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| C. J. Hart, R. Bouchet, D. White | 1st Class |
| J. H. Nellis, Romeo Provost, Jas Pagan | 2nd Class |
| J. Atkinson, W. K. Gregg, St. Foster | |
| D. A. Carter, Miss E. Metcalf | |
| Dr. H. Vandal, S. Gledits, W. H. Bondy | |
| W. Johnson, R. A. Kellond, O. T. Thompson | |
| L. Levy | |
| Chas. Baranoff, Jas. King, A. Penning | 3rd Class |
| J. S. Johnson, Jos. Carroll, Geo. East | |
| Geo. Studer, John Ewart, J. Hastings | |
| J. H. Dutheland, St. Walker | |
| C. Mcgregor, Wm. Mcquinness | |

No further business appearing the meeting closed —
 Geo. Mitchell President
 Daniel Ross Secy

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute of Montreal
 24 September 1877

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the president Mr George Cruikshank, in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Deane, Allan, Boyd, Taylor and Ross.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to special committees with instructions to pay them if found correct.

Burton & Co	Magazines	2.00	Library
do	All News	4.00	
La Minerve		6.00	
J. Rose	Printing	28.00	Finance
J. Douglas & Co	Adv	8.25	
Thos. Allan		1.25	

The President informs the Committee that he appointed Messrs Deane and Macfarlane and George Craig Auditors for the year.

The Treasurer submitted financial report for the month of August: —

Recd for Stores	450.00	Paid Interest	70.00	
Doall	91.00	Water &c	79.25	149.25
Members	872.74	Light	110.00	110.00
		Repairs &c	167.07	167.07
		Heating	1.50	1.50
		Sturmbund	2.00	2.00
		Printing	26.00	26.00
		Stationery	3.00	3.00
		Wells & Cleaning	141.18	141.18
		Reading rooms	15.24	15.24
Bal from July	416.83	Bal to Sept	715.39	715.39
	1550.57		1550.57	

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

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| Eugene Loftus, Wm Downie | } 2 nd Class |
| St. Clark, S.S. Adams | |
| R.B. Connor, L. Black | } 3 rd Class |
| St. Haugard, Geo. Auldys | |
| Thos. S. Chisholm, J. Burland | |
| Wm. Gardner | |

No further business offering the meeting closed.
Geo. Cruikshank President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
22nd October 1877

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the president Mr George Cruikshank in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs: Corse, Reid, Allan, Prindlay, Irvine, Seaton, and Heath.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter received from Mr Daniel Rose, tendering his resignation of Secretary, read as follows: "Toronto 19 Oct 1877"

"Geo Cruikshank Esq^r Dear Sir Owing to my removal
 "to Toronto, it becomes my duty to tender my resignation to
 "you as Secretary of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal
 "I enclose the key of the Minute Book — Allow me to
 "thank you and the members of the Committee for your
 "kindness to me during the time I was associated
 "with you, and to express the hope that the Institute may
 "be long blessed with officers who will look as carefully to
 "its interest as the present ones who fill that important post.
 "Please remember me to Mr Snowdon, for the many kindnesses received
 "at his hand and may he long continue to be the Superintendent of
 "the Mechanics Institute of Montreal. I remain Dear Sir Yours truly
 "Daniel Rose

Moved, seconded and carried that Mr D Rose's resignation be accepted and that Mr Heath, Corresponding Secy be requested to convey to Mr Rose the thanks of the committee and thus regrets at the severance of an association which has so happily existed for the past 13 months, we cannot refrain on the present occasion from expressing our very best wishes for Mr Rose's future prosperity and happiness.

The Treasurer submitted Statement of Cash for the month of September

Recd from Hall	180.00	Paid Taxes	873.00
" Room	2.00	" Repairs	4.00
" Members	145.25	" Stationery	23.23
" Interest	90.00	" Wages cleaning	163.62
" Taxes	87.30	" Reading room	356.14
Bal from Aug	7/15 39	" Library	250.64
Bal to Acct.	461.69		
	<u>1084.03</u>		<u>1084.63</u>

The following accounts were presented and referred to the House Committee with instruction to pay them if found correct

Alex Craig — \$26.70
John Boyd — 2.25

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Louis Forté, Wm Clements	} 3 rd Class
Isaac Kingston, Wm Gradd	
Fr McDiarmid, Geo S. McManus	} 2 nd Class
Lewis W Smith, J. E. Gayton	
Chas. S. McCastill	

Moved by Mr Corse, seconded by Mr Heath. That Mr John Sturim be appointed Secretary in place of Mr D Rose, Carried

No further business appearing the meeting closed
Geo. Smithwell Presided

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute of Montreal

12th November 1877.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the president Mr Geo. Crinkobant on the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Funday, Teulon, Heath and Sturim. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer submitted statement of Cash for the month of October

Recd from Hall	250.00	Paid Griffin & Barnes	6.00
" Room	22.00	" Allotment Reps etc	58.00
	<u>272.00</u>		<u>64.00</u>

Amts for	\$ 272 00
Recd from Members	168 75
" Do fines	1 32
" Catalogue	3 25
" Stamps	176 10
" Loan A/c	500 00
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	\$1121.75

Amts for	611 00
Paid Furniture	1 25
" Printing	28 00
" Advertising	9 15
" Wages Cleaning etc	1571 09
" Reading Room	24 75
" Library	6 07
" Insurance	12 63
Bal from Sept	461 69
" to Nov	360 09
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	\$1121.75

Mr Heath submitted copy of letter addressed to Mrs Rose late Secretary - the same ordered to be placed on file

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

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| A. A. Harvey, J. S. Johnston, C. H. Sorley | } 2 nd Class |
| Wm Stewart, W. D. Anderson, W. Simister | |
| Irved Elliot | |
| W. C. Boyd, J. W. Tatley, St. Morehead | |
| Wm Greenhills, Jos Magnault | |

No further business offering the meeting closed
Geo. Smithwick President

Committed Record

Mechanics Institute of Montreal
26th November 1877

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the President Mr George Crankshaw in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs. Coxe, Findlay, Boyd, Reid, Seaton and O'Leath.

The minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed.

The several sub-committees submitted reports, Considered, referred to Special meeting of the Committee to be called for Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

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| Jas Morrison | Life member |
| C. C. Heale | 1 st Class |
| J. J. Walsh, W. Robertson, Miss Lee | 2 nd Do |
| A. Hickman, Jas Turner, W. Parsons | 3 rd Do |

Nothing further offering the meeting closed
Geo. Smithwick President

Committed Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
1st December 1877

(Special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute) was held here this evening for the purpose of receiving the Annual report were present George Crutchank in the Chair beside whom there were Messrs. Roy, Corse, Reid, Gindlay, Teulon, Smith, Heath and Brown.

The annual report with Financial Statement for fifteen months to 31 October were read and approved,
Geo. Crutchank President

Long Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal,
3 December 1877

The Annual meeting of the members of the above named Institute was held here this evening under "The Act to consolidate the several Acts incorporating the said Institute"

The President Mr George Crutchank in the Chair beside whom there were present Messrs John Boyd, P. B. Corse, J. Gindlay, J. Heath, W. S. Walker, A. Teulon, John Allan, Wm Reid, J. S. Smith, Hector Munro, R. Mcintosh, John Nolan, Jos Tucker, David McFarlane, Thos Craig, Jas Mullins, Duncan McFarlane, Robert Brown and others.

The minutes of the last Annual meeting and the special meeting of the 14th November were severally read and confirmed.

Mr Robert Brown acting Recording Secretary in the absence of Mr Daniel Rose read the Annual report as follows:

To the Members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal Gentlemen, Your committee have much pleasure in presenting the 38th Annual report of the affairs of the Institute, embracing a period of 15 months.

Resorting briefly to the several items of importance "The Act to consolidate the several Acts incorporating the Mechanics Institute of Montreal and amending the same, and to make further provision respecting said Corporation" deserves special mention (draft of which was received from Mr Edward Carter Esq too late for the last Annual meeting. After repeated examination of the draft in committee a special of the Institute was convened for the 14th November 1876 when the several clauses were considered seriatim and adopted) and committed to the care of A. W. Ogilvie Esquire of the Provincial Parliament then in session at Quebec where some opposition was encountered but which Mr Ogilvie kindly prevailed upon your committee of, whereupon your

Committee requested the President to proceed forthwith to London to protect the interests of the Institute in that behalf.

As soon as the Act passed the Legislative Council your Committee assembled on the 8th of January 1877 and appointed a sub-committee to frame a Code of By-Laws based upon the said Act of incorporation the result of their labours was submitted to your Committee on the 26th March and carefully discussed the Committee adjourning to the following dates respectively, the 9, 16, 23, 30 April 14, 21, 28 May when a general meeting of the Institute on the 18 of June being summoned the Code of By-Laws was finally submitted and adopted.

Membership

It is gratifying to your Committee to be able to report a gradual increase in the Annual Membership conclusively proving that despite the recent almost unexampled depression the Institute's usefulness has in no manner of way deteriorated, in 1875-1876 the report show a membership of 639 and 644 respectively while this year it is 655. The following is a comparative statement of Membership

	1876		1877
Hon:	11	Hon:	11
Cor:	8	Cor:	8
Life	237 (2 new)	Life	237 (2 new)
Annual	644	Annual	655
		Do	608
			301

Library and Reading rooms

The Library Committee have to report that they have held 20 twenty meetings during the fifteen months they have been in office on an average one every three weeks for the purpose of selecting books and such other business as fell within their province.

Owing to the excellent system which they found in practice on their entry into office their labours have not been very onerous.

The only change they have made having been the re-adoption of a plan which had fallen into disuse, by which the Superintendent can at once tell, if a book is out, in whose possession it is.

The Library Committee have also authorised the Superintendent to enforce payment of the fines incurred under the By-Laws by those members who have kept books longer than the allotted time, in some cases it was even found necessary to resort to legal measures. This action has however produced the best results, as is evidenced by the small number of books lost or missing as compared with former years.

Your Committee have also had an appendix to the Catalogue printed, containing a classified list of all the books added to the Library since the Catalogue was printed in 1874. Two hundred of these have been bound up with the Catalogues, and 57 copies have been sold or otherwise put into circulation since its issue in April. The usual Annual examination of the Library has been made and every book on the shelves

checked by the catalogue, The number of books in the Catalogue is 7710 and there were found to be on the shelves 7691 in circulation of lost 19 making 7710.

The Committee cannot but congratulate the Institute on the fact that so small a number of books have been lost; especially when compared with previous years or with other Institutions a kindred Canadian Institute reports no less than 256 volumes stolen and 105 destroyed during the past year.

The number of books added to the Library during the year is 350 classified as follows:
by purchase 209 Donations 66 Brought from Reading room 75.

The circulation during the year has been 14799

It will be observed that the Committee have been very sparing in the purchase of books, this economy has been necessitated by the low state of the funds of the Institute, Thus they believe are now in a sounder position than they have been in for some years past, and your Committee sincerely hope and trust that their successors will have in future a larger increase in the appropriations for the Library; so as to enable the Institute not only to preserve its reputation in this, one of its most important functions, but also largely increase it. While on this topic your Committee cannot but express their surprise that among the many wealthy Citizens of Montreal so few are found, as in the neighbouring, as well as the European Countries, to make donations of books, or of funds for the special purchase of books, either to this or any other Library in the City. Your Committee, in the words of their predecessors, in the last Annual report have to inform you that "every available space in the present shelves is now occupied and the new Committee will require to provide further accommodations and it will not be long at the present rate of increase until an additional room will be required" this recommendation we deferred to carry out until the Institute should be in a better financial position; it will however shortly become imperative to take some action in the matter in what way it will be best to do it, is a question for the new Committee to decide.

In the last Annual report it was suggested "that first class maps of all the principal countries of the world should be purchased, and placed on the walls of the Reading room," after due consideration your Committee came to the conclusion that a good globe would answer the purpose better inasmuch as it would be more convenient to inspect. An Birch Globe was therefore purchased and placed in the Reading room.

Your Committee deem this a suitable opportunity for mentioning the fact that for the first time it is believed, since Libraries existed, an international Congress of Librarians has been held, for the purpose of taking ^{on the difficulties which exist} counsel together on the management of Libraries and the best means of overcoming them. Its meetings were held in London in the month of October last and

were attended by several representatives from America as well as other parts of the world. We have ordered copies of the Report of its proceedings and trust to meet with many valuable hints and suggestions on various points connected with the proper and efficient management of Libraries.

The Reading room continues to be well used by the members

The Magazines and papers now on file are as follows

Canadian Daily	19	American Daily	5	British Daily	1
" Weekly	21	" Weekly	11	" Weekly	33
" Monthly	3	" Monthly	10	" Monthly	17
" Quarterly	1	" Quarterly		" Quarterly	4

Lecture and Class

In this department your committee were from the pecuniary position of the Institute, unable to enter, but trust an improvement in this respect will be taken full advantage of by their successors to prosecute this very important function of a Mechanics Institute

House

The duties of this committee have not been very onerous during the past year owing in part to the alterations and improvements recently made and the low state of the finances of the Institute deterring them from undertaking the enlarging the Library accommodations as urgently asked for that committee.

Only such repairs as were absolutely necessary have been made, namely the roof has been thoroughly repaired and painted; Globe valves have been added to the Steam pipes enabling the Fireman more effectually to distribute heat to the several parts of the building and in the event of an accident to any section to isolate that section until repaired at the same time ^{all} the other portions of the building are fully supplied with heat.

The wood work in the building has been varnished by the caretaker.

New fans put in the Closets and an improved ventilator added to the Closet in the Hall, this was much needed and gives full satisfaction.

Finance

The great depression in commercial matters prevailing for some time past has not been without its deteriorating influence upon the finances of the Institute, especially is this apparent in the falling off in the receipts of the Hall one of its principal sources of revenue.

Notwithstanding the foregoing it is pleasing to be able to show that the falling off is not nearly so serious as might be anticipated. The gross receipts for the 12 months ending

31 July 1877 are \$9168 - a decrease of \$400 as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

The expenditure has been carefully watched and kept as low as the circumstances of the case would warrant

Among the items that of printing is conspicuous, covering as it does a period of four years including the catalogues and other extensive items of 1874.

Of the amount paid for alterations and repairs \$551 was incurred previous to your committee's holding office, as also for Library and Reading room \$939

The Act of Incorporation cost \$326 There is now due for Rent and Taxes \$820 for which security is held.

Financial Statement for 12 months ending 31 July 77

Recd from Stores 4029 70	Bal from 1876	96 37
" Hall 2585	Paid Interest	1938 "
" Room 200	" Taxes	1081 59
" Members 1136	" Light	721 39
" Do fines 2745	" Heating	694 70
" Printing 300	" Postage	16 79
" Interest 19523	" Stationery	39 83
" Taxes 61740	" Wages 16427	
" Catalogues 11 "	" Cleaning 2668	1908 88
" Insurance 50	" Alterations &c	
" Old Paper 1620	" \$9325 ⁷⁸ this 75 ⁷⁸	401 26
" Loan acc 900	" Furniture	14 80
	" Reading room	199 19
	" Library	399 91
	" Insurance	263 57
	" Advertising	48 23
	" Printing	509 50
	" Act Incorporation	326 64
	" Lecture acc	90 50
	" Loan acc	900 "
	Bal to Sept.	416 83
	"	<u>10067 98</u>

Balances			
3 Real Estate	45974 86	1 Capital	32831 94
5 Furniture	4663 65	25 Est. Church	26 000 "
10 Library	7416 60	101 Loan acc	900 "
15 On Stock	1800 00		
53 Cash	416 83		
	<u>59731 94</u>		<u>59731 94</u>

Financial Statement for 3 months ending

31 October 1877.

Bal	416 83	Paid Interest	76 00
Recd from Stores	450 "	Taxes	652 25
" Hall	521 "	Light	110 02
" Room	244 "	Heat	1 50
" Members	688 79	Alterations	229 07
" Do fines	227	Printing	54
" Catalogues	325	Furniture	327
" Interest	90	Advertising	9 15
" Taxes	263 70	Wages Cleaning	458 79
" Loan A/c	500	Stationery	28 23
		Reading Room	405 13
		Library	259 71
		Insurance	12 63
		Bal to wit	360 09
	<u>2959 84</u>		<u>2959 84</u>

	Balances		
3 Real Estate	46,203 93	1 Capital	32,767 25
5 Furniture	4,066 92	25 Col. Charab	26,000 "
10 Library	7,676 31	11 Loan A/c	1,400 "
15 Gas Stock	1,860 "		
24 Cash	<u>360 09</u>		
	<u>60,167 25</u>		<u>60,167 25</u>

To the President of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal.
 " Dear Sir - In compliance with your request we have made
 " a careful and thorough audit of the intromissions of
 " the Treasurer during the past 15 months, verifying the
 " various entries, the balance sheet has also been audited,
 " and we are pleased in having to report that we find
 " the same in all respects substantially correct.
 " The Superintendent we think worthy of all com-
 " mendation for the neat and careful manner in
 " which the Books of Account have been kept.
 Montreal November 30th 1877

Duncan McFarlane }
 George W. Corney } Auditors

The following is the attendance at the 28 meetings of Committee held during the 15 months that your Committee has been in office: Geo Bruckshank 28. St. Julien 25. W. B. Dorse 22. J. Findlay 22. Wm Reed 21. Dan Rose 20. J. Smith 18. J. Heath 17. J. Boyd 15. J. Allan 14. R. Irwin 14. W. S. Walker 6. Wm Paton 1. Geo. Cruikshank President

Moved by Mrs Judge, seconded by Mr J. Boyd. That the Report be adopted, and Printed if found advisable by the Committee.

Moved in Amendment by Mr J. Allan, seconded by Mrs S. White that the Report be adopted and printed

the Amendment lost. The main motion carried
 The President appointed Messrs Duncan McFarlane
 Thos Craig and Neil Macintosh Secretaries —
 The election of Officers and members of Committee for the
 ensuing term in accordance with the Consolidated
 Act of Incorporation was proceeded with,

The following Gentlemen were declared duly elected
 after nomination and ballot.

Officers	George Cruikshank Esq.	President	elected unanimously
	John Heath Esq.	Vice Do	"
	Joseph Smith Esq.	Secretary	"
	R D Corse Esq.	Treasurer	elected

General Committee —

Messrs	Mr Reid	20 Ballots	Messrs	Geo Wright	22 Ballots
	J Findlay	26 "		Duncan McFarlane	21 "
	St Paulson	26 "		R Patton	20 "
	R Sturw	26 "		J Boyd	18 "
	J Allan	26 "		Thos Allan	17 "

Moved by Mr Sturw seconded by Mr J. Wright.

That Reporters of the City Press be accorded
 the free use of the Library of Reference and the
 Reading room Carried

Moved by Mr Judge, seconded by Mr Findlay
 That Members who have purchased Catalogues be
 supplied with the Supplement free. Carried

Moved by Mr David McFarlane seconded by
 Mr Thos Craig — That the Committee now elected
 be intrusted to have their Financial Statement printed
 and distributed to members one week previous to the
 Annual meeting

Nothing further offering the meeting closed

Committed Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
10 Decr 1877

A special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening Mr George Crankshaw the President in the Chair, besides whom there were Messrs Coze, Boyd, Duncan McFarlane, Richard Patton, Thomas Allan, John Heath, Hindley, Saulon and Jas Wright.

The Treasurer submitted last statement for the month of November:

Recd for Stores	825 00	Paid Loan Exp	500
Hall	70 00	Interest "	3 72
Rent	6 00	Light "	104 69
Members	127 50	Alteration "	8 25
to fines	1 75	Postage	1 70
Heating	25	Wages & Cleanings	157 89
Bal from Oct	340 09	Bal to Beer	639 09
	<u>1445 24</u>		<u>1445 24</u>

Communication read from Mr Joseph Smith's Secretary asking to be excused attendance at the meeting.

The following Sub Committees were duly submitted by the President and confirmed.

- House, Wm Reed Chairman, N.B Coze, John Boyd, J Allan, James Wright and Richard Patton
- Finance, J Heath Chairman, J Hindley, R Sworn, N.B Coze, Duncan McFarlane Thomas Allan
- Lecture and Class, John Boyd, J Hindley, A Sworn, H. Saulon, R. Patton, Thos. Allan
- Membership, Joseph Smith, A. Sworn, W. Reed, R. Patton, J. Allan, Jas. Wright, Thos. Allan
- Library, H. Saulon, J Hindley, J. Boyd, J. Heath, J. Smith, Duncan McFarlane.

Nothing further offering the meeting closed.
Geo Crankshaw President

Committed Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
7 January 1878

A special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening Mr George Crankshaw the President in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs J. Heath, A. Patton, J. Boyd, John Allan, H. Saulon, Jas Wright, Thomas Allan and Duncan McFarlane

Mr Saulon acting Secretary

The Treasurer's Statement of Cash for the month of December submitted as follows.

Recd for Repair App	6 00	Paid Interest	840 00
Stores	150 00	Alterations &	50
Hall	485 00	Post office	6 00
Rooms	84 00	Wages Cleaning &c	162 84
Members	65 15	Reading room	36 80
Heating	20 00	Library	2 00
Bal from April	639 09	Bal to Jan'y	111 10
	<u>1459 24</u>		<u>1459 24</u>

Moved by Mr Heath seconded by Mr J Boyd that in future five dollars be added to the rate per night for rent of hall for banquets Carried

Moved by Mr Heath seconded by Mr Sculow that the Annual Report be printed provided that the cost of printing 500 Copies do not exceed twenty four dollars. Carried

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

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| A. W. Smith | John Tucker, | } 1 st Class |
| W. H. Lox | J. P. Lovetate | |
| W. J. Rivers, | Shaw, | } 2 " |
| A. C. Cummings, | J. McHale, | |
| Act. Ford | R. Wheeler, | |
| B. J. Madeston | | |
| Geo Bell, | Mrs M. M. Mearns, | } 3 " |
| A. W. Smith, | G. L. Cairns, | |
| A. J. Darling, | J. B. Budge, | |
| R. Smith, | C. Wardell, | |
| R. Elliott | | |
| J. E. M. Shane, | J. Murray, | |
| R. Scott | | |
| A. E. Martin | | |

No further business offering the meeting closed

Geo. Guildheart President

Committed Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
28 January 1878

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening Mr Geo Cruikshank, the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Findlay, Boyd, Reed, R. Patton, J. Allan, Duncan, W. Forlan, and H. Taylor.

Minutes of the previous meetings (Dec 1877) and of instant were severally read and confirmed

Moved by Mr Corse, seconded by Mr Reed that the Library Committee be awarded an appropriation of two thousand dollars \$2000 for the purchase of books.

Moved by Mr Boyd, seconded by Mr Reed that the Committee decline to purchase the volumes on Locomotion Engineering. Carried

Moved by Mr Reed seconded by Mr J. Allan that in consequence of the proximity of the Institute to the head office of the City and District

To the President & Committee
of the
Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.

The Library Committee at a meeting held on
Saturday Feb. 26th resolved that the Super-
intendent be instructed to refuse lending ^{out} copies
of Magazines or Reviews until they are bound
in volumes.

It was further resolved that in order to
preserve the books on the lowest shelf from
the dust it is desirable to place a light board
in the front of each compartment which might
open downwards on hinges & be secured by a hook
or button.

Also that in order to afford increased accom-
modation for books it would be well to remove
the Bookcase on the left hand on entering from
the reading room & replace it with shelving; to
put up shelving in the left hand corner close
to the window & in the closet where the
safe is placed. It is believed that these
alterations would provide sufficient room
for a considerable time to come.

The whole respectfully submitted for the
approval of the General Committee

Montreal, Feb. 25/78.

Signed, Wm. Toulon
John Boyd

Telegraph Company its proposal to establish a branch here be declined. Carried

Moved by Mr Findlay seconded by Mr Duncan McFarlane that the President with Messrs W B Coxe and W Reid be appointed a Committee with full power to act in the matter of premises occupied by Hon A B Foster as Railway Office. Carried.

The following Accounts were submitted and referred to the several Committees

Mess Dawson Bros	504.19	} Library Committee
" Wm Dredger & Co	39.28	
" J C Wilson & Co	8.00	
" Jas Brown & Co	4.25	W Reid

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute:

Chas E Goad	Geo Barry	} 1 st Class
Henry Anderson	W Nelson	
Dugal McDonald	A H Pringle	} 2 nd Class
J C Davidson	A Y Blomley	
Alfred Haydon	Jas Waters	} 3 rd Class
Chas W Lopez	Fred Barnes	
Edmond Thompson		

No further business offering the meeting closed

W Reid, Chairman pro tem

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute of Montreal

25th February 1878

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. Mr Williams Reid, in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Boyd, John Allan, Thos Allan, R Patton, Duncan McFarlane, Jas Wright and Henry Teulon

Mr Teulon, Acting Secretary

The Minutes of the previous meeting was read and confirmed

The following letter from Mr Jos Smith, Secretary was read and accepted as satisfactory by the committee.

The Library Committee submitted the following report—
 Moved by Mr T Allan, seconded by Mr Duncan McFarlane—
 That the Library Report be adopted and referred to the House Committee. Carried

The House Committee recommend putting metal plates on the back stairs. Moved by Mr McFarlane seconded by Mr Thos Allan that the House Committee's report be adopted. Carried

The Lecture on a Class Committee reported that after due consideration it was not considered expedient to take any action at present.

The financial statement for the month of January—
submitted as follows:

Read for Hall	300 "	Paid Heating	2 25
Room	4 "	wages &c	160 81
Membership	90 15	Reading room	38 08
Catalogues	1 25		
Interest (Bk)	26 24		
Bal from Dec	411 10	Bal to Febry	631 37
	<u>832 54</u>		<u>832 54</u>

Moved by Mr Wright, seconded by Mr McFarlane that Mr William Reid be appointed Chairman of the Membership Committee during the absence of Dr Smith Carried.

A. Pattons acct for \$11⁰⁰ submitted and at his request retained until sufficient to constitute a life membership fee—

The following persons were in the usual manner elected Members of the Institute

- J. P. Black, Lewis Bellemuth, W. A. Allen 2nd Class
- C. Reid, J. B. Howley, A. Standley 3 "

No further business offering the meeting closed
Geo. Mitchell President

Committed Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
25th March 1878

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr George Cruckshank the president in the chair, besides whom there were present—
Messrs Reid, Mrs Allan Duncan McFarlane, John Allan and A. Brown

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed
The financial statement of February submitted—
as follows.

Read from Stores	425 00	Paid Interest	70 "
Hall	140 00	Gas bill	259 55
Room	90 00	Alterations &c	4 25
Members	68 40	Furniture	3 50
Heat	25 00	Wages cleaning &c	149 78
		Library	8 "
		Printing	12
Bal from Jan	631 37	Bal to Mar	873 69
	<u>1379 77</u>		<u>1379 77</u>

The following accounts were presented and referred to several committees with instructions to pay them if correct
Henry Rose \$6 50 }
The Star 7 54 }

The underwritten persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

James Gallagher, A.B. Clark,	}	Third Class
Andrew Stuart - Son B.P. Bond		
Wm. Christie, J. Sutherland,		
A. Hastings		

R. Arndolt, S. J. Ross	}	Second "
W. H. Mount, Robt. Parrell		
W. McNabb,		

J. W. MacKee, S. J. Gibbs,	}	First "
E. B. Greenshields		

No other business offering the meeting closed

Geo. Smith, President

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute of Montreal.

22nd April 1878.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute, did not take place this evening owing to the want of a quorum.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute of Montreal

27th May 1878.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr. George Couchohark, the president in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs: Corse, Reid, Duncan MacFarlane, John Allan, R. Patton, Jas Wright, Thomas Allan, and S. Teulon, Mr Teulon acting secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A communication was read from Mr J. S. Anderson, offering to rent the Corner Store, or to be allowed a reduction in the rent of the store he now occupies.

Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Dundas that Mr Anderson's letter be held over for consideration at the next meeting. Carried.

The president reported that the Corner store had been rented to Mr A.B. Foster, for one or two years at the rate of Five hundred dollars per annum, leased.

A communication from Mr David Grant, applying to rent the Hall for the Loyal Orange Association of Montreal for the presentation of a flag &c some night next week was read.

Moved by Mr Patton, seconded by Mr Reid that the Hall be granted, satisfactory guarantee

being given that the rules of the Institute be not violated.
 barred.

The Library Committee reported that the new shelving and other improvements suggested in their report of February last had been put up, and afforded increased accommodation, they would recommend that in the future the shelves should be movable. The Edinburgh Encyclopaedia Britannica had been ordered from Mr Pattison, agent of the Messrs Black at six dollars per vol in Calif. a reduction of 1/3 the cost of the Edition sold in Europe.

The following Accounts were presented and referred to several Committees with instruction to pay them if found correct.

S. A. Parsons,	10. 80.	} House Committee
John Allan,	131. 70	
John Dougall	70	} Library Committee
Morton P. Palmer	75	

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

Alex Currie	}	1 st class
G. J. Hart		
W. H. Payne, Capt. Trevelyan,	}	2 nd "
J. D. Barclay, J. Mcgregor		
W. H. Cross, St. Rosser		
W. C. Worham, M. Derry	}	3 rd "
A. Spencer		

The Treasurer submitted the Cash Statements for the months of March and April —

March —

Recd	Stores	250. 00	Paid	Alterations	6. 50
	Hall	125 00		Furniture	1 70
	Room	38 00		Stationery	13 13
	Members	27 75		Wages & Cleaning	158 78
	Gas &c.	90 00		Reading room	384 29
	Old Paper	33 75		Library	98 67
				Insurance	251 07
Bal from Feb		872 69	Bal to April		593 05
		<u>1437 19</u>			<u>1437 19</u>

April

Recd	Stores	200. 00	Paid	Advertising	6 40
	Hall	220 00		Wages & Cleaning	107 03
	Room	7 50			
	Members	14 35			
	Catalogues	3 00			
Bal from Mar		593 05	Bal to May		804 47
		<u>967 90</u>			<u>967 90</u>

No further business offering the meeting closed.

Geo Pittsill Rendel

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal,
21 June 1878

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr Geo. Cruikshank, the president, in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs J. Findlay, Boyd Wm Reid, Thos Allan, Duncan McFarlane, and Sculor,

The minutes of the last meeting, were read and confirmed. Mr A. Anderson's application for reduction of rent left over from last meeting was now considered, when it was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Findlay; That a reduction of one hundred dollars off his rent be allowed Mr Anderson for the current year. Carried

The President reported that Wm Nixon, is about to leave and that he had authorised the Superintendent, to engage Wm Brigg, nephew of Chas. Holland in his place.

The Cash Statement for the month of May, submitted.

Read for Store	625 00	Paid	Light and	193 05
Hall	134 50		Wages Cleaning	155 46
Rooms	104 50		Reading Room	2 00
Members	38 00		Costs Post Paid	2 00
Heating	25 00			
Bal from April	874 47	Bal to June		1368 98
	1721 49			1721 49

The Library Committee reported the receipt of the 1st and 2nd vols of the New Edition of Encyclopaedia Britannica.

The following accounts were referred to the several committees with instructions to pay them if found correct;

Books of Encyclopaedia	3	72 00	Library Committee
2 vols of Britannica	3	72 00	
R Patton to 25 April		34 00	House Committee
J Morrison Dr		8 95	
J. B Young		1 50	

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute,

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| J A Stace, Thos W Mills, | } 2 nd Class |
| J St James, John Reilly, | |
| Henry Pearson, G. Keith, | |
| B A Delorme, W J Brown, | |
| Henry J Sculor, | |
| David Allan, J Feron, | } 3 rd Class |
| L Goldberg, A Munro, | |

Mr Duncan McFarlane, advocated at some length the propriety of providing special accommodation for Ladies in the form of a Ladies Reading room and otherwise; after some discussion pro and con it was moved by Mr Duncan McFarlane seconded by Mr Allan, That Messrs Duncan McFarlane, Thos Allan, J Findlay, A Sculor, with the president as officers be appointed a committee to consider and report on the subject. Carried

no further business offering the meeting closed.
Geo. Smith President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute Montreal
22nd July 1878.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr George Cruikshank the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corne, Sunday, Teulon, Wright & Boyd and also Allan

The minutes of the last meeting were read (and confirmed) The Library Committee suggested that some change be made in the covering of the books. Left to the discretion of the Committee. It was also agreed that the Library Committee shall have the necessary improvements to the shelves of the Library made with the concurrence of the Chairman of the House Committee.

The President advised that two new boards be made for the Bells posted at the door of the Institute - approved and referred to the House Committee

Cash statement for the month of June submitted

Recd for Store	200 ⁰⁰	Paid Interest	840 ⁰⁰
Hall	100 ⁰⁰	Alteration	131 ⁷⁰
Room	10 ⁰⁰	Moving chairs	3 ⁰⁰
Members	16 ²⁵	Wages & cleaning	161 ³³
Bal from May	<u>1368.98</u>	Bal to July	<u>559.20</u>
	<u>1605.23</u>		<u>1605.23</u>

The following Acct was presented and referred to House Committee - R Patton ^{54⁰⁰} _{20³⁵} \$ 54.35

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

Chas Gibb, Chas Bodier - 1st Class

C. W. Stagerman - 2nd "

No further business offering the meeting closed
Geo. Smith President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute Montreal
29th July 1878.

A special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening to consider a proposal made by the Dominion Commercial Travellers Association for the "use of the Reading room and also meeting room, in which Members could meet during the day or evening and enjoy a social chat or a friendly smoke"

were present Mr Geo Cruikshank the president in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Corne - Reid, Duncan McFarlane, Wright and J. Smith. J. Allan

Mr Smith having read the letter dated 23rd inst, after mature deliberation it was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr. Conroy that that part of the referring to the use of a room in the building as a smoking room be not entertained inasmuch as smoking has always been considered detrimental to the interest of the Institute. Carried,

After some discussion, It was moved by Mr Reid seconded by Mr Wright, that the use of the Reading room only be granted to the Members of the Dominion Commercial Travellers Association for the five months ending 31 Dec Current for the sum of Fifty dollars. Carried

This closed the business of the meeting
Geo Mullholland (President)

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute Montreal
30 August 1878

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr George Cruikshank the president in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs R. Lewis, Wm Reid, Thos Allan, A Deaton and Jas Smith,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and Mr Allan name added thereto.

Letter received from Messrs R. Mitchell & Co referring to Gas Pipes for the Institute referred to the House Committee.

The Chairman of the House Committee that the shelves in the New Case in the Library had been altered in accordance with the wishes of the Library Committee.

The Chairman of the Library Committee reported that the appropriation of Two hundred dollars allowed, had been expended, and requested that an additional sum of One hundred dollars be granted,

On motion duly made the grant of \$100⁰⁰ was allowed the Library Committee for the purchase of books.

Cash Statement for month of July 1878

Recd for Rents	29 00	Paid alterations	4 25
Members	15 21	Furniture	16 80
H. J. Shaw & Co Salary		Stationery	75
for Book rack	36	Reading room	2 50
		Library	2 50
		Wages	136 33
		Cleaning	13 00
		Feet	1 10
			150 43
Bal from June	559 00	Bal to Aug	419 54
	<u>596 77</u>		<u>596 77</u>

The following Accounts were submitted and referred
to the several Committees:

Alex Craig	} Actual Committee	
Rampway Brake & Odds		9.64
R Seale		7 10
Dawson Bros	} Library Committee	
W Dwyer & Co		
Scott & Fraser		
Assessments	President Mr Reid.	

No further business offering the meeting closed
Geo Millard President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
23rd September 1878

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of
the above named Institute was held here this evening
Mr George Cruikshank, the President in the Chair besides
whom there were present Messrs: Corse, Reid, Findlay,
Boyd, John Allen, Thomas Allan, Duncan McFarlane
and Sealan, Mr Sealan Acting Secretary,

The minutes of the last meeting were read and
confirmed.

The Chairman of the Library Committee reported
that he had received prospectus of a Complete Atlas
Map of the City of Montreal by Charles C. Grad, Civil Engineer, and
that they recommended the General Committee to authorize
the Library Committee to subscribe for it;
after discussion it was decided to instruct the Library
Committee to subscribe for the said Map.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee
reported that the receipts of the current year had fallen
off, but as expenses had been reduced the acct. was
nearly balanced, if the amount due by Mr Foster of
over \$1200⁰⁰ were paid we should be able to pay the
loan acct. and have a balance of 3024 hundred
dollars.

Mr McFarlane suggested that advertisements should
occasionally be issued of New Books and other
advantages offered by the Institute and that
the Membership Committee should take advantage
of such facts to bring the merits of the Institute
before the public and thereby increase the
Membership list.

The Financial Statement for the
month of August submitted to wit:

Recd for Stores	675.00	Paid Interest	70 00
Rooms	56 50	Light	103 35
Members	29 98	Heating	253 74
Heating	50.00	Alteration	75 41
		Printing	6 50
		Wages	143 33
		Cleaning	15 00
		Chemicals	140
		P Stamp	35
		Water Table	71 75
Bal from July	419 54	Bal to Sept.	491 19
	<u>1231.02</u>		<u>1231 02</u>

The following accounts were submitted and referred to Library Committee, Canadian Antiquarian \$1 50
J.C. Beckett 8 00

A plan for erecting the Hall and erecting a gallery devised by Mr James Wright was submitted and referred to the House Committee

The following persons were elected members of the Institute Robt Wilson 1st Class L.J. Lamontagne 2nd class
No further business offering the meeting closed
Geo. Muller President

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
28th October 1878

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening Mr Geo. Crutcher the president in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Coxe, Reid, Findlay, Boyd, John Allan, Wright, Macfarlane and Smith & John Allan

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
The Treasurer submitted Cash Statement for the month of September:

Recd for Stores	300 x	Paid Heating wood	1 75
" Hall	45 x	" Furniture Table	7 10
" Rooms	8 x	" Wages	136 32
" Members	571 82	" Cleaning	12 00
" Catalogues	1 75	" So Left (4)	20
" Interest	90 x	" Seats	22
" Taxes	58 20	" Dis Am 9	18
" Old paper	3 25	" Reading Room	19 75
		" Library	46 50
		" Taxes	821 80

Bal from Aug	491 19		
" to Oct	93 62		
	<u>1045 83</u>		<u>1045 83</u>

The Chairman of the House Committee, said that the question of changes and improvements to the Hall had been under discussion and a report would be submitted at an early date. A Gas Governor had also been considered and rejected.

The Chairman of the Membership Committee reported that a meeting had been held, and after discussing the merits of the several views laid before them it had been decided to recommend first, that the Chairman should be requested to write short articles occasionally and endeavour to have them inserted in the daily papers, drawing attention to the objects and aspirations of the Institute, and second that an effort should be made to secure the services of a suitable person to canvass the workshops and factories of the City for new members, acceptable to the General Committee; that he should distribute the printed copies of the last Annual Report now on hand, that he should be supplied also with the opinions of the press — regarding the Institute when these should have accumulated to a sufficient extent for distribution, and that the remuneration for such services be a commission of 25% on all monies received for the new members enrolled.

Moved by J. Hindley, seconded by
that the report be adopted and that the Membership Committee be authorized to employ a person on the terms specified in the report. Carried.

A meeting of the Lecture and Class Committee had been held and the Chairman reported that they were of opinion that if a room were placed at their disposal for one evening every fortnight and members of the Institute invited to attend, that they could count upon short essays from members themselves on subjects with which they were familiar, occupying say half an hour each followed by discussion from the members generally. They thought that such a course would be more popular than having paid Lecturers and they recommended that their views be carried into effect.

Moved by Mr Reed, seconded by Mr
that the report be adopted. Carried.

The following Accounts were submitted and ordered to be paid
Geo J Hart £ 4. 75. Jas Pett x 75.

The following names were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

Non Judge Drummond, J. Querin } 1st Class

Gavin Rodger, St Darling, Jas Laurence } 2nd " }
A. M. Colquhoun } }

Jas Dussault, D. G. Smith, A. Macfarlane, P. Murphy } 3rd " }

W. Colquhoun, B. Macfarlane, H. Wellbrock }

J. Patterson, P. Harris, D. H. A. Welch, }

R. Raphael, Robt Beauchamp }

No other business offering the meeting closed

• Geo. Phillips President

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal,
25 November 1878.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president - Mr George Bucklehart in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Boyd, John Allan, Wright, Findlay, Duncan Macfarlane, Wm Reid, Thos Allan, A Paulin, and Smith.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following correspondents were read and disposed of to wit - letters marked A on file, referred to House committee with instructions to carry out the suggestions therein contained if practicable.

Letter marked B laid on the table.

The several Chairmen of Sub-committees presented their reports which were read and discussed and finally adopted and handed to the Secretary to embody in a general report to submit to the Annual Meeting to be held on Monday next the 2nd of December.

Cash Statement for Oct. 1878

Recd from Hall	455 x	Paid Alteration ap	18 40
Room	34 x	Advertising	14 70
Members	8 11	Stationery	11 08
Catalogues	1 25	Wages	137 34
Interest	9 x	Cleaning	17 50
Taxes ^{627 x} <u>128 00</u>	755 04	Coal in Cellar	30
		Knapsack Carriage	20
		The Scoke	8
		Postage	20
		St. Am Silver	15 155 77
		Ch. Hart	1 50
		Reading Room	13 82
		Library	216 52
		Insurance	12 50
		Bal from Sep	93 61
		" to Nov	724 90
		<u>1202 40</u>	<u>1202 40</u>

The following accounts were submitted and referred to the several committees with instructions to pay them if found correct.

R Patton	\$ 27 75	House Committee
Morton Phillips Balance	1 40	Library Committee
Dawson Post	8 00	
Journal Printed	4 0	

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

A. C. Hellewell, Thos. McDougall	1 st Class
J. Joyce, G. D. Story, W. S. Cheney, Ella Williams	} 2 nd Class
C. Prod' J. Cluni, Robt Stuart, Dr. Usher	
J. K. Young, G. A. Dickson, W. S. Drysdale	} 3 rd Class
W. Hyde, Geo. W. Intosh, J. M. Power	
J. Piquinard & Campbell, Chas. Cornejo	
Reed Kinghorn, Abram Joyce, J. W. Mount	
Thos. Kelly, John Robertson, W. J. Birch	
Thos. Wall	

On motion duly made and seconded it was Resolved that, the House Committee be instructed to take the necessary steps to illuminate the front of the Building on the day arranged for celebrating the the Arrival of H. R. H. Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne Governor General of Canada.
No other business offering the meeting closed
Geo. Mulholland President

Long Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
3rd December 1878

The thirty ninth Annual meeting of the members of the above named Institute was held this evening.

The president Mr George Cruikshank in the chair beside whom there were present Messrs Duncan Macfarlane, Chairman of Finance, N. B. Corse Treasurer, J. Findlay, J. Boyd, John Allan, A. Seulon, James Wright, members of Committee, Joseph Smith Seeley, W. S. Walker, John Harper, Wm Drysdale, J. Van der Mer, Mr Judger and nine others.

The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The President called upon Mr Smith the Secretary to read the report.

39th Annual Report.

Gentlemen, It has been thought sometimes that "Mechanics" is too restricted an appellation for such an institution as ours and possibly some may think it necessary to be a craftsman to be eligible for membership, but if we interpret it as embracing the culture demanded by the mechanics of the present day, the field will be broad enough and include every department of knowledge; it would be well perhaps if we could hit upon a term which would embrace all other callings now on the roll of membership, and even include our lady members but it would necessitate

the coinage of a word; we think that the old designation is sufficiently worthy of remembrance and entitled to our regard to render any alteration undesirable; and just now when there is a flutter about the establishment of a Free Library we are reminded of the services which our old and respected members performed in days gone by in maintaining the principle of charging for admissions to the privileges of the Institute, and retaining the management under the direct control of the members themselves.

We regret to have to record the death of one of the oldest of these members Mr. William Spier, he was one of the founders of our Institute for some time President and very much respected.

As soon as a public grant is accepted from Government or Municipal sources conditions are introduced which tend to the destruction of self-government, and an almost irresponsible power is set up whose interests are not always identical with those of the members. The failure of our efforts in the way of Free Lectures is sufficient to show that advantages must be paid for to be appreciated.

While our Institute is open to persons of all races, and color, and religion, it would be well perhaps to notice that we are principally supported by the English speaking protestant population, and in making comparisons with kindred Institutions the figures would stand thus.

Montreal	25000
Toronto	50000
Hamilton	21000

with an effective population therefore of little over that of Hamilton and half of that of Toronto we have almost as many members, a library equal in extent, a much greater supply of Newspapers and periodicals, a large Capital and a farly revenue than either of these Cities. This has been accomplished without the aid of either Grants, endowments or bequests; beyond the contributions collected towards the building we now occupy; and is the result solely of careful and well considered Administration of the funds derived from the members themselves and the zeal of the executive officers of the Institute to whom our thanks are due.

It is one of the many objects of the Institute to supplement the ordinary School Education by supplementing the right kind of books to enable the public to decide intelligently upon topics of public interest. We have for example placed the latest and best works on Political Economy upon the shelves for the guidance of both Free Trade and Protectionist members. In view though of the vast impulse which is likely to be given to the Agricultural and Mining industries of the Dominion, the preparation of young men for settlement in the fertile belt of the North West, and for developing our vast mineral resources claim especial attention. These departments together

with all those of a kindred nature should be made — much more complete than they are at present, all the best new books upon these subjects should be added as they appear. This would increase the utility of our Institution which we are proud to say is in a sound financial condition notwithstanding the depression in trade — is self sustaining — self governing and is absolutely free from influences sectarian or political, and we might look forward to the grateful and substantial recognition from the members for the benefits received and who would at no distant time be scattered through every town and village of the Dominion making a practical application of the knowledge gained within our walls and so make our influence felt from ocean to ocean.

Membership

The number of members for —

	1877		1878
Ston:	11	Ston:	11
Cor:	8	Cor:	8
Life	237	Life	236
Annual	655	Annual	555

It will be seen that we have a large falling off in the number of members since last year, this has been principally among the junior members class which has been more than balanced by the increase in members of a higher grade. The receipts from members last year were \$1136.⁰⁰ as compared with \$1169.⁷⁵ this year, plus \$50.⁰⁰ from the Dominion Commercial Travellers Association or total \$1219.⁷⁵ a difference of \$83.⁷⁵ in favor of this year. Some dissatisfaction was expressed by members having been charged an additional price for subscription to cover 15 months to meet the requirements of the new charter, and may probably be a count in some measure for the decreased membership. For the same reason \$688.²⁵ of the receipts out of the \$1219.⁷⁵ given above appears in the Financial Statement for the three months ending 31 Oct 1877 which intervenes between the last Annual Report and the present one.

The thanks of your Committee are due to the Daily Press for the notices of the Institute which have appeared from time to time, the data having been furnished by your Committee. It is hoped that the Press will take notice of the new books placed on the shelves next year, a courtesy extended to the Toronto Institute by the Daily Press.

The various means for increasing the roll of membership having been considered as heretofore it was thought the most desirable plan would be to employ a suitable person to canvass the factories and workshops of the City (to work

on commission and distribute at the same time the remaining printed Annual Reports on hand, the services of one of our own members have been secured unto this object, by your Committee is of course unable to announce any results as yet. During the year an arrangement was entered into with the Dominion Commercial Travellers Association for the use of the Reading-room upto the 31st Decr 1878. great satisfaction has been expressed with the privileges accorded which has been done without incommoding our own members.

— Lecture and Class —

As the free classes now held by the Council of Arts render any efforts on our part unnecessary in this direction, and the engagement of paid or free lecturers having been so far discouraging in a financial point of view (the attendance having been meager even when the lecture and Hall was given free and the advertising and printing paid by the Institute) The Committee have had under consideration the formation a Literary Society composed entirely of members of the Institute the meetings to be held fortnightly in one of our own rooms. It is thought that the members themselves could be depended on to give a sufficient number of papers, essays or lectures upon subjects with which they may be familiar occupying say a quarter or half an hour, leaving time for a discussion to be taken up by the members generally. These views will however have to be carried into effect by our successors, but your committee have received assurances of support generally should the project be entered into.

— House —

During the past 12 months the much needed improvements in the Library have been accomplished namely: removal of one of the Cases that stood at the left hand as you enter the library, and its place supplied with movable Shelves that can be arranged to receive books of every size; this will be found a great improvement over the other Shelves in the library. A Counter has also been added to the greater convenience of the members. The rooms vacated by Mr Foster, with those off the Hall have been painted and varnished the ceiling of the Corridor repaired. The stairs at the end of the corridor leading to Hall platform have been renewed and a hand rail added both of Hard wood. The wood work of the building thoroughly painted and varnished, and other minor jobbing done by the Care taker to the entire satisfaction of the Committee.

The committee have had under consideration the adding of a gallery to the Hall and resetting the whole with an improved Chair, so as to increase the accommodation from 800. to 1180 seats estimated to cost about £5000⁰⁰ but have arrived at no decision in the matter leaving it to the

General meeting for discussion.

Library

The Library Committee held 13 meetings during the past year, the attendance of members has been very satisfactory. The usual Annual examination of the Library has been made and every book on the shelves checked by the Catalogue. The number of books in the Catalogue is 8179 and there were found to be on the shelves or in circulation 8170 thus leaving 9 vols. only unaccounted for: a result which they consider is the highest degree satisfactory and testifies to the care and attention of the Superintendent and his assistants in this very important part of their duties.

The number of books added to the Library during the year is 481 Classified as follows:

	purchase	316
	magazines bound	41
	Donations pamphlets	124
<u>481</u>		<u>481</u>

The circulation during the year has been 14480 being very nearly equal to that of the previous year. This fact clearly proves how much the Library is appreciated and its advantages availed of by the members of the Institute. It is no doubt true that a very large proportion of the volumes circulated consists of novels and light literature generally but experience has every where shown, that whatever efforts may be made to the contrary, it is impossible to obviate it, and your committee while submitting to the inevitable have done all in their power to provide the best of the kind, a literature which if light is neither immoral nor otherwise objectionable. This subject was largely discussed at the Conference of Librarians held in London last year and the opinion was strongly maintained by several eminent authorities that this great demand for light reading was not an unmixed evil, since it induced a habit of reading which led sooner or later to a taste for something more useful and elevating than novel reading. Professor Justin Winsor, of the Boston Public Library says that "three fourths of the books lent out were works of fiction." He considered that lured persons into the habit of reading and if the results were not manifest it was on account of new novel readers continually filling up the ranks vacated by those who had passed on to something better.

Your committee have during the past as in the previous year not distinguished themselves by a lavish expenditure in the purchase of books and this for two reasons, —
1st because the financial position of the Institute renders it prudent to exercise economy in expenditure.
2nd because notwithstanding the number of new books published

there are but few of the really good new works published which find their way to Montreal and it would be more than useless to spend money on and fill up the shelves with trash which would either be never read, or, if read, be of the slightest benefit for this reason communications have been opened with a London firm in order to secure this object. Quality and not quantity has been the principle adopted in the selection of books. It may be worth mentioning here that they have subscribed to the new edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica now in course of publication by Mess^{rs} Black & Son to be completed in 20 vols, 8 of which have been received. This will be a most valuable acquisition, being indeed a perfect library in itself.

It will be remembered that in their last year's report the Committee stated that it was urgently required to provide increased shelving for the magazines and newspapers on file this they are happy to say has been accomplished as far as at present necessary. Doors have also been placed to the bottom shelves in order to protect the books from the dust to which they were greatly exposed. notwithstanding what has been done however it will ere long be absolutely necessary to devise some plan for considerably extending the space now at our disposal for the accommodation of books. It may not be out of place to remark here that it would be advisable to carry into effect a suggestion made by your Committee some months back to the effect that the Library be freed of odd volumes and books which have been practically obsolete. It is well known that owing to the constant progress made in the Sciences due to the labours of living scientists that works published fifty, twenty or even ten years ago are not only practically useless but actually misleading. Would it not be well then to put such books aside (they not be destroyed or sold) and only occupy the shelves of the Library with such works as are practically useful to the present generation. Of course this would have to be done with care, but should you authorise it your Committee will undertake to have it properly done. It is also under consideration to provide copies of leading newspapers from Australia, New Zealand and a British Colonies in South Africa and India so that we may be en rapport with our fellow countries men in every part of the world.

Finance

As arranged at the last Annual meeting the financial statement for the year was printed and sent by mail to the Members of the Institute about the 11th of November last. Referring to the report of 1877 it will be seen that owing to the change made in our financial year there was a special statement made for the three months last year, during which time the bulk of the yearly subscriptions were collected, so that while in the present statement there is an apparent

falling off from \$531.2 to \$1136 for year ending July 31. 1877
yet adding amt 688.7 comprised in the 3 mos ending Oct 31 —
it will be seen that there is an actual gain of \$83.7 —
for this year. We regret however that from the continued
depression in Trade and other causes the receipts from
rent of Stores and Hall has further diminished our
revenue this year with no present prospect of improvement
Your general Cash receipts this year have been increased
by the repayment from the City Treasury of tax levied
for the improvement of St James Street amounting to \$636.
The rental received for hire of rooms has also been increased
to the amount of about \$200.00.

Every effort has been made to economise in every department
at the same time we have not curtailed the usual
supplies for the reading room and the library.
The loan account has been reduced from \$1400 to \$900 —
and would have been entirely repaid had it been possible
to collect all outstanding accounts.

While the suggestions made at the last Annual Meeting that
effort should be made to obtain contributions towards paying off
the amount due by the Institute on Mortgage were very
excellent yet they have failed to receive the attention to
which they were entitled it not being thought possible in the
past and present stringency of the times to find parties —
possessed of the means and having a sufficiently cultivated
philanthropic spirit. Very valuable suggestions were
also made at the same time by an esteemed member —
that an effort should be made to raise sufficient funds
to pay off the amount due by the Institute on Mortgage —
and then devote the Hall entirely to objects connected
with the higher education and refinement of our Citizens
The times have not hitherto proved sufficiently favorable for
such an undertaking. We should without doubt have
it very fully proclaimed that the Mechanics Institute
is ready to receive donations with this object in view —
from persons friendly to the Institute either in their lifetime
or by will after their decease and no doubt if bequests
were left to the Institute coupled with conditions
that they were to be applied to this or any other —
kindred purpose, they would be gladly received and
their conditions would be carefully carried out.

In the mean time the whole of the revenue that can
be obtained from renting of Stores and Hall is fully
required to keep the Institute in a state of efficiency and
there is little means left over to set aside as a fund for
the gradual extinction of our debt.

Other means have been suggested to accomplish —
the same end but so far nothing has actually
been accomplished.

Financial Statement for twelve months ending 31 Oct 1878

Bal from Oct 1877	360 1/4	paid Interest	1823 1/2
from Stores	3550 x	Light	660 64
Hall	2094 1/2	Alteration &c	320 86
Rooms	424 50	Postage	7 70
Members bus	531 x	Wages, cleaning, and contingencies	1882 66
do fines	16 42	Loan of	500 x
Heating	175 x	Reading room	496 74
Catalogues	7 25	Library	374 19
Interest	215 1/4	Heating	257 74
Old paper	57 x	Furniture	47 54
Furniture	36	Printing	18 50
Taxes	813 24	Stationery	24 96
Alteration &c	6 x	Insurance	263 57
		Advertising	21 70
		Taxes	895 55
		Bal to Nov	724 90
	8230 42		8230 42

Audited and found correct
 9 Nov 1878
 signed } John St Hall
 Balances } James Moore

Real Estate	46428 79	Capital	34278 34
Furniture	4114 15	Colonial Church	26000 x
Library	8030 50	Loan	900 x
Stocks	1860 x		
Cash	724 90		
	61178 34		61178 34

Audited and found correct.
 9 Nov 1878
 signed } John St Hall
 } James Moore

To the President of the Mechanics Institute,
 Dear Sir, In compliance with your request, we have carefully Audited the Books and Accounts of the Superintendent for the past year ending 31st October 1878 and we have much satisfaction in stating that we find them perfectly correct and carried out in a neat and business like manner.

John St Hall }
 James Moore } Auditors
 9 Nov 1878
 Moved by Mr Duncan Macfarlane, seconded by Mr James Wright, That the report now read be received adopted and printed for distribution amongst the members and others, together with such supplementary information as may be deemed desirable
 carried

Moved by Mr Duncan Macfarlane, Seconded by Mr Fudge - That it is desirable in the interests of the Institute that an effort be made to cultivate the membership of Ladies and that a special room for be set apart as a Ladies reading room and that the fee charged be \$2⁵⁰ two ⁵⁰ dollars per Annum,

Moved by Mr Wright - seconded by Mr Walker that the matter of the Ladies reading room be referred to the General Committee. Carried,

The President appointed Messrs W.S. Walker Neil Macintosh and John Harper Scrutineers to take up the ballot and report

Mr W.S. Walker moved, Seconded by Mr Sindlay that the Secretary deposit one vote for Mr George Cruikshank as president of the Institute for the current financial year ending 31 Oct 1879. - Carried unanimously. Mr G. Cruikshank declared duly elected president for the said term

Moved by Mr Wright, Seconded by Mr Allan that Mr Duncan Macfarlane be nominated Vice-president of the Institute for the current financial year.

Moved by Mr W.S. Walker, Seconded by Mr G. Wanless, that Mr Isrothton Sindlay be nominated Vice-President of the Institute for the current financial year.

The ballot being taken Mr Duncan Macfarlane was declared duly elected Vice-president of the Institute for the said term -

Moved by Mr J. Harper, Seconded by Mr James Wright that one vote be cast for Mr James Smith as Secretary of the Institute for the current financial year. Carried unanimously.

Mr James Smith declared duly elected for the said term

Moved by Mr Sindlay Seconded by Mr Wanless that Mr N. B. Borse be nominated Treasurer of the Institute for the current financial year. Carried unanimously.

Moved, Seconded and Carried unanimously that one vote be cast for Mr N. B. Borse, as Treasurer Mr N. B. Borse duly declared Treasurer of the Institute for the said term.

The following gentlemen were duly nominated to serve as Committee in place of the five retiring members

Peter Lyle Esq	John Boyd Esq
John Harper "	Gas Wright "
Tho Allan "	Wm Drysdale "
Ed Mc Gibbon "	G Wanless "
W.S. Walker "	Neil Macintosh "

The ballot having been taken up resulted as follows

Thomas Allan	18	}	Neil Macintosh	13
W.S. Walker	17		A. McGeibon	12
John Boyd	14			

The President declared the foregoing gentlemen duly elected members of the Institute ^{Committee} for the current year.

Moved by Mr Smith, seconded by Duncan Macfarlane that the British Patent Records now encumbering the Reading room, be returned to the owners.

Moved in amendment by Mr Wright, seconded by Mr John Allan that the British Patent Records be retained in the building. Carried - Main Motion lost

Mr Drysdale suggests that the Book Sellers Monthly should be subscribed for by the Institute after discussion the suggestion was adopted and the Library Committee - instructed to provide the said Monthly for the use of the Institute.

A vote of thanks to the Press of Montreal was duly carried.

Moved by Mr W.S. Walker seconded by Mr Drysdale that a vote of thanks be tendered to the retiring Officers including Mr Senechal, the Superintendent. Carried Unanimously

Moved by Mr Findlay, seconded by Mr Duncan Macfarlane that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Chairman. Carried Unanimously.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute of Montreal
9th December 1878

A Special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president Mr Geo Cruikshank in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Reid, Coose, Findlay, Walker, Boyd, Tho Allan, Sculon, & Macintosh, McGeibon, Smith Macfarlane, John Allan.

The President submitted the following as Sub Committees for the Current Year -

- General - D. Macfarlane, Chairman, N. B. Coose, J. Findlay, J. Allan, A. Smith, Neil Macintosh.
- House - W. Reid, Chairman, N. B. Coose, J. Boyd, J. Findlay, J. Allan, J. Allan
- Lecture and class, J. Smith, Chairman, A. Smith, A. Sculon, W.S. Walker, & Macintosh
A. McGeibon -
- Membership - J. Boyd, Chairman, ^{A. B. Brown} W. Reid, J. Allan, Tho Allan, A. McGeibon
- Library - A. Sculon, Chairman, J. Findlay, J. Boyd, J. Smith, W.S. Walker
Duncan Macfarlane & Neil Macintosh

Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Tho Allan,

That, the foregoing list of Sub committees be confirmed, ^{Ann.}
 moved by Mr Reed, Seconded by Mr Boyd —
 That the Library committee be authorised to get 1000 copies
 Annual Report printed as early as possible
 The meeting closed
 Geo. Smith President

Committed Room,
 Mechanics Institute of Montreal
 23rd December 1878

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the
 above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr. George
 Cruikshank, the President in the Chair besides whom had
 were present Messrs N. B. Corse, Wm Reed, N. Macintosh, W. S. Walker
 N. Seaton, A. D. McGibbon and Smith.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th November were
 read and confirmed

A Letter was read from the Secretary of the Council of
 Arts, asking for space in the Institute to extend their
 shelving to receive the British Patents Specifications &c
 It was moved by Mr Smith seconded by Mr McGibbon
 that the President and Treasurer be a sub-committee to
 wait upon the Council of Arts and try to effect some
 arrangement for removing the Patent Records from the
 Reading room of this Institute Carried

The Chairman of the Library Committee asked for an
 appropriation of \$200 for the purchase of books. — Granted —

The Lecture and Class Committee reported that a
 meeting of the Members of the Institute was held in the
 Long room on the 18th instant for the purpose of organizing
 a Literary Society in connection with the Institute, where
 nineteen members enrolled their names, a provisional Constitution
 was adopted, and the 8th January, 1879 appointed for the
 meeting of the Society when the following programme will
 be rendered: Reading by Mr Robert Stuart

Essay " Maculean

Debate " Should Chinese Immigration to North America
 be unrestricted"

Affirmative
 Mr. J. Cunningham
 " Robt Stuart

Negative
 Mr Jos Smith
 " J. J. J. J.

The Treasurer submitted Statement of CASH A for
 the month of November —

Recd for Stores	675 +	Paid Interest	108. x
" Hall	185 +	" Light	110. 84
" Room	4 +	" Heating	4. 75
" Members	399 +	" Advertising	4. 35
" Issues	1414 =	" Wages	144. 33
	1410 7. x		372. 27

Amts forward	1447. x	Amts forward	372. 27
Neating	50 x	Women Cleaning	20 "
		Tester	10
		Postage	24
		Library	48 x
Bal from Ccts	<u>724. 90</u>	Bal to Decr	<u>1741. 26</u>
	<u>2181. 90</u>		<u>2181. 90</u>

The following accounts were presented and referred to Finance Committee with instruction to pay them if found correct.

Morton Phillips and Dulmet	1. 40
Monthly Times Toronto	2 x
Journal of Commerce Montreal	4 x
Ad Stevenson Printing & C.	16 50
Phillips & Cleveland	3 x
The Star Advertising	10 54
J D Fortin Barber Montreal	10 x
R Patton	44 80

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute — Jas Ross 1st class

- Geo Sloan, G Dansey, G. C. Graham
- R L Gaunt, Miss Rough, Geo May
- J Taylor, Howard Carter
- W Crossley, G S Wilson

No further business offering the meeting closed
 Geo. Smith President

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute Montreal
 24 January 1879

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr George Conkleshank, the president, in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs John Allan, Thos Allan, A Denton, W Macintosh Duncan Macfarlane and Joseph Smith, J. Gurdlay.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and Confirmed.

The President reported on behalf of Committee to confer with the Council of Arts - that Messrs Stevens and Whayman had been spoken to and a room offered them on reasonable terms to remove their Books to. Whayman promised to take the matter into consideration.

A letter was read from the Secy of the Dominion Commercial Travellers Association relative to the terms of admission to the reading room for the current year to their members Proposed by Thos Allan, seconded by John Allan, that one hundred and twenty dollars be asked for the purchase of

The Treasurer's Statement of Cash for the month of December submitted as follows

Read from Hall	225 x	Paid Interest	840 x
Rooms	41 50	Alteration	7 15
Members	122 89	Postage	6 50
Catalogues	2 x	Wages	136 34
Bank Interest	30 96	Cleaning	13 50
		Reading room	7 50
		Loan	900 x
Bal from Nov	1941 26	Bal to Jan'y	359 56
	2163 61		2403 01

The Chairman of the Lecture Committee reported that since the preliminary meeting on the 18th of December two meetings had been held, one on the 8th and another on the 22nd of Jan'y. The readings and Essays had been very good and the debates well sustained and there was every prospect of the Society being a success. The Lecture committee had also made arrangements for a Moral, Social, for a French Class two evenings in each week; and with Mr. Cranshaw for shorthand (Pitmans) two evenings a week it is believed that the membership of the Institute will be increased by offering means of instruction in these useful branches to our young men.

The following accounts were read and referred to several Committees:

J. Boyd	1 75	} House Com ^{tee}
Gas Walker & Co	1 00	
Gas Brown & Bros	1 45	
Geo G. Sturt	5 30	
J. B. Young	7 00	
John Allan	10 35	
The Star	15 " - Secy -	

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute -

E. J. Chastler, Peter Fuller	} First Class
J. Lee, Denis O'Brien	
Gas Field, G. Gauthier, G. Sully	} Second Class
J. B. Campbell, C. E. Scarff, G. Duck	
J. S. McDougall, R. S. Sutherland	
Gas Cranshaw, S. W. Jackson	
Abner Kingman, Thos Menatt -	
E. A. Reinhardt, J. Popham	
Peter Byrne, P. J. McGoldrick	} Third Class
David Work, J. A. Thompson	
W. H. Graham, W. A. Shannon	
P. Barry, J. McGregor	
Thos Reid, C. Fitzgibbon, O. D.	
Mathews, R. Dillon, M. O'Keefe	
Sam Myers, Henry Watt, Gas Wilson	

Nothing further offering the meeting closed
 Geo. Crankshaw President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute Montreal
21st February 1899

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening. Mr Geo. Cruikshank the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Miss^{rs} N B Corse, J Dunday, Wm Reid, J Boyd, R Macintosh, Thos Allan and Joseph Smith.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Chairman of the Lecture Committee reported that the Rev. Mr. Lucas, had offered to Lecture on Monday the 3rd March on China and the introduction of Chinese labor into Canada, if the Comtee would give the Hall and light admission to the Lecture to be free. Approved of and left to the Lecture Committee.

The Chairman of the House Committee reported that the Manufacturer of Opera Chairs in the City of New York, had been written to for price lists, but that he had not received an answer yet.

The Treasurer submitted Cash Statement for the month of January.

Recd from Hall	235.00	Paid Alteration 2p	2 25
Room	12.00	Strenuated "	1 00
Members	116 35	Postage "	8 00
Catalogues	3.00	Wages "	136 30
		Cleaning	17 00
		Summs 20	
		Posters 16	
		Candles 10	
		Matches 15	61
		Lamp lighter + snuff 8 1/2 per	1 00
		Newspaper Carriage "	1 60
		Postal Cards	50
		Dis on American Silver	1 00
		Reading Room	66 00
		Library	5 78
		Phillips & Cleveland	3 50
Bal from Dec	552 56	Bal card to Feb	373 40
	<u>617.94</u>		<u>617.94</u>

Mr Boyd drew attention to the building being over heated.

The following accounts were submitted

Rieha Patton Now		
Hughes & Stephenson	\$ 36. 18,	House Committee
J Parke & Co	30 50	
Morton Phillips & Palmer	3 40	

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute; E. McAdam, O. C. Busby, J. W. Thomson, H. S. Stafford, J. Lewis Mrs. Williamson, E. W. Pennie.

No other business offering the meeting closed.

Geo. Cruikshank President

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute Montreal
 24 March 1879

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the named Institute was held here this evening Mr Geo. Cruikshank, the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Gorce, Reid, Boyd, Deulon, John Allan, Thomas Allan W.B. Walker R Macintosh and Joseph Smith.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer submitted Cash Statement for the month of February

= Recd Stores	675	x	Paid Interest	70	x
Hall	165	x	Light	231	30
Rooms	86	x	Advertising	13	60
Members	222	75	Cleaning	15	x
Heating	50		wages	136	37
			Papers for numbers		
			'Open Shop' to him 25		
			a roof punch 13		62
			Reading room	8	80

Bal from Jan'y — 373 40 — Bal Car'd to Mar — 1095 46
1572 15 1572 15

The Library Committee reported that the suggestions made at various times by them and approved of both by the General Committee and the last Annual meeting with reference to cutting out obsolete books from the Library in the several Mechanical and scientific branches so as to make room on the shelves for the current purchases of books has been carried into effect, and the better to guard against any errors being made in this important work the Committee had invited the following Specialists to aid them in their labors. Ref. —

Messrs B. S. Warrington, B.A. Ph. D. Chemist to the Geological Survey
 J. H. Badger Electrician
 Capt. Raynes
 Wm Couper Naturalist
 Dr R. Kennedy
 W. J. Thomas Architect
 G. S. Blackman of E. Atwater & Co
 J. P. MacKeenan C. E.
 Thomas Quinn C. E.
 Geo. Hee —

These gentlemen had cheerfully placed the time necessary at the disposal of the Institute gratuitously. Every book had been carefully examined and 212 volumes had finally laid aside as useless and obsolete, exclusive of many Law books which had not yet been gone over. In order to fill up these gaps and to bring up each department to the requisite standard of efficiency they recommend that 68 new books should be purchased.

The Committee have presented a subscription ticket for the remainder of the year to Mr Wm Couper as a recognition of

his services in the Natural History Department.

It is also suggested that in order to meet the wishes ^{of many} of the members of the Institute that the ceiling of the Library be whitewashed and the upper part of the wood work which has become black, painted, the Committee believe that these much needed improvements will add materially to the cheerfulness of the Library and at the same time give an outward and visible expression to the improvement to the reading matter which is herein recommended. Carried unanimously, with a recommendation to the Committee to reduce the purchase of books to the smaller number if possible. The latter part of the report was on motion of Mr W.S. Walker, referred to the House Committee.

The Chairman of the House Committee reported that a meeting had been held to consider the advisability of reseating the Hall and raising the floor, they were not yet definitely prepared with the probable cost of these improvements, but would report at ~~next~~ ^{future} meeting.

Mr Coase moved, seconded by Mr Macintosh, that the District Telegraph Alarm box be put in the Library for the use of the Institute. Lost

The following Accounts were submitted and referred to House Committee for examination and if found correct to be paid, Robert Mitchell & Co 5 20
John Boyd 90

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute, S. Cross - 1st Class
H. Cole, Wm Couper, G. Elliot, Jas Thompson } 2nd Class
S. Kelbourne, Geo E Drummond, Peter Halliday }
C. Ramsay, Jas Ellis, Albert Noble, Thos J. Drummond }
A. Bulling, Norman Macaulay, Dougall Maccum }
R.A. Foster, W. Glen, John Myers, N. Walker } 3rd Class

No other business offering, the meeting closed

Committed Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
28th April 1879

The regular ~~the~~ monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening of Mr Geo Cruikshank, the president in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Messrs Core, Findlay Brown, Boyd Allan (Thomas) Wm Reid, Deulon, McElabbon and W.S. Walker, acting as secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Mr J.D. Anderson, referred to the House Committee.

The Chairman of the Library Committee reported that in accordance with the wishes of the General Committee, that they had reduced the number of books 68 asked for at last meeting be reduced to 42. And the committee asked for an appropriation of two hundred dollars for the purchase of books.

Moved by Mr Reed, seconded by Mr Hindlay that the report of the Library Committee be adopted - Carried.

A report was submitted from the Membership Committee suggesting that one of the boys now employed by the Institute should be engaged collecting the arrears of the members. Carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's Statement for the month of March was read to wit:-

Read for Hall	150 x	Paid Alteration App	68 28
Room	8 x	Furniture	13 90
Members	54 75	Stationery	2 50
Gas & Oil:	90 x	Wages	143 33
Coal & Paper	45 88	Cleaning	17 50
		Postage Co. Book 50	
		Office & Lib 10	3
		Post 20	1 42
		Salaries	1 50
		Reading Room	3 10
		Library	19 18
		Insurance	243 75
		Printing	30 50
Balance from Feb	1095 46	Balance April	905 13
	1449 09		1449 09

Moved by Mr Hindlay seconded by Mr Walker that the Committee now acting in the matter relating to the Library of the Council of Arts be requested to report to the General Committee at the next meeting - Carried.

The meeting closed.

Geo. Mitchell President

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute of Montreal

26 May 1879

The regular Monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr Geo. Cruikshank, in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Boyd, Hindlay, Deulon & Macintosh.

Mr Deulon acting for Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed;

The Library Committee, reported that the white washing and cleaning of the Library had been effected.

The Membership Committee presented the following report: "During the past month, one of the boys has been actively engaged collecting members subscriptions

90 members have been visited to date

6 - 1st class

6 - 2nd do 3 have paid

35 - have left the City

23 Resigned

— 30 promoters to pay —

1 Life member has been added,

the amount to the credit of members is \$1020⁰⁰ of the 93 members resigned a large number declared that being members of the Dominion Commercial Travellers Association they found it unnecessary to continue their membership to the Institute. Report adopted.

The Cash Statement for the month of April submitted

Recd for Stall	135 x	Paid Alteration	13 50
Room	3 x	Stationery	4 30
Members	27 x	Wages	136 23
		Cleaning	13 x
		Exp 1 ⁵⁰ Pulley 10	
		Match 11 City 11	1 92
		Reading room	2 "
Bal from Mar	905. 13	Bal to May	898 58
	<u>1069. 13</u>		<u>1069. 13</u>

Mr Hindlay gave notice that at the next meeting of the Committee he would move that the Dec Resolutions be filled up.

Mess Dawson's Acct for Book 1⁰ submitted ordered to be examined and paid if found correct

The meeting closed

Geo. McNeill President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
23 June 1879

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr Geo. Cruikshank the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Reid, Hindlay, Boyd, D. Allen, R. Irwin, John Allan, R. Macintosh and H. Deulow.

Mr Deulow acting as Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Reid reported that the sub-committee appointed to purchase coal for the coming season had contracted with Mr G. D. North for the supply at \$4⁰⁰ the long ton,

moved by Mr Hindlay, seconded by Mr [unclear] that

this committee decide to express their regret that in accordance with Article 7. Sec 1st of the By Laws of the Institute they are called upon owing to the absence of Mr Duncan Macfarlane

Vice-President, to declare the office vacant, and to proceed at once to appoint a successor, and also to elect a member on the General Committee in his place and stand for the balance of his term of office - Carried.

Moved by Mr Boyd, seconded by Mr. John Allen that Mr R. Brown, be appointed Vice President of the Institute for the balance of the term vacant by the removal of Mr Duncan Macfarlane. - Carried -

Mr John Allen nominated Mr James Shearer, to fill the place on the General Committee vacated by Mr D. Macfarlane. - Carried -

The President appointed Mr R Brown Chairman of the Finance Committee.

The President reported that the Sub Committee appointed to confer with the Council of Arts, requested a meeting of the Council on Friday last, Mr Stevenson only attended, after waiting some time for the other Gentlemen composing the Committee appointed by the Council of Arts Mr. Stevenson in their absence proposed to have the last 12 or 15 Years of the Patents here and that they be sent to Quebec. to which your committee objected and proposed to send them the small room with attendance at \$200 per annum.

Moved by Mr Boyd, seconded by Mr Findlay that the Council of Arts, be notified that if their books are not removed within 15 days we will remove them to adjoining room and charge rent for the same. Referred to the Sub Committee -

The Chairman of the Membership Committee, that many of the members visited by the Collector during the last month has been at their private residences remote from each other.

38 Called upon
7 Paid
13 Promised
8 Cannot be found

The Treasurers Statement for May submitted

Recd from Stores	675. x	Paid Gas Stock	80. x
Hall	245. x	Lights	199. 30
Room	72. x	Heating	5. 30
Members	75. x	Alterations	5. 20
Heating	50. x	Wages Cleaning	168. 79
		Reading room	5. x
		Hand Hose Saw	2. x
Bal	808. 08	Bal	1549. 46
	2015. 08		2015. 08

The following accounts were submitted and referred to several committees
W. G. Webster 14. 12 House Com. Meads Magazine 14. Lib Com

No other business offering the meeting closed

Geo Willburt President

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
28 July 1879.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr George Cruikshank, the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Hendley, Iowin, Boyd, Thos Allan, James Shearer and Deulon.

Mr Deulon Acting Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The President reported that the Council of Arts were duly notified in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Committee, and had since removed the books. He also reported that Mr. Chaffey had offered to rent the two vacant rooms they had been offered at a rental of \$300⁰⁰ for the balance of the year. The matter was referred to Sub-Committee.

The Library committee reported that the annual examination of the books is being made.

The Treasurers Statement for June submitted:-

Recd for Hall	20	x	Paid Interest	840	.	x
Room	32	x	Stationery	13	.	50
Members	26	10	Wages	136	.	54
			Cleaning	13	.	x
			Dexter 15 Gips			20
Bal from May	1549	.	Reading Room	312	.	93
to July	6	15	Library	319	.	78
	<u>1034</u>	<u>74</u>		<u>1634</u>	<u>74</u>	

The following accounts were referred to the several committees

Sawcontros	102	.	62	Library Comtee
John Boyd	90			
J. P. Young	1	.	25	House "
Ag + fee of 51st quad	42	.	14	
J. Brown & Bro	4	.	33	
City Montreal	780	.	x	Finance "

The meeting closed

Geo. Cruikshank President

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
25 August 1879

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr Geo. Cruikshank, the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Gorse, Boyd, Iowin, Thos Allan, McGibbon and Deulon, Mr Deulon Acting Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Thos Allan, reported that the House Committee

had had the Reading room, and Corridors painted and decorated.
 Mrs Edw Young's tender for an additional coat of paint
 in the Corridor in two colours was accepted, Mr J. Allan to
 notify her when it is to be done.

The President reported that the two rooms formerly
 occupied by the Hon. A. B. Foster, as Railway Offices were rented
 to the South Eastern Railway for \$250⁰⁰ for the balance of

The Treasurer submitted Cash Statement for July.

Recd for Stores	200.00	Paid Heating	12.50
Hall	10.00	Alteration of	14.12
Room	11.00	Furniture	.40
Membership	9.50	Wages & Cleaning &c	152.18
		Reading Room	14.00
		Bal from June	6.15
		" to Aug	41.15
	<u>230.50.</u>		<u>230.50</u>

Account for Advertising from Star Office referred to Library
 Committee. No other business appearing the meeting closed.

W. J. Mitchell President

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute of Montreal

22nd Sept 1879

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the
 above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr Geo Cruikshank
 president, in the Chair, besides whom there were Messrs
 A. Iron Vice Pre: Gorse, Findlay, Boyd, Reid, ^{Thos Allan} and Macintosh
 Mr Iron Acting Secretary.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and
 confirmed.

The House Committee reported progress and suggested
 the desirability of placing a board in the Reading room for
 holding the pictures and such plates as are received in
 the Illustrated papers.

The Treasurer submitted Cash Statement for August.

Recd for Stores	675.00	Paid Interest	70.00
Hall	144.00	Light	115.40
Room	38.00	Heating	249.18
Heating	50.00	Alteration	50.00
		Furniture	1.00
		Wages Cleaning &c	169.76
		Water rate	71.75
	<u>907.00</u>		<u>727.09</u>
Bal from July	41.15	Bal to Sept.	221.06
	<u>948.15</u>		<u>948.15</u>

The following accounts were submitted, and referred to Sub-committees

J. Morrison & Son	40.55	House Comtee
Walker & Stuckman	8.95	
J. Dougall & Son	35.30	Library "
Dunbar & Co	5.50	

In the absence of Mr Smith from the City, Mr Fundlay was appointed Chairman of the Lecture and Class Committee.
 No other business affording the meeting closed.
 Geo. Smith President

Committee Room,
 Mechanics Institute of Montreal,
 27 Oct. 1879

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr George Cruikshank, the president in the chair besides whom there present Messrs Corse, Fundlay, Reid, John. Allan, Thomas Allan, R. Irwin, Dheaves, Boyd, Walker and Sealon.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman of the Lecture and Class Committee reported that the preliminary meeting had been held on the 14th instant and the first debate would take place on the 29th. Members would like to see a large attendance of the Committee.

The House Committee reported in favor of altering the reading desks to suit the largest newspapers. Report adopted.

A letter from Mrs B. Fisher, read and referred to Lecture Committee.

Cash Statement for September, submitted.

Recd for Hall	70. x	Paid Alteration Apc	46	47
Room	8. x	" Wages	136	33
Members	19.80	" Cleaning	12	x
Gas Div	92.66	" Contingencies	.	47
		" Reading Room	4	x
Bal from Aug	<u>221.6</u>	Bal to Oct	<u>212</u>	<u>25</u>
	<u>411.52</u>		<u>411.</u>	<u>52</u>

The following Accounts were submitted and referred to the several Committees.

Montreal Printing Co.	\$ 6.00	} Library Committee
Journal of Commerce	3 x	

The following papers were recommended to be stopped.

"Land and Water and Weekly Times", referred to the Library Committee.

The meeting adjourned to the 10th day of November.

Geo. Smith President

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute Montreal
 10th November 1879

Adjourned meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr George Crockettbank, the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Reid, Shaver, Boyd, John Allan, Thomas Allan, Macintosh, Irwin, Findlay, W.S. Walker and Mr Gibbon,

Mr Findlay Acting Secretary.
 The minutes of the last meeting was read and confirmed
 The Lecture and Class Committee reported in favor of accepting Mr Fisher's offer to lecture according to the terms of his letter read at the last meeting of this Committee without any guarantee as to numbers. Reported adopted
 The Financial Statement for the month of October submitted -

Recd for Hall	190 00	Paid Printing	17 00
Room	2 00	Alteration	75 94
Members	33 00	Advertising	15 30
Dr fines	2 10	Stationery	4 50
Taxes	3 25 92	Wages ^{136 24} 136 ^{12 70} 12	149 04
Loan Op	1 00 00	Reading Room	31 00
		Library	28 06
		Insurance	12 50
		Taxes	4 63 60
Bal from Sept	212 25	Bal to Nov	68 33
	<u>1165 37</u>		<u>1165 27</u>

Moved by Mr Thos Allan, seconded by Mr McNeill that a ^{sub}committee composed of the Chairmen of the several Committees with the mover and the second be appointed to enquire into and report on the possibility of reducing the expenditure generally of the Institute.

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

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|---|---|-----------------------|
| L. M. Penolt, A. Skelley, A. Ludwig
D. M. Stinson, O. A. Hutchins, J. Goldstein
Wm Turner, J. Harris, J. Fortin
A. Walker, J. Darling, J. Wilson
A. E. Riddle, Wm Randall, F. J. Walker
G. R. Brown, H. Lyman, J. Wilson
Murray Watson, Miss Cameron
S. Hilton, H. Evans, H. G. Verity -
R. H. Lindsay, W. R. Chennell, C. B. Linn
H. S. Corby, W. Parsons, M. A. Ross
J. Langlois, H. Hunter, J. Dohy, G. T. Brown
J. Lewis, G. Lamb, A. J. Masterton, H. Costantini
H. Ward, J. A. Reid | } | 3 rd Class |
| S. H. Loring, W. R. Chennell, C. B. Linn
H. S. Corby, W. Parsons, M. A. Ross
J. Langlois, H. Hunter, J. Dohy, G. T. Brown
J. Lewis, G. Lamb, A. J. Masterton, H. Costantini
H. Ward, J. A. Reid | } | 2 nd Class |
| S. H. Loring, W. R. Chennell, C. B. Linn
H. S. Corby, W. Parsons, M. A. Ross
J. Langlois, H. Hunter, J. Dohy, G. T. Brown
J. Lewis, G. Lamb, A. J. Masterton, H. Costantini
H. Ward, J. A. Reid | } | 1 st Class |

The meeting closed

Geo Crockettbank President

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
24 November 1899

A meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening due notice of which was sent to every member thereof. Mr Geo Cruikshank, the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Reid, Findlay, Boyd, John Allan, Chas Allan, Jas Shearer, Macintosh and Sealon,

Mr Sealon Acting Secretary

A letter from the Gas Economizing Co, read and referred to the House Committee

Reports from the several Sub-committee were read and referred to an adjourned meeting of the General Committee to be held on Saturday evening the 29 inst at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Report of Special Committee read and referred to the New Committee to be elected on the 1st of December

Acct presented by Ramsay Drake & Dods, referred to House Committee.

The following persons, were in the usual manner duly elected members of the Institute.

- P. E. Brown } 1st Class
- John Shay, M. Rivet, W Roach } 2nd Class
- Miss F Sealon, Chas Scarff, A Galey } 2nd Class
- Miss Orred, S M. Engh } 2nd Class
- E. Hicks, W Christie, Drummond } 3rd Class
- G. Mathewson, R Murphy, W Fene } 3rd Class
- John Boyd, G Hunter, J Lane, A Calvert } 3rd Class

The meeting adjourned to meet again on Saturday next the 29 inst at 7 1/2 PM

Geo Cruikshank President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
29th Nov 1899

The Adjourned meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr Geo Cruikshank, the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Findlay, Reid, Boyd, Lewis, Sealon and Smith

Annual Report read and adopted.

The following Accounts were presented
A Craig \$ 12 40 House Comtee
The Star 5 36 Lectures & Class Comtee

No further business offering the meeting closed
Geo Cruikshank President

Long Room
Mechanics' Institute of Montreal
Monday, 1st December 1879

The Fortieth Annual meeting of the members of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president Mr George Crueshank in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Irwin Reed, Boyd, Finlay, Teulon, W. Walker, Tho Allan, John Allan, Drysdale, Sturges, Syall, Riley, Notaw, True, Lausie Wanless, DeSole, Loftus, McShane, Wilson, Lamphard & J. Callum, Smith and others &

The last annual report read and confirmed

The President after pertinent remarks called upon the Secretary to read the report:

40th Annual Report.

To the Members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal.

It will be seen further on that while our Institute meets with considerable patronage, and has suffered probably less than any other similar Corporation since the beginning of the depression in Canada; still as you are all doubtless aware few if any Mechanics Institutes can exist upon the receipts from Members alone; other sources of revenue have to be looked to, to help the good work and it is usual (as we do) to hold stores and Music Halls for the purpose of augmenting their income.

Until now we have had no cause to complain of our returns from Capital so invested but owing to the shrinkage in rentals, and the increased competition from other Halls an actual decrease in demand for such places, renders it imperative that some decided action be taken by the Annual Meeting either in improving the Hall so as to meet the wants of public caterers, or in converting it to some other purpose. This question has received the attention of the House Committee at several meetings but they felt that it was far too important a matter to be decided by them for, as will be seen by the Financial Statement, the loss of revenue suffered is almost equivalent to the extinction of the entire membership.

Owing to the continued absence of the Vice-President Duncan McFarlane Esquire from the City, Mr Robert Irwin was elected to fill that office in accordance with provisions of the Constitution, and Mr Irwin's place on the Committee was filled by Mr James Stearns.

Membership

We regret to say that the role of Annual Members is still decreasing although not so rapidly as last year there we lost 100. now we lose 28. An effort was made to stay the decrease by printing a larger number of the Annual Report than hitherto, in a better style,

one of which was mailed to all the leading manufacturers and Clergymen. Had it not been for this effort it is more than probable that we should have had to report as large a falling off as we did last year.

We have doubtless lost some subscriptions from Gentlemen who enjoy the use of the Reading room as members of the Dominion Commercial Travellers Association and have likely neglected to pay for the privilege of full membership. Many of our old members too have left the City following the course of trade and the gaps are slow in filling up. Two staunch friends of the Institute, life members we have lost by death Messrs J. C. Becket and Alexander Bryson, we hope that the two new life members who have joined will take the same interest in the welfare of the Institution as our lamented friends ever did.

The numbers of Members as compared with last year stands thus

	1878		1879
Honorary	11.	Honorary	11
Corresponding	8	Corresponding	8
Life	236	Life	236
Annual	555	Annual	527

Lecture and Class

The sub-committee charged with this department have confined their attention principally during the past year to the organization and working of a Literary and Debating Society in connection with the Institute.

The meetings have been held fortnightly and the attendance has been far greater than at first anticipated.

Many most valuable and original essays have been read, some being so good that a desire was expressed to have them printed and embodied in the Annual report with the two fold purpose of recording in a permanent manner what had been done, and also to act as an incentive to other young men to become members and strive for similar recognition. The debates were carried on with very great spirit and harmony, the subjects handled brought to light many ideas that one would not otherwise get and were the means not only of many of our most valuable works being read and re-read but very marked progress was made in the prime object of the Society viz: the enabling of our young men to pay effectively and gracefully before a Public meeting all they know upon any given subject.

The Committee think and believe that this young Society contains the germ of something which will ultimately develop into a valuable

adjunct to our Institute. Our thanks are due to Mr George S Wilson for 200 Copies of the Provisional Constitution of the Society.

The field for evening Classes is not very encouraging. The classes for instruction in Short hand and French were continued last winter with moderate success & have made quite a vigorous start this year, but no response was made to the Announcements frequently made by the Committee that classes in any branch of Study, or any language would be formed on the application of 6 members.

Our sister Institute in Toronto has a very comprehensive range of Subjects in their evening Classes but they have not covered expenses so far, and in the belief that the paucity of Students from the center of the City than formerly, have petitioned the Provincial Government to inaugurate a system of evening instruction in the Public Schools.

House

Notwithstanding the desire of your Committee to refrain from incurring expense during the past year the condition of the ceilings and the removal of the Council of Arts books from the Reading room made the renovating of that portion of the building unavoidable. The plaster of the walls in the passage which had to be put on before the walls were thoroughly dry became scaly and began to fall off in places, the whole was therefore removed and replaced to the entire satisfaction of the Committee.

The ceiling in the Library and in the passage have both been repaired also, and shelves altered for the reception of New Books in the Library.

A New Reading desk has been added to the Reading room and the others enlarged so as to hold the papers more conveniently. A large board has also been put up in the Reading room in order to display engravings and pictures which now frequently come with the Illustrated papers. Not a few of these is a want which has been felt for some time, and repeatedly asked for by members, but could not be attempted so long as the Council of Arts occupied the major part of the walls with sketches.

The usual minor repairs have also been attended to, such as whitewashing the rear gateway and yard varnishing all the interior wood work including the reading desks, and shelves in the Library.

The Library

The Annual examination of the Library

has been made and every book on the shelves checked by the Catalogue with the following result.

Number of books on the shelves	8463
Imperfect	72
In circulation	39
Missing	9
8170 On the shelf last year	
170 New books added	
241 Do to replace ^{those} worn out	
132 Magazines bound	
37 Donations principally pamphlets	
43 Imperfect put aside	
<u>8576</u>	<u>8576</u>

In order to carry into effect the resolutions passed at the last Annual Meeting authorising your Committee to cull out from the Scientific and Mechanical branches such books as had become more or less obsolete they invited the assistance of several professional Gentlemen who gave their services cheerfully and gratuitously to the Institute in examining the books in their several departments. The books referred to were taken down and carefully examined and in all 373 volumes were put aside where however they are still accessible for reference and their places filled with the latest and best works on the same subjects, and your Committee believe that these branches of Study will not need any important additions for some time.

The best thanks of the Institute are due to the under-mentioned Gentlemen for their valuable assistance in culling out obsolete books and suggesting modern substitutes for them.

Dr Harrington, Geological survey
 Capt. Raynes,
 Fr. H. Badger, Electrician
 Fr. P. Mackelcan C.E.
 Thos. Querin C.E.
 Geo. Iles
 R. Kennedy M.D.
 William Couper
 W. J. Thomas Architect
 G. S. Blackman.

Your committee have also to report that the Council of Arts having made an application for additional shelving for their books which was impossible to grant for lack of space the General Committee offered them the use of the small room adjoining the reading room at a moderate rental this reasonable proposal was however declined and the Council of Arts then removed the whole of their books and shelving from the Institute.

This second question has thus been finally and thus Comtee think satisfactorily settled for considerable additional space has been recovered in the Reading room which it will be noticed in the report of the House Comtee has been utilized for the benefit of the Institute.

The Circulation during the year was 144690 being an increase of 260 over the previous year. This number includes the usual proportion of novel reading

A larger number than usual of Magazines have been bound and placed on the shelves this year, and the binding generally has been much improved, and uniform buckram cloth having been adopted a recommendation of the International Librarians Congress held in London which has given great satisfaction.

To the proprietors of those papers, designated further on, which are and have been supplied regularly to the Institute free of charge our warmest thanks are due

Finance

Statement for the Year ending 31 Oct 1879

Bal from 31 Oct 1878	724 90	Pa Furniture &c	20 65
Recd for Stores 2900		" Library	420 80
Hall 1779		" Gas Stock	80
Room 317	4996 50	" Rent	3 50
Members	1108 27	" Heating	271 73
Heating	200	" Interest	1928 x
Interest	213 62	" Light	656 84
Old Papers	45 88	" Alterations	282 91
Taxes	469 02	" Advertising	28 90
Catalogues	4	" Postage	14 56
Loan	400	" Stationery	24 80
		" Wages Conty 1874-1882	1876 65
		" Reading Room	444 32
		" Insurance	256 25
		" Printing	47 50
		" Loan	900
		" Taxes	837 35
		Bal to Nov	68 33
	<u>8163 09</u>		<u>8163 09</u>

Balances

3 Real Estate	46711 70	2 Capital	34926 13
6 Furniture	4134 80	25 Coli Church	26000
10 Library	8471 30	101 Loan	400
15 Gas Stock	1940		
131 Cash	68 33		
	<u>61326 13</u>		<u>61326 13</u>

Audited and found correct. 13 Nov 1879

James Moore }
J H Hall } Auditors

Auditors Report

We have carefully examined the entries in the
 in the Cash Book and have checked the items with the
 vouchers and find the same correct we have also veri-
 fied all the entries in the Ledger and find them correct.
 We have much pleasure in reporting upon the
 neat and careful manner in which the Superintendent
 has kept the accounts of the Institute of the past year
 Montreal 13 Nov 1879

Jas Moore }
 J. H. Hall } Auditors

The outstanding accounts this year the Committee
 are glad to say have been brought up very close, the aggregate
 amount not exceeding probably \$150⁰⁰ or about one third
 or one fourth of what they have been for some years back.
 All the accounts during the past year have been paid
 as soon as they came to hand.

Canadian Dailies	23.
Weeklies	22
Monthlies	3
Quarterlies	1
American Dailies	7
Weeklies	10
Monthlies	11
British Dailies	1
Weeklies	22
Monthlies	16
Colonial do	1

The Secretary read the attendance for the last
 year. vizt -

Geo Cruikshank Pres	15
John Boyd	13
St Deulov	12
Thos Allan	12
J Findlay	12
Wm Reed	11
W B Corso	10
W Macintosh	10
R Irwin	8
John Allan	7
W S Walker	6
J Smith	6
D M Farland & Shearer	6
R L Mc Gibbon	5

Mr Irwin moved seconded by Mr Boyd.
 That the report just read be received and
 adopted. Carried -
 Moved by Mr Walker seconded by Mr Hart
 That George Cruikshank Esq^r be
 President for the ensuing year.
 Carried unanimously

Moved by Mr Drysdale seconded by Mr McCallum
That John Boyd Esq. be vice President for
the ensuing year.

Moved by Mr J. Boyd, seconded by Mr Findlay
That Robt Irwin Esq. be vice President for
the ensuing year.

The President having previously nominated
Messrs McCallum, Geo S. Wilson and A
Loftus scrutineers — the ballot was taken
and resulted in the selection of R Irwin Esq.
N B Corse, Esq. elected by acclamation
Treasurer for the ensuing year. — one vote lost.
Joseph Smith, Esq. elected by acclamation
Secretary for the ensuing year.

The following Gentlemen — were nominated
to fill the place of the five retiring members of
the General Committee. the ballot being taken
resulted in the election of Messrs —
J. Findlay. W Reid. St Seulon
J A Stark A Loftus.

Moved by Mr Irwin, seconded by Mr Walker
that a vote of thanks be rendered to the President
Officers and retiring members of Committee
Votes of thanks were duly moved, seconded
and carried, to the Press. the Auditor's
Scrutineers, Superintendent and care taken.

Moved by Mr Loftus, seconded by Mr Harpe
That the report be printed for distribution.

Carried unanimously.
Nothing further offering the meeting closed
G. G. G. G. G.
President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
8 December 1879.

Special meeting of the General Committee of the above
named Institute was held here this evening. Mr George
Cruikshank the president in the Chair besides whom
there were present Messrs Reid, Boyd, Findlay
Walker, J. Allan, Macintosh, McGibbon and Smith
with Mess J A Stark, and A Loftus.

The minutes of the meetings of the 10th, 24th & 29th
of November were read and confirmed.

The President submitted the following list
of sub-committees —

Finance. R Irwin, Chairman, N B. Corse
St Seulon, J Allan, W Macintosh, J A Stark

House W Reid, Chairman J. Boyd, J. Findlay
 N B Corse, A Irwin, J Allan
 Lectures & Class J Smith Chairman J Findlay W Simper
 Walker, N Macintosh, R D McGibbon, A
 Loftus
 Membership J Boyd ^{Chairman} W Reid J Allan, R D McGibbon,
 J A Hart A Loftus
 Library H. Doulton, Chairman J Findlay, J Boyd
 J S Smith, W S Walker, N Macintosh.

Moved by Mr J. Smith seconded by
 That Mr Findlay's name be substituted for Mr Smith
 as Chairman of the Lecture and Class Committee

Moved in Amendment by Mr Walker
 seconded by Mr Reid - That the list of Sub-
 Committees be adopted as it stands.

Carried unanimously

Moved by Mr Findlay, seconded by Mr
 W S Walker, That the President, Treasurer and
 Secretary, be empowered to dispose of the Gas
 Stock (50 shares) owned by the Institute in the
 New City Gas Co of Montreal and liquidate
 the \$200 loan with the proceeds

Cash Statement for the month of Nov.

Recd for Stoves Ap.	675.	Paid Loan Ap.	1100.
Hall	20.	Interest	4.50
Rooms	117.34	Light	92.40
Members	425.	Alterations	33.06
Heating	50.	Wages	143.34
		Cleaning	21.50
		Do Salt	1.75
		Brooms	2.50
		Matches	25.
		Postage	19.
		Printing	8.50
		Reading room	9.50
Bal from Oct	68.33	Bal to Dec	645.18
	<u>1355.67</u>		<u>1355.67</u>

Account Canadian Antiquarian \$1.50

referred to Library Committee

The following persons were in the usual manner
 elected members of the Institute

- Peter Lyall — Life
- Thos Harrington, P E Brown, J. Gennell. } 1 Class
- G. B. Wright, W Roach, W Jones, J Hay, M Kirk } 2 "
- Mr Pennington } 2 "
- J Drummond, R Murphy, Geo Willis } 3 "
- A Calvert, G Mathewson, S. A. L. Maltby } 3 "
- E Hicks, W Christie, W True, G Mathewson } 3 "

Moved by Mr Findlay, seconded by Mr Reid

That the Secretary, Mr Hendlay and Mr Allan
be a Special Committee on Printing Annual
report. Carried

The meeting closed

Geo. Crickshank President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
22 December 1879.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee
of the above named Institute was held here this
evening, Mr Geo Crickshank, the president in
the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs
Hendlay, Hart, D. Allan, McQuibbon, Macintosh
and Loftus, Mr Loftus acted as Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting were read and
confirmed.

The President reported that with the Treasurer
he had disposed of the Gas Stock.

Moved by Mr McQuibbon, seconded by Mr Allan
that the action of the sub committee be approved.
Carried

Moved by Mr Quibbon seconded by Mr Loftus—
that the Library Committee be recommended to continue
the following. London Spectator—
" Economist
Popular Sci Monthly. St Nicholas
St Nicholas — and to discontinue

London Lancet, — and
Edinburgh Weekly Review and to subscribe for—
Forest and Stream — Carried

Moved by Mr Allan seconded by Mr Hart
that Mr Perrault's letter be laid on the table
until next meeting. Carried

The following persons were in the usual manner
elected members of the Institute

A. S. Wilgoss, A. J. Abston, H. H. Flint	} 3 rd Class
W. W. Shannon, D. H. Berry, J. Burke	
H. Hicks, L. Brown, N. M. Jaxon, R. Withell	} 3 50
A. V. Pennington, J. H. P. Brown, S. W. Curing	
Wm. Brown, W. Nolan	

The meeting closed

Geo. Crickshank President

Committee Room,
Mechanics' Institute of Montreal
26 January 1880

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr George Crutshank, the president in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Gorse, Reid, Boyd, Fundlay - Sealord, Macintosh, Hart, Loftus and Swin.

In the absence of the Secretary Mr Swin acted as secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. The president reported that the Mortgage for two thousand dollars due the Bishop of Montreal had been paid with the interest and the discharge properly executed.

A Letter from Mr Cheeman read and referred to the Lecture and Class Committee with power to act

Library Committee made verbal report and requested an appropriation of two hundred dollars - Carried -

President and Treasurer reported, that, the South Eastern Railway had offered \$1600⁰⁰ per annum for the office and rooms now used by them - on lease of one year from 1st May ensuing -

Moved by Mr Fundlay seconded by Mr Reid, that the President and Treasurer be authorised to accept the terms and execute the necessary writings - Carried -

The Treasurer presented Cash Statement for Decr-

Red Sale Gas Stock	2171 x	Paid Interest	840.00
Loan	200 x	Heating	2 50
Hall	20 x	Advertising	5 36
Room	8 x	Post Office	6 x
Members	136 x	Wages &c	148.81
Bank Int	5.04	Reading room	2 x
		Loan Ap	200 x
	<u>2540 04</u>		<u>1904 67</u>
Bal from Nov	645 18	Bal to Jan	1980.55
	<u>3185.22</u>		<u>3185.22</u>

The following Accts were referred to respective committees

Hughes & Stephenson	39.74	House Committee
J. B. Young	7.35	
John Boyd	75	
Scotnews Hour	12.41	Library
The Star -	12.21	Lecture

The meeting closed -

Geo Mulliken President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
23 February 1880.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening Mr Geo Cruikshank the president in the Chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Reid, Findlay, Hart, Allan, Macintosh, Loftus and Brown, Mr Brown acting as Secretary read the minutes of the last monthly meeting, which were confirmed. Mr Findlay reported progress in the matter of Mrs Cheeseman,

House Committee reported that the plastering and repairs in the shop occupied by Mr Anderson were completed to their satisfaction.

A letter read from Mr J. Richards asking a reduction of one hundred dollars in his rent of the St Peter Street store.

Moved by Mr Findlay seconded by Mr Reid - that an allowance of seventy five ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, be made to Mr Richards on the year's rent ending - 30 April 1881. Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee to meet on Thursday at 7³⁰ P.M.

Cash Statement for January, submitted =

Recd for Hall	441 +	Paid Int. Mortgage	53 69
Room	10 +	Mortgage	2000 +
Members	121 +	Alterations	15 40
Loan	200 +	Printing	16 25
		Post Stamps } Reports	3 +
		Wages &c.	160 19
		Reading room	18 +
		Library	1 +
		Stationery	50
Bal from Decr	1956 55	Bal to Feby	87 52
	2353 05		2355 55

A/c from J. D. Rutherford of 1/3. ²⁶ passed for payment. The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

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|--|---|-----------------------|
| J. W. Harrington, Dr R. J. Godfrey, A. Brogan - | } | 1 st Class |
| H. Hoctor, Rev Roy, J. M. Smith, C. V. Brock | | |
| Rev Empson, C. Ford, Mrs Weir, J. C. Fleming | } | 2 " " |
| J. L. Macdonald, J. Adamphard, W. Thomas | | |
| W. Kempton, A. Anderson, R. Bismore, | | |
| A. Lockhart, W. Carmichael, C. Macpherson | | |
| Wm Mills, W. Taylor, W. Craig, J. Mooney | } | 3 " " |
| R. Alcorn, W. Kerr, C. Lambert, W. Rafter, W. M. Day | | |

No other business offering the meeting closed.

Geo Cruikshank Presided

Committee Room,
Mechanics Institute Montreal

22nd March 1880.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening Mr George Cruikshank, the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Mess^{rs} Corso, Reid, Boyd, Hindlay, Thos. Allan, R. Irwin, A. Loftus and Deulow. Mr Deulow acting as Secretary.

Letter from Mr R. McGibbon, resigning his position on the Committee.

Moved by Mr Hindlay, Seconded by Mr Reid that Mr McGibbons resignation be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Thos Allan, Seconded by Mr Hindlay that Mr John McCallum be elected to fill the vacant place made on the Committee by Mr McGibbons resignation. Carried — The President declared Mr McCallum elected, and instructed the Secretary to inform Mr. McCallum of his election —

The Library Committee reported to the General Committee, that, Pizga Smiths works on the Pyramids were asked for, by members of the Institute, it being an expensive work they begged leave to refer the same to the General Committee; Declined

The House Committee reported that the alterations in the Railway Office corner of St Peter Street, had made to their satisfaction.

The Treasurer submitted Cash Statement for the month of February.

Recd. Stores	of 58 33	Paid Light	2 11 x
Rooms	51 x	Alteration	41 11 9
Members	183 x	Wages	136 33
Heating	50 x	Cleaning &c	18 58
		Reading room	50 x
		Library	1 x
		Loan &c	3 00 x
Bal from Jan	87 52	Bal to Mar	47 1 1/2
	<u>1129 85</u>		<u>1129 85</u>

The Finance Committee submitted the Approximate Expenditure and Receipts for the Current Year.

Rents Anderson	1200 x	Interest	1680 x
Doath Eastern	1600 x	Light	600 x
Richards	460 50	Heating	275 x
Rooms	250 x	Library	1400 x
Hall	600 x	Alteration	153 25
Arrears	900 x	Due Dawson	120 x
Membership	1000 x	Advertising	30 x
Old Paper	110 x	Postage Stationery &c	25
	<u>6052 50</u>		

			3253 25
Amot ford	60 50	Amot ford	18 75 x
Taxes	4 50	Lozges Cleaning &c.	11 50 x
Bal Cash	68 x	Reading room	356 25
		Insurance	835 x
		Taxes and Water	20 x
		Printing	6689 50
	<u>6570 50</u>		

Mr. Boyd, moved, seconded by Mr J Allan —
 that the following Gentlemen be a special Committee
 to consider and report to next regular meeting of the
 General Committee the best means of bringing
 Expenditure into harmony with our income —
 Mr Wm Reid, Chairman, Messrs Hart, Findlay
 Irwin and Corse — Carried —

Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Findlay —
 that the Secretary be respectfully informed that —
 unless he can attend the Monthly meetings of the
 Committee, they will be under the painful necessity
 of filling his place in accordance with the By Laws
 Carried.

No further business offering the meeting closed
 Geo Millard President

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute Montreal
 26th April 1880.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of
 the above named Institute was held here this evening —
 Mr George Cruikshank the president in the Chair, besides
 whom there were present Messrs Corse, Reid, Boyd, Irwin,
 Deulon, Macintosh & Hart, John McCallum, and Walker.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and
 confirmed.

Communication read from Joseph Smith Esquire
 resigning his position on the Committee.

On motion moved and seconded the resignation
 was accepted.

The special Committee on Finance reported as follows
 " After considering the matter in its various aspects and in
 " due consideration of all the interests involved — beg
 " to report and 1st That in order to increase the
 " income of the Institute every exertion be put forth to
 " procure a large number of Life members as well as
 " Annual members, and that the Membership Committee
 " be urged in this matter.
 " 2nd That to reduce expenditure the services of one
 " Boy only in the Library be allowed for the present
 " year.
 " 3rd That the Salary of the Superintendent be

" reduced 10% or one hundred dollars less for the year, and
 " to take effect from the first of August next.

" 4th That the weekly pay of Mr Young be six dollars,
 " commencing first of May and continue until the winter
 " season first of November.

" 5th That we recommend the General committee
 " not to make any Appropriations to the Library Committee
 " whereby they would exceed Three hundred dollars for the
 " whole year.

" 6th That the Reading room Committee should not
 " make any further additions this year.

" 7th That instructions be given the Superintendent,
 " and care-taker to practice every economy possible in regard
 " to Gas, cleaning and contingencies, having due regard
 " to the comfort and welfare of the Institute.

" 8th That a By-Law be prepared and submitted
 " to the Members for ratification to make it binding
 " on General Committee, to regulate the expenditure of
 " the income of the preceding year, so that it may not
 " in any case exceed the income.

Signed W^r Reid, Chairman, R Brown Secy:

Moved by Mr Reid, Seconded by Mr Hart.

That the report with recommendations be adopted
 Carried unanimously.

Treasurer submitted Cash Statement for
 March.

Reed	Hall	121 x	Paid Stationery	7 20
	Room	6 x	wages	147 34
	Members	38 15	Cleaning	12 50
	Old Paper	35 95	Contingencies	1 21
			Reading room	14 30
			Library	3 x
			Insurance	243 75
Bal from Feb		<u>471 45</u>	Bal to April	<u>248 25</u>
		<u>672 55</u>		<u>672 55</u>

The following accounts were submitted and
 referred to respective Committees -

Dawson Bros		} Library
La Patrie -	4 x	
Griffin & Co NP.	7 15	} President
Phellips & Ward	37 90	
Hughes & Stephenson	16 38	} Nowed

Moved by Mr Hart, Seconded by Mr Macintosh.
 That Mr Deulow be secretary for the unexpired term
 of Mr Smith, resigned Carried.

The President appointed Mr Hindley Chairman of
 the Lecture and Class Committee for the unexpired
 term of Mr Smith, resigned.

The following persons were in the

usual manner elected members of the Institute,

Robert French Life member
 L.S.P. Des Rosiers M.D., D. Bertley }
 Michel Desautels & McKinghand } 1st Class
 Jas Rutherford Mrs Simmons }
 John Macaulay Mrs Gregg } 2 "
 F. Lamplough Jas Morris, W. Young } 3 "

The meeting closed —
 Geo. Quillman President

Committee Room,
 Mechanics' Institute of Montreal
 31 May 1880

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening Mr George Cruikshank the president in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Findlay, Reid, Boyd, Irwin, Loftus, J. Allan, McCallum, Macintosh (and) Taylor.
 The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The financial statements for April and May, submitted

— April —		— Paid Alteration of	80 91
Recd for Hall	136 x	wages &c ^{126 33} _{12 50}	142 33
Rooms	83 x	Reading room	5 22
Members	37 50		
Bal from Mar	<u>248 25</u>	Bal to May	<u>266 29</u>
	<u>494 75</u>		<u>494 75</u>
— May —			
Recd Stores	1778 33	Paid Light up	188 80
Hall	33 x	Alterations	55 78
Room	75 x	Stationery	11 x
Members	143 50	wages ^{129 33} _{15 05}	144 38
		Reading room	266 50
		advertising	12 40
		Taxes	2
		Library	230 50
Bal from April	<u>266 29</u>	Bal to June	<u>283 76</u>
	<u>1195 12</u>		<u>1195 12</u>

The Membership Committee read the following reports:
 A meeting of the Membership Committee was held, and it was decided to recommend that the names of the Honorary Life and ordinary members, be printed in the next Annual Report, or to be printed before and one or more lists be given to each member of the Committee, so that each member may canvass his friends whose do not appear on the list. Also that the President and Treasurer be a Committee to solicit Gentlemen to become Life members. John Boyd Chairman
 Moved by Mr Reid, Seconded by Mr Findlay —
 that the report be adopted — Carried

Moved by Mr. Inwood, Seconded by Mr. Findlay, that Mess^{rs} Core and Reid be appointed a sub-committee to purchase Coal for the ensuing winter — Carried

Moved by Mr. J. Allan seconded by Mr. Loftus that Mr Jos Smith be elected to serve ~~in~~ the Committee until the end of the current year — Carried

The following Accounts were submitted and referred to the several Committees —

Burland Lithographic Co	4 00	} Library Com ^{tee}
Canadian Antiquarian	1 50	
William Orman	28 40	} House "
John Boyd	1 43	

The following persons were elected members of the Institute, Samuel English 1st Class, Edward Brantford } 2 " , Mary Knudde } 2 "

The meeting closed. Geo. Millbank President

Committee Room,
Mechanics' Institute, Montreal,
28 June 1880.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute, was held here this evening, Mr George Cruikshank the president in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Findlay, Smith, Loftus, McCallum and Deulon.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Library Committee reported that they had held a meeting on the 26th inst; and arranged for closing the Library from the 15th July to the 1st August for the Annual inspection. It was agreed to order the "Bystander" for the reading room.

The president reported in the absence of the Special Committee that the Coal was purchased from Mess^{rs} Evans Bros at 6¹⁰ per ton.

Communication from Mr J. A. Anderson, read and referred to House Committee.

Mess^{rs} Hughes Stephenson (ap), referred to same Committee.

The meeting closed. Geo. Millbank President

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
23 August 1880

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr George Cruikshank the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Mess^{rs} Findlay, Reid, Macintosh

Thos. Allan, J. Smith, McCallum Loftus and Kulow,
 The minutes of the last meeting was read and confirmed
 The House Comtee reported that the roof required
 scraping and new gravel put on at a cost of \$15⁰⁰/₇
 Moved by Mr Smith seconded by Mr McCallum,
 that the report be adopted and that Chairman of the
 House Committee be requested to have the work done
 at once. Carried

Financial Statements for the months of June and
 July submitted to wit:-

June			
Stores	30	Interest	840
Hall	57	Alterations	28
Rooms	4	Wages Cleaning &c	135 67
Members	29 55	Reading room	3 50
Interest	7 26	Library	5
Bal from May	283 76		
" to July	598 60		
	<u>1010 17</u>		<u>1010 17</u>

July			
Room	2	Heating "Young"	13 75
S.E. Railway	150	Do Boies trap	5
Members	23	Reading room	2 50
		wages &c	143 59
Bal to Aug	588 44	Bal from June	508 60
	<u>763 44</u>		<u>763 44</u>

It was Moved by Mr Loftus, seconded by
 Mr Smith that the Superintendent be instructed
 to allow no dogs in the reading room and that
 he put up notices in the reading room to that effect
 Carried.

Mr R. McKewen elected life member
 The meeting closed.

Geo. (null) President

Committee Room
 Mechanics' Institute Montreal

27 Sept 1880

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee
 of the above named Institute was held here this evening
 Mr George Cruikshank, the president in the chair
 besides whom there were present Messrs Fendley, Smith,
 Loftus, Macintosh, McCallum, Walker and Reid.

Mr Smith acting Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed
 The Chairman of the House Committee reported that
 the roof has been thoroughly repaired, and the gate
 way planted.

The financial statement submitted.

August			
Recd for Stores	656 25	Paid Interest	7 15
Rooms	36 50	Light	106 80
Members	36 50	Heating	338 26
		Alterations	7 35
		Wages &c	130 71
		Water Tax	71 75
	<u>720 25</u>		<u>662 02</u>
Amot to Sept.	321 21	Amot from July	588 41
	<u>1250 46</u>		<u>1250 46</u>

Moved by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Loftus.
 That the use of the Reading room be not tendered in future
 to any ecclesiastical Conventions held in this City. Carried.
 The meeting closed.
 Geo Smith President

Committed Room
 Mechanics' Institute of Montreal
 25 Oct. 1880

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee
 of the above named Institute was held here this evening
 Mr George Brinkbank, the president in the chair
 besides whom there were present Messrs Findlay
 Smith, Irwin, Coxe, Reid, Hart, Boyd, McCallum
 Macintosh, Loftus, and DeLeon.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and
 confirmed.

Financial Statement for the month of Sept. submitted.

Recd for Hall	209 95	Paid Alterations	3 25
Room	2 x	Reading Room	10 x
Members	9 60	Wages &c	131 40
Taxes	368 32		
Bal to Oct.	<u>749 92</u>	Bal from Aug	<u>521 21</u>
	<u>664 86</u>		<u>664 86</u>

Messrs Drysdale &c of 105th Report to Library Committee
 The President announced that it had been found necessary
 to sue Mr Anderson, he having refused to pay his rent.

Mr Findlay, referring to the resolution passed at
 the last meeting, forbidding the use of the Reading room
 in future to ecclesiastical Conventions gave notice that
 at the next meeting he would in conformity with the By-laws
 move a resolution that the aforesaid resolution be
 reconsidered.

Mr Loftus, seconded by Mr Macintosh,
 gave notice that at the next meeting he would move
 that in future the resident Clergymen free list be
 entirely suspended.

The meeting closed
 Geo Smith President

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute of Montreal
 8 November 1880

A special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, to consider the suit against Mr J. A. Anderson for rent and for the transaction of other business that might be introduced there were present Mr George Cruickshank president Messrs Irwin, Corse, Reid, Dunaway, Boyd Allan Macintosh and Seaton

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

The letter addressed to the President by Mr W. S. Walker attorney in the case "Mechs. Inst vs Anderson" was read put on file. The President called the attention of the meeting to the suit when after considerable discussion it was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that the matter be left in the hands of the President and Treasurer.

The following persons were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

- W. A. Bondelton, J. W. Campbell, J. Carson.
- A. B. Stewart, J. W. Winship, C. P. Converse —
- J. Carson voted for Edwards, J. E. Lee —
- P. Adams, O. Norman, Fred Smith, E. Bottorrell
- Fred Lamb, H. B. Smith, A. Whyte, J. Dait.
- W. H. Smith, W. J. Cole, J. W. Berridge, J. Cornell
- Jas G. Cornell, G. Anderson, C. Baitie, G. Asselm
- J. S. Driscoll, W. G. Dalbot, Donald Fraser.
- A. K. Johnson, E. Herbert, W. J. Jones, H. Walker
- J. W. Walker, M. Macquister, M. Sinclair,
- S. A. Macquister, R. P. Thompson, A. Thompson
- D. Grant, A. G. Spencer, J. A. Riddell, W. Collins
- Rev. A. Macfadyen, Henry, Baston.
- W. Cruickshank, J. S. Craig, S. Mullard
- G. J. Kingston, A. J. Macpherson, C. V. Brock
- O. N. Cammann, A. Nicholson, Dun Fraser
- W. H. A. Blatchford, H. Carter, John A. Kestwood
- J. A. Ford, W. McEwen, J. W. Kirk — Baile
- And Baile Ed Evans, J. A. Anderson Esq
- Arch McEwen

3rd Class

2nd Class

1st Class

No further business offering the meeting closed.

The President Presided

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute Montreal
22nd November 1880

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr George Cruikshank the president in the Chair, besides whom there were present Mess^{rs} Corse, Reid, Boyd, Irwin, Hindlay, Smith Loftus, McCallum, Macintosh and Seulon.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the special meeting on the 8th inst were perusalley read and confirmed.

Mr Hindlay moved seconded by Mr Reid, "that the motion regarding the admission of Gentlemen attending ecclesiastical conventions ~~conventions~~ passed on the 27th of September be reconsidered". Carried.

Moved by Mr Hindlay, seconded by Mr Reid, "that said motion be rescinded". Carried.

Moved by Mr Loftus, seconded by Mr Macintosh, "that in future the resident Clergymens free list be entirely suspended".

^{x.} in amendment
Moved by Mr Reid^x, seconded by Mr McCallum "That the question be left over to the Annual meeting". The Amendment Carried.

The president reported that the case of the Meche' Inst vs. J. D. Anderson came up before Judge Raniville and that the case was taken under deliberation.

Mr Hindlay reported that the first meeting of the Debating Class took place on Sept. 10th about 25 members being present.

The Chairman of the Membership, submitted report for the last year, as also Library and Finance Committees.

Communication from the Debating Class was read. Moved by Mr Boyd, seconded by Mr Irwin "that it be referred to the Lecture and Class Committee". Carried.

Moved by Mr Seulon, seconded by Mr Boyd "that the salary of Mr Briggs be increased Five Dollars per month commencing the 1st inst". Carried.

Moved by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Macintosh, "that in future invitations be extended by the president to conventions of Mechanics and other persons usefully employed in the industries of the Country as well as Clergymen - held in this City". Carried.

Moved by Mr Boyd, seconded by Mr Irwin "that this meeting stand adjourned to Monday evening the 29th inst". Carried.

Geo. Cruikshank
President

Committee Room,
Mechanics' Institute of Montreal,
29 November 1880.

The meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute adjourned from the 22nd into this instant, was held here the president Mr George Cruikshank in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Findlay, Allan, Hart, Loftus, McCallum, Irwin, Macintosh and Seaton.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd inst were read and confirmed.

Reports from the several sub-committees were read and adopted.

The following accounts were referred to the House Committee

Ramsay Drake & Dods	\$ 41.68
William Chester	10.15

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute —

Alf. D. Aubrey. _____ 1st Class

Miss M. Fraser, Livingston, H. Mercet,
S. H. Parsons, J. J. Flynn } 2 20

A. Johnson, J. H. Dutton jun. B. Nichols
J. H. Chapman, Gair Blackie, J. M. Fraser } 3 21
A. Uguibert, G. L. Campbell, A. Ackman

The meeting closed.

Long Room
Mechanics' Institute of Montreal
Monday 6th December 1880

The forty-first Annual Meeting of the Members of the above named Institute was held here this evening. The president Mr George Cruikshank in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs. Corse, Boyd, Findlay, Smith, Walker, Hart, Macintosh, Irwin, Allan, Loftus, Wright, Seal, Andrews, Wanless, Dr Kelley & White, Lyall, Stevens, Mills, McNab, Seaton and many others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The President called on the Secretary to read the Annual report — as follows —

- "To the Members of the Mechanics Institute
- "The reports of the various sub-committees about to be
 - "read will furnish the Members of the Institute with
 - "the results of the operations for the past year.
- One of the first acts of the General Committee

" was to appoint a sub-Committee for the purpose of making an
 " estimate of the probable revenue for the current year
 " which there was every reason to believe would fall considerably
 " short of the average of the last few years and to suggest the
 " best means of bringing the expenditure within the requisite
 " limits. The sub-Committee reported that it would be necessary
 " to reduce the expenditure both for the Library and Reading room
 " and also reduce the Salaries of the Officers of the Institute
 " These suggestions were carried into effect and as will
 " be seen by reference to the financial Statement your
 " Committee have fully succeeded in effecting their object.

" The principal loss arises from the decreased demands
 " for the Hall. The revenue for letting the Hall having been only
 " \$874⁰⁰ for the current year against \$1779⁰⁰ last year and \$2094⁰⁰
 " in 1878. This circumstance as was stated in last year's
 " report renders it imperative that some decided action be
 " taken by the Annual meeting, either in improving the Hall,
 " so as to meet the wants of public caterers, or in converting it
 " to some other purpose. This important question has so far re-
 " mained in abeyance, but it is high time that decided action
 " be taken and your Committee will be glad to hear some
 " practical suggestions on the subject this evening.

" In other respects the Institute may be considered to be in a
 " flourishing condition and fairly to fulfill the purposes for which
 " it was established, although the means to be adopted may
 " have to vary from time to time. Thus when Mechanics
 " Institutes were first established lectures were perhaps the
 " most prominent feature to be noticed while Classes for in-
 " struction on various subjects followed next in order. But to-
 " day every thing is changed. Under ordinary circumstances it is
 " impossible to get a hundred people together to listen to a lecture
 " even if admission is free and even Classes are in a very similar
 " case except for one or two subjects which are comparatively
 " new and unfamiliar. Nor is this to be wondered at. When
 " Mechanics Institutes were first established education was
 " very limited as compared with the present day and lectures
 " and Classes were exactly the thing required. Now a day our
 " Young people acquire at School and by their own reading
 " all the information they require and in point of fact our
 " experience every day shows us more clearly that all that is
 " really required for us to do is to have our Reading-room well
 " stocked with the best current literature of the day and
 " above all our Library Shelves filled to repletion with the works of
 " the best writers of all ages, of every Country and on every subject,
 " and thus the Grave and the Gay, the Scientist and the Liberator,
 " the Student and the Man of letters may all come and find their
 " wants satisfied. But to effect this even to a very small
 " extent requires a much larger outlay than is at our disposal.
 " Well, even so, we must keep our end in view and persistently labour

to gain it and though we may never absolutely reach it we shall always be getting nearer to it.

Membership.

The number of members on the roll compared with the previous year stands thus

	1879	1880	
Honorary	11	11	
Corresponding	8	8	
Life	236	227	
Annual	$\frac{84}{77\frac{1}{2}}$ 533	$\frac{76}{71\frac{1}{2}}$ 511	

19 names have been removed by death from the list of Life members and 3 Newcomers have been added during the year.

Lecture and Class

The stenography class continued from last year, under the tuition of Mr. Crinkshaw, opened on the 2nd inst. There are 40 youths in attendance principally from the Grand Bank office who have joined the Institute in order to form this class. These classes meet on Mondays and Thursday evenings and Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. The members are regular in their attendance and orderly in their behaviour.

The Debating Society held seven meetings during the past year, fortnightly meetings will be continued during the winter. It is hoped that the junior members will avail themselves of this excellent means of improving themselves.

House

During the past year the House Committee found it needful to make a thorough repair of the roof of the building. The South Eastern Railway Company made certain alterations and repairs in the premises occupied by them and your Committee made three windows in the South end of the office that greatly improved it. The stone work under the St James Street window of Mr Anderson's store repaired and the ceiling of the front shop renewed. The passage newly plank'd and at the demand of the Boiler Inspector an extra safety valve has been put on the boiler; the usual repairs to steam and gas pipes have been made.

Library

The Annual examination of the Books has been made with the following results

Number of books on the shelves	8692	
" Imperfect	5	
" in circulation	5	
" missing	5	
Number of books on the shelves last year		8463
New book added		108
	8707	8571

" Number of magazines bound	8707	8571
" books donated		64
" received from missing last year		46
	8707	8707

" The circulation during the year was 11496, showing a slight decrease from that of the previous year, but a slight improvement has been noticed in the class of books called for. The demand for books of a more solid character having somewhat increased as compared with former years.

" It will be perceived that the number of books purchased has been smaller than the average for some years past. This is owing to two causes 1st the low state of the funds which has induced the Committee to be very cautious in their outlay and 2nd to the scarcity of suitable books to be had in Montreal, probably not more than 1 in 5 have been deemed desirable to place in the Library, the Com^{tee} have acted on the principle that it is better to have a few really good books than a large number of a trashy and patchworky character. Very few novels have been added to the Library during the past year and your Committee are in some doubt as to what will be the best course for them to pursue on this question for the future. In view of the fact that a larger number than usual of young people have lately enrolled themselves as members of the Institute it is probable there will be an unusually large demand for light literature. The question then is ought we to cater to this demand? and many are inclined to think that we should not. In the Franklin square and Sea Side Libraries any one can purchase for 10 or 15 cents any novel that they may wish to read. Should we not then leave people to purchase these for themselves and stock our shelves with some thing of a higher and nobler character with works which are necessary for the student whether Mechanical or literary scientific or philosophical and which from their expense are not within the reach of a large majority of those for whose benefit an Institute such as ours is especially intended. This is a question upon which we desire an expression of opinion on the part of the members of the Institute. Should it be thought advisable to meet the growing demand for light literature we think it would be well to make selections from the cheap editions above alluded to (and thus effect a great saving in expenditure. The Committee trust that their successors in office will be in a position to largely increase the expenditure on the Library and thus continue to make this department of the Institute at least as attractive for the future as it has been in the past.

" The attendance in the Reading room continued to show that it is highly appreciated and at the same time the accommodations

The magazines and papers on the files and tables are classified as follows.

Canada
 Dailies 20
 weekly 20
 monthly 5
 Two-weekly 1
 American
 Dailies 6
 weekly 11
 monthly 9
 Colonial
 monthly 3
 British
 Dailies 1
 weekly 17
 monthly 15

is sufficient for the requirements of the members. It is also proposed that in future only a select number of magazines and periodicals be bound and the balance sold by Auction, by so doing we shall have a larger amount to expend in the purchase of books and more space on the shelves for their accommodation. The thanks of the Institute are due to Messrs W.D. Patterson, Geo. Dls, the Provincial & Federal Government, Boston Library City Council & Cobden Club for 8000 Books & 36 pamphlets.

Finance

The Outstanding Accounts this year, the Committee are glad to say have been brought up very close, the aggregate amount not exceeding \$500 or about one half of what they were last year.

Statement for the Year ending 31 Oct. 1880.

Bal from 31 Oct 1879	68 33	Paid Loan	800 "
Acad for stores 3979 ¹⁵		Interest	1763 34
Hall 873 ²⁵		Light	599 "
Room 449 ³⁴	5302 45	Alterations &c	344 16
Membership	1090 "	Wages 1566 ⁰¹	
Loan	400 "	Cleaning 189 ³⁵	
Heating	175 "	Contg 9 ³¹	17614 67
Gas Stock 2171 "		Reading room	410 32
Interest	12 30	Printing	24 75
Old paper	38 19	Heating	359 51
Taxes	368 32	Advertising	17 76
		Taxes	835 85
		Library	295 37
		Stationery	18 90
		Postage	9 "
		Insurance	256 25
		Sol. Church's do	2000 "
		Bal to 1 Nov	126 31
		<u>\$9625 59</u>	<u>\$9625 59</u>

Balance Sheet.

3 Real Estate	47074 61	2 Capital	36102 59
6 Furniture	4134 80	25 Colonial Churches	24000 "
10 Library	8766 87		
122 Cash	126 31		
	<u>\$60102 59</u>		<u>\$60102 59</u>

Audited and found correct. 16. Nov 1880

Signed { J. H. Hall }
 { James Moore }

Auditors Report

" We the undersigned do hereby certify that we have
 " carefully audited the Books Vouchers and Accounts of the
 " Mechanics Institute in this City for the Year ending Oct.
 " 31st 1880 and have found the same correct and satisfactory
 " in every particular. We have also much pleasure in
 " acknowledging that as in past years we have received

" every assistance from Mr Sansum, the Superintendent
 " and that the Books and Accounts of the Institute bear the
 " stamp of diligence and care on his part.
 " Montreal 17 Nov. 1880. J. A. Hall

James Moore } Auditors

Moved by Mr Walker, seconded by Mr Wanless, that
 the Report be received and adopted. Carried.

The following Gentlemen at the request of the President
 kindly acted as Scrutineers. Messrs. A. Andrews, C.
 Stevens and J. M. Mills.

Mr Hart nominated Mr Crueshank as president

Mr Wright Mr Irwin

Mr Smith Mr J. Boyd.

On the vote being taken Mr John Boyd was declared duly
 elected President

Mr White nominated Mr Irwin as Vice president

Mr Irwin Mr Hart

On the vote being taken Mr R. Irwin was re-elected
 Vice president

Mr Walker moved that one ballot be cast
 for Mr R. B. Corse as Treasurer. Carried Unanimously

Mr Walker moved that one ballot be cast
 for Mr St. Julien as Secretary - Carried Unanimously

The following Gentlemen were nominated to fill the
 vacancies created by the retirement of five members of
 the General Committee. Messrs A. Andrews, P. Lyall,
 Dr. Kelley, Messrs White, W. Macintosh, Mr Walker, J. McEwen,
 J. Allan, C. Wanless, St. Lampard and C. Stevens.

On the vote being taken, Messrs J. Allan, Dr. Kelley,
 P. Lyall, St. Lampard and C. Stevens were declared elected.

Moved by Mr Walker seconded by Mr Findlay that the
 report be printed - Carried.

Moved by Mr Walker seconded by Mr Julien
 that the thanks of this meeting be rendered to the Auditors
 and to the scrutineers Carried.

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute

Montreal 13 Decr 1880

Special meeting of the General Committee of the
 above named Institute was held here this evening, Mr.
 John Boyd the president in the chair - besides whom there
 were present Messrs Corse, Findlay, Reid, Smith, Allan,
 Kelly, Loftus, Lampard, Stevens, Hart, Lyall and St. Julien.

The President submitted the following list of
 sub-committees viz

Finance. A. Brown, Chairman. N.B. Corse, H. Teulon,
 J. Smith, G. Cruickshank, W. Reid, B. Kelly.

House Mr Reid, Chairman
 J. Findlay, N.B. Corse, J. Allan, J. Smith and
 P. Lyall.

Lecture J. Findlay, Chairman
 A. Loftus, A. Brown, H. Lampard, P. Lyall
 and C. Stevens

Membership J. Allan, Chairman
 J.A. Harte, B. Kelly, G. Cruickshank
 C. Stevens, H. Lampard.

Library H. Teulon, Chairman
 J. Findlay, J. Smith, A. Loftus —
 G. Cruickshank, J.A. Harte.

Communication received from Mr Bryages, referred
 to Finance Committee.

Letter from Mrs J. Richards read and put on file
 Moved by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Hart, that Mrs
 Richards letter be referred to the House Committee
 with power to act. Carried

Letter from Mr Macmaster, Advocate, in reference
 to Mr Andersons suit read.

Moved by J. Allan, seconded by Mr Reid, that
 Mr Andersons rent be \$1200 per annum to the expiration
 of his lease provided he pay all costs of the late suit
 including those adjudged against the Institute and
 give a guarantee to discontinue all further proceedings
 Carried

Moved by Mr Teulon, seconded by Mr J. Allan,
 that the President, Treasurer and Chairman of the
 House Committee be instructed to see Mr Macmaster
 and communicate to him verbally the decision of the
 General Committee. Carried

Financial Statement for November

Recd for Rooms	341	Paid Light	113 80
Members	418 "	Alteration	13 18
		Stationery	2 75
		Wages	123
		Dinner	14
		Contingencies	1 15
		Reading room	2
		Printing	5 70
Bal	<u>126 31</u>	Bal to Dec	<u>302 73</u>
	<u>578 31</u>		<u>578 31</u>

Accounts presented, A. Craig \$13 30 House Comtee
 Star 18 78 }
 Witness 24 93 } Finance

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute: H.O. Buchanan, A. Baile, N. Spud, 1st Class
 J.B. Baile John Brennan 2 " "
 E. Eaton, Wm. Purchard, J.D. Sedmarsh 3 " "

Wm. Boyd
 President

Committee Room.
 Mechanics' Institute of Montreal.

5th Decr 1880.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening Mr John Boyd, the president in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Reid, Hindlay, Smith Lyall Starke, Stevens Lampard & Kelley.

In the absence of Mr Teulon, Dr Kelley was asked to act as Secretary pro-tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Lampard that the letter of Mrs Marie Kulek with enclosed paper "The National Reformer" be referred to the Library Committee, to report. Carried.

The President reported on Anderson's case and presented duplicate of "Memo of Settlement of law suit" signed by himself and Mr Macmaster advocate for Mr Anderson.

Moved by Mr Hindlay, seconded by Dr Kelley that the report of the president be received and adopted, and the Committee be discharged. Carried unanimously

Moved by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Lampard, that Mr Macmaster be allowed to pay the thirty five dollars at issue.

Moved in Amendment by Mr Hindlay seconded by Mr Reid that this sum be paid by the Institute. Carried

Library Committee reported "that at a meeting of that Comtee held on the 18th inst it was decided to continue for the ensuing year the Papers Magazines &c that are taken at present with the exception of the Boston Post, which will be discontinued and the Builder will be added to the list. It was also agreed to subject to the approval of the General Committee to sell off the following in addition to those usually sold.

Moved that the Report be adopted with the exception of the 19th Century which should be bound as usual. Carried
 D. Rutherford's account for repair and alterations \$69⁷² submitted to the House Committee.

The following names were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

J. R. Cole 1st class -
 A. Cockburn, J. McCulloch, John Fenton - 2nd class

A Hastings, E. Carroll, W. Doherty } 1 class
 A McCallach, Jas Woodburn }
 A L. Porter, Ed. N. Labrecque }
 (Mrs Sims, A. Kelley, G. Donaldson, E. Mount
 Geo. Lark, G. Martin, W. Saut, L. Frestiel } 3 class
 Jas Wilson, A. Martin, C. Jennings }
 Jas Hale, V. Barry, A. Eschenhart }
 J. Hornon, John Kegan, Ed. Footley }
 The meeting closed. John Boyd
 President

Committee Room,
 Mechanics' Institute of Montreal
 24th January 1881.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening Mr John Boyd, the president in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Findlay, Reid, Allan Stevens, Dr Kelly, Lyall, Lamphard, Smith, Brown, Hart Loftus and Sculow.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter from the Secy of the Light Committee, City Hall, asking to substitute plane glass for the Crown glass then in the street lamp, in conformity to a rule of the Corporation passed 13 Nov 1878. was read, with reply.

The Chairman of the House Committee reported that at the meeting on the 7th instant they opened tenders from Messrs Hughes and Stephenson and Gordon & Egan for the steam fitting in the store occupied by Mr Richards. and after some consideration it was resolved to award the contract to Messrs Gordon and Egan their tender being \$55⁰⁰ and Messrs Hughes & Stephenson being \$88⁰⁰. The House Committee further report that a new floor was necessary in Mr Richards store; and recommended that it be made, and that a lease for five years at five hundred dollars per annum be granted Mr Richards including heating from the 1st May, and that twenty five dollars be charged for heating the balance of this season.

Moved by Mr Findlay, seconded by Dr Kelly - that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

The Library Committee reported as follows -
 Meeting held on Saturday the 22nd inst. The question of placing the "National Reformer" in the Reading room, referred to them by the General Committee was considered and decided in the negative, an appropriation of \$200⁰⁰ for the purchase of books asked for.

Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Harke, that the Report of the Library Committee be received and

adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr Stevens, seconded by Mr Lyall, that the portion of the report referring to the "National Reformer" be not received, and that the paper be accepted and placed in the reading room; lost.

Report of the Lecture and Class Committee setting forth a course of lectures in the Long room, be inaugurated in place of the Debating Club, and that the General Committee authorize the expenditure of such sums as might be necessary to carry on the course.

Moved by Mr Irwin, seconded by Mr Reid that the report be received. Carried.

Moved by Mr Loftus, seconded by Mr Lampard that an appropriation of twenty five Dollars be made to the Lecture and Class Committee for the necessary expenses. Carried.

Moved by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Loftus. That information be laid before the next General Committee meeting of the particulars of the sale of the Gas Stock recently held by the Mechanics Institute

- 1 The number of shares held
- 2 The dividend paid by the Gas Company for the Year immediately preceding the sale.
- 3 The price realized.
- 4 The rate of interest which was paid by the Institute on the debt liquidated by the sale of the Gas Stock. Carried

Moved by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Lyall, that an advertisement be inserted in 2 of the City papers for one week offering the Hall for rent. Carried

The financial statement for December

Reed for Stores	146 40	Paid Heating	3 25
Hall	2113	Alteration	39 67
Rooms	11	Stationery	3 40
Members	196 60	Wages Cleaning &c	143 65
Post office	1		
Bal from Nov	<u>303 73</u>	Bal to Jan	<u>689 76</u>
	<u>900 73</u>		<u>900 73</u>

The following accounts were presented and referred to sub-committee

Stuyvesant and Dependent	7 77	House Committee
John Boyce	55	
Geo F North	6 24	
J. B Young	71 39	
Dawson Bros	324 70	Library. Do
Allowance Encyclopaedia	18 00	

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

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|---|-------------|
| Wm Lyall, Mr McKay, M Brodman, G Jackson | } 3rd Class |
| A Mackenzie, Geo Graham, Wm Gray, C E Hanna | |
| Ed Keating, C Keating, Wm Shannon, W Forbes | |
| E W Hayward & Wood | |

Miss Darling, L. H. Hester, Mr. Nulek } 2nd Class
 Joseph Brown, John Adams } 1st Class
 G. D. Reinger, Enock Jones, W. M. Walbarts

The meeting closed.

John Boyd
 President

Committee Room,
 Mechanics' Institute of Montreal.
 23rd February 1881.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the president Mr John Boyd, in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Coose, Brown, Reid, Allan Smith, D. Kelley, Lyall, Lampard, Stevens, Sunday and Harte. In the absence of Mr Teulon. Mr Brown appeared as Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter from Messrs St Ormond and Barber, Agents Prof. R. Proctor, read and referred to Lecture Committee to consider and report at next General Committee meeting.

Letter from Mrs J. Richards, complaining of the heating of her store, read.

Moved by Mr Harte, seconded by D. Kelley, that it be referred to the House Committee, with instructions to have the necessary Oils & for heating the Store Complex, to register 65° in Oldent Lay — Carried

The president reported, that arrangements had been made with the South Eastern Railway Company for the rent of the premises now occupied by them and the room known as the "Committee Room" for one year from 1st May ensuing for \$1900⁰⁰ with Taxes.

Agreed that \$1500⁰⁰ be placed as the rent of the Hall including heating.

Finance Committee reported that pursuant and with the resolution passed at the last General Meeting of this Committee, they had a meeting on the 25th inst and have submitted the following information, Viz:

- 1^o The number of shares held in New City Gas Co — A — 45 Shares
- 2^o " Dividend paid by the Gas Co for the year immediately preceding the sale } — " 10 %
- 3^o The price realized — } — " 115 1/2 % on 2 1/2 = \$2171⁰⁰.
- 4^o The rate of interest which was paid by the Instⁿ on the debt liquidated by the sale of the gas stock } — " 7 %

Moved by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Reid that the reported be received. Carried.

Finance Statement for January 1881

Recd from Hall	6.00	Paid Interest	880 10
Room	10 00	Alterations V ^o	7.77
Members	79 00	Wages Cleaning	141 80
Bal from Dec	689 76	Reading room	30.00
" To Febry	274 91		
	<u>71059.67</u>		<u>71059.67</u>

Moved by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Reid, that the Secretary be instructed ^{write to} the Secretary, Treasurer of the Colonial Church Society enent the rates of interest on mortgage, and endeavour to arrange for a lower rate of interest. Carried

Account from Gordon and Egan, referred to House Committee.

Moved by Mr Smith, seconded by Mr Allen, that Mr Lampard and Mr Syall be added to the Library Committee.

Moved by Mr Kelley, seconded by Mr Coxe, that this motion be deferred to the next monthly meeting Carried

Moved by Mr Syall, seconded by Mr Allan, that a vote of thanks be tendered Mr T. J. Potter, Auctioneer for his kindness in selling the papers. Carried

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

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|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mayor J. Holmes | Mr Rotherham | } 1 st Class |
| R Swalwell | P. C. Small, Jas Douglas | |
| C. A. S. Honey | Mr R Thompson | |

The meeting closed.

John Boyd President

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute of Montreal
38 March 1881

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held here this evening, the president Mr J. Boyd, in the Chair, beside whom there were present Messrs Coxe, Irvine, Windlay, Reid, Syall, Stevens, Allan, Mr Kelley, Lampard and Seaborn.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary explained that owing to Mr Bridges absence, (Secy of the Col Church Society) nothing could be done till his return in the matter of seeking to obtain a lower rate of interest on the mortgage.

The appointing of an additional member on the

Library Committee was left to the discretion of the President.

The Membership Committee, reported that they had had a meeting on the 24th instants, and begged to recommend 1st that names of Life Members and 1st and 2nd Class Members be published with the Annual Report. 2nd that the Bosp own paper and some works on plumbing be added to the library report received.

Cash Statement for February, as follows.

Recd for stores	806 25	Paid Lights	231.00
Hall	50 "	Wages P.	149.00
Rooms	34 "	Reading room	58.35
Members	156 x	City	394.96
Bal to Mar	574.97	Bal from Jan	274.91
	\$ 1101.22		1101.22

The following Accounts were presented and referred as follows
 Gordon Gas \$80.00 House Com^{tee}
 City Special 577.84 Pres: & Treas.

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute.

James Snowdon -	1 st Class
Arthur Lockwood	} 2 nd "
& Miss, J. H. Browning	

The meeting closed.

John Boyd, President

Committee Rooms
 Mechanics' Institute Montreal
 25 April 1881

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the president Mr John Boyd in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Findlay, Reid, Smith, Lampard, Lyall, Stevens, Irwin, Harte and Deulov.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Library Committee, reported that they had been offered 60 vols of Harpers monthly. Declined.

Financial Statement, read as follows

Recd for stores	300.00	Paid Heating	6.24
Hall	176.00	Alterations	82.32
Rooms	17.00	Printing	14.00
Members	419.00	Wages &c	139.63
Old paper	56.30	Reading room	2.00
		Insurance	195.00
		Lecture	9.74
		Bal from Feby	54.97
		" to April	94.50
	<u>598.30</u>		<u>598.30</u>

Moved by Mr Findlay, seconded by Mr Reid, that in future the monthly Cash Statements shall be checked and signed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee - before being laid before the ^{General} Committee. - Carried

The following accounts, referred to Library Comtee -
Montreal Printing Co \$16.50 \$5.50 -

The following were in the usual manner elected -
Members of the Institute.

- Walter St Laurent, John Lauric - 1st Class
- A Spence, Thos Moody } 2nd Class
- Thos Mason, a Maxwell }

Moved by Mr Stevens, seconded by Mr Findlay, that the free list be entirely suspended with the exception of Reporters and Strangers. Carried

Moved by Mr Smith seconded by Mr Lyall, that in future the Library be opened at half past Eight o'clock in the morning. Carried

John Boyd, President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute Montreal
23rd May 1881

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the president Mr John Boyd in the Chair besides whom there were present - Messrs Corse, Stevens, Sampson, Allan, Seyell, Irwin and Kelley. Mr Kelley was requested to act as Secretary pro tem. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr Deulon, containing his resignation as a member of this Committee.

Moved by Mr Allan, seconded by Mr Corse, that this letter lie on the table till next meeting. Carried.

Report of Library Committee, presented & read
"The Library Committee held a meeting on Friday the 13th of May at which every item in the Suggestion book was considered and such books as the Committee deemed desirable were ordered to be purchased"

The following accounts were referred to the House Committee
Geo J. Hart \$15⁰⁰ Jas Brown & Bro \$9⁰⁸

Moved by Mr Irwin, seconded by Mr Findlay, that the president be authorised to make a temporary loan not exceeding One thousand dollars, to pay the Interest due on the 8th June next. Carried

Financial Statement for April submitted.

Recd for Hall	63.00	Paid wages	130.00
Room	2.00	Janid	15.50
Members 541.00		Services	75.00
		Reading room	4.10
			63.15
Bal from Mar	94.50	Bal to May	
	213.50	(R Brown O.T.)	213.50

Moved by Mr Lampard seconded by Dr. Kelley,
 that a cordial invitation be extended to the
 Members of the American Institute of Civil
 Engineers to avail themselves during their stay in
 the City, of the privileges of the Reading room of
 the Institute. Carried.

The following were in the usual manner elected
 members of the Institute

Chas Strangman	1 st Class
Chas E Pevey, Rev A Munro, E Blankley	} 2 nd "
W C Palmer, R R Stevenson, J. F. Longley	
J. P. Pondrommed, Dr. Wright, H. M.	
welsh, A Simpson, J. H. Wallace	

John Boyd, President

Committee Room
 Mechanics' Institute of Montreal
 27th May 1881.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of
 the above named Institute was held here this evening
 the president Mr John Boyd, in the chair besides whom
 there were present Messrs Cruikshank, Reid, Smith,
 Loftus, Haste, Lyall, Lampard, Stevens, and Dr. Kelley.
 Dr. Kelley Acting Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed
 Communication from Mr Boyage, Treasurer of
 the Colonial Church Co. read. On motion of
 Mr Loftus seconded by Mr Smith, it was laid on
 the table.

The president reported that a temporary loan had
 been obtained.

Moved by Mr Reid seconded by Mr Lampard
 that the resignation of Mr Henry Teulon as Secretary
 be accepted. Carried

In accepting the resignation the Committee
 desire to place on record the high appreciation of the faithful
 manner in which Mr Teulon has for many years
 discharged the arduous labours of Secretary and
 Librarian and its sincere regret of the circumstances
 which deprive the Institute for the present of his
 invaluable services.

Moved by Mr Irwin, seconded by Mr Korte, that D Kelley, be elected secretary for the balance of Mr Seulow's term of office. Carried.

Moved by Mr Irwin, seconded by Mr Loftus that Mr Seulow be elected to fill the vacancy on the Committee occasioned by the election of D Kelley as Secretary. Carried.

The President appointed Mr Smith Chairman of Library Committee.

Mr Irwin submitted Cash Statement for May to wit:

Recd Stores	806.25	Paid Light	109.40
Hall	55 "	Alteration	149.72
Rooms	86 "	Stationery	11.25
Members	57.50	Reading room	359.78
Catalogues	6.25	Library	38.03
Bk Interest	98	Gas (House)	2 "
Heating	35	Casting Cash	4 "
		Wages	119 "
		Cleaning	12 "

Bal from April	63.15	Bal to June	295.95
	<u>\$1074.13</u>		<u>\$1074.13</u>

Sig^t R. Irwin.

Certain complaints having been presented the Superintendent was conferred with and the whole matter was then on the motion of Mr Cruikshank referred to a Committee consisting of the President the House and Library Committee, agreed unanimously.

The following accounts were referred to House Committee. J. B Young 3.75 }
D Morris 6. " }
Montreal Printing Co \$5.00

The following were in the usual manner elected Members of the Institute.

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| R W Cowan | 1 st class |
| Jas Stevenson | } 2 nd " |
| A Lawson | |
| A Jackson | |
| J Davidson | |
| A R Thomas | |
| El Westlo | |
| Miss Allan | |
| R E Gould | |
| D Carmichael | |

The meeting closed

W. H. Jones V.P.

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute Montreal
25 July 1881

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the President Mr A. Brown, in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Findlay, Laporte, Lyall, Stevens, Loftus, Hart and Seaton, Mrs Seaton acting Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The financial statement submitted —

Recd for stores	100 00	Paid Interest	840 00
Hall	95 00	Alterations etc	4 00
Rooms	17 00	wages 70 70	131 56
Members	18 50	Library	2 50
Catalogues	2 50		
Loan etc	575 00		
Bal from May	295 95	Bal to July	65 99
	<u>1043 95</u>		<u>1043 95</u>

Six Robt Brown

Mr Boyd apt 1.90 Paid to House Comtee
The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

R.D. McConnell. J.H. Magotto	}	1 st Class
G.S. Fraser		
J.P. Stephenson G.C. Patton	}	2 nd Class
Miss Workman		

During the absence of Mr Smith, the Chairman requested the Senior Member (Mr Findlay) of the Library Committee to act as Chairman of that Committee.

The meeting closed.

John Boyd President

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute Montreal
22nd August 1881

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president Mr John Boyd in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs Allan, Laporte, Stevens, Lyall, Findlay, Reid and Brown, Loftus
Mr Brown acting Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Communication from Messrs Reid & Barton & Hall Dow with Illustrated Catalogues submitted, and referred to Library Committee

Letter from Mr John Bogart, Secy Am. Soc. C. E. thanking the Institute for attention to the delegates during their visit to Montreal, read and filed

Extract from letter addressed to the Superintendent, by Mr Joseph Smith resigning his position on the Committee read; On motion Mr Smith's resignation was accepted.

Cash statement for the month of July read and referred to the Superintendent for particulars;

Account for City Taxes referred to Finance Committee. Mr Findlay resigned his appointment as Chairman of the Lecture and Class Committee.

The President appointed Mr Loftus Chairman of the Lecture and Class Committee, and Mess^{rs} Dr Kelley and St. Lampard members of the Library Committee.

On motion Mr Geo. Wilson, was elected to fill the vacancy on the General Committee caused by Mr Smith's resignation.

The following were, in the usual manner elected members of the Institute, adcom, St. Reed J. Manuel. The meeting closed

John Boyd, President

Committee Room,

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal

26 Sept. 1881.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of above named Institute was held here this evening, the president Mr Boyd, in the chair besides whom there were present Mess^{rs} Morse, Findlay, Morse, Lampard, Sculon, Loftus, Lyall, Wilson, Stevens, Reed, Swin, Allan and Dr Kelley.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Findlay reported that the Library Committee had unanimously agreed to place the illustrated Catalogues on the shelves.

Mr Reed, reported that a New Tank was wanted. The House Committee instructed to get a New Tank.

The following Accounts were submitted and referred to the several Committees with instruction to pay them if found correct.

Dawson Bros	¹³³ / ₂₁	Mont Printing Co	28 ⁰⁰	Library Committee
S. A. Hade	¹⁵⁰	W. E. Chester	³⁹ / ₁₀₅	House Do

The Star Aet ¹⁹/₂₉ referred to the president.

It was unanimously agreed that the president instruct Mr R. Young that no work is hence forward to be done

without the order of the President or Chairman of the House Committee.

The financial statement for the months of July and August presented as follows.

July			
Recd for Room	8.00	Paid Cartage Excavations	4.00
Members	32.00	" Post & Journal	2.50
		" Express Chgs. 1 st Book	.90
		" Wages 1 st	140.50
	<u>40.50</u>		<u>147.90</u>
Bal from June	65.89		
" to Aug	41.51		
	<u>147.90</u>		<u>147.90</u>

August			
Recd for stores	4030.64	Paid Lecture Exp	13.60
Hall	20.00	Light Gas	100.60
Room	36.00	Heating S.C	17.25
Members	6.00	Wages	139.25
		Water	41.75
		Bal from July	41.51
		" to Sept	416.68
	<u>1092.64</u>		<u>1092.64</u>

Mr Loftus, reported that the Lecture and Class Committee had determined to get up a course of lectures on Scientific subjects during the coming winter. The Secretary was instructed to ask Dr Dawson, to deliver the opening lecture about the 1st of November.

In reference to the Library of the Institute Canadian, Mr Duclen moved seconded by Mr Irwin that this matter be referred to a Special Committee consisting of the President, Mess^{rs} Hindlay, Corse, Loftus and the Secretary. Carried

The meeting closed
 John Boyd, President

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute Montreal
 24th Oct 1881

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president Mr John Boyd, in the Chair besides whom there were present Mess^{rs} Cruikshank, Irwin, Julian, Allan, Lampard, Loftus, Harte, Wilson, Lyall, Stevenson, and Kelly. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The president reported the Star account reduced by six dollars. The letter of Dr Dawson, was then read declining to

delivered the opening lecture to a course on Scientific Subjects, on account of pressure of other duties.

It was suggested that the Annual meeting be advertised in the evening papers

The president reported that Mr Young had been instructed in reference to his duties and that no further complaints may be anticipated.

Mr Loftus moved the reception of the Annual report of Committee of Chairmen on Rules and Regulations. Carried to wit-

Rules for employees of the Institute

1 Superintendent being in full charge of the Institute under direction of the General Committee he shall have supervision with power to order and in case of carelessness on the part of any of his subordinates, or unwillingness to perform any duty according to his instructions to suspend such employee and report to the president pending the action of the General Committee

2 On arrival each morning he shall see that all the papers have been received and are duly checked and placed on file; that the sweeping and dusting are thoroughly done; that no employee read any paper or periodical to the exclusion of any member. He shall be careful to see that at no hour during the day or evening the library be left without someone being in charge. He shall carefully keep all the books and accounts of the Institute and collect the Membership fees and the rents shall attend to the renting of the Hall and other rooms. His regular hours of attendance shall be from 9.00 A.M. till 9.00 P.M. with meal hours as follows Dinner 1 P.M. till 2³⁰ P.M. Tea 5 P.M. till 6³⁰ P.M. Every alternate day his duties will end on the return of his assistant from Sea except when urgent business shall demand his presence until a later hour.

Assistant Librarian

Duties shall commence at 8.00 A.M. or such earlier hour as shall be necessary to have the newspapers and periodicals checked and placed on file in time for the members on the opening of the Institute at 8.00 A.M. He shall carry out the instructions of the Superintendent and report all matters affecting the interests of the Institute to that officer. His dinner

hour shall be from 11 A.M. till 1 P.M. and
 tea from 4 P.M. till 5 P.M.: his duties ending
 every alternate day on the return of the
 Superintendent from tea.

Fireman.

Duties shall commence during the winter months
 at an hour sufficiently early to have the building
 at a proper temperature for the opening hour
 8 o'clock A.M. Breakfast Dinner and
 Tea hours as follows 8 till 9 A.M. 12 till 1
 P.M. 5 till 6 P.M. At the closing hour for
 the Reading Room he shall turn off the Gas
 and lock the door carefully. It shall be
 his duty to light the Gas in the Reading
 Room each evening at twilight or
 such other time during the day as the
 convenience of the Members demand. He
 shall obey all orders from the Superintendent
 and work for the best interests of the
 Institute

All the employees of this Institute shall
 enter their names and the hours of arrival
 and departure in a time book which
 shall be kept for that purpose.

It shall be the duty of the
 Fireman to place the Newspapers on
 file every morning in time for the
 opening hour 8 P.M.

See Minutes of
 Meeting
 October 22nd 1883

after
 J. B.

There ensued on the report of sub-committee to
 whom was referred the subject of the library of
 the Institute Canadian a long discussion on the
 present position and future prospects of the
 Mechanics Institute. It was agreed to do
 nothing further until ^{after} the Annual meeting.

The Cash statement for September submitted.

Recd for Amb Hall	85 00	Paid Heating	430 02
Room	2 00	Borbe Inspector	5 "
Members	5 00	Wages	12 3
Catalogue	2 00	June	12 50
Taxes	401 58	Worner	4
		Postage	15 13 9 65
		Reading room	5
Bal from Aug	776 68	Bal to Oct	632 49
	<u>1212 26</u>		<u>1212 26</u>

The following accounts were referred to
 House Committee G. J. Hartt 6 05

R. Mitchell 4 50

The meeting closed

John Boyd President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute Montreal,
21st November 1881

A special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president Mr John Boyd, in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Irwin, Corse, Reid, Gindlay, Allan, Wilson, Loftus, Lampard, Lyall, Stevens and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Reid, moved, seconded by Mr Gindlay that the Committee grant a room for a class in Phonography for two evenings per week provided that the students are members of the Mechanics Institute.

The following sub-committees presented their reports. Library, Membership, House, Lectures and Class and Finance.

Moved by Mr Loftus, seconded by Mr Lampard that the Library report be referred back to Com^{tee} for completion.

Finance report referred back to Committee for particulars.

Matter of Good Atlas referred to Library Committee. The meeting closed.

John Boyd
President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute Montreal
28th Nov 1881

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president Mr John Boyd in the chair, besides whom there were present Messrs Corse, Gindlay, Harke, Reid, Lyall, Allan, Wilson, Stevens, Lampard, Loftus and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr Allan, seconded by Mr Wilson that a reduction of five Dollars be allowed of the rent of the Hall on the 13 Oct last for a meeting of McGill College, and that the Superintendent be instructed to communicate the same to the Secretary Mr Baynes. Carried.

The president reported that a notice had been given through the press for members to attend the funeral of our ex president Geo W Weaver.

Amended report of Finance Committee accepted and ordered to be embodied in the Annual report.

Mr Reed reported that new water filter was complete and in the Reading room.

The following Accounts were referred to Committees

Star	\$ 1 00	Lecture Comtee
Drysdale Co	157 43	House Comtee
J. Boyd	2 50	
Ramsay Dodds	19 86	

The Cash Statement for the month of October - submitted.

Recd for Hall	153 00	Paid Printing	16 50
Room	16 00	Stealing	6 05
Members	17 00	Alteration	30 68
Fines	3 75	Advertising	13 69
Catalogues	75	Stationery	11 50
Land aft	185 00	Labour	1 50
		Wages ye	141 13
		Reading room	6 "
		Insurance	12 50
		Taxes	762 60
Bal from Sept	633 09	Bal to Nov	6 44
	<u>1008 59</u>		<u>1008 59</u>

Mr Loftus reported that it was impossible to recheck the books in the Library owing to the short space of time at their disposal.

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute

J. W. Slone, Jrs Fortier	1st Class
At G. A. Wren H. Speed	
W. F. Salisbury, R. Fielder, J. Chosell,	
E. Stuart, W. R. Hubbard, C. B. Brock	
E. B. George, J. M. Keucher, W. R. Vennor	2nd Class
H. Packard, J. Fretel, G. Somerville	
Geo. Duck, Ad Langton, F. Barlow	
Miss Cohn, J. A. Macpherson, Mrs Cullen	
J. W. Browne, W. R. Thompson, R. G. Stokes	
A. Jones	

In reference to the name of Canon Ellegood it was referred back to Membership Committee to ascertain the usage in reference to Clergymen.

The Secretary then read the Annual report its final consideration was deferred until Saturday evening to allow the Financial Statement to be completed. The meeting closed.

John Boyd, President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
3rd Dec 1881

Adjourned meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening

to receive and adopt the Annual report, were present John Boyd Esq. the president in the chair, beside whom there were Messrs. Corse, Findlay, Cruikshank, St. Wilson, Shea Allan, A. Loftus, A. Deulow, Lyall, C. Stevens, Lampard A. Brown and the Secy.

The secretary read his report and after verbal alterations it was moved seconded and resolved that it be received and adopted.

A Committee consisting of Messrs. Corse, Geo Cruikshank and the Secretary were appointed to draft a resolution on the death of Mr Geo W. Weaver, The meeting closed.

John Boyd
President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
5 December 1881.

The forty-second Annual meeting of the Members of the above named Institute was held here this evening Mr John Boyd the president in the chair, there were also Messrs Corse, Lowin, Reid, Findlay, Cruikshank, Harte, Loftus, Lyall, Allan, Lampard, Stevens, Wilson, Deulow, Geo Rogers, W King, David Macfarlane, Wm Rutherford, J. E. Wilson, St. Parsons, W. Drysdale, A. Hutcheson, N. Munro, Wm Robt, J. Binmore, A. Statke, Jas Basket, Ben Loue, M. Cameron and about forty others.

The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secy read the Annual report to wit:
To the Members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal Gentlemen, In presenting the forty-second Annual report, the Committee think it desirable, in view of the large accession to our membership of late, to present a short summary of some of the events in connection with the history of the Institution under whose auspices we are gathered.

On the 21st of November 1858, at the house of the Rev Mr Essoy, then pastor of St Gabriel St. Presbyterian Church there was founded the Montreal Mechanics Institution. its aim was defined to be the instruction of its members in the principles of the arts, and in the various branches of Science and useful knowledge and the means employed in attaining them.

- (a) A Reading room & Library of Reference
- (b) A Museum, models, minerals & natural history
- (c) An academy for the teaching of the different branches of mathematics
- (d) Lectures in Natural and Experimental Philosophy, Practical

mechanics, Chemistry, Astronomy, and also in literature and art.

(c) An experimental workshop or Laboratory. The name "Mechanics" was to be used in its widest sense and the Membership to be open to all without distinction of age, race, color or religion. Accordingly on the roll of the first Committee we find representatives of the Industrial, Commercial and professional classes, with Hon. Judge Guy as president. Hon. St. Papineau, Hon. John Nelson and A. M. Essoe Vice Presidents.

The work thus begun was carried on with varied success for some years, its progress being unavoidably affected by the stirring and troubled political events of this period. At the close of the Rebellion a new departure was made and in 1845 this Society was incorporated as the Mechanics Institute of Montreal. Then its Membership was 211, its Library contained 900 volumes with a circulation of 1830; its income was less than \$1000, but there were large classes in Drawing, French, writing, mathematics and extensive courses of evening lectures. A few years after through the energy and liberality of the members aided by other public spirited citizens the present building was erected at a cost of \$8,000 and consecrated to its noble and philanthropic purposes.

In 1857 the Board of Arts aided by the Government undertook the work of lectures and these were continued until the change in that body and its consequent withdrawal from the building in 1871. Since that time Lectures and evening classes have not been regularly and systematically carried on by this Institute, though frequent efforts have been made in this direction.

To-night we possess a large, commodious and valuable building in the heart of the City, a Membership of 850 an income of nearly \$7,000. a well selected Library of 9000 volumes with a circulation of 15000 a Reading room second to none in the Dominion containing over 100 papers and periodicals representing the best thoughts of the English speaking population of the world. And this we owe to the founders and makers of this Institution.

Have we nothing to do? Elementary Education is well given in the Common Schools of the City; the Colleges provide higher Education for those who have time and means at their disposal, but while in the leading cities of Britain and the United States there are Workingmen's Colleges, Institutes of Technology, and every facility for improvement in skilled labor, in this great manufacturing city the Mechanic is left to grope his way alone and unaided. And, thus, abroad, our young men avail themselves of the advantages offered and rise to the highest position of

influence and emolument: here, with present opportunities, they see the best places too often held by outsiders, certainly not being superior in brain and energy themselves obliged to remain hewers of wood and drawers of water. Will not some patriotic Citizen or Citizens come forward and provide means for establishing broad and thorough courses of study, with men eminent as specialists and as teachers, with museums laboratories and workshops, like the Crozer Institute of New York, or the Boston or Worcester Institutes of Technology? It is earnestly hoped that meanwhile our Manufacturers may place at the disposal of the incoming committee sufficient means for supplying this great want of this community.

Your committee received an offer of the large and valuable Library of the Institute Canadian, but as its acceptance would involve material changes in the arrangements of the building, it was resolved to defer final consideration until after the Annual Meeting.

A sub-committee, consisting of Chairman of Committee to draw up rules and regulations for the direction of employees. Their report was adopted and ordered to be posted. It is believed the carrying into effect of these regulations will conduce to the greater comfort and convenience of the members.

In May your Committee accepted with great reluctance the resignation of Mr Deulon, who for several years had done most valuable service as Secretary and Chairman of Library Committee, Dr Kelley was elected to fill the vacancy and Mr Deulon to fill his place on the General Committee. Another loss was sustained by the removal of Mr Joseph Smith, from this City; his place was filled by the election of Mr G. S. Wilson.

Membership

Compared with the previous year the roll of membership is as follows.

1880		1881	
How	11	How	11
Corresponding	8	Corr	8
Life	227	Life	222
Annual 1	76	Annual 1 st	90
" 2	287	" 2 ^d	349
" 3	1571 = 757	" 3 ^d	119 = 859

These figures show a very gratifying increase especially in the second class. It is hoped in the coming year our ranks may be further recruited by members and employers of labor generally drawing the attention of our thinking young men to the advantages offered by this Institute.

It is our painful duty to record the loss by death since our last report of six of our life-members, J. G. Mackenzie, Thos Jiffin, James Duncan, J. E. Foster, Harrison Stephens

and lastly George W. Weaver, a former president and one whose services to the Institute have been constant and invaluable.

House

Owing to the good condition of the building at the opening of the present year only a few minor repairs and improvements have been found necessary. The Coal cellars have been enlarged; the closets upstairs with passages been enlarged; the closets upstairs with passages painted in oil; the closets and ceilings down stairs white washed and all the wood work in the passages varnished. A new floor was put in the front part of the Store in St Peter Street and the premises heated by steam but the expense has been met by increased rent. The room formerly occupied by Mrs Mackenzie has been occupied by the South Eastern Railway to the advantage of our revenue. Constant attention has been paid to lighting heating, cleanliness and ventilation and every effort has been made as far as possible to meet the wishes of both tenants and members.

Lecture and Class

On account of the expense involved, the Committee to whom this important work was intrusted found it impossible to organize Evening Classes and satisfactory course of lectures. They determined however to do some thing. In the Spring Dr. Duthierland gave a course of three lectures on Physiology, which were much appreciated by those who heard them. The ability of the lecturer and the care in preparation and illustrations should have drawn much larger audiences. After New Years there will be delivered a short course of six lectures on Sanitary Science a subject of vital interest to residents of this City.

The Class in Phonography conducted by Mr Crankshaw during last winter was very successful both in point of numbers and in interest. About 40 attended. The most of them from the G. D. Railway. Should there be sufficient demand a class in this subject will be started immediately.

The Literary and Debating Society, has again commenced its meetings. The Readings and Essays are instructive and entertaining, and the Debates conducted with spirit. The attendance is steadily increasing.

The Committee hope that there will soon be established Evening classes and Courses of lectures which shall be deservedly appreciated by the Mechanics of Montreal.

Library

The Committee report that the Annual examination of the Library has been made and every book checked with the following result.

1880	1881
Books on shelf. 8707.	on shelf. 8936

The Magazines and Newspapers now on file are as follows :

CANADIAN.

DAILIES.

Montreal Witness, 2 copies.*	Hamilton Spectator.
“ Star, 2 copies.*	Halifax Chronicle,
“ Herald, 4 copies.	Quebec Chronicle.
“ Gazette, 4 copies.	Toronto Globe.
“ Minerve.	“ Mail.
“ Patrie.	Ottawa Citizen.
“ Post, 2 copies.*	

WEEKLIES.

Montreal True Witness.*	Peterborough Examiner.*
“ Canadian Illustrated News.	“ Review.*
“ Journal of Commerce.	Lindsay Post.*
“ Spectator.	St. Johns, P.Q., News.*
“ Shareholder.*	“ Voix du Peuple.*
Toronto Presbyterian.*	St. John, N.B., Telegraph.
“ Grip.	Kingston Chronicle.
“ Monetary Times.	Halifax Nova Scotian.*
Richmond Guardian.*	Quebec Official Gazette.*
Cowansville Observer.*	Winnipeg Free Press.*
Waterloo Advertiser.*	Ottawa Canada Gazette.*

MONTHLIES.

Montreal Canada Medical Journal.*
“ Harp.*
“ Protestant Pillar.*
Toronto Bystander.
“ Rose-Belford Monthly.

QUARTERLY.

Montreal Antiquarian.

Magazines and Newspapers.—(Continued.)

AMERICAN.

DAILIES.

New York Times.	Chicago Tribune.
" Herald.	Boston Journal.
" Graphic.	" Post.

WEEKLIES.

New York Scottish American Journal.	New York Witness.*
" Frank Leslie's.	Boston Christian Register.*
" Harper's Weekly.	Danbury News.
" Scientific American and Supplement.	San Francisco Chronicle.
" Nation.	Albany Country Gentleman.

MONTHLIES.

New York Harper's Monthly.	Boston Atlantic.
" Scribner's.	" N. A. Review.
" Popular Science.	" Unitarian Review. ✱
" St. Nicholas.	" <u>Dumb Animals</u>
" Van Nostrand.	

Magazines and Newspapers.—(Continued.)

COLONIAL.

MONTHLIES.

Melbourne Australasian Sketcher, (now a fortnightly.)
Auckland New Zealand Herald.*

BRITISH.

DAILY.

London Times.

WEEKLIES.

Edinburgh Scotsman.
Glasgow Mail.
Dublin Warder.
Liverpool Albion.
London Pall Mall Budget.
“ Saturday Review.
“ Spectator.
“ Punch.
“ English Mechanic.

London Lancet.
“ Engineering.
“ Building News.
“ Illustrated News.
“ Graphic.
“ Iron.*
“ Public Opinion.
“ Jewish Chronicle.*
“ Builder.

MONTHLIES.

London Animal World.*
“ Contemporary Review.
“ Trade Journal.*
“ Fortnightly Review.
“ Art Journal.
“ Fraser.
“ Family Herald.
“ Temple Bar.

London 19th Century.
“ Musical Times.*
“ European Mail.*
“ Journal.
“ Journal of Science.
Edinburgh Chambers Journal.
“ Blackwood (Am. Ed.)

A B S T R A C T

OF

Proceedings at Annual Meeting

Held in the Long Room of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal, this evening, 6th December, 1880. Mr. George Cruikshank, President, in the chair.

Moved by Mr. WALKER, seconded by Mr. WANLESS, that the report now read be received and adopted. Carried.

The President requested Messrs. H. Andrews, C. Stevens, and J. M. Mills, to take up the ballot and report.

On the vote being taken the following were declared duly elected:

JOHN BOYD, Esq., President.

ROBERT IRWIN, Esq., Vice President.

NORTON B. CORSE, Esq., Treasurer, (re-elected.)

HENRY TEULON, Esq., Secretary, “

GENERAL COMMITTEE.—Messrs. Thos. Allan, Dr. F. W. Kelley, Peter Lyall, H. Lampard, Chas. Stevens.

Moved by Mr. WALKER, seconded by Mr. FINDLAY, That the report be printed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. WALKER, seconded by Mr. TEULON, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to the auditors and scrutineers. Carried.

The meeting closed.

	8707		8936
Donated	49	Imperfect	13
Bound	37	Missing	1
Recovered	3		
Purchased	<u>1541</u>		
	<u>8950</u>		<u>8950</u>

complaints having been made at the last Annual meeting about the wishes of members not being consulted in the purchase of books a "Suggestion Book" was at once provided and members invited to inscribe the name of any book they might desire. They have done so very generally and many books asked for has received the careful consideration of the committee. The circulation during the year was 14448 being an increase of 152 over the previous year, nor is the improvement in numbers only, while it is true that Novels have been largely circulated as heretofore, it is a pleasure to notice the growing demand for a higher class of fiction, for the latest and best works in History, Biography and Travel and for all works relating to our new Dominion. Of the 243 books added during the year there were of Fiction 69, History 30, Magazines bound 37, Biography 33, Science & Philosophy 17, Travels 6, Mechanical works 9, Law 4, General Literature 11 Blue-books & Pamphlets 34. In purchasing these volumes particular care has been taken to provide works of reference for the general student and the practical mechanic books which shall instruct the boys who now form such an important element in our reading membership. The Government at Ottawa have been asked to place at the disposal of the committee the latest Maps and Plans of the Dominion, especially of the North West. The Reading-room has been well patronized during the year. In order to lessen the expenditure, as far as possible tenders were asked for the supply of papers and periodicals for the coming year and resulted in a very material reduction in the cost. In yielding up this work the committee regret they have been able to do so little but they trust their successors may have more means at their disposal and may carry forward more successfully what is now confessedly the great work of the Institute. Thanks of the Institute are due to the publishers of Papers & Magazines kindly supplied gratuitously; to the Provincial and Federal Government, the Boston Pub Library, the City of Montreal, the Harbour Commissioners for Statutes and reports. The Mott Iron Works, the Union Brass Works; Reed and Barton for Illustrated Catalogues; to Messrs Chasman, Whitney & Olmstead for Books and Pamphlets. A complete list of the Newspapers and Magazines on file the past year is appended. Those marked thus* are kindly supplied to the Institute gratuitously.

Finance.

In accordance with the order of the Committee the Financial statement was mailed to each member of the Institute at the appointed time, a supplementary statement including all bills due to October 31st, is herewith. Our receipts show an improvement over last year. It must be remembered that in the previous report was included a sale of Gas Stock amounting to \$2170. and \$200. arrears collected from the South Eastern Railway. These amounts explain the large apparent increase of last year. On the whole we consider the Annual statement favorable, and although the Hall has offered us a slight increase in Revenue this year, it is hoped that some means may be devised whereby it can be more profitably occupied.

Financial Statement for the Year ending 31 Oct 1881.

Bal from 31 Oct 1880	126 31	Paid Interest		1720 10
Real Estate	3189 54	Light		607 80
Stall	926 .	Repairs		356 24
Room	273 .	Advertising		13 69
Members	1087 85	Stationery		27 90
Loan	700 .	Wages		1482 .
Heating	25 .	Cleaning		183 50
Interest	98 .	Contingencies		6 47
Old paper	56 30	Do p Stamps		2 10
Taxes	401 58	Reading room		370 23
Postage	1 .	Insurance		207 50
Catalogues	11 50	Printing		36 20
		Lecture		23 34
		Taxes		836 35
		^{on special}		39 4 96
		Heating		462 81
		Library (^{61 43} / _{394 78})		456 39
		Bal to 1 Nov		644 .
	<u>6799.06</u>			<u>6799.06</u>
	Balances			
3 Real Estate	47430 85	2 Capital		36095 35
6 Furniture	4134 80	25 Colonial Church		24000 .
10 Library	9223 26	102 Loan		700 .
122 Cash	644 .			
	<u>60795 35</u>			<u>60795 35</u>
3 Real Estate	47430 85	2 Capital		35700 39
6 Furniture	4134 80	25 Col Church		24000 .
10 Library	8828 30	102 Loan		700 .
122 Cash	644 .			
	<u>60400 39</u>			<u>60400 39</u>

Audited and found correct

Sgt

Ry Clarke }
J. Jackson } Auditor

To the President of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal
Dear Sir. 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 with
the exception of the item of \$39.96 posted to Library etc
by mistake instead of Taxes ap, a cross entry has
been made rectifying the error. Notwithstanding
the error referred to we cannot refrain from expressing
our approval of the systematic manner in which
the accounts are kept.

R. G. Stastek }
Jas. T. Asker }

Moved by Mr Findlay, Seconded by Mr Parsons.

That the report be received and adopted. — Carried —

The president appointed Messrs Drysdale
Harper and McCallum as scrutineers

Mr Findlay moved, seconded by Mr Samuels that Mr
John Boyd, be re-elected. Scrutineers reported
Mr Boyd unanimously elected.

Moved by Mr Stastek, seconded by Mr Rhynus
that Mr Irwin, be elected vice-president, P

Moved by Mr Lampard seconded by Mr Fortes
that Mr Shearer be elected vice-president. The
Ballot being taken up Mr R Irwin was
declared duly elected.

Moved by Mr Dan Wilson, seconded by Mr Cruikshank
that Mr N. B. Corse, be elected Treasurer.

Moved by Mr Thos Allan, seconded by Mr Wright
that Mr Daniel Wilson, be elected Treasurer.
Ballot taken up. declared Mr N. B. Corse, elected
Treasurer.

Moved by Mr Findlay, seconded by Mr Allan,
that Dr Kelley, be elected Secretary.

Dr Kelley unanimously elected Secretary.

The following were nominated to fill the places
of five retiring Committees.

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| Mess ^{rs} W. Rutherford | G. B. Wilson | J. Allan | J. A. McShane |
| Wm Reid, | J. Harper, | J. McCallum, | J. Benmore |
| J. Findlay | R. Peil | C. DeSoto, | W. Hughes |
| A. Loftus | J. Benmore, | M. Hutchison, | W. Robb |
| J. A. Stastek | D. Macfarlane | Jas. Wright | |

The Ballot taken, Messrs J. Findlay, J. A. Stastek,
W. Reid, J. Harper and J. McCallum, were
declared elected.

Moved by Mr Loftus, seconded by Mr Reid, that
the Report be printed as usual, the names of
members included and that it be mailed to each
member of the Institute. Carried

Moved by Mr. Cruikshank, seconded by Mrs David Macfarlane, that Clergymen of the City be allowed the privileges of the Reading room as formerly carried.

Moved by Mr. Loftus, seconded by Mr Lampard, that the ~~Police and~~ firemen of the City be allowed the privileges of the Reading room. Carried.

Moved by Mr. B. B. Borse, seconded by Mr George Cruikshank, that it is with the deepest regret the Members of the Institute have learned of the death of George W. Weaver, for several years President of the Institute, for a long time a most energetic member of the Committee of Management, and of the Library Committee, and one, of whose invaluable services at a critical period in the history of this Institute the "Weaver's Testimonial" stands as a grateful remembrance.

That by his death this Institute has lost one of its warmest friends, and one, who during his connection with it did more than any other to increase its strength and extend its influence

That the members of the Institute hereby tender to Mrs Weaver and family their heartfelt sympathy in this their great bereavement, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mrs Weaver, and published in the City press. Carried unanimously the meeting rising to their feet.

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute of Montreal
19 Decr 1881

Special meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute, held here this evening, was present Mr John Boyd, the president in the chair besides whom there were Mess^{rs} Reid, Bindlay, Harke, McCallum, Lyall, Harpel, Stevens, Lampard and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting on the 28th November with the adjournment on the 3rd instant were severally read and confirmed.

Letter received from the Department of the Interior promising Maps of the North west when the New edition is issued.

Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Harke that a temporary loan of \$1000 be effected to pay the Interest due on mortgage. Carried

The president's list of Sub-committees

as follows:

- Treasures Henry Deulow, Chairman
R. Irwin, W. Reed, N B Coose, J. Harper, and
George Brookhank.
- House Peter Lyall, Chairman,
Wm Reed, J. Findlay, N B Coose, J. Allan,
and R. Irwin
- Lecture &c J. A. Harpe, Chairman
W. Kelley, G. Stevens, J. McCallum,
N. Lampard, and Geo Brookhank.
- Membership N. Lampard, Chairman.
J. Allan, P. Lyall, G. Stevens, J. McCallum
and Geo Brookhank
- Library W. Kelley, Chairman
N. Deulow, J. Findlay, J. A. Harpe, N. Lampard
and J. Harper.

Bad debts acct #12⁰⁰ referred to House Committee.
Cash statement for November

Recd for stores	900	..	Paid Interest	14	15
Hall	56	..	Light	122	40
Room	34	..	Printing	41	..
Members	433	..	Post Cards	2	..
Jones	1	10	Wages &c	142	89
Catalogues	1	25	Carley	1	24
Old paper	7	90	Library	32	..
			Loan	200	..
Bal from Oct	6	44	Bal to Dec	431	01
	1439	69	By R. Irwin	1439	69

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute, J. W. McCallum, Chas Brewster, W. Walker, and R. E. Adams — 1st class

- J. H. Howell, W. Dunlop, A. Reist, W. Ewan, J. Murray } 2 "
- Angus Macintosh, J. W. D. Pattegraw } 2 "
- J. D. Crawford, S. Holden, W. H. Bramley, A. Murray } 3 "
- Sib. Wells, Jas. Waldie, N. Lusher, Ed. White } 3 "
- M. Cullen, V. Bowker, R. Holden, G. B. Holden } 3 "
- E. Roward, E. C. Smith, J. Evans, J. Macdonald, A. Michaels } 3 "
- R. Rodale, A. Ogilvie, P. Grace, R. B. Givitt, W. Chadwick } 3 "
- G. T. Rickett, W. Woolley, J. Quille, L. Young, C. Forsey } 3 "
- R. E. Noble, W. R. Clendenning, Tho. Coome, G. MacKinnon } 3 "
- John Kennode

Mr. Gross proposition referred to Membership Committee.
The Library Committee, was asked to see that correct list of members be published January to June suggested.
Ventilations and light referred to the House Committee.
Moved by Mr. Reed, secd. by Mr. Findlay, that a circular be addressed to delinquent members acquainting them with the fact that a list of members was about to be published with the Annual

report, and that their names would not appear in the Report if their subscriptions were not early paid.

The meeting closed.

John Bayle President

Committee Room
Mechanics Institute of Montreal
23 January 1882

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the vice-president Mr A. Brown in the chair, besides whom there were Messrs. Coxe, Deulov, McCallum, Sampson, Allan Stevens Legall and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter from Mr J. G. Hughes with address of the New York Trade Schools, received and referred to Lecture and Class Committee.

Reports of Committees-

House Comtee that they did not see their way to make the changes asked for by the S.E. Railway and the Library Committee. Moved by the Secretary seconded by Mr Allan that the matter of Springs for the front doors be referred back to the House Comtee for further consideration - Carried.

Membership Comtee that Mr Gross, had corrected his proposition card and paid the extra dollar that minister wishing to become members of the Institute shall come under the head of first class. That they - could not suggest any means to increase the membership.

Suggested to the General Committee one of the employees of the Institute spend one or two hours every day collecting fees from members who have not paid nor resigned.

Library Comtee that the sale of Papers &c took place on the 10th inst. and realized \$62.95⁵/₂ that Harpers, Scribners, Popular Science Monthly, Contemporary & Fortnightly Reviews were received for binding. That certain pamphlets had been received from the U.S. Government. That the Circulators to delinquents had been sent and many replies recd.

Finance Comtee - submitted Statement
Cash Statement for Decr 1881

Recd for Hall	53 00	Paid Interest	\$224 08
Room	12 00	Interest	840 00
Members	165 00	Alteration	48 36
Loan	<u>750 00</u>	Postage	3 50
	<u>980 00</u>		<u>1015 84</u>

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Campbell gate	1.50	Stationery	13.83
		Loaves 40	155.40
		Reading room	70.73
		Lecture	1.00
Bal from Rev		Bal to Janey	65.35
Compt. J. Denton 21/1/1882	431.01		
	1412.51		1412.51

Moved by Mr Stevens, seconded by Mr Langford that the admission of the pamphlet in reply to Father Graham, be referred back to the Library Committee for further consideration. - Lost.

Moved by Mr Teulon, seconded by Mr Byall, that Mr Potter for his services be presented with a basket for the current year. Carried.

In reference to James bill for \$15. the House Committee were ordered to look into the matter.

The following accounts were referred to respective committees.

D. Rutherford	\$30.00	House Comtee
James Brown Co	20	
John Bulmer	2.50	
John Boyd	2.00	
J B Young	1.00	
Goddard for Sertum	6.00	Library
Star	11.85	

The following were in the usual manner elected members
 1st Class
 W. St Hughes and W. Stephenson - Life
 W. St. George and G. Lapointe
 James Baird, B. West w. J. Mc Fall
 John Wozniak, W. Shaw, M. Baird } 2 "
 G. C. Bowen, W. Smith, J. A. Nicolle }
 E. A. Higgins, R. M. Harrison } 3 "

The meeting closed
 John Boyd President

Committee Room
 Mechanics Institute of Montreal
 24 February 1882

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening, the President Mr John Boyd, in the chair besides whom there were present Messrs Reid, Findlay, Hooker, Harper, McCallum, Hyatt, Langford, Stevens, Cornishank, Town, Allen and Teulon.

Mr Teulon acting secretary

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and confirmed. The president announced that he had received a communication from Mr Hart, resigning the chairmanship of the Lecture and class committee and that he had appointed Mr

Harper, to succeed him.

The following report of the House Committee was read and adopted on Motion of Mr Harper, seconded by Mr Hark
" Your committee met on the 7th inst, when the president reported that the P. E. Railway Co would take the premises now occupied by them at the present rate of \$1900 and taxes for one year. Your committee agreed to rent the premises for one year at the same rent and taxes. The roof has been examined by Messrs Wm Reed and Lyall and found in leaking condition - The Hall has been advertised to let in the Gazette and elsewhere.

The Statement of Finance -

Receipts from Hall	47.50	Paid Alteration	6.00
Room	4 "	Insurances	12 "
Members	350.50	Postage	4 "
Catalogues	4.50	Wages ¹²³ women ³ and ¹⁵	137.55
		Newspaper	4.8 "
Bal from Decr	65.35	Bal to Feby	270.30
	947.85	Signed H. Searles	947.85

The following accounts were referred to Committees

Geo F. Harko \$ 6.92 House Committee
J. J. Potter 5.15 Library

Moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Lyall that Mr Wilson's tender for printing the report be accepted provided it does not exceed 20 pages.

Moved by Mr Reed seconded by Mr Lyall that the list of Members be submitted to and examined by the Membership Committee, before being sent to the printer. Carried.

Moved by Mr Harper, seconded by Mr Harko that a special Committee of Chairmen be requested to take into consideration what can be done to advance the interests of the Institute and report at the next meeting. Carried.

The following were in the usual manner elected members of the Institute, D. J. Robertson 1st class

Mrs E. F. Shelton, Chas. Ludwig, A. W. Morris }
W. S. Dupont, E. B. Brownley, W. P. Dobbi, } 2nd
P. H. Herby

John Boyd President

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute of Montreal

27 March 1882

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the above named Institute was held here this evening the president Mr John Boyd in the Chair besides whom there were present Messrs: Corse, Irwin, Lampard, Allan, Stevens

McCallum, Lyall, Harper, Reid, Fimalay and D. Kelley.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

— Reports — "The Membership Committee reported that the list of members to be printed with the Annual report, was duly checked with the Record Book,"

Memorandum referred to Membership Committee for their report.

The House Committee, that "the bent glass for the lamps will cost each \$3²⁵; Sponges on the front doors will cost (of brass) from \$20 to 35⁰⁰ — Air sponges about \$17⁰⁰ —"

Moved by Mr Allan seconded by Mr Lampard that the Sponges be left over for six months. Carried

Moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Reid that the House Committee be requested to have the lamps repaired. Carried

Library Committee "that the Maps of the North-west, sent by the Dominion Government have been sent to be mounted, and will be in the Reading room within a few days; that the Superintendent has completed a list of works in the Library on our Dominion and that attention has been called to it through the public press. It is worthy of note that the amount paid for books since May 1879 to Sept 1881 is only \$320⁰⁰ and that the amount of purchases since is 108⁰⁰"

Special Committee, that after a long and careful consideration of the position and prospects of the Institute the following two points were decided upon as all that it was practicable to attempt at present. 1st That the Treasurer be requested to enquire whether the Insurance Company would agree to insure the building for three years on payment of two years premiums where by a saving of one third would be effected. 2nd That the president be requested to instruct the paid Officers of the Institute to carry into effect the resolution of the General Committee viz to devote a portion of each day to collect subscriptions from members in arrears.

The Superintendent tendered his resignation. Moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Allan

That this Committee cannot accept the resignation of our Superintendent, without expressing sincere regret at his departure and bearing testimony to the long and faithful services he has rendered to this Institute. Carried

Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Lampard that the President, Treasurer and Secretary be a Committee to advertise for and receive applications for a Superintendent for this Institute. Carried

Moved by Mr Lyall, seconded by Mr Reid, that Mr Hamilton
 be paid twenty two \$22⁰⁰ per month from the 1st April 1882—
 instead of twenty dollars per month. Carried
 Cash Statement for February 1882

Recd for Stoves	\$400.00	Paid from acc	\$750.00
Hall	32.00	Interest	5.00
Room	53.00	Light	186.20
Members	113.00	Alteration	2.50
Old paper	57.75	Wages ye	134.30
		R Room	2.00
		Library	6.00
		Printing	2.00
Bal from Jan	<u>270.30</u>	By Bal to Mar	<u>268.05</u>
	1350.00	signed A Sculou	<u>1350.05</u>

The following accounts were submitted and referred to Committee
 viz Sturges and Stephenson \$60.75 House Committee
 John Wilson 20.75 February "

Moved by Mr Allan, seconded by Mr Reid
 that Mr Young be not allowed to make any
 more step-ladders in the Institute but any. Carried

The following were in the usual manner elected
 members of the Institute.

Wm Wall, Wm Daniel, G. Baker	3 rd Class
Ph. B. Cross, A. Robinson, and Joyce	2 "
Jas M Jack, Adam Duncan	
Louis La'Beve	

The meeting closed
 John Boyd

Committee Room

Mechanics Institute of Montreal
 17 April 1882

A special meeting of the General Committee of the
 above named Institute was held here this evening to
 consider the report of the Sub-committee on applications
 for the position of Superintendent. There were present Mr
 John Boyd president, in the Chair with Messrs Brown,
 Coore, Geo Crutcherbank, Reid, Fendley, Harte, Harper,
 McCallum, Thos Allan, Lyall, Sculou, Lampard, Stevens,
 and the Secretary

The Chairman reported that 27 applications
 had been received of which seven were presented for
 the action of the Committee. They Messrs Dewitt, Mott,
 Reid, Stevens, Hamilton, Hackett, Wanless, Messrs
 Stevens, Coanless and Dewitt withdrew their
 applications. On the ballot being taken Mr Mott
 was declared chosen to fill the position.

The secretary was instructed to ask Mr Mott

to assume the duties of the position, on Monday next the 24 inst.

John Boyd

Committee Room
Mechanics' Institute of Montreal
April 24th 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening, the President Mr John Boyd in the Chair, besides whom there were present:-

Mess^{rs} Findlay, Coorse, Teulon, Stevens, Allan, Lampard, McCallum Harper, Lyall and Reid

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Reports - The Membership Committee reported that they had considered the rates of subscription to be paid by members when joining during the year, and the Committee did not consider it advisable to adopt the scale of rates which Mr Sanson had submitted to the General Committee. The Report was adopted.

The Cash Statement for March 1882 was presented by the Superintendent

Received from Hall	\$34.00	Paid Postage	4.00
Rooms	11.00	Wages	123.00
Members	44.	Cleaning	8.50
Catalogues	.75	Glass Lamps	.25
Interest	7.60	Postage	14
Old Papers	5.45	Paste Brush	10
Library	2.50	Matches	15
		Soap	6
Balance from February	268.05	Sponge Dish	10
			132.30
		Insurance	195.
		Balance to April	42.05
	\$373.35		\$373.35

Report from the Library Committee was also received.

The Secretary read reply from Mr Mott accepting the position of Superintendent to the Institute.

It was moved by Mr Teulon and seconded by Mr Findlay:-

That the Superintendent be instructed to see that all books ^{issued} are in good order, registered in both books, and not received in return, if they have been abused, and that more care be exercised in receiving books from the bindery.

It was moved by Mr Harper, seconded by Dr Kelley, that an invitation be extended to the American Association for the Advancement of Science to avail themselves of the Reading Room and Reference Library during their stay in the city.

It was moved by Mr Reid and carried that the House Committee be instructed to look into the best method of draining the roof of the building.

It was moved by Mr Toulon, seconded by Mr Reid, that a circular letter be drawn up by a Sub-Committee consisting of the President, Treasurer, Mr Findlay and the Secretary, and be presented to the Superintendent on his retirement from the Institute. Carried.

No further business offering the Meeting closed.

John Boyd

Mechanics' Institute

May 22nd 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening, the President Mr John Boyd in the Chair, besides whom there were present:-
Mess^{rs} Coorse, Reid, Harper, Harte, Toulon, Irwin, McCallum, Lampard, Lyall, and Dr Kelley (Secretary.)

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Reports of House, Library, Memberships & Finance Committees received and adopted.

The House Committee was authorized to call in a practical roofer to report on the roof.
An application from Mr Godwin for the hire of the Hall during the next fall and winter, was received, and on motion of Mr Harper seconded by Mr Harte it was referred to the House Committee.

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The Cash Statement for April 1882 was presented by the Superintendent:-

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
For Hire of Hall	24.00	Jas Brown & Son	.20
" " Rooms	29.00	R. Seale (Double Windows)	6.50
" Memberships	19.02	J. J. Potter (Books)	5.55
" Old Paper	75	do (Advertising)	5.15
Balance from March	42.05	G. J. Hartt (Coal)	6.92
" due Treasurer April 29	48.50	Wages	132.
	<u>\$ 166.32</u>	Cleaning Rooms	10.
			<u>\$ 166.32</u>

The following were elected Members of the Institute,

1 st Class -	L. Desfosses,	A. Borrowman,	D. English
	C. E. Peasey,	Jas. Laker,	A. Nicoll.
2 nd Class -	H. Bright,	C. Weightman,	Jas Davidson
	S. Pedlar,	S. Larimée,	M. Guerin.
3 rd Class -	A. Trigge,	J. Haynes	W. Y. Harrison
	A. M. Jeffrey,	Geo. Edwards	

In reference to an application from L'Abbe Chavert to hire the Hall for a term of years, the Secretary was authorized to reply that the General Committee do not wish to let the Hall for any lengthened term. Moved by Mr Irwin, seconded by Mr Lyall.

The following accounts were submitted and referred to the Committees,

The Allan & Co	\$ 1.00	House Committee
Herald Printing Co	3.60	"
Gazette do	3.00	"
do do	1.50	Library Committee
Subscription to "Minerve"	8.00	"
do to La Patrie	8.00	"
do to Can. Spectator	2.00	"
Wilmott Scott (Maps)	1.80	"
The Star, Advertising	10.85	Finance "

An application from the Superintendent was received for blank Subscription books and the Chairman of the Finance Committee was requested to provide them.

It was moved by Mr McCullum and seconded by Mr Irwin,

That the Library Committee be granted the sum of Two Hundred dollars (\$200) for the next six months - Carried unanimously.

The President

The President placed his resignation in the hands of the Committee on account of ill health and consequent absence from the country.

It was moved by Mr Teulon, and seconded by Mr McCallum, that the resignation of the President be not accepted, but that leave of absence be granted to him for the remainder of the current year.

Carried unanimously.

The President desired that this fact be noted in the annual report in order that his absence from meetings of the Committee might be accounted for.

It was moved by Mr Irwin, seconded by Mr Harte, — that Mr S. M. Sansum be elected a Corresponding Member of the Institute — Carried.

It was moved by Mr Leyall, seconded by Mr Lampard, that the circular letter as drafted by the Secretary be sent to the late Superintendent.

The Meeting then adjourned

W. A. Smith

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
June 12th 1882.

A Special meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: — Mr R. Irving V. P. (in the Chair) — Mess^{rs} Coorse, Harper, Stevens, Teulon, McCallum, Lampard, Reid, and L. V. Kelley (Secretary.)

The Chairman explained that the meeting had been called at the suggestion of the House Committee to consider the question of roofing the Institute. Tenders for the work in accordance with specification, from G. W. Reed and DeBlois & Charpentier were submitted to the meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried: — that DeBlois and Charpentier's tender for galvanized iron roofing be accepted.

Moved by Mr Reid and seconded by Mr Teulon; that they (DeB. and C.) be at once notified of the acceptance of their tender, and asked to proceed at once with the work

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The Chairman of the House Committee and the Treasurers were appointed to look after the supply of coal for next winter.

The Meeting then adjourned.

R. W. Reed

The following is the specification for re-covering the sloping part of the roof of the Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.

The sloping part of the roof to be covered with "Morewood's best best" No 28 galvanized iron to be put on in the best manner, soldered and riveted, where required, and guaranteed perfectly water-proof for five years, make all the connections with the flat part of the roof, cement along the five walls, repair all the gutters and conductors, and paint the inside of the gutters, and leave the same all complete and perfect.

Also state a price for covering said roof with best charcoal tin similar to the present covering, instead of galvanized iron, all to be complete and perfect as above, and done in the best manner, and guaranteed as above.

The contractor to be responsible for any damage to the Hall through water during the progress of the work.

Copy of Messrs DelBlois and Charpentier's tender for roofing.

Montreal 5th June 1822.

Peter Lyall Esq

Chairman of House Committee
Mechanics' Institute.

Sir,
We propose to do the following works to the Mechanics' Hall, as follows, namely; To cover the slant part of roof with galvanized iron "best best Morewood No 28," repair and paint inside of gutters, repair conductors, make good the intersections of the two roofs, cement walls, the whole done according to the specifications for the price and sum of three hundred and ninety three dollars (\$ 393)

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Signed DelBlois & Charpentier

George W Reed's Tender no 645

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.
June 26th 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: Mr R. Irwin, V.P. in the Chair - Messrs Corse, Findlay, Harper, Teulon, Stevens, Lampard Reid and the Secretary

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from the Local Secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, acknowledging the kindness of the Committee of the Institute in granting the use of the Reading Room and Reference Library to the members of the Association.

Mr Teulon reported on the matter of the Bill against the Fish and Game Club for the hire of room and moved that in future the Superintendent shall initial all amounts of moneys received from the Assistant Librarian.

Mr Harper reported on behalf of the Lecture & Class Committee. Dr Kelley reported on behalf of the Library Committee. The irregular manner in which Books belonging to the Reference Library have been loaned to Members was discussed, and it was resolved that the action of the Library Committee be carried into effect, viz:-

That on the recommendation of a member of the Library Committee, a Book of Reference may be withdrawn ~~from~~ the Library for two weeks, the said member being personally responsible. It was moved by Mr Findlay and seconded by Mr Teulon that 250 copies of the following blank form be obtained for the use of the Reference Library;

Mechanics' Institute

To The Superintendent

Please deliver to _____ Volume of _____
to be returned within _____ days, for which I hold myself respon-
-sible

Signed (_____)
Received the above volume of _____ to be returned in
_____ days

Signed (_____)
and it was further moved that the Library Committee be authorized to get 250 Postal Cards printed, notifying members of books being overdue. Carried.

The House Committee reported that the repairs to the roof and the conductors had been finished to

their satisfaction

Tender from Alex-Craig was submitted offering to paint with two coats the main cornice of Building and front of under cornice for the sum of \$18 (Eighteen dollars). The House Committee were requested to have the work done.

The Membership Committee reported; and the following were duly elected Members of the Institute: -

- 1st Class. — John Fisher and Wm Atkinson
- 2nd Class. — E. G. Beck Miss J. Andrews E. J. Stiddes
J. H. Evans John Gaul Wm Phillips
L. Leithend Joseph Tees
- 3rd Class. — A Howell and Frank H. Johnston

The Cash Statement for May was presented by the Superintendent,

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
Rents of Stones and Offices	900.00	J. Wilson, Printing	20.75
Hire of Hall	107.	J. B. Young Roofer	1.
" " Rooms	38.	Hughes & Stephenson (Plumbers)	60.71
Memberships	24.	L. Rutherford, (Carpenter)	30.60
" " Fines	.20	Gas Co. (3 mos to April 17)	139.
Sale of Catalogues	.50	Wages 46.00	
		Cleaning 11.50	66.53
		Sundries 9.03	
		Due to Treasurer April 30	48.50
		Balance to June	702.61
	<u>\$ 1069.70</u>		<u>\$ 1069.70</u>

It was moved by Mr Starper, seconded by Mr Lampard that the Superintendent, Mr Mott, be paid for his services for the work previous to May 1st - \$11.⁵³ Carried.

The following accounts were presented and referred to the several Committees: -

L Morrison & Co Ice	5.00	House Committee
John B. Young Roofer	5.35	do
John Lovell & Son Directory	2.50	Library Committee
Canadian Sportsman	1.00	do
Toronto Mail	7.00	do

Account of Wm Drysdale & Co for Books and Papers - amounting to \$563.⁸⁰ was ordered to be paid by the Treasurer.

Reading Room, Amount for Papers	367. =	
Library Books	191.25	
Stationery & Sundries	5.55	563.80

It was moved by Mr Teulon, seconded by Mr

Lampard:—

Secretary.

That we hereby authorize the President, and Treasurer to borrow a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1000) to meet contingent expenses. Carried.

Moved by Mr Findlay, seconded by Mr Teulon, and carried unanimously:—

That the Vice-President, Mr Irwin, be the Acting President during the absence of the President (Mr Boyd) and that he be hereby invested with the full powers of President during such absence

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

R. Irwin

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.

July 24th 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: Mr R. Irwin, (Acting President) in the Chair, besides whom were present, Messrs Findlay, Corse, Stevens, Harper, Allan, Teulon, Lampard and — Mr Callum.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed

Mr Harper reported that he had seen Dr Dawson with reference to the coming meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, but had received no further communication from him.

The Vice-President reported that the thousand dollars authorized at the last meeting to be borrowed had been obtained.

The Sub-Committee appointed to purchase fuel reported that they had purchased the coal (say 60 tons) at \$6.²⁰/₁₀₀ per ton.

The Members Committee reported; and the following were duly elected Members of the Institute:

2nd Class:—

Stradbrooke Smith

H Griffin

- Thomson Junr

R. M. Barnard

John Irwin

Jon Bond

E. W. Penney

E. A. Humphrey

Miss Ward

A. R. Butter

W. A. Root

3rd Class:—

Wm J. Hart

G. Donaldson

Wm Gruschfield

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The Cash Statement for June was submitted by the Superintendent,

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
For Hire of Hall	85.00	Henry Mott for May	50. ⁰⁰
" " Room	44.00	C. J. Brydges Comrs Interest	840.00
" Memberships.	15.50	Books for Library	7. ⁷⁵
" Library Fine	.10	Laces for Magazines	.10
W.B. Coorse Loan	170.	Wages	68.50
		House Expenses	5.63
Balance from May	702.61	Balance to July	145.23
	<u>\$1017.21</u>		<u>\$1017.21</u>

An application was received from Mr R. H. Brand for the hire of the Hall for a sparring match:—
It was moved by Mr Harper, seconded by Mr Stevens, —
That the Hall be not let in future for the purpose of boxing or sparring matches. — Carried.

The Vice-President reported that the Long Room had been rented to the Citizens' Exhibition Committee for meetings (in the day time) at one dollar per day.

No further business offering, the meeting was closed.

R. W. Irwin

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
August 28th 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:— Mr R. Irwin (Acting President) in the Chair, besides whom were present Messrs Coorse, Reid, Stevens, Findlay, Mr Callum, Lyall, Lampard, Harper, Allan and the Secretary.

Communications were read from the Assistant Librarian and from Mr Boyd, the President, now in Britain.

It was moved by Mr Lyall, seconded by Mr Findlay, That the increase of Salary asked by the Assistant Librarian be granted, commencing 1st September.

The Secretary was requested to reply to the letter of the President.

Mr Harper submitted the following report from the Sub-Committee appointed to assist in checking the books in the Library, on motion of Mr Findlay seconded by Mr Allan, it was ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

"In conformity with the resolution of the Committee

"appointing us a Sub-Committee to assist in checking and examining the books in the Library, we beg to report that we have given considerable time and attention to the stock-taking and believe that it has been faithfully and diligently carried out, with the following result:—

Number of volumes on the shelves	8995
" " missing (of which there is no record)	31
" " brought forward, the recovery of some of which is doubtful	13
" " in circulation	49
" " laid aside for rebinding	17
" " imperfect and worthless - (this is an accumulation of several years)	61
Total	9166

We find that after making allowance for the wear and tear on the works of fiction, many of which it would be well to replace if the funds at the disposal of the Library Committee were sufficient to meet such an expenditure, the library is in good working order.

The checking of the books was finished so that the Library was reopened on the 12th August instead of the 15th as at first stated."

Mr Lyall reported that the Telephone Company wished to replace a new frame on the roof of the building, and if permission be granted they will guarantee not to do any damage to the roof, and will place a telephone in the building for the use of members free of charge -

It was moved by Mr Harper seconded by Mr Allan that the request be granted on the following conditions; - that it be done with the approval of the House Committee and Mr Reid, and that a guarantee against damage be given by the Telephone Co^s

The Membership Committee reported, and the following were duly elected Members of the Institute.

2nd Class:-

Geo. St. Clint	H. C. Russell	Walter Stuart
William Turner	H. G. Stanton	David Coatsworth
L. Wylie.		

3rd Class:-

George Lawson	Thomas Henry
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Mr Coase reported that the Coat had been received and was paid for.

W. E. Chester's ac. (£17) for cleaning the boiler flues was

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presented and ordered to be paid.
 The Cash Statement for July was submitted by the
 Superintendent:-

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
Hire of Hall	25.00	Hy Mott for June	50.00
" Room	32.00	" " " " " " " " " "	11.53
Membership Fees	10.	Wetblosis Charpentier	393.
Library Fines	.20	W. Drysdale Ho for Papers	367.
Catalogues	.50	Wages	36.40
W B Horse, Treasurer, loan	830.00	Inspecting Boiler	5.
Balance from June	45.23	Sunday a/c	
		The Allan & Co Clock	1.00
		News Advertising	3.60
		Gazette do	3.
		Le Monnier & Co	5.
		J B Young Roofers	5.35
		Sundry a/c	17.95
		(Library Reading Room)	
		Gazette Printing Co	1.50
		Minerve subscript	8.
		Patric do	8
		W Scott Maps	1.80
		Star advertising	10.85
		Lovell Directory	2.50
		Canadian Sportsman	1.
		Toronto Mail	7.
		House Expenses (Sundries)	40.65
		Balance to August	1.55
	<u>\$ 942.93</u>		<u>19.85</u>
			<u>\$ 942.93</u>

The Superintendent was instructed to issue the following notice in the Reading Room:-

"Ten Dollars reward will be paid to any one giving information to bring about the conviction of any parties mutilating or carrying away any books or papers belonging to the Library or Reading Room!"

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

R H Irvine

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
September 25th 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.
 Present: Mr R. Irwin (Acting President) in the Chair.
 Messrs Stevens, Mr Callum, Lampard, Harper, Allan and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Library Committee reported their having ordered a number of new books, some volumes to be rebound, and others (imperfect and worn out) to be replaced.
 The Class Committee reported that arrangements were being made for a class in Phonography.

The Membership Committee reported and the following were duly elected members of the Institute:—

2nd Class.

Walter Stuart, William Turner, H. G. Stanton
 David Cathcart, and David Wylie.

The Cash Statement for August was submitted by the Superintendent:—

<u>Received.</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
Aug 1 st Richards Merchant Tailoring Co ^e	125.00	St. Mott Salary July	50.
" 3 rd J. L. Anderson	300.00	A. B. Hamilton do	22.
" 9 th South Eastern Railway Co ^e	4.75	A. M. Esdaile Coal	409.92
Hire of Room	52.	Men storing coal	16.25
Membership	5.	Water Rate	71.75
Library Fines	.80	Gas Co ^e (to Aug 2 nd)	116.61
Catalogues	.50	Subs. Scottish American	2.50
Balance from July	19.85	Wages, Cleaning & Whitewashing	36.70
		Postal Cards & Stamps	.75
		St. Mott Salary August	50.
		A. B. Hamilton do	22.
		Balance forward to Sept	177.32
	<u>\$ 978.15</u>		<u>\$ 978.15</u>

The following accounts were presented and referred to the appropriate Committees:—
 Lawson Brothers 101.30
 Subs. to Cyclop. Britt. 6.
 " to Can. Illust. News 2.
 Hughes & Stephenson 10.85
 City Assessments 780.
 It was resolved that all new members between the present date

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and November 1st be allowed the privileges of membership free for the month of October on payment of the full subscription for the coming year.

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

R. W. Irvine

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal

October 23rd 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:- Mr. McIrwin (acting President) in the Chair.

Messrs Reid, Lampard, McCallum, Allan, Teulon, Lyall, Stevens and Harper.

Mr. Harper by request acted as Secretary.

A letter from the Bell Telephone Co. was read, with reference to the support for the wires on the roof of the Institute, and it was ordered to be entered on the minutes copy.

Montreal October 7th 1882.

"Referring to the application of our Mr. Wright to renew
"the support for telephone wires on the roof of
"Mechanics' Hall building, which you were good
"enough to grant, I beg to say that should any damage
"occur to the roof, caused by our wires or men
"being thereon, full and complete repairs will be
"made by this Company.

"Thanking you for the privilege accorded

I am, Yours respectfully,

L. B. McFarlane

Manager E. L.

"The Committee of the Mechanics' Institute reserve
"to themselves the right of ordering the removal of
"the said support at any future time, if it is found
"detrimental to their interests." J. H. W. pro L. B. Mc F.

Addressed to P. Lyall Esq. Chairman House Committee.

The Membership Committee reported and the following were duly elected members of the Institute:-

2nd Class - J. H. Laird - Rev. J. Gullton
3rd Class - Albert Turner - Thomas Peardon
J. H. Robinson
Thos. Castle
William Haynes

For year ending October 31st 1883
 1st Class. G. H. Matthews - Robert Watson.
 J. S. Ferguson

2nd Class.
 Alex. Mc Gruther - John Hastings - W. B. C. Barber
 J. T. Moses - Mrs Brock - E. J. Bledard
 E. J. Brennan - M. J. Cuddy - J. P. Black
 Miss Benson - John Gardham - J. & G. Day
 Geo. A. Snyder - W. G. Hinton - Henry Smith

3rd Class.
 Alex. O'Connell - W. Christie - W. Jas Stoddart

The Cash Statement for September was submitted by the Superintendent:—

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
For Hire of Hall	40.00	W. E. Chester cleaning Hues	17.
" " Room	70.	Harry Mott Salary	50.
Membership	21.75	Alb Hamilton "	25.
Library Fines	.60	Women cleaning Hall	5.
Sale of Catalogue	.25	R. Young Swales	30
John Watson Sale of Paper	1.75	Churman "	15
Assessment collected from Tenants		Library exp	
South Eastern Railway Co		Encyclops. Britt	6.
Richard's Tailors Co ^{221.16}	52.38	Books bought	14.25
J. L. Anderson <u>128.04</u>	401.58	Law Illust	.15
		Postage Stamps	.25
Balance from August	<u>177.32</u>	Balance to October	<u>550.60</u>
	<u>\$ 713.25</u>		<u>\$ 713.25</u>

The following a/cs were referred to the respective Committees

J. A. Harte	2.50	House
Hughes or Stephenson	10.85	"
Burton Lith. Co.		
Can. Illust. News	4.00	Library
Herald Printing Co	21.90	"
W. Drysdale Co	240.93	"
Lawsom Brothers	102.80	Ordered to be paid

The Superintendent ^{was} requested to have a/cs for everything outstanding against the Institute furnished for presentation to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

R. H. Smith
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A Special Meeting of the General Committee was held on Monday November 20th @ 8 p.m.

Present:- Mr R. Irwin (Acting President) in the Chair,
Messrs Reid, Coorse, McCallum, Allan, Teulon, Stevens,
Lampard, Harper and the Secretary.

Reports were received from the House, Library, Membership and Finance Committees and ordered to be incorporated in the report of the Secretary for presentation at the Annual Meeting of Members.

There being no further business, the meeting - adjourned.

Mechanics' Institute
November 20th 1882.

R. R. Irwin
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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
November 27th 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 p.m.

Present:- Mr R. Irwin (Acting President) in the Chair
Messrs Cruikshank, Harper, Reid, Allan,
McCallum, Lyall, Teulon, Stevens,
Lampard and D. Kelley.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the Special Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Memberships Committee reported and the following were duly elected Members of the Institute

1 st Class.	D. A. Saphorn Smith	Thomas Robin
(7)	P. B. Mignault	J. X. Perrault
	J. B. Graham	Col. John Fletcher
	S. P. Stearns (U.S. Consul)	
2 nd Class.	J. Whemming	Miss R. De Sola
(22)	W. A. Vineyard	William Verner
	Thos. H. Dawes	T. E. Dodd
	Lewis J. Ross	Geo. W. Richards
	E. J. Mc Nally	Henry Sapham
	W. H. Mitchell	Pierre Verzina
	Hy. Archibald Jew	Miss G. Iles
	W. H. Alford	James Gayford
	Jeffrey H. Busland	H. Herbert
	William King	A. D. Kelly
	John Wilkinson	Henry Vennor
3 rd Class.	John Simpson	R. L. Richards
(9)	Norman Binnmore	Joseph Larkin
	Master M. Butler	Swail Lyall
	J. S. Wenhau	Kenneth MacKenzie
		and Andrew Raeburn

The Cash Statement for October was submitted by the Superintendent:—

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
Balance from September	550.60	Assessments	756.60
W.B. Coarse Loan	250.	Expenses for Bazaar	10.
Hire of Hall	170.	Moving Seats & Police	
" Room	16.	Henry Mott Salary	50.
Memberships Fees	70.	W.B. Hamilton "	25.
Library Fines	.60	Wages R. Young	24.
Sale of Catalogues	1.50	" " Woman cleaning	12.
		Extra cleaning	2.25
		Sundries for do	1.88
		J.A. Harte ofc	2.50
		Postage Stamps 25	.65
		Laces for Magazines 40	
		L.D. Morrice Fee for October	1.00
		W.B. Coarse of loan	100.
		Balance forward	72.82
	<u>\$ 1058.70</u>		<u>\$ 1058.70</u>

The Draft of the Annual Report to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Members to be held on Monday December 4th was read and approved.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt. Smith

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
4th December 1882.

The 43rd Annual Meeting of the Members of the Institute was held this evening; Mr Robt Irwin, (Acting President) in the chair. — among those present were Messrs Starper, McCallum, Lyall, Lampard, Parsons Allan, G.W. Stephens, J.A. Perrault, Conickshank, J. Wright, W.S. Walker, Bentley, Clarke, M. Hutchinson, Wrysdale, Pedlar, & Stevens &c

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

The Chairman referred to the absence of Mr Boyd (the President) in consequence of ill health and read a letter received from him recently giving an unfavorable report of his health

The Annual Report (as follows) was then read:—

Gentlemen,

To-night is presented the 43rd Annual Report of this Institution. By the efforts of a few self-sacrificing members throughout these years it has supplied a great need in this community, and from a small beginning has risen to the position it now occupies. For its growth, its stability, its usefulness, its advantages free to all without distinction of race, color, or creed, it deserves the respect and support of every citizen. In most large towns of Britain and America, private generosity or municipal support has established free public libraries. For various reasons Montreal has not enjoyed this boon, but this Institute has done much to supply the pressing need. A large and commodious building has been erected in a central position in which there has been provided a Reading Room said to be second to none on the continent; and a Library, small indeed comparatively, but containing 10,000 volumes of the latest and best works in the different fields of literature.

Your Committee regret to report that no attempt has been made to carry on the work of classes, lectures and laboratory practice in connection with Science and Mechanism. For these there must be provided skilled teachers, apparatus and rooms specially fitted for the purpose. With a limited income, and with the capital locked up in an unproductive Hall, the Committee was powerless to carry out its own wishes or the designs of the founders. To the other affairs of the Institute the General Committee have given much time and careful deliberation. The result of their labours will be shown by the accompanying reports of

of the different Sub-Committees
Officers.

For the successful management of public institutions much depends on the officials in charge. In April Mr Sansum, who for nearly 20 years had occupied the position of Superintendent, sent in his resignation and it was accepted with regret. For his successor your Committee was exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of one specially adapted to the position, and who has already shown himself a most efficient officer. In the somewhat trying work of the year he has been energetically supported by his Assistant, and to the united efforts of these gentlemen is to be ascribed much of the present prosperity of the Institute. It is unfortunate that for their laborious services the remuneration is so inadequate.

Owing to ill health and consequent absence from the city, our President, Mr Boyd, sent in his resignation, it was not accepted, but leave of absence was granted, and the Vice-President Mr Irvine was specially empowered as Acting President with all the duties and responsibilities of the office.

Reports of Sub-Committees.

Memberships.

After a close examination of the books, the Committee report the following comparative roll of Memberships

	<u>1881</u>	<u>1882</u>
Honorary	11	11
Corresponding	8	9
Life	221	220
1 st Class Annual	90	106
2 nd " "	349	284
3 rd " "	179	137
	<u>858</u>	<u>767</u>

In this list is not included the Members of the Dominion Commercial Travellers Association who by their general subscription are entitled to the privileges of the Reading Room only. To the Life Members of the Institute have been added Messrs J. W. Hughes and W. A. Stephenson but this list has been lessened during the year by the deaths of Messrs Mungo Ramsay and Charles Phillips. To the corresponding members our late Superintendent, Mr Sansum has been added. The apparent decrease in the members of the 2nd Class is owing to the fact that, in response to a circular issued in January, by the Committee a number of persons whose names were on the roll, but whose dues had not been collected for some time, sent in their formal resignation, whilst the absence of the Photographic Class, carried on in our rooms last year, has affected the

Enrolled members of the 3rd Class.

Your Committee recommend that for the future the following Bye-law as to the resignation of members be strictly enforced: -

"Any Member may resign by sending his resignation in writing, to the Secretary; but if such member owe any subscription, or fine, or have any book in his possession, his resignation, shall not have any effect until he shall pay, or return the same."

House.

The building is now in a state of thorough repair. The gateway has been refloored, the long-rows painted, the stores repaired, the cornices and conductors overhauled, and the slanting part of the roof completely renewed with galvanized iron. Every effort has been made to add to the comfort and convenience of members, tenants and transient visitors.

Library.

The Committee report that the annual stock-taking of the books in the Library was carefully carried out under the personal supervision of a sub-committee Mess^{rs} Harper and Lampard, who devoted much time and labour to the work and whose figures are furnished with confidence as to their correctness

<u>1881</u>		<u>1882</u>	
On shelves October 31 st	8936	On shelves 31 st Oct	9106
Donations this year	36	Missing (no record)	30
Borrowed "	24	" brought forward from last year	18
Purchased "	<u>236</u>	In circulation	7
	9232	Laid aside for re-binding	17
		Worn out, imperfect &c	
		An accumulation of several years	<u>54</u>
			9232

The librarians have shown great vigilance in their endeavour to gather in such books as were missing and in circulation, overdue, and they have been rewarded with considerable success; - of 36 books missing, of which there was no record, to have been found; of 30 brought forward to the present year, many of which were very difficult to trace, 12 have been already restored, and of some 50 overdue for weeks and months all have been recovered except 7.

The circulation during the year was 9368 and it is most gratifying to observe the continued and growing demand for a better class of reading. Works in History, and Science have been much more frequently asked for, and even in fiction the same improvement as last year is again to be noted.

In the purchase of books special care has been taken to consult the desires and tastes of the reading Members

of the Institute. Every wish in the 'Suggestion Book' has received the careful consideration of the Committee and nearly every desirable book asked for has been obtained. Of the 236 volumes purchased, there were of Fiction 76 - 15 of which were to replace those worn out in circulation; History 45; Natural Science and Philosophy 43; Harper's + Scribner's Magazines, for completing sets as far as possible. 22; - relating to Canada 13; Voyages and Travels 10; Biography 8; Education 11; General Literature 15. Besides the 24 volumes of Magazines which have been bound, 23 volumes frequently asked for have been put again into circulation by being rebound.

The Reading Room has as usual been well patronised, on its tables there are of Canadian Papers and Magazines

13 Dailies, 20 Weeklies, 7 Monthlies, 1 Quarterly of American

5 Dailies, 16 Weeklies, 10 Monthlies, 1 Bi-Monthly and of the Motherland

1 Daily (The Times), 18 Weeklies and 16 Monthlies

So great is the attraction here presented that, we regret to say, many continue to visit these rooms who have not contributed to the funds of the Institute. Thanks are due to the publishers of Papers and Magazines kindly supplied gratuitously, to the Federal and Provincial Governments, the Boston Public Library; and the City of Montreal and the Harbour Commissioners for copies of Statistics & Reports. Financial Statement of the Library Committee for the year ending October 31st 1882.

Purchase of books, binding books of record	\$ 401.90
By Library Fines	<u>4.10</u>
Net cost of Library	\$ 397.80

Reading Room for Papers re	100.10
By Sale of Papers	<u>73.60</u>
Net cost of Reading Room	\$ 26.50
Total	\$ 724.30

Finance.

The following statement of the Funds of the Institute was transmitted at the appointed time to each Member according to Regulation:-

Financial Statement for the year ending Oct^r 31st 1882.

Bal. from Oct 31 1881.	6.44	Paid Furniture	12.00
Received from Stores	3600.	" Loan Account	700.
" " Hall	676.50	" Library	285.73
" " Room	395.	" Interest	1697.55
" Membership Fee	1206.27	" Light	564.21

Received from	5880.24	Paid for Heating	3259.49
Library Fines	4.10	Repairs "	458.09
" Sale of Catalogues	9.75	Advertising	564.62
" " Papers	73.60	Postages	22.60
" Loan Account	1150.	Stationery	14.75
" Taxes from Tenants	401.58	Wages	1350.53
		Cleaning	211.48
		Reading Room	518.93
		Insurance	195.
		Printing	26.75
		Lecture Account	1.
		Taxes	833.35
		Balance carried forward	72.82
	<u>\$7523.24</u>		<u>\$7523.24</u>

Audited and Certified correct
 Montreal 4th December 1882
 (Signed) Philip S. Ross Auditor
 N. Macintosh Auditor

Balances

Real Estate	47995.47	Capital	36179.12
Furniture	4146.80	Colonial Church	24000.
Library	9114.03	Loan	1150.
Cash	72.82		
	<u>\$61329.12</u>		<u>\$61329.12</u>

Montreal 31st October 1882.
 Certified
 (Signed) Philip S. Ross Auditor
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The receipts showed a slight increase over those of the previous year although the receipts from the hire of the Hall, which a few years ago was one of the principal sources of revenue, had decreased as compared with the previous year by the sum of \$210.50. To counterbalance this the receipts from the rents of the stores had been increased \$410.⁴⁶/₁₀₀ from the hire of the Long Room

\$122, and from members subscriptions, sale of papers and catalogues, \$140.08 more than in the previous year; in all a net increase of \$394.95. This result might be considered so far satisfactory, but still it was very far from what was desirable. Some means ought to be devised by which a larger revenue could be derived from the hall, which had this year brought in about one-fifth of the income it produced a few years back, and though, by strict economy they were able to meet their liabilities, they were at the same time obliged to curtail the outlay for the library to such an extent as seriously to diminish its usefulness and attractiveness to the public. It must also be remembered that they had paid during the past year the sum of \$393 for putting on a new iron roof, an item of expense which would not occur again for many years. In order that their exact position, financially, might be understood, it might be mentioned that the outstanding accounts due on the 31st October amounted to \$588.20; loan account \$1,150, and accrued interest on mortgage \$790, which, deducting rents due and cash on hand, made their total indebtedness about \$1,490. They had also to announce that the mortgage loan of \$34,000 would mature in the month of June next, and that it would be necessary to provide, in due time, for its renewal or extinction.

The following supplementary report of the new members elected since the annual report, which had been drawn up to the present time, was presented:—First-class, 11; second-class, 28; third-class, 13—making a total of 54. This made the present membership of the Institute 319.

It was moved by Mr Wm Drysdale, seconded by Mr W. S. Walker that the report be received and laid on the table - Carried.

The Chairman nominated Messrs Bentley, Starke and Gayford as Scrutineers.

It was moved by Mr Wright seconded by Mr Drysdale that Mr Robert Irwin be elected President for the ensuing year - Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr Cruikshank, seconded by Mr - Harper that Mr H. Teuton be elected Vice President for the ensuing year Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Cruikshank seconded by Mr McTeacher that Mr N. B. Coase be re-elected Treasurer. Carried unanimously.

Proposed by Mr Harper seconded by Mr McCallum that Mr J. W. Villety be re-elected Secretary. Carried unanimously.

The following gentlemen were nominated to fill the places of the five retiring Committee men:-

P. Lyall	W. S. Walker
S. H. Parsons	J. W. Hughes
H. Lampard	Jas Wright
L. Bentley	M. Hutchinson
John Allan	John Allan
J. Richards	Chas Stevens

A Ballot was taken, and the Scrutineers reported the following duly elected.

Messrs P. Lyall, H. Lampard, M. Hutchinson, J. W. Hughes and S. H. Parsons.

The CHAIRMAN, continuing the discussion on the report, said the income of the Institute was not so large as it ought to be, and this was mainly on account of the unprofitableness of the hall upstairs. When this building was constructed it was about the only hall in the city, and it was well patronized, giving an income of \$3,000 or \$4,000 a year, whereas now the income from the hall did not amount to more than \$600 or \$700.

Mr. G. W. SERRAVALLO, M.P.P., suggested that the library, reading-room, etc., should be removed to the hall flat, and to rent the present flat occupied by them as offices. An income of from \$1,500 to \$2,000 would thus be derived, in addition to that already received by them. In the face of a deficit of \$1,400, he begged them to move in the matter. He also stated that they might consider the question of whether they were in the right place, as when the building was first constructed it was in the midst of a neighborhood of private residences, and whether it would not be advisable to sell the present building, and remove their present quarters to a more desirable locality. He knew of a building in Darnley street (he referred to the old High School building) which might be secured at a much less cost than they could sell the present building for, where they could take charge of the library of the Institute, and introduce several new features of attraction for the young men of the city.

The discussion was continued by several members present, and finally Mr. G. W. SERRAVALLO moved, seconded by Mr. George CARRUTHERS, - That the officers of the Institute be respectfully requested to take into consideration the best means of increasing the prosperity of the Institute, and that they report to a special meeting of the members at nearly a date as feasible. - Carried.

On motion of Mr. G. W. STEPHENS the report was adopted and ordered to be printed and circulated amongst the members.
 At the suggestion of Mr. W. DAVSDALE a motion of regret was passed at the absence of Mr. Jonathan Findlay, which was caused by a serious accident having overtaken him.
 Dr. KELLEY said they should make an appeal to the public for sufficient subscriptions to clear off the debt on the building, and make it a free public library for the city, heartily supported by both French and English populations, and the carrying on of classes for our mechanics, so necessary in a large manufacturing centre.
 After a vote of thanks to the retiring officers and to the ~~secretaries~~, the meeting adjourned.

Officials

Wm Irvine

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.
 December 11th 1882.

A special meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 p.m.
 Present, Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair.
 Messrs Reid, McCallum, Lampard, Lyall, Teulon, Harper, Hutchinson, Hughes and Parsons.

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 The providing for pressing financial engagements, and also

The business for which the meeting was called, viz, the appointment of the various committees, was taken up, and the following were nominated by the President, and approved.

Finance.

Wm Reid, Chairman: - Messrs Teulon, Corse, Harper, Boyd, Harte and M Hutchinson.

House.

P. Lyall, Chairman: - Messrs Reid, Findlay, Corse, McCallum and J W Hughes.

Lecture.

J. Harper, Chairman: - Dr Vellay, Messrs McCallum, Lampard, Hutchinson and Parsons.

Memberships.

H. Lampard, Chairman: - Messrs Lyall, McCallum, Hughes and Hutchinson

Library.

Dr Vellay, Chairman: - Messrs Teulon, Findlay, Lampard, Harper and Parsons.

The following further business was transacted,
 A letter from Mr J X Perrault was read with reference to the increase of French Members with suggestions as to the supply of French papers and Reviews; and the

organizing a series of Lectures and Discussions.
With a request that the Committee should furnish a room for
the purpose - Referred to Lecture + House Committees.
Library

An account from the Corporation was presented, for the
amount of \$517.⁸⁴ being a special assessment for the cost
of widening St. James Street. Referred to the Finance
Committee.

A notice from the Treasurer of the Chinese of Montreal,
of the maturing of the claim for \$840 six months Interest
on the mortgage debt of the Institute was also referred to
the Finance Committee.

It was moved by Mr Teulon, and seconded by Mr
Lyall:-

"That the President and Secretary be empowered to
borrow Twelve hundred and fifty dollars (\$1250) to
pay the balance of the previous loan due to the Treasurer
(viz \$400) and the amount claimed for Interest as above
carried unassimilated by.

The following were duly elected Members of the Institute

1st Class

Selkirk Cross - W. J. Costigan

2nd Class

J. G. D. Stoddart
Walter Mc Nab
W. C. Palmer
John Mc Martin

G. J. Story
Charles Marshall
Charles Smythe
G. S. Wilson

3rd Class

Lewis Howell
C. Parker

G. L. Kemp
Donald Mc Burn

No further business being presented, the meeting adjourned.

R. H. Irvine

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
December 26th 1882.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:— Mr. R. Irwin (President) in the Chair,
Messrs Reid, Corse, Parsons, Lampard, Hutchison, Hughes,
Mr. Callum, Tuley, Lyall, Harper and the Secretary

The Minutes of the last General Meeting, and of the Special Meeting held on the 11th inst were read and confirmed.

Reports of the Lecture and Library Committees, and also of the Memberships Committee were received and adopted. The proposal of Mr. Brownie for a class for Short-hand was accepted.

The Committee agreed to add the Irish Times, Irish Canadian and Freeman's Journal to the papers in the Reading Room.

It was moved by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Tuley, that the Memberships Committee be instructed to take up the whole question of admission of Members and report at the next Meeting. — Carried.

The following were duly elected Members of the Institute:—

1st Class.

M. J. J. Quinn, John B. McLean, Lieut. Lamontagne

2nd Class.

Miss V. J. Gibb
William Jackson

J. Shannon
Mrs Spring Rice
P. C. Larkin

W. H. Grant

Samuel Hatt

J. W. Skaipe

Robt Young Junr

John Pierce

3rd Class.

J. C. McMahon

E. L. Bradbury

The question of the Mortgage Loan expiring in June next and its renewal was referred to the Finance Committee to report at next meeting

It was moved by Mr. Reid and seconded by Mr. Harper that a Sub-Committee be appointed to consider the recommendation of the Annual Meeting as to the prosperity of the Institute and that it report at the next meeting of the Committee — Carried.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution the President appointed Messrs Reid, Lyall, Hutchison, Hughes and Corse as the said Sub-Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Hutchison,

That the Library Committee be granted the sum of Two hundred dollars (\$200) for the use of the Library, for the next six months; — whereupon

It was moved by Mr Varsons, seconded by Mr Lyall that this resolution be referred to the Finance Committee and that until this Committee report the Library Committee be allowed to draw a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars

Carried.

The Cash Statement for November was submitted by the Superintendent: —

<u>Received.</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
Balance brot forward	72.82	W ^m Coorse (Balance of \$250 loan repaid)	150.
Rents: —		do \$1000 loan repaid	
Richards Tailoring Co	125.	Nov 1 300.	600.
J. D. Anderson	300.	21 200.	
South Eastern Printing Co	475.	22 100.	
Building Society	30.	W ^m Drysdale & Co Library	196.80
Hire of Hall	16.	Dawson Brothers "	102.80
" Room	27.	Gas Co 3 mos to Oct-17	88.49
Memberships Fees	355.	W ^m Drysdale & Co misc	6.00
Library Fines	.20	H. J. Shaw & Co Hire of Chairs	3.00
Sale of Catalogues	1.75	+ Tables for Civil Service Exam. }	3.00
		Ramsay, Lods & Co ap	7.96
		R. Seale (Double Windows)	8.10
		Salary H. Mott	50.
		" A. B. Hamilton	25.
		Wages Robt Young	28.
		do Woman cleaning	12.
		do do extra Double Windows	4.03
		Postal Cards (Financial Statement)	5.05
		+ Postages	
		Subscription to Monetary Times	2.
		" Ottawa Citizen	4.
		Balance to December	109.54
	<u>\$1402.77</u>		<u>\$1402.77</u>

The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr Harte that in consequence of his absence from meetings of the Committee since May last, his seat had become vacant, and that according to the Bye-laws the Committee will be compelled to take action in the matter at the next Meeting

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned.

R. H. Smith Sec

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal,
January 22nd 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:— Mr R. Irvine, President, in the Chair.

Messrs Parsons, McCallum, Teuton, Lampard, Harper,
~~Smith~~, Reid, Hutchison, Lyall and Dr Kelley.

A letter from Mr Hughes was read, reporting that the matter for alteration has been made in the heating of the Store occupied by Mr Richards and he considered that a permanent cure has been effected.

A letter from Mr J A Storte was read resigning his seat on the Committee of the Institute which was accepted, and on motion Mr David Bentley was elected to fill the vacancy.

Report of the House Committee was received;— and it was ^{moved} by Mr Harper, seconded by Mr Lampard that the House Committee be instructed to put an air spring on the front door, which was not carried, whereupon it was moved by Mr Teuton, seconded by Mr McCallum, and carried;

That the doors be left as they are for present.

Report of the Lecture and Class Committee submitted, that the Shorthand Class had been organized and it gave promise of being successfully carried out.

Report from the Library Committee reporting binding of books and additions to the Library was received and adopted.

The following report from the Finance Committee was received and adopted;

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held on Saturday January 20th the accompanying estimate of Revenue and Expenditure for the current year was unanimously adopted and ordered to be presented to the next meeting of the General Committee for its approval.

Probable Estimates for 1883:—

Receipts.	
Rent from Stores	\$ 3600
" " Hall	600
" " Rooms	300
Memberships Fees	1200
Assessments received from Servants	400
Catalogues, Times and Old Papers	80
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	\$ 6180 ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀

Brought Forward

\$ 6180.⁰⁰

Estimated Expenditure

6 months Interest on \$ 24000 @ 7%	840.00
6 " " " on \$ 26000 @ 5 1/2%	715.
Interest on Loan	<u>30.</u>
	\$ 1585. ⁰⁰
Light	564.
Wages	1300.
Cleaning	200.
Heating	400.
Insurance	200.
Taxes	836.
Reading Room average 3 years say	433.
Library " " "	346.
Printing & Advertising	50.
Postage & Stationery	30.
Repairs	<u>100.</u>
	6084. ⁰⁰

(Contingencies) \$ 96.⁰⁰
 It was also agreed to leave the matter of getting back the interest (on the payment of amount for assessment) from the Corporation in the hands of Messrs Corse and Reid.

It was further agreed to recommend the General Committee to convene a special meeting of the Members of the Institute at an early date for the purpose of authorising a renewal of the loan and also, if necessary to increase the amount to \$ 26000.⁰⁰

The above report was adopted, adding the words "if necessary" with reference to the increasing the amount of the loan.

The Membership Committee reported that they had checked the list of names of Members who had paid their subscription up to Decr 30th 1882, and compared the list with the stubs in the receipt books, and finding the same correct, handed it to the Library Committee to be printed with the annual report - with reference to a form for the nomination of members the Committee submitted one, which was approved, it being regarded as being more binding on members with regard to collecting subscriptions in arrears; the Committee further recommended a personal canvass by members of the General Committee, with an especial view to increasing the number of Life Members.

The foregoing suggestions were approved, whilst some other suggestions as to lectures &c were held over

The following gentlemen were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute :-

1st Class - Henry R Gray, 74 St Denis Street

2nd Class:-

T. B. Robinson	W. H. Mayo	J. Smith
T. W. Easton	E. G. Mc Connell	John Castigan
John E. Holland	J. G. H. Williams	Fred. Pariss
Alex. More	Alex. Allen	L. C. Rose
Wm. E. Studger	A. M. Corrie	A. Hansen
A. S. Rogers	Fred. Elliott	J. L. Tucker
		and J. LeFebvre

3rd Class:-

W. Macpherson	Albert Hanna
Allan Stewart	John Row
T. H. Barnes	A. Studer
Wm. McKay	W. H. Hill

The Cash Statement for December was submitted by the Superintendent:-

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
Dec 1 st Balance from November		Dec 2 nd Hughes & Stephenson	15.45
	109.54	" 9 th Alex. Craig Painter	18.25
" 4 th Winter Carnival	2.	" 11 th Journal of Commerce	3.00
" 6 th Dog Fanciers Association	2.	" 18 th Interest on Loan	25.00
" 7 th Coopers Union	2.	per M. B. Corrie	
" 11 th do	2.	" M. B. Corrie loan returned	100.
" 18 th M. B. Corrie Loan	1250.	" Colonial Church Fund	
" 20 th Commercial Travellers Association	14.	Interest on Mortgage	840.
" " Coopers Union	2.	" 28 th Morton Phillips & Bulmer	8.45
" 21 st Boot & Shoe Manufact ^{rs} Association	4.	" " Henry Mott ^{Bookbinding} Salary	50.
" 27 th St. Andrew's Society	4.	" " A. B. Hamilton do	25.
" 28 th Pet Stock Association	2.	" " Robt Young Ways ^{Swabs}	35.
Memberships Fees	181	" " Woman cleaning	15.50
" Fines	.90	" " Postage Stamps	.60
Sale of Catalogues	2.75	" " Ramsay, Dods & Co	.32
		Glass for repairing Lamp	
		Balance forward to January	141.62
	<u>\$ 1578.19</u>		<u>\$ 1578.19</u>

The Special Sub-Committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Committee submitted the following report:-

The Special Committee met on the 6th inst. and adopted the following resolutions:

- " That an effort be made by advertising in the city newspapers to ascertain what sum can be realized from the rental of the upper or either of the two flats of the building, (the rear portion of the 2nd flat excepted) the tenant to make his own improvements."
- " That a special effort be made to increase the Life-membership of the Institute."

"That the General Committee be divided into small
sub-committees for the purpose of making a personal
^{course} throughout the city with the object of increasing our
annual membership."

"The Committee after full discussion came to the
conclusion unanimously, that no attempt be made
at present to dispose of the building."

The foregoing report was received and adopted, but with
regard to further discussion and fixing for a special
meeting of the members to take the matter into
consideration, in consequence of the lateness of the hour
the meeting adjourned to Monday next 29th inst.

* The question of the ventilation of the Reading Room
was brought before the committee and after considerable
discussion it was referred to the chairman of the
House Committee.

Robt. Smith Pres

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
January 29th 1883.

An adjourned meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: Mr R. Irwin, President, in the Chair;
Messrs Course, Bentley, Lyall, Hutchinson, Reid,
Harper, Teulon, Parsons, Lampard & Dr Kelley.

Mr Harper reported from a private conversation with members of the Board of Trade and Corn Exchange
It was moved by Mr Hutchinson, seconded by Mr Bentley,
That the President, Secretary and the Chairman of the House Committee be a Committee with discretionary powers in reference to the rental of the upper hall. Carried.

Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Lyall;
That the rental of the hall, with heating be at least \$1000 per annum; the tenant to pay for gas, and his proportion of taxes. Carried.

The report of the Special Committee, presented at the last meeting was then adopted, with the foregoing amendments.

The matter of smoothing the floor of the Hall was left to the Chairman of the House Committee.

It was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Teulon,
That a committee be appointed to prepare a circular setting forth the position of the Institute and that the Secretary, with Messrs ^{Parsons} ~~Harper~~ & Hutchinson be such committee.

It was agreed that the matter of the Corporation Tax be left in the hands of Messrs Course and Hutchinson.

The following a/cs were presented and referred to the respective Committees.

Hughes & Stephenson	repairs	\$11.14	} to Library House Committee
G. J. Hartt	Coal	5.13	
D. Rutherford	Repairs	37.15	
Subscription to Minerva		6.00	} to Library Committee
"	Can. Antiquarian	1.50	
"	Illustrated News	2.67	
Dawson Brothers	2.40 } 2.70 } 1.50 }	6.60	
Wm Drysdale & Co	40.04 11.18 3.30 65 3.42 4.69 11.99	75.27	

John Longgallon 1.00 }
The Star for advertising 12.49 } These two a/cs were referred to Mr Course for adjustment

The following Invoices for Bookbinding were also presented

Morlan Phillips & Bulmer	9.00
Wm Lloyd & Co.	8.70
do	1.10
Lawsor Brothers	4.75
Montreal Herald Co	5.80

The meeting adjourned, to meet again on Saturday next at 4 p.m.

R. W. Irwin Pres

Mechanics' Institute
Montreal

February 3rd 1883.

The adjourned meeting of the Committee was held this afternoon,

Present: - Mr R. Irwin, President, in the Chair
Mess^{rs} Bentley, Reid, Hutchinson, Hughes, Lampard
Skulon, Lyall, Corso, McCallum, Parsons
Harper and Dr Kelley.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting submitted the draft of Circular on the opposite page, which was adopted and 2000 copies of the same ordered to be printed.

R. W. Irwin Pres

Mechanics' Institute of Montreal.

MONTREAL, February, 1883.

Sir,

The General Committee respectfully invites your attention to the following facts :—

That this Institution, founded in 1828, occupies a Commodious Building in a central position ; That Competent Officials are employed to devote all their time to the welfare of the Institute ; That the Reading-room, supplied with the leading Papers and Magazines of the English-speaking population of the world, is acknowledged to be one of the best on this Continent, and that among recent additions are MELBOURNE ARGUS, ART AMATEUR, IRISH TIMES, LITTELL'S LIVING AGE, and REVUE DES DEUX MONDES ;

That in the Library there are about 10,000 volumes of well chosen books, and that in the purchase of New Books, the wishes and tastes of Members receive careful consideration ;

That a Class in Phonography is in successful operation, and that, were the means provided, other needed classes would be formed immediately ;

That the Fee for Life Members is only \$25 ; and for Annual Subscribers, \$3 for Employers of Labor ; \$2 for Ladies, Clerks, and Journeymen ; \$1 for School Children and Apprentices ;

That the Advantages of the Institute are open to all, without distinction of race, sex, or religious belief ;

That the Membership—200 Life Members and 600 Annual Subscribers—is altogether disproportionate to the size and needs of the City.

For the advantages offered at so reasonable a cost ; for the aid it will afford in carrying on Educational Classes, and in supplying the best Literature of the day, we earnestly invite your co-operation, either as a Life Member, or as an Annual Subscriber.

Members of the Institute have been appointed to wait on you at an early date, and we bespeak for them your kindly consideration.

R. IRWIN,
President.

F. W. KELLEY,
Secretary.

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
February 26th 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: Mr R. Irwin, President, in the Chair:—

Mess^{rs} Corse, McCullum, Lyall, Harper, Hutchinson
Parsons, Lampard and Dr Kelley.

The Minutes of the last Meeting and two adjournments were read and confirmed.

Mr Harper reported from Lecture & Class Committee that the Shorthand Class was in successful operation; and gave notice that he would at next meeting move the reconsideration of the question of fixing an air spring on the entrance doors.

It was moved by Mr Corse, seconded by Mr McCullum and carried;

That for the future no member whose subscription is over a month in arrear be allowed the use of the library and that a notice to that effect be posted in the Reading Room.

The President reported from the Special Committee in reference to the letting of the Hall that the matter was under the consideration of the Board of Trade and Corn Exchange.

The Membership Committee were instructed to get 1000 copies of the Form of Nomination for Membership printed.

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute:—

Life Members

Sam^l E. Dawson
Douglas Rutherford

First Class

Geo. H. Patterson Geo. Clark
Chas. C. Newton A. McK. Corrie

Second Class

Miss A. Fowler	Miss G. W. Burland	J. G. Drummond
Roland Kane	Miss Ward	Stewart Strathy
J. H. Sharpe	Jas. W. Maxwell	C. H. Sorley
H. Holliday	A. H. Holland	Dr H. A. Howe
J. W. Robinson	R. Wilson Smith	T. M. Reynolds
H. M. Childs	J. D. Taylor	
John Simmons	Wm. Robinson	
M. F. Quinn	Joseph Houle	

Third Class:-

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| Harry Stuart | J. A. Baylis | Thos J Gittelaw |
| Vernon Barry | Wilton Corrie | Patrick Collins |
| Chas W. Horwell | W. G. Cameron | R. R. Sutherland |
| Geo. Gardiner | J. B. Craven | Ernest Lacroix |
| Albert Studer | Miss Lily Reynolds | Robt McKee |

The Cash Statement for January was submitted by the Superintendent:-

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
Balance from December 1892	141.62	Henry Mott Salary	50.00
Savoy's Coopers Union Room	2.	A. B. Hamilton do	25.
" 12' Junior Conservative Club	2.	Robt Young credits	28.
" 13' Iron Moulders Assoc ⁿ	4.	Woman Sewing "	12.
" 26' Fish & Game Club	2.	Postage Stamps (Report)	2.50
" 27' Poultry Show (Hall)	100.	Removing Ashes	6.00
Memberships Fees	102.	Moving Shuts (for Ball)	3.00
" Fines	.25	Woman extra sewing	1.00
Sale of Catalogues	2.25	2 Books	.80
" Papers	55.85	Balance forward to February	283.67
	<u>\$ 411.97</u>		<u>\$ 411.97</u>

The Superintendent requested replies to the following questions, for his guidance; for sake of order, the answers of the Committee are appended, in red ink

- 1st Are the sons of Life Members entitled to full privilege of Memberships, or only to the library?
Only for getting Books for the Life Members.
- 2nd What steps are to be taken to gather in the subscriptions of such members as have not renewed for the current year, up to the present time?
Referred to Membership Committee.
- 3rd Are such persons still entitled to the use of the library and Reading Room; or am I to refuse to issue books and expel them from the Rooms?
Not after one month from November 1st.
- 4th Is any member entitled to two books at a time, under any circumstances whatever?
Volumes of the same book allowed; two books only - on authority of a member of the Library Committee.
- 5th Is it proper for any member to help himself to a book or books, charging it or them to himself in the book of issue?
No!

6th. Who are privileged to come behind the counter in the Library?

Lady Members and Members of the General Committee. The door to be kept constantly locked, as heretofore - instructed.

7th. Have I any discretionary power as to fines &c. or right of private judgment?

Yes; - but as to limit of these powers referred to the Library Committee, to be reported at next Meeting.

The consideration of the distribution of the Circulars and other business was postponed and the meeting adjourned until Saturday, next at 2 p.m.

Wm. Toulson, Vice-President

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Mechanics' Institute
March 3rd 1883.

The adjourned Meeting of the Committee was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Present: - Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair.
Mess^{rs} Reid, Lyall, McCallum, Gorse, Hughes, Parsons, Sampson and Bentley, Harpou

Mr Gorse reported that he had called upon the City Treasurer with reference to payment of the amount claimed for special assessment, and that the Treasurer declined to receive the amount due without interest.

A letter from Mr Major was read, regarding the loss of coat &c by the Assistant Librarian, and it was decided to acknowledge receipt of the said letter

The lists of the names of those to whom a copy of the circular had been sent were read over and divided amongst the members of the Committee for the purpose of canvassing; after the lists had been carefully gone through.

It was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Lyall: -
That the Superintendent be requested to prepare a list of names for each member of the Committee in accordance with the foregoing. Carried

The meeting thereafter adjourned.
By Secretary, Vice-President

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
March 26th 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: Mr R Irvine, President, in the Chair.

Mess^{rs} Teuton, Reid, Lyall, Parsons, Hughes, McCallum, Lampard, Harper and D'Veilley.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and the adjourned meeting of March 3rd were read and confirmed.

The Memberships Committee reported, with statistics of memberships to date, and the following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute: -

Life (11)

Archibald O. Weaver	Geo. W. Eadie
Jas Simpson Junr	W. T. Costigan
William Byrd	William McNally
Enoch James	William Drysdale
Robert Reid	Geo. S. Cleghorn
Thomas Workman	

1st Class. (7)

John T. Hagar	G. A. Dickson
John Stephens	S. W. Ferns ^{should be} 2 nd Class
R. H. Thomas	John Costigan
H. Archibald	

2nd Class (17)

R. Macpherson	Thos Tait
Francis Whittaker	J. H. Stephens
Miss S. H. Shanks	R. E. Hughes
E. J. Walker	Richard Kough
E. Baleté	Henry Russell
Christ ^r Sonne	William Airtie
J. R. Mackenzie	George McNally
Joshua Ashworth	S. A. Bethune
R. B. Wood	

3rd Class. (3)

Percy Fletcher	John Holliday
R. Rolland	F. L. Barlow
William Stewart	Geo. Barry
R. M. Murtrie	W. W. Scott

It was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Lyall; -
That the form of application* endorsed by mover and
seconded, be accepted as the propositions for memberships.
Carried.

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It was moved, seconded and carried unanimously that the Library Committee be granted permission to purchase Poote's Index to Periodical Literature.

The Cash Statement for February was submitted by the Superintendent.

<u>Received.</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
Feb 1 st Richard's Merch Tailr Co.	125. ⁰⁰	1883 Feb 12 Gas Co 3 mos	158. 22
" J. D. Anderson	300.	" 16 th Wm Lloyd Garrison & Co	354.
" 7 th Coopers' Union	2.	" Papers for Reading Room	} 8.15
" 9 th Building Society	30.	" 17 th Postage Stamps	
" 10 th Garrison Artillery, Ball	60.	" Mailing Circulars	} 25.
" 14 th St. L. Sugar Refinery	2.	" 27 th Douglas Rutherford	
" 15 th South Eastern Rwy, Co	475.	" 28 th Hy Mott Salary	50.
" 16 th German Society	2.	" W. B. Hamilton do	25.
" 17 th Shot Hand Class	12.	" Robt Young 4 weeks	28.
" Job Thompson	2.	" Woman cleaning do	12.
Memberships Fees	82.	" do extra cleaning (Hutton)	5.
" 23 rd S. E. Dawson Life	25.	" Removing Seats, after Ball	3.
" L. Rutherford	25.	" Postage Stamps	28.
Members Finics	2.85	" Box of Matches	15.
J. C. King Book Lost	1.50		
Sale of Catalogues	2.25	Balance forward to March	773.67
" Newspapers	10.20		
Balance from January	283.67		
	<u>\$ 1462.47</u>		<u>\$ 1462.47</u>

Moved by L. V. Kelley, seconded by W. Lampard:—
 That, provided sufficient inducement be offered, this Committee recommend to the Special General Meeting of Members, the renting of the Reading Room & Library.
 On division, the motion was carried—6 to 3.
 The special general meeting of Members to be called for the 9th April.
 The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

W. H. Smith

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, MONTREAL.

The undersigned of _____ street, Montreal, hereby makes application for membership in the Mechanics' Institute, Montreal, and if elected agrees to conform to all rules and regulations of the said Institute.

REFERENCE,

NAME,

Mechanics Institute, Montreal
April 7th 1883.

A Special Meeting of the General Committee was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock;
Present, - Mr R Irwin, President, in the Chair,
Mess^{rs} Reid, Coorse, Parsons, Syall, Harper,
Hughes, Bentley, Hutchison, Lampson, Tulon
and Dr Valley.

The Secretary presented a report of what had been done since the Annual Meeting with reference to increasing the Memberships and otherwise improving the financial position of the Institute,

Also a financial statement, with comparison of the revenue during the last five months, with that of the corresponding month of last year.

And further a statement of the number of members at present on the roll, with the receipts from Memberships fees, and the result of the recent canvass.

It was agreed that the following be approved as being recommendations to the Special General Meeting of Members to be held on Monday, next.

1st - An application received by the President to rent the Reading Room, on consideration of which, the Committee resolved,

That, provided sufficient inducement be offered, the Committee recommend to the Special general meeting of Members the renting of the Reading Room and Library.

2nd - Not to dispose of the building.

3rd - (On motion of Mr Hutchison, seconded by Mr Bentley,) That the Committee ask the General Meeting of Members for authority to borrow \$26,000 for ten years.

4th - That Lectures and Classes will be commenced if sufficient funds be provided.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned

R. M. Irwin

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
April 9th 1883.

A Special General Meeting of the Members of the Institute was held this evening at 7.30 P.M.

Mr Robert Irwin, President in the Chair
Present, Messrs Feuton, Coorse, Reid, Findlay, Bentley, Harper, Lyall, Lampard, Hutchison, Hughes, Rutherford Parsons, L'Helley, Macfarlane, Drysdale, Garth, A.A. Stevenson, Perry, J. A. Perrault and others

The Secretary read the recommendations of the Committee as recorded on the opposite page, and a general discussion thereon ensued.

It was moved by Mr Alfred Perry, seconded by Mr William Reid, and resolved unanimously,
That the question of the sale of the building, the property of the Institute, be not entertained.

It was moved by Mr M. Hutchison, seconded by Mr J. W. Hughes;
That authority be granted to the Committee to borrow \$26,000 for ten years Carried.

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In seconding the motion, Mr Hughes warmly advocated the establishment for classes for mechanics, and lectures, & thus increasing the usefulness of the Institute.

Mr J. A. Perrault endorsed Mr Hughes' remarks and said that he believed that by such a course alone could the Institute be made prosperous.
The motion was carried unanimously.

L'Helley moved, seconded by Mr Drysdale
That the recommendation of the Committee to rent the reading-room and library, if sufficient inducement be offered, and remove to the hall above, be agreed to.

After discussion, the motion, on being put to the meeting was lost, there being 17 votes against it, and 10 in its favour.

It was resolved, on motion of Mr J. A. Perrault, seconded by Mr Alfred Perry,
That an application should be made to the Quebec Government to grant the Mechanics' Institute the sum of 1000 dollars yearly with a view of reopening the evening classes in connection with the Institute.
Carried 10 votes for and 3 against.

A lengthened discussion took place on divers subjects connected with the Institute, and thereafter the meeting adjourned.

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Moved by Mr M. Hutchison, seconded by Mr J. W. Hughes
"That whereas on the 8th June 1863 the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal obtained a loan of \$ 24,000 from the Church Society of the Diocese of Montreal, which matures on the 8th of June next. And whereas it is necessary that the loan be renewed, or a new loan be obtained to replace it, and that an additional loan of \$ 2000 be contracted to pay interest due and accruing on said loan, repairs on building &c. It is therefore resolved that the present loan be renewed for a period of ten years, and an additional loan of \$ 2000 be obtained, or that a new loan of \$ 26,000 be contracted, payable in 10 years, to replace the present loan, and to meet the said other needs of the Institute.

And that the immovable property of the Institute, be hypothecated for the security of the payment of the said loans.

And further that the President and Secretary be and are hereby authorized to appear and sign and execute on behalf of the Institute all deeds or writings that may be required for the above mentioned purposes

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
Monday April 23rd 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Present:— Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair.
Mess^{rs} Reid, Toulon, Hutchison, Hughes, Lampard, Bentley,
Harper and the Secretary.

The Library Committee presented a report, recommending that an advertisement be issued at once stating the number of papers in the Reading Room; the books in the Library; that half-yearly subscriptions were payable from date to 1st November, and that a personal (special) effort be made to gain the Members of the Merchants Exchange. Agreed to.

The Superintendent having examined the record of books overdue fortnightly, and issued notices to defaulters, and having issued a second notice, shall levy a fine, and in all cases keep record of the amount, or of the cause of the overrun of time. Approved.

That 473 members are now using the library, a little over 2-3rds of the Memberships.

That the supply of catalogues is exhausted, and that new shelving will soon be a necessity.

That at the desire of many members, the "Courier des Etats-Unis" had been added to the Reading Room.

On motion of Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Harper, it was agreed that the Chairman of the Library Committee be authorized to make such arrangements with the officers of the Institute as might help forward the production of a new catalogue; and that the question of new shelving be referred to the joint consideration of the House and Library Committees.

The matter of the renewal of the loan ^{was} ~~was~~ referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr Hughes reported from an interview with Mr J A Perrault and Mr G W Stephens, in reference to a Grant from the Legislature for Industrial Education. The question of Classes was referred to the Lecture Committee; and Mess^{rs} Hughes, Harper and the President were deputed to wait upon Mr Faillon M.P. with Mr Perrault.

The Membership Committee reported, and the following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute:—

Life

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Henry Garth
David Henderson
James Thomson
Jeffrey Sturand
James Leslie

W. L. Maltby
William Savers
J. D. Hagar
John Stephens
J. M. M. Duff

First Class

Edward Murphy
J. D. Wulff
S. Carsley
Wm M. Briggs
J. N. Hickey
Richard Hemsley
Israel Rubinstein

John Lewis
Chas. J. Higgins
George Maybank
Edmund Barnard D.C.

Second Class

Frank Stalchette
J. Pocock
Chas Berry
Sidney Lovelace
Andrew Darling
William Petts

Thomas Cartind
G. R. Hume
J. L. Morin
Alfred Pennell
Wallace Dawson
Thomas Baillie
Reed

Third Class

Clement H. McFarlane
Henry Hannah
William Hendrie

The Cash Statement for March was submitted by the Superintendent:—

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
Bakers Society Room	41.00	G. D. Harth Coal	5.13
Coopers Union "	41.	Insurance (Liv. Lond. m. g. l. b. y)	195.
Pet Stock Assoc "	2.	Jno Dougall on Printing	1.
Dog Francis " "	2.	Geo Brown & Bro 2 Hinges	2.
J. Hogarty "	2.	McQueen & Corneil	5.25
P. Bloomberg Hall	15.	Binding 2.50 Printing 2.75	
Chas Watts 2 Lectures "	30.	Herald Printing Co	
Working Mens Society "	45.	Receipt Books 10.15 Portfolios 5.75	21.90
Memberships Fees	216.	Library Books & Issue	16.75
4 Life Members	100.	Hy Mott Salary	50.
Library Fees	1.20	Womah cleaning "	15.
" for Book lost	1.75	do extra	.50
Sale of Catalogues	2.75	Postage & Stamps	.50
		Clearing away Ice	.50
	<u>\$ 4124.95</u>		<u>\$ 356.78</u>
Balance from February	773.67	Balance forward to 1st April	841.84
	<u>\$ 1198.62</u>		<u>\$ 1198.62</u>

Mr David Bentley was added to the Committees on Finance and Membership

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

By Seaton, Vice President

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
May 23rd 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Present: Mr Seaton, V.P. in the Chair.

Messrs Reid, McCallum, Hedges, Lampard, Hutchison, Hindley, Starpser and D'Veilley.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Finance Committee reported progress with regard to the Mortgage loan; - having advertised for tenders &c It was moved by D'Veilley, seconded by Mr McCallum: -

That the report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted and the portion in reference to the loan be entered in the minutes. Carried unanimously.

At an adjourned meeting of the Finance Committee held Wednesday, May 9th

Three Tenders for the loan were received and the Chairman appointed Mr Irwin to open them, 1st - Livcese of Montreal; offer of \$ 26,000 for 10 years at 6 per cent, or for a shorter period at a less rate.

2nd - Mr William Reid; \$ 26,000 for 10 years @ 5 1/2 per cent, - no commission, no valuation or legal expenses.

3rd - Liverpool & London and Globe Insurance Co - \$ 26,000 for 10 years @ 5 1/2 per cent - the Institute paying legal and other preliminary expenses, Valuation &c

It was resolved unanimously that Mr Reid's offer of \$ 26,000 for 10 years @ 5 1/2 per cent interest, payable semi-annually, be accepted.

On motion it was ordered that a copy of the Deed of Mortgage be made and kept in the custody of the Treasurer.

The Special Committee appointed to wait on Mr Tailleur in reference to Industrial Education and Classes reported progress

The Chairman of the Library Committee was authorized to continue the work of cataloguing and to inform the officials that they will be remunerated for the work.

It was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Harper and carried

That the report of the Library Committee be received and adopted, and that the 2 newspapers recommended, viz:-

New York Journal of Commerce
and London Economist
be obtained for the Reading Room.

The Members Committee reported and the following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute:-

First Class.

Levi C. Barney
J B Sparrow
G Lomer Jew
Jas. C. King
Robt. Lunan
J. C. Baker
William Lemoon
David Robertson

Lo R Stodart
Richard Bolton
G. W. Simpson
Rufus Fairbanks
James Mitchell
James Doyall
D A Watt
John Calder

Second Class.

Miss F M Tulton
G H McKay
George Auldjo
John Lupton
Chas Bartholomew
Geo. Scott
Edw Greaves
R L Greet
Tho Stewart
Jas Reid Junr
Louis Rubinstein
Fred^r Steben
J H Boyer
Joseph Hayes

Philip L Evans
G. Bowles
James Kelly
J Appleton
Robt Turnbull
H. H. Dale
J L Shaw
James Daly
A W Hadrill
Mrs John Monte
A Hawthorn
J M Farguhar
C. E. Hanna

Alex Gibb
William Ainslie
E. A Hart
Miss S. M. Reid
John Whelan
J A Robertson
William Herbert
M McIver
Wm Mc Goun
Sullivan David
W G Blyth
Frank Harries
J Labelle
Chas Minton

Third Class.

Henry Plaute
Wm Green Junr
Edwin Hinton
J H Walker
Moses Rubinstein

Jas L. Weston
E W Smith
Chas Ross Dobbin
W A Eneas
Miss Mary Hadrill

Wm Nish
John Chauvin
Ernest Morant
Arthur Harries
Fred^r Stewart

The matter of the supply of Coal was considered, and Mess^{rs} Reid, Gorse, and Lyall were appointed a Committee to arrange for obtaining it.

The Cash Statement for April was submitted by the Superintendent: -

Received.

Paid.

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April 2 nd St Lawrence Sugar Refinery	2.00	April 6 th SR Parsons (Subs)	1.50
" 3 rd Lloyd Francis Assoc ^{ns}	2.00	" 10 Subscription La Patrie	4.
" 6 th Canadian Lacrosse Club	3.00	" 13 W. Drysdale Co enca	25.
" Coopers Union	2.	" 21 D Bentley & Co Printing	30.
" 7 th Bakers Society	2.	" 23 Duty & charges on Books	2.90
" 10 th Independent Lacrosse Club	2.	" 28 R Scale (Kemble, W. & Co)	6.50
" 18 th Canadian Snow Shoe Club	3.	" 31 Henry Mott Salary	50.
" 19 th Coopers Union	2.	Al B Hamilton dr	25.
" " Independent Lacrosse Club	4.	R Young Arrears	28.
" 13 th Chas Witts Concert (Hall)	20.	Woman cleaning dr	12.
Membership Fees	63.	Soap &c	.11
do 2 Life	50	Postage Stamps	.25
Library Fines	.30		
W Robt for Book lost	.65		
Sale of catalogues	1.50		
	\$157.45		\$ 186.26
Balance from March	841.84	Balance to May	814.03
	<u>\$ 999.29</u>		<u>\$ 999.29</u>

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt Irwin Secy

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.
June 25th 1883.

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 p.m.

Present:—

Mr Robt Irwin, President, in the Chair;
Mess^{rs} Harper, Bentley, Lampard, Lyall, Feulon, Reid,
McCallum, Hutchison, Findlay, and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved

The Lecture and Class Committee reported at length;
It was moved by Mr Reid that the Report be received,
and that the scheme of study be accepted, provided that
the means be secured and that the Committee be
continued. Carried.

Moved by Mr Lyall, seconded by Mr Lampard,
That a prize, not exceeding five dollars be given for the
class in Stenography, and that the matter be left in the

hands of Mr Hutchison.

Carried.

The Finance Committee reported, with statement of Accounts due to us and the following recommendation to the General Committee:-

"That considering the extra labour required in preparing the catalogue for Library and extra time employed, we recommend an increase in salaries to Mr Mott of one hundred dollars, and Mr Hamilton of fifty dollars per annum to be dated from the first of June and that their hours of attendance in the Institute be as ordered by the General Committee, a copy of which is in the Library Minute Book."

It was moved by Mr Bentley, seconded by Mr Hindlay, That the report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted, with the foregoing recommendation.

Carried.

It was moved by Mr Lyall, seconded by Mr Lampard That the Superintendent be instructed to make a monthly statement of all outstanding accounts, to be submitted to the Committee with his financial statement of the previous month.

On motion, Mr Hughes was added to the Lecture and Class Committee.

The Membership Committee reported, and the following were nominated and duly elected Members of the ~~Committee~~ Institute.

Life. John B Young.

First Class.

Andrew T. Taylor
J. M. Betton
Joseph Blomeley
Hugh Mackay

Second Class.

Charles Minton	Miss Lily Johnston
W. E. Barker	M. T. Berry
James Marwick	T. J. Barrett
W. G. Nichol	A. Marien
William Mackenzie	Edward Robb
Jas. H. Baker	Edw. Stollis
J. A. Pyke	Samuel Simpson

Third Class

G. F. Barker	William Greig
And. Bonner	R. Paquette
Geo. Philpott	

The Cash Statement for May was submitted by the Superintendent:—

<u>Received.</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
Balance from April	814.03	May 19 th Gas Co 3 mos	
May 1 st Richards Tailoring Co	125.	to April 17	162.21
" J L Anderson	300.	" 31 St. Mott Salary	50.
" 2 nd Coopers Union	2.	" W B Hamilton do	25.
" 10 th Press Athletic Club	2.	W Young 4 weeks	24.
" 12 th do	2.	Woman cleaning do	12.
" Mutual Building Socy	30.	2 Balls Twine	.20
" 17 th Coopers Union	2.	Postage Stamps	.50
" Licensed Victualler	2.	Wax Tapers	.75
" South Eastern Railway Co	475.	Paint & Glass for Lamps	.35
" 22 nd Hog Farmers Assoc ⁿ	1.	Man cleaning away Ashes	6.00
Membership Fees	62.		
do Fines	.55	Balance forward to June	1539.28
A J Ogilvie for Book lot	1.50		
Sale of Catalogues	1.		
" " Papers	.21		
	<u>\$ 1820.29</u>		<u>\$ 1820.29</u>

Mr Melley wished to know the amount of Insurance on the books in the library, and no one present was able to give the required information.

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt Brown Pres

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
July 23rd 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 p.m.

Present: -

Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair,
Messrs Findlay, McCallum, Harper, Lampard, Hughes
and Parsons.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
The Fire Insurance Policy was laid before the meeting showing the insurance on the building and property to be as follows: -

Building	\$ 30,000
Heating Apparatus	1,000
Fixtures	3,000
Library	5,000
	\$ 39,000

The Class Committee reported that the books for prizes for the Stenographic Class as voted by the Committee were not required as Mr Browning awarded the prizes at his own expense, - the class having been examined by Mr Hutchinson the 1st Prize "A Holiday Ramble in the Land of Scott" was given to Robert Macrae and the 2nd "The New Testament" (in phonography) to John Costigan

The Financial Statement for June and a memorandum of outstanding debts as ordered were submitted by the Superintendent, as follows: -

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
June 2 nd Interest per Merchants Bank	6.58	June 5 th Corporation of Montreal	
" 5 th Coopers Union	2.	Special Assessment	517.84
" 8 th Mr W ^m Reid Loan	26000.	" 8 th Diocese of Montreal,	
" 12 th Log Jancin's Assoc.	2.	repayment of Mortgage Loan	24000.
" 22 nd Coopers Union	2.	" 6 th Int. Interest on Loan	840.
Memberships Fees		" 14 th N.B. Course returned loan	1250.
3 rd Life 75.		" Interest on Loan	36.30
Annual 25.	100.	" Encyclopaedia Britt.	6.
Library Fines	.45	" 21 st W ^m Dwyer & Co	347.26
Sale of Papers	.25	" Herald (Advertising)	9.40
27 th Swimming Club	2.	" Subscription	24.
		Can Antiquarian de	1.50
Balance from May	1539.28	Hughes or Stephenson etc	23.69
		Man storing Coal	18.25
		22 nd Subscription to La Minerve	6.
		" to Gazette	24.
		Gazette Advertising	9.40
Forward	\$ 27654.56	Forward	\$ 27113.64

Bro't forward	\$ 27654.56	Bro't forward	\$ 27113.64
		June 23 ^d Dawson Brothers &c	43.90
		" Morton Phillips &c	29.45
		License for Horse	2.
		Subscription Can. Ill. News	4.
		" La Patrie	4
		Star for Advertising	12.86
		Hy Mott Salary	58.33
		W B Hamillan do	29.17
		Robt Young Wages sweets	30
		Woman cleaning	15.
		Postage Stamps	.50
		Laces for Magazines	.10
		Sundries Tumbler	10
		Postage Hire	50
		Broom	30
			.90
		Balance forward to July	310.71
	<u>\$ 27654.56</u>		<u>\$ 27654.56</u>

The following is a memorandum of outstanding debts:-

Wm Drysdale Co	Binding	Books	30.45	
	45.85	24.60		
Dawson Brothers	Books		23.95	
Can. Illustrated News			2.27	
Morton Phillips & Bulmer	Binding		6.00	
J B Young	Repairs	30.90	5.90	
		25		
Star Advertising			5.40	
Witness do			? 45.58	
Minerve do			4.00	
Stuart Marlet + McLeannan	Notaries		30.00	123.55

The above was submitted to previous meeting of the Committee to which the following amounts are to be added.

Le Monice & Co	Fee	5.00	
Boiler Inspectors	Fee	5.00	
W Drysdale & Co	Binding	4.70	
Morton Phillips & Co	do	2.25	
Mantral Directory		2.50	
Dominion Annual Register		3.00	
Scottish American		2.50	
			24.95
			\$ 148.50

It was moved by Mr Lampson, seconded by Mr Findlay and carried that the a/c of Messrs Stuart Marlet + McLeannan for notarial services in connection with the Mortgage Loan be paid.

It was moved by Mr Harper, seconded by Mr Findlay and carried; That the House Committee be requested to make enquiries as to whether the Institute can be supplied with water by meter, and report to the next meeting of the General Committee.

The Memberships Committee reported and the following were
nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute

Second Class:-

E. M. King	Francis Moore
Miss Sutton	James Mullins
A. M. Laurie	J. C. Carter
J. G. Allan	A. E. Goodman
H. S. Lowndes	John Hennessey
E. Willings	

Third Class:-

Auguste Stele
A. Armour
J. M. Callum

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Robt. Irvine Pres

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
August 27th 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 p.m.

Present: -
Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair;
Messrs Boyd, Hutchinson, Parsons, Lampard, Bentley,
Hughes, Harper, Lyall, McCallum, and Dr Kelley.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Lyall, Chairman of the House Committee reported a conversation with Mr Lesage, Superintendent of the Waterworks in reference to the supply of water to the Institute,

It was moved by Mr Bentley, seconded by Mr Harper: -

"That an application for the use of water by meter be made to the Water Committee" Carried.

Report of the Sub-Committee on the Library was received and ordered to be recorded in the Minutes: -

"In accordance with the resolution of the Library Committee, the Library was closed for the yearly Stocktaking on July 10th, and the work of checking the books was completed by August 1st, so that the Library was reopened for the issue of books on 2nd August, having been closed only 15 working days."

The Sub-Committee took great pains to secure a thorough and careful examination of the books with the following result: -

<u>August 1st 1882</u>		<u>August 1st 1883.</u>	
On Shelves	8995	On Shelves	9380
Missing	31	Missing	5
Brought forward from 1881	13	In Circulation	13
In Circulation	49		<u>9398</u>
Laid aside for rebinding	17	Imperfect & worthless	
Imperfect & worthless	61	From previous years	48
	<u>9166</u>	During past year	26
Added between Stocktaking and last Annual Meeting	99	Missing last year	31
Since Annual Meeting	272	less recovered since	5
Less		Brought forward from previous years and may now be regarded as lost	26
no. 2024 marked in error	1		
12 vols. replaced in their old numbers	12		
	<u>13</u>		
	9524		<u>9524</u>

Of the 13 volumes in circulation 10 have since been returned

thus reducing the number to 3, which are held by responsible members.

"With a view to correctness in the new catalogue, now in preparation by the Superintendent, the Committee paid particular attention to the examination of such books as have become worn out and imperfect, and report as follows:

<u>Worn out books</u> which have been replaced during the past year, with new numbers	4
do replaced with their old numbers	12
Laid aside for rebinding	11

These have since been rebound, and are again back on the shelves

<u>Worn out books and imperfect, laid aside, the accumulation of previous years</u>	48	
do during the past year	26	74

"Of these it would be desirable for the Library Committee to see to the replacing of such volumes as may be deemed necessary.

"The Sub-Committee desire to express their perfect satisfaction with the efficiency of the working of the Library, and the general good order in which they found the record of the work during the past year.

"It is gratifying to find that the Library is more extensively used by the members, there being at present 509 using the library and the number of volumes issued will also show a proportionate increase during the current year."

"The Committee suggest that on the return of all books from the members that such volumes be restored to their proper places on the shelves as promptly as possible."

The Members Committee reported and the following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute;

First Class: - Henry McKay

A. L. Vient

Second Class

W. P. Davis

William Walker

Christopher Clift

Mrs A. J. Drummond.

The Financial Statement for July and a memo. of outstanding debts were submitted by the Superintendent:-

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
July 6 th Swimming Club	2.00	Robt Young 40 vols	24.00
9 th Base Ball Club	2.00	Woman Learning "	12.
Membership Fees	13.	do extra	.50
do Life (for Leslie)	25.	Subscription to Scottish American	2.50
do Fines	2.65	Sundries-Matches 15 [¢] Soap 8 [¢] 3 Busters ^{25[¢]}	.48
J. Goulden for Book lost	1.25	Postage Stamps	.25
Sale of Catalogue	25	Balance to August	317.13
Balance from June			
	<u>310.71</u>		
	\$ 356.86		\$ 356.86

Memorandum of outstanding debts:-

	Reported at last meeting	148.50
Jobs added,	J. A. Harte Lye	1.25
	Ramsay Dods & Co.	3.44
	Morton Phillips & Co. Binding	4.32
	Hughes & Johnson	<u>21.81</u>
		<u>30.82</u>
Less paid during August	10.00	179.32
" off Witness &c	<u>5.58</u>	<u>15.58</u>
		\$ 163.74

The a/c were referred to the different Committees
 Payment was ordered of Messrs Charles Stuart & McKernan a/c for Notarial charges on Loan \$30 and the Witness A/c for advertising \$40
 The President reported the completion of the Bond with the Guarantee Co. for the Superintendent (Mr Mott) \$750 and for the Librarian (Mr Hamilton) for \$250.

Mr S. C. Stevenson from the Board of Arts waited upon the Committee and gave expression to his views in reference to Industrial Education in the city.

An application to hire the Hall for a Roller Skating Rink was laid before the Committee - It was moved by Mr Hutchinson and seconded by Mr McCallum:-

That it be entertained - the rent for one month to be \$100 payable in advance, and that any alterations shall be made at the expense of the lessee, the alterations to be to the satisfaction of the House Committee and a guarantee to be given that the flooring shall be replaced at the termination of the hiring

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt. Irvine, Pres

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
September 24th 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 p.m.

Present:—

Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair, Mess^{rs} Teulon, Boyd, McCallum, Hutchinson, Boyd, Lyall, Parsons, Lampard, Harper and McVetley.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee report of their meeting held on 10th inst was received and adopted, it appeared that the amount of liabilities up to October 31st were \$994.60 whilst the probable assets to same date were \$936.58 - It being necessary to pay the assessments before October 1st to secure the 3% discount, it was recommended not to pay any of the accounts due before that date.

The Lecture and Class Committee reported as to the probable cost of organising Classes during the coming winter, It was moved by Mr Lyall, seconded by Mr Lampard, That an appeal for a Guarantee Fund for carrying on the Lectures and Classes be made to the Members of the Institute — Carried.

Moved by Mr Harper, seconded by Mr Lyall and carried "That the Lecture and Class Committee be authorised to call a meeting of the prominent members of the Institute to consider the question of Lectures & Classes for the coming winter"

It was moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Parsons, That the Finance Committee be asked to grant the sum of \$100 to the Library Committee for replacing such missing and imperfect books as may be desirable — Carried unanimously.
The Membership Committee reported and the following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute

Life John MacFarlane

Second Class

Frank Weir
Edward Beaulieu
T. J. Thompson

Third Class

John W Row
C. J. Robertson
David Hunter

The Financial Statement for August and a memorandum of outstanding debts were submitted by the Superintendent; -

Received		Paid	
Aug 1 st Richards Tailors Co Rent	125.00	Aug 1 st Guarantee Co Premium	7.50
" 2 nd Cooper's Union Room	2	Hy Mott Salary July	58.33
" " J. W. Anderson Rent	300.	A. B. Hamilton do	29.17
" 10 S. Davis Room	2.	Baker Inspection Fee	5.
" 11 Building Society	30.	" Water Rate same	71.75
" " Lacrosse Club Room	3.	" Guarantee Co Premium	2.50
" 18 South Eastern RR Co.	47.50	" Montreal Directory	2.50
" 21 Grocers' Union Room	14.	13 Gas Co same	63.83
" 30 Day Goods Clerk "	2.	25 J. S. Hartt Coal	503.71
Membership Fees	3.50	31 Dominion Annual Register	3.
do Fines	.55	Hy Mott Salary August	58.33
Sale of old Papers	1.45	A. B. Hamilton do	29.17
		Robt Young Wages 4 weeks	24.
		Woman cleaning do	12.
		Sundries Brown 1.45 Brown Spring 75	2.
		Postage Stamps Postages	.40
		Balance to September	402.44
Balance from July	317.13		
	<u>\$1275.63</u>		<u>\$1275.63</u>

Memorandum of Outstanding a/c's \$ 167.52

The question of the letting of the Hall for a further term for the Skating Rink was left in the hands of the House Committee

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt Irvine Secy

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
October 22nd 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee
~~xxx~~ was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:—

Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair, Mess^{rs}
Reid, Coorse, Sindlay, McCallum, Hughes, Bentley,
Parsons, Lampard, Lyall, Harper and D'Villey.

The Finance Committee reported that at a meeting
of the Committee the following resolution was adopted
"With reference to the request of the Library Committee
for the sum of One Hundred dollars to replace missing
books &c. the Finance Committee regret that owing
to lack of funds they are unable to recommend such
grant".

The report of the Finance Committee was received and adopted.

The House Committee reported in reference to the renting the
Hall; it was moved by Mr Sindlay seconded by Mr Lampard,
"That the action of the House Committee in renting the
Hall to the "People's Dime Museum" be approved of
Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Harper,
That the House Committee have power to arrange with
the Lessees of the Hall as to the repurchase of their
pipes and fixtures that may be specially fitted in order to
light the Hall, stage and dressing rooms, separate
from the rest of the building" Carried.

Moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Sindlay;
That such arrangements be made that the Superintendent
or his assistant remain in the building until the
closing of the Reading Room at 10 p. m.
Carried

It was moved by Mr ~~Harper~~ Lyall, seconded by Mr Harper
That the clause in the Rules for Employes of the
Institute relating to a Time-book be erased
(See Minutes of Meeting Oct 24 1881.) Carried

The Secretary read two letters from Hon. Mr Taitlow in
reference to the proposed classes for the coming winter,
seeing that classes of a kindred character were already in
operation under the auspices of the Board of Arts it was
not probable that an application to the Government for
a grant in favour of the Institute would be successful.

The Membership Committee reported that they had prepared

a Bill-head for Membership Subscription, and asks that a circular be issued with it to all Members of the Institute, asking for their co-operation in obtaining an increase of the Memberships.

Adopted.

The Membership Committee further reported, and the following were nominated and were duly elected members of the Institute

First Class	C. J. Brooke	W J Demwick
	J E. Walsh	James St Ferns
	Thos Devine	
Second Class	J Stachette	Pat Bowlin
	W G Cheney	J J Robson
	J C Meriot	
Third Class	Gas Stevenson	J W. Barry
	David Hunter	Charles Gray
	Ernest Tracy	John Simpson
	George Woods	H. S. M Cole
	E Gallet	Chas Irvine

The Financial Statement for September was submitted by the Superintendent:-

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
Sept 6 Coopers Union	2.00	Sept 1 Stewart & Martin Notaries	30.00
" W S Gray Skating Rink	100.00	" Witnesses of Advertising	40.00
" Canada Mutual Building Lot	2.00	J A Starks Lye	1.25
" Pet Stock Association	2.00	4 1/2 Bund Soft Wood and Splitting	3.50
14 Dog Fanciers do	2.00	Change of Greenbacks	.25
20 Coopers Union	2.00	8 Cleaning Hall & Moving Seats	7.00
" Council Travellers Assn	2.00	29 Robt Young Swills	30.00
26 Citizens Gas Co	2.00	Woman cleaning do	15.00
27 Richards Sailors Co	52.38	do extra	1.00
29 S. S. Riving Co	221.16	Sundries Bolts & Screws Ripg Barrow	
" J D Anderson	128.04	57 Bays Saw Dust	85
Membership Fees	9.00	Windows Board	25
MB Course Loan	96.50	Scrubbing Brush	1.35
		Soaps and Sacks	.12
		Candles	.05
		Hy Mott Salary	58.33
		MB Hamilton do	29.17
		Balance to October	806.30
Balance from August	402.44		
	<u>\$ 1023.52</u>		<u>\$ 1023.52</u>

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

W H Irvine

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
November 26th 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:

Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair. Mess^{rs}
Reid, Teulon, Lyall, Hughes, Parsons, Lampard
Harper and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Lyall reported that arrangements had been made to repurchase the gas-fixtures &c from the Lessees of the Hall, at the end of their term, at a price not exceeding half the cost.

The Members Committee reported, and the following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute:-

First Class. Arthur Ross

Thos J. Rutherford

Second Class.

M^{rs} J W Smith

Walter F Taylor

Robt J Gibson

J O C. Mignault.

Thos Bowlan

Douglas Ross

E. Singer

Geo. Gardiner

Rev J Carmichael

C. H. Gilmore

Miss G Delmage

Wm M. Coan

Miss Campbell

B J Graves

A Ferguson

B. M. Nally

John Young

Robt Wilson

G M Rendell

W H Smardon

Walter B West

Wm Mackay

Third Class.

Willie Donahue

Austin Walker

Henry Neate

A M Smith

Chas Riva

Jas Millard

David Jacobs

John Ludwig

Wilton White

Edwd Sticks

M W Hutchings

W Bowden

A Graves

Saml Hasley

Sidney Ward

Walter Williams.

The following committees submitted their reports for presentation to the Annual Meeting on Monday next.

* Finance Committee

House

Lecture & Class "

Memberships "

and Lecture and Class "

and the Reports were adopted with some trifling amendments.

The Financial Statement for October was submitted

by the Superintendent:—

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
1883			
Oct 2 ⁷	Dog fanciers Assoc ⁿ 2.00	Oct 1 st	Annual Assessments 756.60
" 4 th	Coopers Union 2.	" 24 th	W B Coorse Loan repaid 116.50
" 6 th	Dramatic Club 2.	" "	Interest charge of 96.23
" 18 th	Dime Museum 100.	" 27 th	Robt Young wages 24.
" 24 th	St Patrick's Bazaar 142.	" "	Woman cleaning " 12.
6-13 th	W B Coorse Loan 20.	" "	do repair for double Windows 2.
	Memberships Fees 84.50	" "	Man moving seats 1.50
	Life " J B Young 25.	" "	Salary attendance at Bazaar 3.
	Library, Fine 10.	" "	Sunday Books for Library 5.20
	Sale of Papers 2.	" "	Sty Mott Salary 58.33
	Whitney - to replace Book lost .50	" "	W B Hamilton " 29.17
	Balance from September 806.30	" "	J B Young on ac 25.
		" "	Postage Stamps .28
		" "	Sundries Levell Threl 1.00
		" "	Brown 35
			Balance forward to November 150.24
	<u>\$ 1186.40</u>		<u>\$ 1186.40</u>

The Committee then adjourned until Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock to receive the Secretary's Report prepared for the Annual Meeting

Robt Irvine Pres

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
December 1st 1883.

An adjourned meeting of the General Committee was held at 4 p. m.

Present: Mr Robert Irvine, President, in the Chair,
Messrs Reid, Lyall, McCallum, Hutchinson, Lampson,
Boyd, Parsons, Harper, Tuley and the Secretary

A letter from Mr Browning was read, and together with the proposal to have lectures on Sanitary Engineering were favorably received and referred to the new Committee, recommending an appropriation for that purpose

A letter from Messrs Morton Phillips & Bulmer was read and ordered to be acknowledged.

The Report to be presented to the Annual Meeting was read by the Secretary and agreed upon.

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.
December 3rd 1883.

The 44th Annual Meeting of the Members of the Institute was held this evening.

Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair.
amongst those present were Mess^{rs} Hughes, Parsons, Harper, Fulton, McCallum, Lyall, Perry, Lampard, Morton, Nolan, Reid, The Allan, Boyd, Findlay, Drysdale, G.W. Stephens, Gayford, Hutchinson &c.

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

The Annual Report (as follows) was then read by the Secretary:—

"In presenting the 44th Annual Report to the Members of this Institution, your Committee beg to say

That no pains have been spared by them during the year to better its position and increase its usefulness. The building has been kept in thorough repair, due attention has been paid to the warmth, lighting and ventilation of the rooms, the latest and best books have been purchased, a new and complete catalogue of the library has been prepared, whilst our Reading Room noted for the number, variety and excellence of its papers and periodicals, has received most important additions, the designs of the founders have been steadily kept in view, the present need of our mechanics keenly felt, and it was determined to provide, if possible, similar instruction, in a humbler way, to that afforded by the Cooper Institute, New York, and other schools throughout the neighbouring States. To do this additional means were required and all the energies of the Committee were lent to strengthen the financial condition of the Institute.

The Mortgage to the Colonial Church Society, bearing 7 per cent interest, expired in June and the Committee decided not to renew it. Public tenders were called for, and although the amount of the mortgage has been slightly increased, a considerable annual saving has been effected.

At the suggestion of the Membership Committee, there were issued to manufacturers, merchants and the citizens generally, circulars stating the advantages afforded by the Institute to all, without distinction of race, sex, or religious belief; the city was divided into districts and these were allotted to members of the Committee for personal canvas, though the latter was but partially carried out. These efforts resulted in a large increase of membership—both of life members and

annual subscribers.

At the last session of the Legislature a considerable grant was given in aid of Technical Schools, a course of study was prepared by the Select Committee of the Institute, and this was forwarded through Mr Taitton to the Quebec Government with a request for a small allowance from the above fund; an answer was received saying that as the Board of Arts and Manufactures had increased, to a large extent, ~~increased~~ their rooms and apparatus, staff of teachers, and courses of instruction, it was not advisable to subdivide the grant allotted to this city.

Meanwhile the Committee deliberated anxiously over that portion of the property of the Institute, which has been becoming less and less productive - the upper hall - every effort for renting it, was made, but of no avail, as it was unused during almost the whole of last winter, and as it was roomy, well-lighted and easy of access, your Committee resolved to advise the members of the Institute, that should the second flat be rented to advantage, the Library and Reading Room be removed up stairs. This was successfully opposed, however, at a special General Meeting held in April last; fortunately, for the coming season it has been leased at a fair rental, and the limited resources of the Institute thereby materially increased.

Officers.

Through the resignation of Mr J A Starte, a vacancy occurred on the General Committee, which was filled by the election of Mr David Bentley.

The great amount of extra labour imposed, during the present year, upon the Superintendent, Mr Mott, has not interfered, in any degree, with the most satisfactory performance of his general duties, while for the neatness, order and prosperous condition of the Library and Reading Room, we are indebted largely to the faithful and energetic oversight of the Assistant, Mr Hamilton. In their somewhat trying position, these gentlemen deserve the consideration and cordial support of every member of the Institute.

The gentlemen whose term of office expires are as follows:-

R. Irwin, President

H. Teulon Vice-do

W B Coase Treasurer

L^r Valley Secretary

and of the General Committee

Mess^{rs} W^m Reid, J Findlay, D Bentley

John Harper and J. M^r Callum &

House.

Your Committee have only to present to the meeting a report of the most formal character. In addition to stated

meetings, the members of the Committee have given their personal attention to matters coming within their department, and feel that nothing of any importance with a view of rendering the members of the Institute as comfortable as possible has escaped their notice.

All necessary repairs, arising from time to time, have been promptly executed. The repairs to the roof which were done last year have proved effectual, and no further trouble has arisen in that respect.

During the summer an application was made to the Corporation for permission to have the water supplied to the Institute by meter, but the Water Committee refused to grant such permission.

The Committee have carefully watched the consumption of gas during the past season, and by attention a considerable saving has been effected, the expenditure for lighting showing \$90 less than for the previous year.

Lecture & Class Committee.

The Committee beg to report that they have held many meetings and have considered several proposals and suggestions, with the hope of being able to put into operation some classes and lectures on useful and scientific subjects. According to the resolution passed at the special general meeting of Members held April 4th an effort was made with a view of obtaining assistance from the Provincial Government to carry on the work, and a deputation from the Committee accompanied by the President, waited upon the Hon. Mr. Taitton to whom they fully explained the aim and objects sought by the Committee, as stated above, this effort, was in the end, unsuccessful.

The Committee submitted a scheme to the General Committee for inaugurating classes or a very limited amount of work during the coming winter. They would recommend that the Short hand class which was conducted so satisfactorily last season by Mr. Browning be at once resumed, that the offer of Mr. Hughes for a course of lectures on Sanitary Engineering be accepted and that both of these be open to members free of charge.

Memberships

The Membership Committee begs to submit, after a careful examination of the books, the following comparative roll of Memberships

	1882	1883
Honorary	11	11
Corresponding	9	9
Life	220	236
First Class	106	126
Second do	284	398
Third do	137	143
	(767) 767	(923) 923

We thus show a gain this year of 16 Life Members, 20 First Class, 114 Second Class, and 6 Third Class, a total gain of 156 new members, besides replacing those we have lost by death and resignation. Your Committee had lists of names of prominent citizens prepared & divided amongst the General Committee for personal canvass, issued a general circular and a new application form more in accordance with the by-law than the previous one, a new bill head, and also an account for memberships fee, and ^{sent these} all who had not paid the subscription previous to the second week of November, enclosing with this a short circular asking each member to aid in every possible way the extending of our memberships during the present season.

It is with deep regret we chronicle the removal by death of six of our Life Members - Sir Hugh Allan, James Benson, George Brush, James Mavor, Ferd. David and H. A. Nelson.

For our list of Life Members we have added the following gentlemen: -

Jeffrey H. Burtland	Enoch James
Willm Byrd	James Leslie
Gro S. Cleghorn	Wm Mc Nally
W T Costigan	* D. Rutherford
S. E. Dawson	Jas Simpson
Wm Drysdale	John Stephens
J M M Duff	A O. Weaver
G. W. Eadie	Thomas Workman
Henry Garth	J B. Young
John T. Hagar	* Robert Reid

Library Committee

The Reading Room has, as usual, been abundantly supplied with the papers and periodicals which can be obtained. At the beginning of the year there were of Canadian papers and magazines: - 12 Daily, 24 Weekly, 7 Monthly, and 2 Quarterly: - of American, 5 Daily, 16 Weekly, 13 Monthly: - of British, 1 Daily, "The Times", 20 Weekly, 15 Monthly; and to meet the wishes of some of our fellow-citizens there were afterwards added, the Irish Times, Weekly Freeman, Irish Canadian, the Melbourne Argus, London Economist, New York Journal of Commerce, Courier des Etats-Unis, Revue des Deux Mondes, and through the kindness of M^r J. H. Perrault, the leading French Canadian papers published outside of Montreal.

The annual stock-taking of the volumes in the Library was carried out carefully and energetically, in July, under the personal supervision of Mess^{rs} Harper, Lampson and Parsons. Of the 5 books they reported missing, 1 has been returned; of the 13 in circulation overdue, 10 have been collected; while from those

outstanding from previous years, 2 have been replaced by the members who had lost them.

At the last Annual Report the number of volumes in the library was 9232

Added since	
By purchase	185
Magazines bound	76
Donations	35
Parliamentary Reports	61
	<u>357</u>
	9589

Making a total, less the seven missing, of 9582 volumes

Of the 185 volumes added by purchase, 52 were Fiction, (including to replace volumes worn out) History 16, Natural Philosophy and Science 24, Relating to Canada 6, Travels and Voyages 30, Biography 11, Education 4, General Literature 9, Botany 2, Political Economy 12, Trade and Commerce 2, Hygiene 6, Natural History 11, Encyclopaedia Britannica 1.

It is pleasing to notice that the number of readers has increased from 473 last year to 633 this year, and the circulation during the same time from 9368 to 10950. The magazine department is large and of increasing importance, the books are of great value as works of reference, especially since the addition to the library of that invaluable work, "Poole's Index of Periodical Literature" which contains a classified list of all articles published in any magazine of importance of importance from its foundation to the close of 1881.

To prevent further loss and destruction, it was decided to bind the accumulated volumes of previous years, as well as those of the current year, and your Committee are glad to report that all necessary binding up to the present moment has been completed.

In the purchase of new books your Committee have exercised great care and at all times have consulted the wishes of the members as recorded in the "Suggestion Book"; their only regret is that on account of the necessarily limited means placed at their disposal, they have been unable to do more efficiently, this great work of the Institute. Of the amount charged to the library in the financial Statement just issued \$727.96, - \$373.58 is for purchases in previous years; \$95.72 is for the binding of books and magazines, and only \$278.12 is for the purchase of new books and the replacing of old ones. The last edition of the library catalogue, ill arranged and incomplete, ran out early in this year. Fortunately, the Institute possessed in its Superintendent, one admirably qualified to prepare a new one, and, through his untiring care and energy its publication now awaits only the sanction of the

General Committee.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee beg to submit the following report of their proceedings during the current year. At their first meeting in January, an estimate of the Receipts and Expenditure for the year was presented by the Chairman and ordered to be submitted to the General Committee, who were also recommended to call a general meeting of the Members of the Institute to authorize a renewal of the Mortgage loan. Both of these points were agreed to by the General Committee and the appropriations to the various sub-committees were estimated based upon the estimated Revenue.

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held in April to consider the question of the renewal of the loan the following resolution was adopted, "That in consideration of the amount due to W. Corse, and the extra assessment due the Corporation for widening St. James Street, we deem it necessary to ask for a loan of \$26000 to repay the \$24000 due the Church Society, and to meet the above amounts." It was further decided to advertise in the Gazette and Herald for tenders for the loan of \$26000.

At a meeting held in May, three tenders for the loan were received, and the Chairman appointed Mr Irwin to open them:—

They were as follows:—

- 1st Diocese of Montreal. offer of \$26,000 for 10 years @ 6 per cent, or for a shorter period at a less rate.
- 2nd Mr William Reid. \$26000 for 10 years @ 5½ per cent, no commission, valuation or legal expenses.
- 3rd Liverpool and London & Globe Insurance Co.:- \$26000 for 10 years @ 5½ per cent; the Institute paying legal and other preliminary expenses. Valuation &c.

Mr William Reid's offer, interest payable semi-annually, was accepted, and thus, although the loan is increased by \$2000, a considerable sum in the shape of interest

It has been found that the actual expenditure has exceeded the estimate in some particulars, thus the library account by \$373.58 for expenses incurred in previous years; Advertising \$40 by an account of the Witness of two or three years standing and Taxes by \$517.84 Special assessment for widening St. James Street.

Your Committee are glad, however, to be able to report that notwithstanding all this, the Financial Statement for the year shows a balance in hand of (\$150) One hundred and fifty dollars.

In accordance with the rules, the Financial Statement has been forwarded to each member of the Institute.

Mechanics' Institute

Financial Statement for the year

	Balance from Oct 31 st 1882	72 82
138	Received from Stores	3600 " ✓
"	Hall	638 " ✓
"	Room	303 " ✓
41	Memberships Fees	1521 " ✓
"	Library Fines	10 " ✓
44	Sale of Catalogues	14 50 ✓
92	Papers	69 96 ✓
119,	Taxes from Tenants	401 58 ✓
102,	Loan Account	1366 50 ✓
26.	Mortgage loan per W. Reid	26000 " ✓

\$ 33997. 36 ✓

		<u>Balance</u>
3	Real Estate	48129. 94 ✓
6	Furniture	4148. 30 ✓
11.	Library	9841. 99 ✓
124.	Cash	150. 24 ✓
		<u>\$ 62270. 47</u>

Institute of Montreal.

Year ending October 31st 1883.

6.	Paid Furniture Account	1 50 ✓
102	" Loan	2516 50 ✓
11	" Library	727 96 ✓
50	" Interest	1766 20 ✓
54	" Lighting	473 55 ✓
131	" Heating	535 59 ✓
62	" Repairs	134 47 ✓
64	" Advertising	71 66 ✓
69	" Postages	16 71 ✓
74	" Stationery	33 45 ✓
81	" Wages	1300 50 ✓
"	" Cleaning	217 94 ✓
88	" Reading Room	456 " ✓
98	" Insurance	205 " ✓
103	" Printing	43 90 ✓
119	" Taxes	1346 19 ✓
25	" Colonial Church (Loan)	24000 " ✓
	Balance carried forward	150 24
		<u>\$33997.36 ✓</u>

Assets.

2	Capital	36270.47 ✓
26	Mortgage Loan	26000 " ✓
		<u>\$62270.47</u>

James Moore
 Montreal

Auditor

To the Managing Committee
of the Mechanics Institute

Gentlemen

We have examined the Books and the Balance Sheet for the year ending 31 October last, and have compared the same with the Vouchers, and Receipts, and have much pleasure in certifying to their correctness.

We find that a new Book is necessary for the Registry of Members and we recommend that one be purchased on the plan suggested by Mr Mott, which we think will render the Account Book more simple and clear, than the book now in use.

James Moore
Mechanics Institute
Stratford
St Macintosh

3rd December 1883

It was moved by Mr Wm Drysdale, seconded by Mr Alfred Perry, "That the Report be received and laid on the table". Carried.

The President nominated Messrs Stephen White, Jas Bayford and Tho J Rutherford as Scrutineers, and the election of Officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with:—

It was moved by Mr J Hindlay, seconded by Mr Reid "That Mr Robert Inwin be re-elected President"

Carried unanimously

Messrs Teulon, Hindlay and Harper were nominated as Vice-President; and a ballot having been taken, Mr Teulon was declared elected.

Mr W B. Coarse was unanimously re-elected Treasurer

Mr J. W. Hughes was unanimously elected Secretary

After several ballots had been cast, the following Members were elected to serve on the General Committee:—

Messrs Wm Reid, John Harper, John McCallum, Tho J Rutherford and Dr Kelley.

and Mr J B. Robinson was declared elected for the short term (one year) to fill the vacancy on the Committee caused by the election of Mr Hughes as Secretary.

It was moved by Mr G W Stephens M.P.P. seconded by Mr Alfred Perry and carried:—

"That the thanks of this meeting are due and are hereby tendered to the late Secretary of the Institute Dr Kelley, for his efficient discharge of the arduous duties pertaining to the office".

It was moved by Mr Drysdale, seconded by Mr Alfred Perry, "That the Report be adopted, printed and circulated amongst the Members.

Carried.

Mr Perry called attention to the desirability of gathering together copies of previous annual reports, so as to furnish a history of the Institute from its very commencement, if possible.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Mr William Rutherford, and seconded by Mr G W Stephens M.P.P.:—

"That the Committee be requested to consider

the financial question, and the best means of realising a larger income from the present building or otherwise, and report at a special meeting at the earliest possible period."

Carried.

It was moved by Mr Drysdale, seconded by Mr J.B. Robinson

That the thanks of the Members of the Institute are due and hereby tendered to the retiring Officers
Carried

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt. Smith Pres

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
December 8th 1883.

A Special Committee of the General Committee was held this day at 4 p. m.

Present. Mr Robt Irwin, President, in the Chair
Messrs Parsons, McCallum, Lampard, Reid, Boyd,
Lyall, Teulon, Hughes, Corse Harper and
Hutchinson

The portion of the minutes of the Annual Meeting relating to the election of Officers was read, whereupon The President stated that through an informality there was a vacancy on the General Committee, Messrs J. J. Rutherford and J. B. Robinson not being duly qualified having within not having been for two years Members of the Institute, in accordance with the proviso contained in Section 3 of the the Act of Incorporation.

A letter was read from Mr J. B. Robinson — regretting the fact of his election under the circumstances, and requesting that his name should be removed from the list of the General Committee.

It was moved by Mr Boyd, seconded by Mr McCallum, That Mr Stephen White and Mr James Moore be appointed to fill the vacancies caused by the above-mentioned informalities, and that Mr Jas Moore fill the vacancy for the term of one year caused by the election of Mr J. W. Hughes as Secretary,
Carried unanimously.

The appointment of the various Committees was then taken up, and the following having been nominated, were approved by the meeting.

Finance.

H. Teulon, Chairman; Messrs Corse, Boyd, Harper
Hutchinson and Moore.

House.

P. Lyall, Chairman; Messrs Reid, Corse, McCallum,
Hughes and White.

Lecture and Class.

J. Harper, Chairman; Messrs Lampard, Parsons, Hutchinson
Moore and Dr Kelley

Memberships.

H. Lampard, Chairman; Messrs Reid Lyall, McCallum
Boyd and White

Library.
J. W. Hughes, Chairman; Mess^{rs} Tilton, Harper, Lampard
Parsons and D^r Kelley.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Rott Irving Pool

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
December 24th 1883.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:— Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair, Messrs Lyall, Boyd, Lampard, White McCallum & Kelley and the Secretary.

The Minutes of meetings held November 26th Dec-1st and December 8th were read and confirmed.

Business arising out of the minutes of the Annual Meeting was considered, and

The question of gathering together a complete set of the Annual Reports of the Institute was referred to the Library Committee.

With reference to the financial position of the Institute as discussed at the Annual Meeting, on motion by Mr P. Lyall, seconded by Mr McCallum it was resolved

That the question of the financial position of the Institute as per resolution passed at the annual meeting be referred to the Finance Committee, with a request that they report at the next monthly meeting of the General Committee
Carried.

The Minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee, with the following Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure for the ensuing ^{year} were read and accepted

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Rent from Stores	3600.00	Interest on Mortgage	1430.00
" Hall	800.00	Light	500.00
" Room	300.00	Wages	1380.00
Membership Fees	1200.00	Cleaning	200.00
Assessments received from Tenants	400.00	Heating	425.00
Catalogues, Prizes and Sale of Papers	100.00	Insurance	205.00
		Taxes	830.00
		Reading Room	430.00
		Library	400.00
		Binding Books	50.00
		Printing and Advertising	75.00
		Postages and Stationery	40.00
		Repairs	120.00
		Catalogue	250.00
		Lecture & Class Committee	100.00
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	\$ 6400.00		\$ 6435.00

The Memberships Committee reported that the list of Members was prepared for printing with the annual Report, and the Committee recommended that no members

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name be printed who had not renewed his subscription for the current year; and the Committee also recommended that the Superintendent be furnished with a new book for the Register of Members names to the pattern furnished and now shown

The foregoing report was received and adopted; it was the unanimously expressed opinion that no names be printed in the report excepting those of members who had paid their subscriptions, up to the time of publication

The Minutes of a meeting of the Library Committee held December 15th were read and adopted.

It was moved by Mr McCullum, seconded by Mr Lampard that the tenders for printing the Catalogue be opened.

Carried.

Tenders were received from Messrs John Lovell & Co, Messrs Geo. Desbarats & Co and Messrs Macqueen & Cornieil

Macqueen & Cornieil	- 1000 copies	\$245	- 1500 copies	\$287. ⁵⁰	2000	\$330
John Lovell & Co	"	314	"	419. ⁰⁰	"	"
Geo. E. Desbarats & Co	"	408	"	482.	"	556.

Binding 500 copies \$25 extra

Messrs Morton Phillips & Bulmer - L. B. Tuttle & Co and J. T. Robinson who had been invited to tender, did not do so.

The tender of Messrs Macqueen & Cornieil being the lowest, it was moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr S. White and carried, that their tender be accepted, and further that 2000 copies of the catalogue be ordered, 500 only to be bound and the remainder to be delivered in sheets folded

Carried unanimously.

The Library Committee were instructed to see to the correction of the Rules for the Library and Reading Room before printing them in the Catalogue

It was reported that the annual sale of Papers and Magazines by auction had been fixed for Saturday January 5th at 4 PM sharp.

It was moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr Lampard, that one hundred dollars (\$100) be granted to the Library Committee from their appropriation for current expenses.

Carried.

A letter was read from the President of the Dominion Commercial Travellers Association notifying the withdrawing their annual subscription to the Institute, in consequence of the Association having established a reading room for the use of its Members. The consideration of the letter was referred to the Membership Committee.

The question of the noise occasioned by the slamming of the front doors was again brought up, and it was referred to the House Committee with a request to report at the next meeting of the General Committee.

The Members Committee further reported, and the following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute

- First Class - J. C. Sorby
 J. Mowat Reid
 William Minin
- Second Class - C. Opzoomer M. J. Murphy
 Tho. Warren Miss Macphie
 Cornelius Corabb Henry King
 W. D. Shaw L. Cumberland
 Chas. Robb John H. Leslie
 Jas. B. McKay Charles Wand
 Henry Winter
- Third Class - Geo. Howden James Selater
 Robert Greig Jacob Haas
 George Henry
 Kenneth Ferguson

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Liverpool & London and Globe Insurance Co. cancelling their Policy of Insurance in consequence of the increased risk occasioned by the renting of the Hall, and the President reported the re-insurance in the following Insurance Offices

Phoenix	\$5000	Premium	62.50
Queen	" 5000	"	62.50
Fire Ins ⁿ Assoc	" 4000	"	50.
Citizens	10000	"	125.
National of Ireland	10000	"	125.
Quebec	5000	"	50.
	<u>\$39000</u>		<u>\$475.⁰⁰</u>

The President further reported that the increase in the amount of premium had been paid by the lessees of the Hall.

The following a/cs which had been passed by the Library Committee were presented and referred to the Finance Committee

Dawson Brothers	2.35
Wm Drysdale & Co	
Nov 21 st	11.04
" 24 th	.60
Dec 6 th	1.20
" 8 th	2.25
	<u>15.09</u>

The following a/cs were referred to the respective Committees

House		Memberships		Library	
DelBoris & Carpenter	1.20	Mr. Quinn's Commit		Herald Co	12.00
Hughes & Stephenson	4.80	Nov 2 nd	2.25	McQuinn & Co.	1.75
Lectures Class		Dec 5 th	3.00	John Douglass & Son	3.60
John Douglass & Son	2.03			La Patrie	8.60
Dec 13 th				Wm Drysdale & Co	2.60
					1.30
					<u>27.53</u>

The Financial Statement for November was submitted by the Superintendent:-

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
Nov 7 th Richards Saily Co	125.	Nov 12 th F. J. Hartt Court	5.05
" J. L. Anderson	300.	Gas Co - 3 mos to Oct 17 th	78.62
" 7 th Coopers Union	2.	R Scale (Double Windows)	6.50
" 8 th Canadian News Shovel Club	3.	16 th L. Morrison & Co Inc	5.
" The Eastern Railway Co	355.	Prairiey Dods & Co	5.29
" 14 th Montreal Building Society	30.	John B Young	5.90
" 28 th Contractors Assoc	2.	Herald Printing Co	13.55
" 30 th The Eastern Railway Co	120.	17 th W. Queen & Council	1.75
Memberships Fees to 21 st	258.	Postal Cards for Financial Statement	4.
" from 21 st to 30 th	71.	30 th Hy Mott Salary	58.33
Library Fines	.55	A. B. Hamilton Jr	29.17
		Robt Young 4 weeks	28.
		Woman cleaning "	12.
		do extra (Double Windows)	1.
		Clearing away ashes	2.
		Postage Stamps	1.75
		Sundries	
		Wax Tapers	90
		Matches	17
		Pens	10
			<u>1.17</u>
	<u>\$ 1266.55</u>		<u>\$ 259.08</u>
Balance from October	150.24	Balance to December	1157.71
	<u>\$ 1416.79</u>		<u>\$ 1416.79</u>

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt. Irvine Pres

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
January 28th 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.
Present, Mr Robt Irwin, President, in the Chair. Mr White, Messrs Feuton, McCallum, Lyall, Parsons, Lampard, Harper, Jno Boyd and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Chairman of the Finance Committee presented an estimate of the receipts and expenditure up to the end of February.

The House Committee reported that at a meeting held on 12th January, they had considered the question of leasing the stores and that they recommended that

Mr Anderson's store be leased for three years at \$1300 per annum and taxes, and also that

The Offices occupied by the South Eastern Railway Co be leased for three years at \$2200 and taxes per annum, and if for one year at \$2100 and taxes.

It was also resolved to request the Superintendent to communicate officially with the lessees of the Hall requesting them to submit in writing any proposition they may wish to offer with regard to leasing the Hall after the first of May.

It was further resolved to place an air spring on the inside door at the foot of the stairs.

A discussion took place with reference to the spring which had been put on the lower door, and had to be removed because of its not working properly, and it was now on the Reading Room door.

It was moved by Mr Lyall and seconded by Mr McCallum that the report of the House Committee be received and adopted - carried unanimously.

The Library Committee reported that the Catalogue was in progress and might be ready before the next monthly meeting of the General Committee. In order to make the catalogue as complete as possible a number of worn out books have been ordered to be replaced, it is hoped that this may be done at a comparatively small cost by the purchase of paper editions and having them bound. That a small number of new books were added, including Vol 16 of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and that the bills referred to the Committee were certified.

That the Institute is under renewed obligation to the U. S. Government for Vol 2 of the 10th Census of the U. S. Trades and Manufactures, a most valuable and

interesting addition to the library.

On motion of Mr Lyall, seconded by Mr W Callum the Report was adopted unanimously.

The Memberships Committee reported that up to the present date there was a falling off of \$29.50 in the renewal of members subscriptions, which might in some measure be accounted for by the withdrawal of the Commercial Travellers Association.

The Lecture and Class Committee report that it was resolved to drop the Short-hand Class for the present season, as there were not enough pupils to render it worth while to carry it on. The first lecture of the course by Mr Hughes on Practical Plumbing was delivered on 18th inst and was well attended. the Committee have great pleasure in saying that it was very successful

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Membership Committee further reported and the following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute:-

First Class.

Mr J. C. Cameron

Second Class

John Blair

Rev^d W. Jackson

Frank Maile

Gilbert Allan

A. Vincent

John Mansfield

Frank Swift

J. S. Foster

Third Class.

M. Castle

Alexander Kingan

William Blair

George Addie

C. Smeaton

W. M. Hall

R. Linton

Jas A Fairborn

H. A. Harries

The resignation of Mr M Hutchinson as a member of the Committee was received, it was moved by Mr Parsons, and seconded by Mr Harper that it be laid on the table until next meeting - Carried unanimously

A letter was read from Rev^d Mr Lindsay, Rector of St Thomas, suggesting a co-operation with the Institute in the interest of mechanics, in different districts of the city, it was ordered to be acknowledged, and the matter of the letter to be laid before the next general meeting of Members

The following financial statement for the month of December was submitted by the Superintendent:-

Received.

Paid.

Dec 1st Interest per Merchants Bank 3.78
 " 3rd People's Dining Museum 100.
 " 6th Poultry Association 2.
 " 7th Contractors' do 2.
 " 10th Press Athletic Club 2.
 " 13th Insurance per Lessors of Hall 319.50
 " Contractors' Association 2.
 14th Wholesale Grocers 2.
 " 29th Contractors' Association 2.
 Memberships Fees 175.
 " Fine . 25

\$ 6081.53
 Balance from November 1157.71
 \$ 1768.24

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 Dec 3rd Journal of Commerce 3.00
 " 4th J R Bain repairing lock .40
 " 8th Interest on Mortgage 715.
 " Mortar Phillips & Bulmer 12.57
 " Wm Drysdale & Co 73.86
 " Dawson Brothers 23.95
 " Hughes & Stephens 42.
 13th Fire Insurance
 Phoenix 62.50
 Queen 62.50
 Fire Associat= 50.
 Citizens 125.
 National of Iceland 125.
 Quebec 50.
 475.
 " Douglas Rutherford 9.15
 31st Henry Mott Salary 58.33
 " A B Hamiltan " 29.17
 " Robt Young " 35.
 Woman cleaning 15.
 do " extra 1.50
 Postage Stamps .50
 Sundries
 Soap .09
 Wisk Brush .20
 Coaking ashes 2.50
 2.79

\$ 1497.22
 Balance to January 271.02
 \$ 1768.24

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Wm J. Min. Pres

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
February 25th 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:— Mr Robert Irvine, President in the Chair;
Messrs Teulon, Harper, Kelley, Parsons, Lampard, White
McCallum, Lyall, Hutchinson and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed
Mr Hutchinson withdrew his resignation as a Member of the Committee.

The House Committee reported with reference to letting the Stores
and Hall.

That Mr Anderson will continue his occupation of the Store
for one year at Thirteen hundred dollars (\$1300) and taxes,
being an increase of one hundred dollars, and
The South Eastern Railway Co will continue the occupation
of the offices at present rented by them, for one year at Two
thousand dollars (\$2000) and taxes, being also an increase
of one hundred dollars per annum.

The Committee endeavoured to obtain the larger increase in
rent recommended at the last meeting, but after considerable
pains they thought it prudent to conclude the lease at the sum
above mentioned rather than run the risk of having to let the upstairs
offices separately in the event of the Railway Co moving out.

With regard to the renting of the Hall, the Lessors have taken
it for the month of March at the rent of \$100 and will give
notice on the 15th of the month whether they will require
it for the month of April.

It was moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Teulon, that
the foregoing report of the House Committee be received
and adopted. Carried

The Chairman of the Lecture and Class Committee submitted
a report that the 3rd Lecture of the Course on Practical
Plumbing by Mr Hughes was delivered on the 14th inst,
it was well attended and gave the greatest satisfaction.
The Report was received.

It was moved by Mr Lyall, seconded by Mr Harper, that the
matter of replacing the "Economist" on file in the Reading
Room, and taking the "Iron Age" be left in the hands of
the Library Committee. Carried.

The Chairman of the Membership Committee reported that up
to date there was a falling off of \$54 in the amount received

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
March 24th 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock

Present:- Mr Robt Irvine, President, in the Chair;
Mess^{rs} Teulon, Harper, Boyd, Moore, McCallum, Lampard,
Lyall, Hutchinson, White, Dr Kelley and the Secretary.
The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
The Secretary reported having acknowledged the receipt of his
letter to Mr J A Mathewson.

The following report of the Special Finance Committee was read
"A meeting of the Finance Committee to which the Chairmen
of the various sub-committees had been requested to attend,
was held on the 8th inst. to consider what means could be
adopted to increase the revenue from the building.
After considerable discussion the following resolutions
were adopted:-

- 1st "That we would recommend to the General Committee
that as one means to increase our revenue, we endeavour
to rent the present Reading Room and Library, and
move the Reading Room and Library to the large hall
up-stairs."
- 2nd "That should this be found impracticable that we make
an offer to the public as follows:- Provided sufficient
funds be given to the Mechanics' Institute, they, in
return will move the Library to the Hall above, making it
a Free Library."

It was moved by Mr Harper, seconded by Mr Boyd and carried
that the report be received.

It was moved by Mr Lyall, seconded by Mr White;
That the first recommendation of the Special Finance
Committee be approved by this Committee and that the
suggestion be laid before a general meeting of the
Members of the Institute, at an early date.
Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr McCallum
that an estimate of the probable cost of moving the
Reading Room and Library, be obtained to lay before
the general meeting of the Members of the Institute.
Carried.

The Chairman of the House Committee reported damages
done to the tenants Mess^{rs} Richards and the South Eastern
Railway Co through the lessees of the Hall having left a
water tap open on the night of the 17th inst, and presented

bills for the same.

It was moved by Mr. Lampard, seconded by Mr. McCallum that the full amount of the damages be ascertained, and collected from the lessees of the Hall.

The Chairman of the Library Committee reported progress on the revision of the rules for the Library and Reading Room, which were agreed to and ordered for printing in the new Catalogue.

It was moved by Dr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Hutchins on that the opening of the hour for the opening of the rooms be 8 a. m. and that the Library be closed at 9 p. m. and the Reading Room at 9.30 p. m. on being put to the meeting the motion was lost, and the rules as amended;

The Chairman of the Membership Committee reported that up to date there was a falling off of \$57 on the renewal of annual subscriptions as compared with the corresponding date of last year, and the following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute:—

Life William Walker 183 St. Antoine Street

2nd Class.

James Smith

Robert Orr

Miss Ada Mellin

Miss A Mitchell

Louis Patenaude

Mrs Wm Lewis

C. C. Marshall

John Fraser

J M Farquhar

3rd Class

George Blaiklock

Henry Esinhart

Thomas Goubden

The Financial Statement for February, submitted by the Superintendent was read and received;—

Received		Paid.	
Feb'y Richards Tailors Co	125.00	Feb'y 12 Gas Co 3 mos	127.24
" J. D. Anderson	300.	" 16 Jas Walker Co Door Spring	1.
" 9 St Lawrence Sugar Refy.	2.	Hughes & Stephenson & Co	74.58
" 15 St Eastern Rwy Co	475.	J. B. Young "	4.
" Lime Museum	100.	W. E. Chester "	15.48
Membership Fees	74.	" 18 Can. Illustrated News	2.67
do Fines	50.	" 22 Dr Blais' Chausseur	1.20
	\$ 1076.50	" 29 Mr Mott Salary	58.33
		AB Hamilton "	29.17
		Robt Young Wages	28.
		Woman cleaning	12.
		Sundries: Carting Ashes	2.
Balance from January	335.42	2 Bills - Store to Let	.05
		Postage Stamps	2.56
	\$ 1411.92	Balance forward to March	358.28
			1053.64
			\$ 1411.92

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A Statement of outstanding accounts was also submitted and the accounts referred to the respective Committees.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Henry Teulon, Vice President

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
April 5th 1881.

A Special meeting of the Committee was held @ 11:30 p.m. to consider the report from the House Committee and general business in connection with the proposed removal of the Library and Reading Room upstairs as a scheme for increasing the revenue of the Institute.

Present, -

Mr. R. Irwin, President in the Chair; Mess^{rs} Teulon, Reid, White, McCallum, Moore, Harper, Lyall, Hutchinson, Lampard and the Secretary

A general discussion took place, the question being considered from various points, and many schemes were proposed. Two plans were submitted for altering the Hall.

It was proposed by Mr Harper, seconded by Mr Lampard;

That the meeting be adjourned until Saturday next (the 12th inst) at 11 P. M.; and that the Secretary be instructed to prepare a report to be presented at that meeting

Carried.

The Meeting then adjourned

H. Teulon Vice President

Mechanics' Institute
April 12th 1884.

An adjourned Special Meeting of the General Committee was held this day at 4 P.M.

Present:— Mr Robt Irwin, President, in the Chair;
Messrs Coorse, Reid, White, Moore Lampson, Harper
L'Velley and the Secretary.

In accordance with the request of the meeting held on the 5th inst, the Secretary submitted the following report:—

"At the annual meeting of the Members held December 3rd 1883, the following resolution was passed.

"That the Committee be requested to consider the financial question, and the best means of realising a larger income from the present building or otherwise, and report at a special meeting at the earliest possible period."

In accordance with the foregoing, the matter was discussed at the meeting of the General Committee held December 24th and on motion it was resolved, —

"That the question of the financial position of the Institute, as per resolution passed at the annual meeting be referred to the Finance Committee, with a request that they report at the next monthly meeting of the General Committee."

On March 8th, a meeting of the Finance Committee was held, to which the President and the Chairmen of the various sub-committees had been specially invited, to consider the question, and it was decided to recommend to the General Committee the advisability of removing the Library and Reading Room up to the large Hall on the third flat.

At a subsequent meeting of the General Committee it was resolved to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee provided the consent of the members of the Institute in Special General Meeting be obtained, and the Chairman of the House Committee was instructed to obtain estimates of the probable cost of moving.

At a special meeting of the General Committee held April 5th the report of the House Committee was received and two plans were submitted, the cost of moving being estimated at about five hundred dollars.

It is the opinion of the Committee that by utilizing the large Hall as a library and Reading Room, and renting the part of the building at present occupied for that purpose, an increase of revenue of about five hundred dollars (\$500) per annum will be obtained.

The revenue of the Institute for the next year will be increased by two hundred dollars (\$200) owing to the stores realizing that amount extra for rent, and a saving of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) has also been effected by placing the mortgage loan on the building in different hands at a lower rate of interest.

It is the opinion of the Committee that the most desirable way of increasing the finances of the Institute, would be by paying off the debt, but so far no practicable plan for effecting so desirable an object has been suggested, and your Committee are anxious to receive any suggestions to that end.

During the many discussions that have taken place on this important question the very remarkable fact has been brought to light, that during all the years that the Institute has been in existence, it has never received a cent in the shape of a bequest or donation, nor any pecuniary assistance except in the ordinary channels of business, through membership subscriptions, - except at the time the present building was being erected - while other and much younger institutions have benefited largely by bequests and donations from friends. This is an extraordinary fact that your Committee cannot account for, seeing that the Mechanics' Institute has been continuing its useful work, under varying fortunes for 45 years.

The following memorandum of the income received from the renting of the large Hall for the last five years, will enable you to form an opinion as to the desirability of moving as suggested:-

	Hall	Long Room
Year ending October 31 st 1879	\$ 1779	\$ 317.50
" " 1880	873.95	449.34
" " 1881	926.	273.
" " 1882	676.50	395.
" " 1883	638.	303.
This year to date	500.	96.

Should it be the wish of the members of the Institute that the recommendation of the Committee be carried out, it may be added that it is not proposed to hurry in the matter; should it be possible to let the Hall advantageously the Committee would prefer to do so, and it might be some time before a suitable tenant or tenants could be obtained for the portion of the building occupied at present by the Library and Reading Room.

It is also the wish of the Committee to retain the Long Room as at present.

It was moved by Mr S. White and seconded by Mr Reid;
"That the foregoing report be received and adopted."
Carried unanimously.

The Meeting hereafter adjourned.

H. J. Teulon, Vice President

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
April 28th 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: - Mr Robt Irwin, President, in the Chair,
Mess^{rs} Teulon, Harper, Lampard, McCallum, Moore,
White, LeVetley and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, of the special meeting of April 5th and the adjourned special meeting of the 12th were read and confirmed.

The question of the cost for damages to the Building incurred through the water taps being left open by the Lessees of the Stall was taken into consideration. The claim of \$50 from Mr Richards was read and it was stated that it would cost a further sum of \$10 to repair damage to the ceiling of the Store.

The total claims are as under: -

Richards Sailing Co damage to Store	50.00
do repairs to ceiling	10.00
South Eastern Rwy Co Office	
W J Cook repairing ceiling	6.30
Women cleaning Office	2.50
W J Cook whitewashing recoloring	14.90
Women cleaning office	6.25
Jess Co removing Desks etc	3.90
	<u>\$ 93.85</u>

It was moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr White that the foregoing account be collected from the Lessees at once.
Carried.

It was further resolved that the Chairman of the House Committee and the Superintendent have full power in the foregoing matter.

It was moved that the question of estimating the proportion of cost for altering the main gas service to the upper Hall,
Carried unanimously.

to be borne by the Institute, be left to the Chairman of the House Committee and the Secretary.

Carried.

It was moved by Dr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Lampard, that a Special General Meeting of the Members of the Institute be held on the night of Monday, May 12th in accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual Meeting.

Carried unanimously.

It was further resolved that an advertisement be inserted in the Witness and Star on Saturday, May 3rd and 10th and also to get a special notice on the 12th (the day of meeting.)

The Lecture and Class Committee reported that the following expenses were incurred in connection with the effort to form a short hand class during the past winter, and the course of Lectures on Plumbing delivered by Mr. Hughes,

Short hand Class	41.53
Mr. Hughes' Lectures	32.63
	<u>\$ 74.16</u>

and a small amount for a table, for which the ac is not yet rendered by Mr. Douglas Rutherford.

It will be in the recollection of the Committee, ^{that \$100.} were placed at the disposal of the Lecture and Class Committee and they are glad to be able to report that the expenses actually incurred do not exceed about 40 dollars.

Your Committee regret that in consequence of obstacles before referred to, the Short-hand Class was not successful, but they cannot conclude without placing on record their appreciation of the value of the Lectures delivered by Mr. Hughes and desire to convey to him their cordial thanks for his kindness in preparing and delivering the Lectures which gave such general satisfaction, and further, although, necessarily, the preparation of the Lectures occasioned considerable outlay of money on the part of Mr. Hughes, he declined to make any charge, thus rendering them entirely free of expense, except the advertising, as already stated.

The foregoing report was received and adopted. It was moved by Dr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. McCallum, and carried unanimously,

"That all the expenditures incurred in connection with the Lectures be paid."

Moved by Mr. Teulon, seconded by Mr. Harper;—

That the thanks of the Committee and the Members of the Institute are due, and are tendered to Mr. Hughes for his services in giving a course of Lectures on Plumbing free of charge. Carried unanimously.

The Library Committee reported the completion of the Catalogue

and expressed their satisfaction at the creditable appearance it presents, the Superintendent presented a report, giving a resumé of the work of its compilation; this report, which is appended was approved by the Library Committee and through the Chairman they conveyed to Mr Mott their thanks for the pains he has taken in the preparation of the Catalogue. 100 copies have been delivered from the printers at present, and the completion is promised tomorrow. The Catalogue gives very general satisfaction to the members and quite a number of them will be sold within a short time.

Whilst the rules for the Reading Room and Library were in type, it was thought desirable to have a few copies printed on card, to be hung up in the Reading Room.

Messrs M. St. Gault and G. W. Stephens have presented to the Library a number of Blue Books and Parliamentary Reports and the Superintendent was instructed to write thanking them for the same.

The following is Mr Mott's report on the Catalogue:-
To the Library Committee

Gentlemen

Once upon a time, Patience wanted a nightingale, Patience had an egg; she waited, and in due course of incubation the egg sang. - So, while thanking you for the kind courtesy extended to me during the apparently slow progress of the work. I have now much pleasure in laying before you the new catalogue of the books in the Library; and in doing so, would beg leave to say a few words in connection with it.

That it has been a long job, you know; that I have bestowed upon it a painstaking care I beg to assure you, - I was desirous of producing a book for which the Committee should have no cause to blush, and I venture to claim that the work sustains me in making such an assertion. Faults there are in it, I know, and perhaps some shortcomings; but on the whole I believe with the exception of some half-score of typographical errors, there are no important or essential mistakes or omissions.

I should have liked to have made the catalogue more extended and descriptive, but this of course would have considerably increased the cost, and I kept steadily in a view, as a rule, that (where it was possible) each book should only occupy one line.

The names of the authors I have uniformly kept in italics.

I would especially ask your attention to the Departments of Biography, Books relating to Canada, History, Newspapers and Magazines, and The Novels, which have been almost entirely rewritten, and the old catalogue disregarded

With regard to classification I have introduced 12 new departments, and I have reduced the "Miscellaneous" heading to two pages, whilst it occupied no less than 15 in the old catalogue. In brief, I do not say that it is a perfect work, but it is so subdivided, that it will be much more easy to find a book now than it was heretofore.

Such volumes as have been purchased recently, by the Committee, I added in their places, wherever possible, those which were too late for this. I have placed in an "Addendum", so that they may be easily found.

It will be remembered that I suggested a manuscript catalogue should be made of the "Blue Books Parliamentary Reports" - this work I have still to do. I have much of it well forward, classified, so that it will be merely a matter of time for the clerical work of it, and can be conveniently finished during the summer.

To do away with the "Reference Library" being printed separately, and to start from a given point, I have added as a foot-note to the Index that all books bearing a higher number than 10,000 are in the Reference Library; this will cover such books as "Punch", "Art Journal" and other Magazines from being issued for circulation, except under special circumstances.

Lastly, I desire to say that from the beginning of the work to the end, I have been able to work in the most perfect harmony with the printers, they have done the work carefully and well, and have, in my opinion, turned out a creditable work; it may easily be understood that such a piece of work cannot be hurried, and occasionally may have to be laid aside for a time and then taken up again, and moreover such work cannot be trusted to apprentices, - of course, if it could have been pushed, it would have been greatly to their interest, because the outlay of wages week by week has been a great consideration. I have pleasure in saying that I am bound to express my entire satisfaction with their faithful performance of their contract.

I submit the whole to your consideration with confidence
respectfully
Henry Mott
Superintendent

The foregoing report announcing the completion of the catalogue was received and adopted, and the thanks of the General Committee were ordered to be tendered to the Superintendent for his painstaking care in connection with the same; and the Printers account for the same be paid as soon as the goods are received.
The Membership Committee reported recommending that Lieut. Col. Stetcher be elected an Honorary Member of the Institute, and further with reference to the subscription from the Dominion Commercial Travellers Association, the report

was received and adopted.

Two letters from the Commercial Travellers Assocⁿ were read, one dated April 8th stating that the resolution adopted by them deciding to renew their subscription to the Institute was informal and that they wished the matter deferred for the present; and the second dated April 16th notifying the Superintendent that they did not wish their members to use the Reading Room;—

It was moved by D. Kelley, seconded by Mr Lampard that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Secretary of the Commercial Travellers Association in reply to their letter of the 16th ult. notifying him that their members had used the Reading Room at any rate for a period of several months

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr White that in consideration of Lieut-Col. Fletcher being ^{one} of the oldest members of the Institute, having signed the original Charter of Incorporation, and on account of his long and active service as a member and office-bearer of the Institute, he be elected an Honorary Member, in accordance with Bye-Law Page 9, Art. 3. cap 1.

Carried unanimously

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute:—

Second Class.

W.P. Mc Guirk	William Atkinson
Miss G. Samuels	J.A. Mc Shane
Miss Irigge	S.H. Taylor
James Penny	J.A. Walsh
W.H. Hughan	W.J.H. Murison
R.K. Cooteburn	

Third Class

W.J. Street	Gladstone Atkinson
W. Waldie	Geo. D. Glen
William Brown	Thomas Mc Adam.

Accounts from Dawson Brothers £ 8.7s and from W^m Drysdale £ 35.03 were ordered to be handed to the Finance Committee for payment.

A plan for a proposed scheme of alterations to the flat at present occupied by the Library and Reading Room was submitted by Mr Reid, and this plan, together with the two previously submitted to the Committee for altering the upper flat, were ordered to be posted in the Reading Room.

The following financial Statement for March submitted by the Superintendent was read and received:—

Received.

Paid.

March 5	St. Paul's Committee	10.00
" 7	Lamb Long Room	1.50
"	Sale of Papers	38.55
"	Building Society Rent	30.00
18	Home Museum Hall	100.00
31	Shamrock Lacrosse Club	2.00
	Memberships Fees	76.00
	do Life W. Walker	25.00
	Library, Series	.70
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		283.75
	Balance from February	1053.64
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		\$ 1337.39

March 19	Subscription to Gazette	24.00
"	" Herald	12.00
"	McLennan Council Printing	12.25
20	Wm Drysdale & Co	501.57
25	John Wade Books	2.00
31	St. Mott Salary	58.33
"	A. B. Hamilton do	29.17
	Robt Young sweets	35.00
	Woman cleaning "	15.00
	do extra	.25
	Cleaning St. Rway Office	2.50
	Postage Stamps	1.00
15	Men chopping Ice	1.50
26	" Shovelling Court	.50
	Soup and Sacks	.13
	Carting Ashes	1.00
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		696.20
	Balance to April	641.19
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		\$ 1337.39

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt. Davis Pres

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal,
May 12th 1884.

A Special General Meeting of Members was held this evening at 7.30 P.M.

Present: Mr Robt Irving, President in the Chair.
Messrs Lampard, Hughes, Harper, Lyall, S. White Stevens,
W. Rutherford, J. Boyd, W^m Robb, N. Macintosh, W. Costigan,
Jestie, C. Whitney, Bonbridge, W. S. Walker, J. W. Mills,
Field, Sorbey, Greaves and others

An extract from the minutes of the last annual meeting, in accordance with which this meeting was called, was read—
—also the newspaper advertisement calling the meeting.



The President addressed the meeting, stating the objects of the meeting, and briefly reviewing the position of the Institute, past and present.

The Secretary read a report, stating the work done by the Special and General Committees (see copy in minutes of Committee meeting held April 12th) in the matter of the financial position of the Institute as per resolution passed at the annual meeting.

It was moved by Mr W^m Rutherford, seconded by Mr Field.

That the recommendation of the Committee with regard to the Library and Reading Room being removed upstairs to the large Hall be adopted.

It was moved by Mr W. S. Walker, seconded by Mr Mills that the report of the Committee be not adopted, but be referred back to the Committee for further consideration and report at a future meeting.

The discussion of the question was continued by Messrs Robb, A. B. Stewart, W. Rutherford, Walker and Hughes.

The amendment was first put to the meeting and lost, only 3 voting for it.

The original motion was then put and carried three votes being against it.

The meeting thereafter adjourned, after voting thanks to the Chairman.

Robt. Irving, Secy.

The following is the report of the meeting from the Herald of 13th May:—

A special meeting of the members of the Mechanics' Institute was held last evening in the long room, at which there were present Messrs. R. Irwin [Chairman], W. S. Walker, J. Harper, H. Lampard, W. Robb, W. Rutherford, J. H. Leslie, N. Macintosh and others.

The chairman explained that the object of the meeting was to consider the financial question, and the best means of realizing a larger income from the present building. He further stated that the Institute had preserved all their property intact, and it was for fear that they might encroach upon their capital that the present meeting had been called. The large hall of the building, which was at first a great source of revenue had, fallen off from yielding a revenue of \$4,000 a year to only about \$600. The question was what should they do with it? In order to acquaint the meeting with a proposed scheme for its utilization, he would ask the secretary to read the report of the Finance Committee on the matter.

The report read by the secretary shows that the Finance Committee recommended to the general committee that the library and reading room should be moved upstairs to the large hall, and the second floor rented out for offices. By these means it was believed that an increase of revenue of \$500 could be obtained. The report goes on to say: "The revenue of the institute for the next year will be increased by two hundred dollars (\$200), owing to the stores realizing that amount extra for rent, and a saving of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) has also been effected by placing the mortgage loan on the building in different hands at a lower rate of interest.

During the many discussions that have taken place on this important question the very remarkable fact has been brought to light that during all the years that the institute has been in existence it has never received a cent in the shape of a bequest or donation, nor any pecuniary assistance except in the ordinary channels of business, through membership subscriptions,—except at the time the present building was being erected—while other and much younger institutions have benefited largely by bequests and donations from friends. This is an extraordinary fact that your committee cannot account for, seeing that the Mechanics' Institute had been continuing its useful work, under varying fortunes, for 45 years. A memo of the income derived from the renting of the large hall for past five years shows the revenue to have fallen from \$1,779 to \$638, while that of the rent of the long room remained about stationary—some \$300. Should it be the wish of the members of the Institute that the recommendation of the committee be carried out it may be stated that it is not proposed to hurry in the matter; should it be possible to let the hall advantageously the committee would prefer to do so, and it might be some time before a suitable tenant or tenants could be obtained for the portion of the building occupied at present by the library and reading room. It is also the wish of the committee to retain the long room as at present.

The chairman then went on to say that the present building was too far down town and that the large hall that used to be considered good enough for any purpose was now seemingly only fitted for tea cent shows. Whenever the committee rented the hall, whether for a roller skating rink or a dime museum, there had been a great outcry raised and their constituents had loudly offered to come forward and raise money for them if they wanted it, but when the committee had got rid of their tenants there was no pecuniary aid forthcoming. The question was who were they to let the hall to? There was another roller skating man wanted the hall for a rink, but the committee were afraid to rent it to him. It had been suggested to turn it into a cafe and concert room, but if this was done the outcry would begin again worse than ever. Seeing this they had come to the conclusion to move into it themselves.

The secretary then read the

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
for the six months ending April 30th, 1884:—

Dr.		
Balance from Oct. 31, 1883.....	\$150 24	
Rent from stores.....	1,800 00	
Do. hall.....	500 00	
Do. room.....	98 50	
Membership fees.....	792 50	
Library fines.....	2 40	
Sale of catalogues.....	15 50	
Sale of papers.....	38 85	
Interest.....	3 78	
Insurance paid by lessees of hall.....	319 50	
Do. unearned premium returned.....	21 45	
	\$3,742 42	
Cr.		
Library.....	\$256 51	
Reading room.....	459 07	
Interest on mortgage.....	715 00	
Light.....	265 88	
Heating.....	88 38	
Repairs.....	193 22	
Advertising.....	75 15	
Postage.....	11 91	
Stationery.....	12 39	
Wages and cleaning.....	817 06	
Insurance (theatre risk).....	475 09	
Printing.....	42 25	
Balance.....	470 72	
	\$3,742 42	

It was then moved that the report be adopted.

Mr. W. S. Walker thought that the management deserved censure for bringing such a report before the public at this season of the year when it was almost impossible to rent offices. He did not think that during the past three years the committee had been carrying out the wishes of the founders. He would move, therefore, in amendment that the report be referred back to the committee for consideration, and to come up again before a larger meeting of members.

The chairman explained that it would probably take the balance of the year to effect the removal and that it was not intended to move until they had secured a desirable tenant for their present quarters.

Mr. Robb spoke at some length in favor of selling the building altogether and moving to cheaper quarters, paying off the mortgage, and leaving the money obtained by the sale as a reserve fund, bearing interest, for a revenue.

The chairman stated that a motion to that effect had been unanimously voted down at the meeting last year.

After some discussion the secretary said that the only thing that formed a connecting link between themselves and the public was the reading-room and library, and that any question affecting that, their only asset, was an important one. He did not think that the proposed change would hurt the Institute, although there were some of the older members who believed that it would kill the Association altogether. The reason that they did not keep up the lectures and classes of years ago was because the times had changed. The free schools and Government classes had rendered it impossible for them to complete. He doubted the desirability of moving from the present spot, which he believed to be more central to-day than it was twenty years ago. Then, as regarded the renting of the large hall, if they did not move, who were they to rent it to? The trouble was that they had a little margin to go upon, that any little thing, such as a corporation assessment for instance, at once placed them in financial difficulties. They had a little balance in hand from last year, and this year expected to come out about even, and if they could increase their revenue a little their troubles would soon be over. Last year a strong attempt had been made to interest the public in the institute. The city had been mapped out into sections and thoroughly canvassed for life members. Every house nearly had been visited, and the result had been only some \$300 added to the funds. For the last twenty-five years the building had stood as it now was without being able to pay off the debt of \$26,000. He could not tell the reason for this, but still it was the case.

After some further conversation of a desultory nature, Mr. Walker's amendment was put and lost and the main motion carried.

A vote of thanks was then tendered to the chairman, after which the meeting adjourned.



Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
May 26th 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:—Mr Robt Inwin, President, in the Chair,
Mess^{rs} Lampard, White, Hutchinson, Lyall, Moore,
Harper, O'Neilley and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter from Col. Fletcher was read thanking the President and Members of the Committee for having elected him an Honorary Member of the Institute.

A copy of a letter was read written by the Superintendent to Mr Chaffee with reference to the claim for cleaning the Railway offices, and a reply thereto from Mr MacLinnon the General Manager;

It was moved by Mr Lampard seconded by Mr Moore that the account presented by the South Eastern Railway for cleaning offices (amount \$10.¹⁵) be paid.

Carried unanimously.

A letter from Mr Parsons was read ~~and~~ resigning his seat as a Member of the Committee;

It was moved by Mr Harper seconded by Mr Lampard, that it be laid upon the table until next meeting.

Carried.

The Superintendent reported that the house flag was worn out. It was moved by O'Neilley, seconded by Mr Lampard that the House Committee be authorised to buy a "Dominion" flag.

Carried unanimously.

The President reported that the Hall was under offer for "the Oriental International Exposition", and no objections were expressed to its being rented for that purpose.

The annual stocktaking in the Library was referred to the Library Committee, and the Chairman was requested to call a meeting of that Committee at an early date, to make the necessary arrangements.

It was moved by O'Neilley, seconded by Mr Lampard, that the Treasurer, the Chairman of the House Committee, and the Secretary be a Committee to purchase coal for the use of the Institute during the season 1884-85

Carried unanimously.

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute, viz:—

First Class. - Henry Ross - W.W. Stuart

Second Class. -

George Bury	Thos Hughes	Alex P. Joyce
Albert Casswell	MRM Brodie	R H Tait
Edward White	Robt Harris	John W Graham
A.O. Connell	W W Moore	J.C. Foster
Robt Riekey	Thos Wall	Miss Sutton
Mrs Machin	Crawford Johnson	Joseph Molleur
H.S. Mathur		

Third Class

Miss J.K. Inew	E. Co. Eaton
Percy Lyde	Henry Stuart
Edw Davidson	Chas McAdam

The following financial statement for April submitted by the Superintendent was read and received: -

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
April 2 nd Dog Societies Association	2.00	April 19 th Hughes & Stephenson & Co	27.27
" 9 th Emerald L.S. Club	2.00	" " D. Blukley & Co & Co	26.50
" 23 rd Blue Museum	100.	Witness Advertising & Co	23.48
Membership Fees	23.50	Herald & Books	19.
do Fines	.30	G. & Hartt soap coal	11.87
Sale of Catalogues	15.50	Subscription La Patrie	4.00
		do Minerve	3.00
		23 rd Star Advertising & Co	40.67
		26 R State remodeling double windows	6.50
		30 G. & Hartt 3 loads coal	21.46
		Posting Bills per D. Blukley	1.00
		Hy Mott Salary	58.33
		ATB Hamilton & Co	29.17
		R Young Wages 4 weeks	28.
		Woman cleaning "	12.
		Postage Stamps	.50
		Sundries: -	
		Repairing Mag	25
		Sawdust	10
		Matches	15
		Broom	40
		Door Handle	12
			<u>1.02</u>
	<u>\$ 143.30</u>		<u>\$ 313.74</u>
Balance from March	641.19	Balance to May	<u>470.72</u>
	<u>\$ 784.49</u>		<u>\$ 784.49</u>

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt. Murray Pres

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.
June 23rd 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:- Mr Robt Irwin, President, in the Chair,
Mess^{rs} Sturton, Lyall, Harper, Mr Callum, Moore
White, Hutchinson, Lampard and the Secretary

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

It was moved by Mr Lyall, seconded by Mr White
That the resignation of Mr Parsons as a Member
of the Committee (held over from last meeting) be
accepted carried.

The following report of the House Committee was read:-

"With reference to the claim against the late lessees of the Hall for damages, a settlement has not yet been obtained, but it is expected that it may be reached within a short time without having to resort to harsher measures. In the meantime the amount claimed by the South Eastern Railway Co^e for cleaning the offices &c has been paid. The Committee have purchased a new flag from Mess^{rs} Ross Brothers for \$18.⁰⁰ and the flag-staff is being repaired and the necessary fixing is ordered to be done.

Tenders were invited from four different parties for tinting the walls of the Hall, and that of Mr W. P. Scott for \$30 being the lowest was accepted. The work to be done subject to the approval of the Chairman.

Tenders for the supply of Coal were received by the Committee from five parties, the price being the same in each case, the contract was given to Mr G. J. Hartt on his agreeing to the terms proposed by the Committee, for payment &c. the following is the contract:-

I hereby agree to supply the Mechanics' Institute with, say, 80 Tons Lackawanna Egg Coal, when the cellar is ready, weighed on public scale @ \$6.²⁵ per 2240 lbs, payable in August. - Free from dust
Signed: Geo. J. Hartt.

The necessary bricklayers' work for the furnace, new furnace bars &c, have been fixed and the boiler examined by the Boiler Inspector and found to his satisfaction.

Estimates have been obtained for raising the chimney, and Mr Cowen's tender being the lowest.

Memo. of A/cs owing
Dawson Brothers

Nov 22 nd	2.35
Oct 19 th	3.00
Dec 31 st	1.60
Jan 5	7.84
- 11	5.58
" 29	8.84
March 15	19.00
April 26	8.73
May 19	<u>5.75</u>

62.69

Wm Drysdale & Co

Binding Feb 28	20 [¢]	
March 21	13.95	
April 9	2.88	
- 22	3.75	
May 6	2.90	
- 29	5.57	
June 4	<u>7.80</u>	37.05

Books March 10	1.96	
" 24	16.41	
- 31	2.00	
April 4	9.26	
- 17	.09	
- 26	.64	
May 2	<u>8.10</u>	38.46

Stationery April 26th 64

46.15

At B Stewart

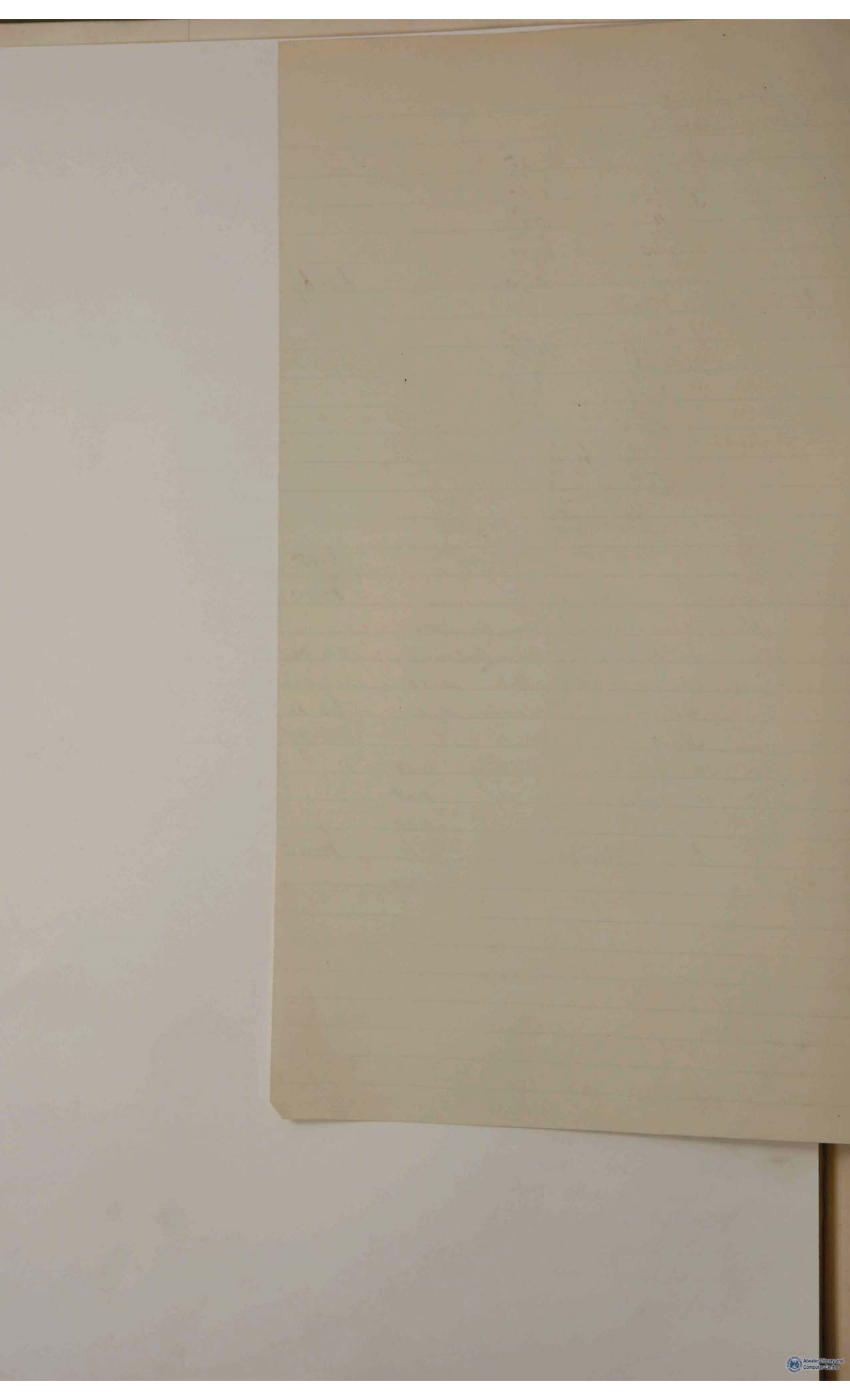
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The above are certified by Library Committee

Lecture Committee	J W Hughes Expenses on Lectures	20.00	
House &	W P Scott Sinking Hall	30.00	
	Hughes or Stephenson Repairs	<u>33.13</u>	63.13
Memberships &	Herald Co Books		3.87
Library &	Morton Phillips Binding	4.00	
	Wm Drysdale & Co	do	1.35
	do Stationery	1.00	
	Star Advertising	<u>5.10</u>	11.45
			<u>238.29</u>

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he has been instructed to do the necessary work."

It was moved by Mr Harper, seconded by Mr Teulon and carried that the foregoing report be received and adopted.

The Library Committee held a meeting on the 6th inst and beg to report

That a sub-committee was appointed to superintend the stocktaking and arrangements were made for closing the Library on the 14th July and to reopen as soon as the books are checked, in the meantime the Superintendent was requested to use all diligence in gathering in, as much as possible, any books that may be overdue and authority was given for printing or 500 Postal cards making application for such books.

A list of novels was submitted by the Superintendent, to replace volumes which have been worn out, and the numbers of the greater part of them were retained in the catalogue in accordance with instructions - It was decided to purchase those which could be procured in the cheap edition (Seaside Library) not to exceed twenty dollars in all. The Committee keeping in view the necessity of not exceeding the appropriation for the library.

The Committee examined and certified the current Invoices for the Library for the past month.

It was moved by Mr White, seconded by Mr Lyall that the foregoing report be received and adopted.

Carried.

It was moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Teulon and carried

That the privileges of the Institute be accorded to the Members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science on the occasion of their visit to the city in August next.

It was moved by Mr Teulon, seconded by Mr McCallum that the Hall be scrubbed and the seats replaced at an early date, and the Hall be made as presentable as possible with the existing fixtures.

Carried.

It was moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Lyall that Mr J McEachern be elected a member of the General Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Parsons

Carried.

Yes owing presented as per memorandum annexed, those already certified were referred to the Finance Committee, and

those uncertified to the chairmen of the respective committees for examination.

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute:—

<u>Second Class.</u>	W H Turner	John Barry
	Chas Kingston	L D Ferguson
	Julius Madon	Herbert Brown
	John Brown	A H Burton
	H J Norman	James Tobin

Third Class

George Birch	J H Springle
C J Pickett	R. Henders
The Barrett	H Tatley
G W Armour	Robert Stenson

The following Financial Statement for May submitted by the Superintendent was read and received:—

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
May 1 Richards Tailoring	125.00	May 3 license for Hose	2.00
" 3 J D Anderson	300.00	" 5 W Queens Council	} 330.00
" 7 South Eastern Rwy	475.00	Printing Catalogues	
" 10 Press Athletic Club	2.	" 12 Gas Co 3 mts 10 lps @ 17	96.64
" 14 Dry Goods Merchants	3.	" 14 John Stude 5 vols Harper	5.
" 19 Coopers Union	2.	" 21 Coasting Ashes	3.
" 31 Press Athletic Club	2.	" 31 Sh. E. Rwy Co	} 10.15
Membership Fees	47.50	cleaning Offices re	
" fines	.45	Re State repairing Sashes	1.55
Sale of Catalogues	17.50	J J Newbegin 4 vols Engineering	12.
		Geo Bishops Co 2 vols Press	1.25
		H. Mott Salary	58.33
		A B Hamilton "	29.17
		Robt Young 5 vols	30.00
		Woman cleaning "	15.
		Postage Stamps	1.
		Package Sappers	1.
		Gold 10	.20
		Saw dust 10	
	\$ 974.45		\$ 596.29
Balance from April	470.72	Balance forward to June	848.88
	<u>\$ 1445.17</u>		<u>\$ 1445.17</u>

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt J. Min. Secy.

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
July 28th 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock

Present: - Mr Robert Inwin, President, in the Chair.
Messrs Lampard, White, McCallum, McFarcher, Lyall, Harpord and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Committee conveying thanks for the privileges extended to the visiting members of the B.A.A.S.

The Chairman of the House Committee reported that Mr Hartt had delivered the coal, that it was stored in the cellar and that the quality was satisfactory.

The Secretary reported informally the progress in the stock-taking of the Library

The following were nominated and duly elected -
Members of the Institute: -

Second Class.

- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| J. Simpson | Francis Moore |
| J. B. Duvillou | J. H. Stewart |
| J. G. Ross | James Mook |
| Walter C. Hirzel | J. H. Bartlett |
| Samuel Woods | |

Third Class.

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| James Smith | James Elder |
| William Duffie | John Thomson |
| J. W. Talley | |

The financial statement for June submitted by the Superintendent was read and received: -

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
June 2 Building Society	30.00	June 10 William Reid	} 715.00
" " Coopers Union	2.	Comrs Int. on Mortgage	
" 4 Dry Goods Merchants Assn	2.	" 28 Postage Stamps	.25
" 11 Abattoir Co	2.	Henry Mott Salary	58.33
" 13 Snow Shoe Club	2.	At B. Hamilton do	29.17
Interest per Merchants Bk	4.77	Robt Young 4 weeks	24.
" 14 Dry Goods Merchants	2.	Woman cleaning "	12.
Rifle Association	2.	Carting Ashes	1.50
" 16 Arbitration Meeting	2.	Sundries	
" 17 Coopers Union	2.	Candles	15
" 19 Dry Goods Merchants	2.	Cartage	25
Membership Fees	14.50	(Boiler Inspects)	25
Fines		Soap	07-
Sale of Catalogues	4.		47
Balance from May	848.88		
	<u>920.15</u>	Balance forward to July	840.72
			49.43
			<u>\$ 920.15</u>

A proposal was read from a party offering to lease the large Hall under certain conditions as under.

"It is proposed to lay down a new floor, and to redecorate the hall throughout and to furnish the dressing rooms;

It is proposed to spend

Seats and Floor	\$ 3000
Furniture & Decoration	2000
	<u>\$ 5000</u>

Proposed rent	1 st year	\$ 300	
	2 nd "	400	
	3 rd "	500	
	4 th "	500	
	5 th "	500	
	6 th "	600	
	7 th "	700	
	8 th "	800	
			<u>4300</u>
			\$ 9300

The Hall to be used only for 1st class Concerts, lectures &c and to be called The Mechanics Institute Lyceum

It was moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr White, that the President, the Chairman of the House Committee the Treasurer, and the Secretary, with Mr Reid and Mr Lampard, and with power to add to their number, be a Special Committee to confer with the gentleman making the foregoing proposition, to report to the General Committee before making any definite arrangement carried

Mr Irwin
Mr Lyall
Mr Gorse
Mr Hughes
Mr Reid
Mr Lampard

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Henry Tulmer, Vice President

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
August 25th 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: - Mr St Julien, V.P. in the Chair
Messrs Harper Lyall, McCallum, Lampard and Moore

Mr Harper acted as Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A letter was read from Mr Hutchison expressing regret at his inability to attend this evening.

Mr Harper reported that as Chairman of the Lecture Committee he had made an effort to secure some lectures or reading of papers by members of the British Association during their visit, and with this object had addressed a letter to Professor Bonney, the Secretary, to which he had received the following reply: -

"I am obliged to you for your cordial offer to the members of the British Association and much regret that the pressure upon our time is so great, that as an Association we cannot undertake any duties beyond those which strictly pertain to our meetings."

I have the honour to remain
Your obedient servant
J. G. Bonney

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute,

Life - P. C. Wand
2nd Class David H. Matthews
George Robbins
Edwin H. Liversedge
H. B. Mackay
S. Arakawa

3rd Class. William Walsh
J. W. McCallum
S. B. Sundall
Wm Cunningham
H. E. Nicol
W. Stotheran

The financial Statement for July, submitted by the Superintendent was read and received; -

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Received.

1884
 July 7th Coopers Union
 .. 8th Swimming Club
 .. 12th NB Coarse Loan
 .. 14th Swimming Club
 .. 19th Sale of Papers per 99 Warrants
 .. 25th NB Coarse Loan
 Memberships Fees
 .. or Fines
 Sale of Catalogues

1884
 July 12 Men putting in Coal 20.⁰⁰
 .. Boiler Inspection Fee 5.
 .. 28th Montreal Directory 2.50
 .. Scottish American 2.50
 Henry Mott Salary 58.33
 NB Hamilton id 29.17
 Robt Young 4 weeks 24.
 Woman cleaning " 12.
 Postage Stamps .50
 Sundries
 Soap .07
 Brush .30
 Carbolic Soap } .25
 Chloride of lime }
 Candle .03
 Door Handle .15
 Lusters for Library .50
 Scrubbing Brush .30

	76.80		155.60
Balance from June	<u>79.43</u>	Balance to August	<u>.63</u>
	<u>\$ 156.23</u>		<u>\$ 156.23</u>

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt. Irvine Pres

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
September 15th 1884

A special meeting of the General Committee was held this ~~afternoon~~ evening at 7.30.

Present:- Mr Robert Irwin, President in the chair,
Messrs Lyall, Harper, Lampard, McKecher, Seaton,
Harper and MacCallum.

It was resolved unanimously;
That the Members of the Mechanics' Institute are hereby requested to attend the funeral of our late respected Treasurer, N. B. Corso Esq; on Wednesday (Sept 17th) at 3.30 P.M. from his late residence No 76 University St.
The Institute will be closed from 2 to 6 P.M on Wednesday.


The above advertisement to be inserted
Twice in the Gazette
Once " " Star
Once " " Witness

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt Irwin Pres

THE LATE MR. CORSE.
The Funeral Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of the late Mr. N. B. Corso took place from his late residence, 76 University street, yesterday afternoon and was largely attended, the cortege including many of our leading citizens. A short service was held at the house, at which the Rev. George H. Wells officiated, being assisted by the Rev. Dr. Wilkes. After prayer and the reading of a portion of Scripture, Mr. Wells delivered a short address, in the course of which he referred to the long life of usefulness and the nobility of character of the deceased. He was admitted as a communicant of the American Presbyterian Church in 1828, and during the fifty-six years since he had ever remained faithful and loyal to it. He was also a member of the Board of the Protestant House of Industry and Refuge, and was one of the most regular attendants at the weekly meetings, giving not only of his means, but of his time in the cause of charity, and now at the age of nearly fourscore years he had been called to a better land by his blessed Master, leaving behind him the memory of an honourable and faithful Christian life. The Rev. Dr. Wilkes then offered prayer, after which the cortege formed and proceeded to Mount Royal Cemetery, where the remains were consigned to their last resting place. The chief mourners were the brothers-in-law of the deceased, Messrs Mason Mills, of Iroquois, and P. E. Dods and C. C. Claggett, of Montreal; his grandsons, Messrs. W. D. Dods and J. N. Dods, and Mr. Henry Marshall, of Brooklyn. Amongst those present were the Rev. James Patterson, Rev. John Fraser, Messrs. Henry Lyman, Hugh McLennan, Henry Bulmer, W. J. Patterson, W. O'Brien, Frank Paul, John Murphy, J. C. Holden, D. T. Irish, Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, C. M. G., Lieut.-Col. Lyman, Lieut.-Col. Stevenson, Hugh Mackay, John Ogilvy, E. K. Greene, J. B. Kolland, M. Hutchinson, T. B. Hawson, David Brown, John Boyd, Robert Irwin, C. D. Proctor, Dr. Trenholme, Gilman Cheney, C. K. Adams, Geo. C. Childs, Chas. Hagar, Albert D. Nelson, Charles Nichols, A. Perry, Ald. Holland, John Ritchie, Chief Patton (of the fire brigade), W. S. Walker, A. B. Stewart, Henry Lyman, R. Thomas, John McDonald, Geo. Cruickshank, W. Masterman, John Wilson, Chas. Alexander, D. McMillan, W. H. McDunnough, and many others. The Mechanics' Institute was represented, as also the Citizens' Insurance Company, and both places were closed during the funeral.



MECHANICS' INSTITUTE
The Members of the Mechanics' Institute are hereby requested to attend the Funeral of our late respected Treasurer, N. B. Corso, Esq., on WEDNESDAY, at 3.30 p.m., from his late residence, No. 76 University Street.
The Institute will be closed from 2 till 6 p.m. on Wednesday.
ROBERT IRWIN,
President.
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President.
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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.
September 22nd 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present.

Mr Robert Savin, President, in the Chair,
Messrs Reid, Lyall, McKecher, Lampard, Harper
Toulon, Hughes, White Boyd, Hutchinson Moore,
McCallum, and D'Veilley.

The minutes of the last general meeting and Special meeting were read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report
"At a meeting of the Committee held on Saturday last a memorandum of assets and liabilities up to the end of the fiscal year was submitted by the Superintendent:-

Balance in hand	87.72	Assessments due Sept 30 th	
Jewish Services	35.00	37 th disct	780.00
Subscriptions	12.	collected from Semants	23.40
	134.72		756.60
			401.58
			355.02
<u>October</u>		Salaris	87.50
St Patrick's Bazaar 125.		R Young and Charwanan	9.
Subscription 80	205.	<u>October</u>	451.52
	339.72	Salaris	87.50
		Young & Charwanan	36.00
			123.50
			* 575.02

It was resolved that the Finance Committee recommend the procuring a loan of \$350 for 4 months to meet the payment of the assessments so as to secure the discount.

The Committee take this opportunity of expressing the deep regret they feel at the loss which they have sustained by the death of the late Treasurer, Mr N. B. Corse who has for so many years been such a warm and faithful friend to the Institute.

It was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Boyd; That the report of the Finance Committee as read be adopted, and the President, Secretary and Treasurer be empowered to effect the loan.

Carried unanimously.

A report of the Library Committee (affixed) was read, giving the result of the stock-taking and an analysis of the books in the Library

Received.

The President feelingly alluded to the death of our late Treasurer, Mr N. B. Corse, and the following resolution was moved by Mr Boyd, seconded by Mr Reid and carried

The Library Committee beg to report the completion of the annual checking of the books in the Library and to subjoin the result.

The sub-committee appointed to superintend the work, by a ~~sub~~ division of the labour were able to considerably shorten the time of the library being closed, the doors only being shut from July 14th to 26th, or 11 working days; the result is as follows,

Number of books on the shelves	9624
Volumes in circulation	* 12
Missing (absent without record)	2
	<u>9638 vols</u>

* 3 of which have since been returned.

Analysis of Stocktaking.

On the shelves at Stocktaking July 1883,	9380
Of 5 volumes missing do recovered	2
On circulation do	13
Added by purchase, binding and donation	* 243
	<u>9638 vols</u>

Magazines bound	57	current numbers during the year	
do bought	19	to complete sets	
Statutes of Canada	2	donation	
US Census	4	"	
US and Canadian Reports	5	"	
Miscellaneous	4	"	not found 201
Biography	7	Geology 1 Botany 4	5
Engineering & Trade	11	Science 3 Art 1	4
History	12	Travels and Voyages	6
Novels & Works of Fiction	55	Standard Literature	15
Boys Books - Adventures	18	Miscellaneous	12
Hygiene	7		* vols 243
forward	<u>201</u>		

The Committee are pleased at being able to submit such a satisfactory report; the circulation of books during the year has considerably increased and been well sustained; the new catalogue has led to a large number of books being put into circulation which had been neglected for a time; and with the exception of 3 or 4 volumes which are overdue, and which the Superintendent and his Assistant are in diligent search of, the entire working during the year has been eminently satisfactory.

The work of the Library and Reading Room has been conducted in the most harmonious manner, which is best evidenced by the entire absence of complaint from the members

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It will be remembered that the appropriation for the library, ~~from~~ for the purchase of books and binding was \$450.⁰⁰ and the Committee are glad to report that they have kept within the limit, having only expended up to date \$441.⁰⁰ although they feel that their necessity for a still further expenditure is urgent, as no books have been purchased during the last 3 months, and a considerable number of very desirable volumes are asked for by members in the suggestion book.

W. D. Bishop
Chairman Lib Com

The Committee append a list of Books donated to the Library during the year to date.

Christie's History of Lower Canada Vol 6

Statutes of Canada 46 Vict Vols 1 & 2 } per Wm Drysdale
do do (French) } Ottawa Government

Queen's College Calendar 1882-83 } Queen's College London Ont

Report of the Commerce of Montreal } Board of Trade

U.S. Census of 1880 - 7 Volumes } U.S. Government

Report 1881-82 } Michigan Board of Agriculture

Annual Report of City Treasurer 1882 } Corporation of Montreal
do 1883 }

Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada - Dr J. Clark Murray

Texas: its Resources, Soil and Climate } Jas Chuseman

Report on the Archives of Canada } Douglas Baymner

Statutes of Canada 47 Vict 1884 } Ottawa Government
do do (French) }

Statutes of Quebec do } Quebec Government
do do French }

Handbook for the Dominion of Canada } S. C. Dawson

Annual Calendar of Mc Gill College } Boston Public Library
32nd Annual Report }

Mr J. E. Dodd has presented No 2 of the "Nineteenth Century"
published in 1877 - thus completing Vol 1 of that Magazine

Dr Kelley purchased 6 numbers of the "Canadian Monthly"
published in 1873 @ 5[¢] per number thus completing Vol 3 -
and the set

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The Superintendent was authorised to give the privileges of the Institute to any new subscribers from date to the October 31st 1885 on payment of the amount of year's subscription.

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute:-

First Class. William Ross 10 Grey, New Street

Second Class

J Mullins
John Morrison
Miss Leitch
John P. Black
H. Lee

Third Class

W Schlotterman Wm Opzoomer
P H Gilbert John Simpson
R B Capron John White

The Meeting thereafter adjourned

W H Miller Pres

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Mechanics' Institute
October 27th 1884.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:- Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the chair;
Mess^{rs} Teuton, Lyall, Lampard, S. White, M. Coatum,
Harper, D. Kettle and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The President reported that the loan called for at the meeting had been effected through the Treasurer; the President and the Secretary having signed a joint note for the amount, viz: Three hundred and fifty dollars.

A letter from Mr Warden King declining to act on the General Committee, on account of want of time to attend to the duties. ^{was read} As the year was so near its expiration, and the vacancy was one that called for the election by the general body of members it was decided to defer the matter until the annual meeting.

The Chairman of the Library Committee reported that owing to want of funds to purchase books there had been no meeting of the Committee called, and that the Committee were anxious to buy several new books and also to complete 2 or 3 series of standard works as soon as the means to do so can be furnished.

The Membership Committee reported, and the following were duly nominated and elected Members of the Institute:-

Second Class. (8)

D. J. Fraser	J. Hatchette
Edwin W. Symon	Thos. Beardon
John Fotherday	J. S. Macdougall
W. J. Pendleton	A. B. Phillips

Third Class. (13)

D. Barclay	A. Falkner
W. M. Reid	A. C. Garrett
John L. Walker	John Furton
W. E. Mackenzie	R. H. Bremner
L. Mullen	Sidney Walker
A. Leithhead	A. C. Powter
Geo. J. Johnson	

A report was handed in by the Chairman of the Library House Committee, showing the cost of maintenance, repairs and

alterations to the building since 1880.

The financial statement for September submitted by the Superintendent was read and received.

<u>Received.</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
Sept ^r 1 st Coopers' Union	2.00	Sept 4 th Men making seats	1.50
" 6 th Crossley. Sale of Sundries	3.00	" 8 Geo J Hartt Coal	532.49
" " Grocers Picnic	2.00	" 11 W B horse loan returned	90.
" 10 th County of Hochelaga	10.00	" 23 Ross Brothers mfg	3.75
" 18 Exhibition Committee	2.00	" 26 A B Stewart (Frames)	1.
" 24 The Eastern Riving Co Taxes	221.16	" 30 W E Chester mfg	21.55
" 26 Jewish N. Year Services	20.00	Henry Mott Salary	58.33
" 29 Richard's Munch Dairy Co	52.38	A B Hamilton do	29.17
" 30 B. O. A. S. Meetings	10.00	Robt Young 4 weeks	24.
P. C. Waud Life Member	25.00	Woman cleaning "	12.
Memberships Fees	19.75	Sundries Candles	14
" " Fines	20.00	Matches	15
J. H. Anderson Taxes	128.04	Soap	8
Sale of Catalogues	2.50	Postage Stamps	.40
	\$ 498.03		\$ 774.56
Balance from August	707.52	Balance to October	430.99
	\$ 1205.55		\$ 1205.55

On motion of Mr Lyall, seconded by Mr White,

The Library Committee were authorized to buy the two new volumes by Parkman - "Montcalm" and "Wolfe."

A lengthened discussion took place, in which every member of the Committee took part, with reference to the matter of the proposed free public library, and how it will affect the interests and wants of the Institute.

It was moved by ~~Mr McLean~~ Mr Teulon seconded by Mr McCallum;

That the President, with Dr Kelley, Messrs Hutchinson Lyall and Hughes be a committee to enquire specially into the matter and to obtain information from all sources, and report at their earliest convenience. - but not to commit the Institute in any way.

Carried unanimously.

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt. Arvia Pres

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Mechanics' Institute
November 24th 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening @ 8 o'clock.

Present:- Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair,
Messrs Sculson, Reid, Harper, Lyall, Lampard, Mr Callum
Hughes and Mr Kelley

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The House Committee reported that an application was received for hiring the Hall for three days in February next for a Poultry Show, also that a letter was received from Mr Sho-
Stiam stating that the Liverpool, London and Globe and Imperial would take the insurance risk on the building and furniture @ 75% and on the library, @ 1% and the consideration of the question was deferred and an effort was to be made to obtain a better rate. It was resolved, however, that if no better terms can be obtained, the President, Treasurer and the Chairman of the House Committee have power to complete the arrangement before the expiry of the present insurance.

It was also proposed and agreed upon that the amount of Insurance be readjusted as follows:-

Building	\$ 30,000
Heating Apparatus	1,000
Furniture	1,500
Library	6,500 ~ \$ 39,000.

An application was considered for renting the Hall once a week to the Parliamentary ~~Building~~ ^{Debatting} Society, and after considerable discussion it was resolved

"That our terms are \$ 20 per night including gas, but in consideration of the educational tendency of the Society, we will let them have the hall for \$ 8 per night, they to pay for the gas, and the members of the Institute to be allowed the privileges of the Society, as visitors. It being understood that in consideration of the special terms the Institute shall have the privilege of changing the night from time to time on furnishing a week's notice."

A discussion took place in regard to the insurance on the library, some of the members thinking there was not enough insurance on the books

It was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Callum
"That the report as read be adopted."
It was moved in amendment by Mr Lampard seconded by Mr Harper,
"That the insurance on the books be raised to \$ 8,000

instead of \$6500 as recommended in the report" the vote being a tie, after being twice voted upon. The chairman gave his vote in favour of the adoption of the report in its original form.

The Library Committee reported that they had revised the list of Papers and Magazines supplied to the Reading Room and invited tenders from Messrs Lawson's and Drysdale's for their supply for the coming year. They further reported as to the insufficiency of the amount of insurance at present placed on the books in the Library, and it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that the library should be insured to its full value. It was thought that in the event of a fire, the library would be a total loss, and that it was desirable to make the room used for the library fireproof.

A lengthened discussion took place as to the advisability of amending the list of papers in the Reading Room, and it was moved by Mr Lyall, seconded by Mr Lampard that the report of the Library Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The Membership Committee reported, and the following were duly nominated and elected Members of the Institute:-

First Class. — W J Mount

Second Class —

Mrs S. McLeod	William N King
G. Bousfield	M. Dumazured
John Concoran	E A Robert
W. Lecarie	Mrs J E. Shearer
John Hepworth	Percy Oakes
R W. Blackwell	John E. Walsh.

Third Class. —

E. C. Fremholme	Albert Moore
J. A. Jacobs	James Walker
William Forbes	Henry Winter
Edward Duclou	Patrick Prendergast
Thomas Chapman	R J McKae
Walter Andrew	L R McDowell
R. Ellwell	R H Browne
George Birch	Frank Barrett
Geo. Winfield	T. Johnston
Waldemar Wojciechowski.	

The Chairman of the Membership Committee called attention to the fact of Mr Stephen White having met with a serious accident, and that he was progressing favourably towards recovery.

The Financial Statement for the year ending October 31st 1884, was received from the Auditors signed as having been examined and found correct.

The following Committees submitted their reports

for presentation to the Annual Meeting on Monday next.
 Finance Committee
 House
 Lectures Class
 Memberships
 and Library

and the Reports were adopted with some trifling amendments.
 The Financial Statement for October was submitted,
Received. Paid.

Oct 1 st James Moore Loan	350.00	Oct 1 st Cooperatives Assessments	756.60
" 7 th Coopers Loan	2.	" J G Story Money returned for Oct Amateurs	1.40
" 13 th Bishop's Lecture	15.	" 3 rd Subscription to La Patrie	14.
" 22 nd St Patrick's Bazaar	164.50	" Moving chairs	2.
" 31 st G A Drummond Papers <small>154.50 10.</small>	7.50	" 8 th do	3.
" R Irvine "	1.35	" 22 nd Postage Stamps	.25
" Sale of Catalogues	2.25	" 31 st Robt Young tickets	24.
" Shamrock Fairness Club	2.	" Woman cleaning "	12.
Memberships Fees	101.50	do extra	1.50
" Fines	.45	" Henry Mott Salary	58.33
		" W B Hamilton "	29.17
		" A J Harke (Liq)	1.25
		" Dr Kelley (Magazines)	30
		Stewart Printing Co (Books)	3.87
		Sundries 2 Trunkers 15	
		Cooking ashes 25	.40
	<u>\$ 646.55</u>		<u>\$ 898.07</u>
Balance from Sept	430.99	Balance Forward	179.47
	<u>\$ 1077.54</u>		<u>\$ 1077.54</u>

The Secretary read the draft of report to be presented to the Members at the Annual Meeting on Monday next, and some amendments were made.
 It was moved by Mr Lyall, seconded by Mr Harper that the general report as amended be adopted for presentation at the Annual Meeting
 Carried

The meeting thereafter adjourned.
 Robt Irvine Pres

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.
December 1st 1884

The 45th Annual Meeting of the Members of the Institute was held this evening.

Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair,

Members Present:—

Miss Teulon, Moore, Hughes, Boyd, Hutchinson, Lyall, Lampard, Reid, Harper, McCallum, D^r Kelley, Mount, Stevens, A Perry, Macintosh, Weston, Cheney, Robt Young Jun^r, Robt Young, J B Young, W Rutherford, Wood, W. S. Walker, Leslie, W A Stephenson, Drysdale, L. Macfarlane, W M Mally, J B. Robinson and others.

The minutes of the 44th Annual Meeting were read and confirmed, and signed by the President.

The minutes of the Special meeting of Members held May 12th were read and confirmed, and signed by the President.

The President named the following gentlemen as scrutineers;—

Mess^{rs} Wood, W A Stephenson and Charles Stevens

The Secretary was requested to read the Report and the financial Statement for the year ending 31st October, duly audited, and also the list of attendances of members of the committee at the meetings held during the year.

see forward { ~~It was moved by Mr Alfred Perry, seconded by Mr W S Walker that the report be received and laid on the table for consideration~~ } ~~carried.~~

The Report was as follows:—

The Committee have much pleasure in presenting the 45th annual report to the members of the Mechanics' Institute not that the year has been one of progress in the affairs of the Institute, but from a consciousness that they have done everything in their power to promote its interests, and with a full hope, from the absence of all serious complaint on the part of the members that their efforts towards successful management have not been unappreciated.

During the year each of the sub-committees have diligently superintended the work connected with their several departments, and the remarks in last year's report on this head may be repeated;— the comfort of the members has been cared for, in the heating, lighting, and ventilating the rooms, and all necessary repairs have been executed; the character of the Reading Room for its supply of papers and magazines, has been fully sustained, and the Library shows a considerable

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increase in the number of volumes issued.

The new catalogue, referred to in last year's Report, as being in preparation, was issued in May last, and has given great satisfaction to the members.

The Committee are sensible that a much larger sum should have been spent on the library to have rendered it effective, and they have again to repeat their regret at the want of the necessary funds for this purpose and also to still further carry out the wishes of the founders of the Institute in the shape of Lectures and Classes.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual meeting the question of the financial position of the Institute was earnestly considered by the Committee and referred to a special meeting of members held on 12th May, at which the proposal of the Committee to remove the Library and Reading Room up stairs in the event of a tenant being found, was assented to, but up to the present no further progress has been made in the matter, the Hall is still a source of weakness, and all efforts to rent either this flat or the upper one have proved unavailing.

During the visit of the Association for the Advancement of Science in August last, the Committee placed the privileges of the Institute at the disposal of its members, and a considerable number of them used the Reading Room during their stay in the city.

With reference to the agitation as to the formation of a Public Library your Committee thought it proper that they should be in possession of all the information that could be gathered on the subject, they therefore appointed a Special Committee to take what steps they thought desirable to learn the position of affairs, without any power to commit the Institute in any way, and a conference with Sir William Dawson and other gentlemen was held, but no definite result.

Reports of Sub-Committees re

Officers.

Through an informality in the election of the Committee at the last annual meeting two vacancies occurred, Messrs Rutherford and T. B. Robinson having been found to be ineligible; these vacancies were filled by the election of Messrs Stephen White and James Moore. At a subsequent date Mr S. H. Parsons resigned his seat on the Committee and Mr J. M. Kercher was elected in his place.

In September last, the Institute lost an old and valued friend in Mr N. B. Coase, who had been an active member for 40 years, and had served many years, the Committee closed the Institute for the afternoon on the day of the funeral, and by advertisement invited the members to attend.

The office of Treasurer was filled by the election of Mr

James Moore, which caused a vacancy on the Committee, and Mr Warden King was chosen to fill it, but he declined the election on account of his many business engagements, and as the interval would be so brief, the Committee postponed any further action in the matter, leaving it for this meeting to fill the vacancy.

The gentlemen whose term of office now expires are

R. Irwin, President.
H. Stulton Vice-President.
James Moore Treasurer
J. W. Hughes Secretary

and of the General Committee

Mess^{rs} P. Syall, Hampson, M. Hutchinson, and
J. McKechnie, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

The reports of the various sub-committees, and the financial statement for the year ending 31st October last, duly audited, are appended.

House Committee.

Your Committee beg to report that their attention has been given to all the duties coming within their department, and they believe with satisfactory results. At the time of the Hall being leased during last winter, with a view of a more reliable service of gas it was considered necessary to have a separate meter provided for the Hall, which has not only given a saving, but also a more correct register of the consumption.

During last winter, after a thorough trial, it was found that the heating apparatus was insufficient for its purpose, seeing that it was required in addition to its usual work, to heat the hall, both day and night, it therefore became absolutely necessary to make some considerable repairs and alterations, and also to raise the chimney, and it is believed that a great improvement in the heating of the building will be the result, as the return for the outlay incurred.

The flag which had been in use for many years having become worn out, it was deemed necessary to provide a new one. A noiseless spring has been placed on the reading room door which has added considerably to the comfort of readers. The walls of the large hall have been tinted and cleansed.

The Committee considered the question of the rents paid by the tenants and resolved to ask an increase of \$100 a year each from Mr Anderson and the South Eastern Railway Co and the new leases for a year have been accepted at the increased rates.

Your Committee have to express regret that the Hall has not been let more frequently during the year, several applications have been made for it, such as for a further term for a "Dime" performance, a Roller Skating Rink, and for Sparring and Indian Club performances, all of which the

Attendance at Meetings.

During the year there were 12 ordinary and 4 Special Meetings of the Committee, and the attendance was as follows:-

Mr Irwin	15	
" Teulon	12	✓
" Corse	2	✓
" Hughes	14	✓
" Lyall	14	
" Lampard	16	
" Hutchinson	7	
" Boyd	5	
" Reid	5	
" Harper	15	✓
✓ Dr Kelley	9	
✓ Mr McCallum	14	
" Parsons	4	resigned in May
✓ " S. White	11	
" Moore	8	
✓ " McVercher	3	elected June 23 rd

Mechanics' Institute
November 29th 1884.

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Financial Statement for the year

Balance from October 31 st 1883.	124		✓ 150 24
Received from Stores	140		✓ 3650 "
" Hall	"		✓ 689 50
" Room	"		✓ 247 50
" Membership Fees	41		✓ 1017 45
" " Fines	"		✓ 5 55
" Sale of Catalogues	160		✓ 43 75
" " Papers	92		✓ 58 20
" Taxes from Tenants	119		✓ 401 58
" Loan Account	102		✓ 350 "
" Interest per Merchants Bank	50		✓ 8 55
" Insurance returned per Lessors of Hall	98		✓ 340 95

\$ 6963.27

			<u>Balance</u>
Real Estate	4 ✓		48404.01
Furniture	6 ✓		4152.05
Library	12 ✓		10133.97
Cash	125 ✓		179.47
			<u>\$ 62869.50</u>

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ending October 31st 1884.

Paid Furniture	6	✓ 3 75
" Library	12	✓ 291 98
" Interest	98	✓ 1430 "
" Light	55	✓ 359 51
" Heating	141	✓ 595 87
" Repairs &c	62	✓ 274 07
" Advertising	64	✓ 74 15
" Postages	69	✓ 14 56
" Stationery	74	✓ 12 29
" Wages	81	✓ 1388 "
" Cleaning	"	✓ 210 55
" Reading Room	88	✓ 442 97
" Insurance	98	✓ 484 50
" Printing	136	✓ 43 25
" Taxes	119	✓ 828 35
" Catalogues	160	✓ 330 "
Balance Forward	125	✓ 179 47
		<u>\$ 6963.27</u>

ances.

Capital	2 ✓	36519.50
Mortgage Loan	26 ✓	26000 "
Loan Account	102 ✓	350 "
		<u>\$ 62869.50</u>

Audited and found correct 21th November 1884
 George K. Starnie
 J. V. Macintosh

Committee felt bound to decline, in obedience to the wishes of the members as expressed at the last annual meeting.

There was further a proposal to hire the Hall for a term of years, to be used as a Concert and Lecture Lyceum, with an understanding that only entertainments of an unobjectionable character should be given. a sub-committee was appointed to confer with the proposed lessors, but so far no definite arrangement has been arrived at; although, probably, the scheme is not altogether abandoned.

Lecture and Class.

Your Committee regret that it is not in their power to present a more favorable report of works in this department, but it has again been impossible, during the year just closed to carry into operation any important class-works from lack of funds.

An effort was made to revive the short-hand class, which however, from various causes was not successful.

It will be in the recollection of the members that our esteemed Secretary, Mr Hughes, gave a course of lectures on Practical Plumbing, which were well attended and gave the most complete satisfaction. The Institute is under an obligation to Mr Hughes for these lectures as he must have devoted a great amount of time to their preparation and also a considerable expenditure of money in furnishing diagrams &c

A special application was made during the visit of the British Association for the Advancement of Science to the city, to secure, if possible, some lectures or the reading of papers by some Members of the Association, and a reply was received from Professor Bonney, the Secretary, expressing regret that in consequence of the limited time at the disposal of the members of the Association it would not be possible to accede to the request of the Committee.

The Committee can only repeat their regret that so little has been done, and to say that it is obvious nothing can be accomplished in this direction without funds.

The General Committee placed \$100 at the disposal of the Lecture and Class Committee and they only expended, — including advertising the lectures and all other expenses, about half the amount.

Finance Committee.

Your Committee beg to say that they have given vigilant attention to the working of the Institute and are sorry they are not able to report a more successful result. It is to be regretted that the community should suffer an institution like this to languish for want of adequate support; it is only by the most careful supervision that it is possible to make both ends meet, and if any extra pressure comes, the Finance Committee have an unpleasant duty to perform.

During the past year, the Commercial Travellers

Association withdrew their subscription of \$120, which they paid for the use of our Reading Room, in consequence of their having opened a room for their members, this event was of course beyond the control of your Committee.

It became imperatively necessary that a new catalogue of the books in the Library should be issued, or the work of the library would almost have come to a stand-still; this was done at an outlay of \$330, and the good resulting from it will be found in the report of the Library Committee, and the catalogues on hand are an asset, although, of course available only by the sale of them by slow degrees.

Under the before mentioned circumstances, it became necessary to borrow \$350 to pay the assessments when they became due. At the commencement of the year the Committee considered the probable receipts and expenditure, and with the exception of some extras on account of repairs & little variation took place, indeed the two instances referred to, explain the whole statement.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the last annual meeting, a special Committee was appointed to consider the financial condition of the Institute; a meeting was held, to which the chairmen of all the sub-committees were invited and after a full and earnest consideration of the question it was decided to recommend to a special meeting of the members that if a desirable tenant could be found, for the flat at present occupied by the Reading Room and Library, the Institute should move up into the Hall, and this proposition was assented to at a special meeting of members held on 12th May last, but no desirable opportunity of renting the flat has presented itself.

Memberships Committee.

The Committee report that during the past year 4 of our Life Members have been removed by death, viz; - Miss M. Holland, Mr Gaurram and George Smith, and also in September our esteemed friend Mr N. B. Corse, who had been so long connected with the Institute. Against these losses we have only to report 3 new Life Members added, viz; - Miss W. Walker, P. C. Wand and Arch^d Mr Goun Jew.

During the year the Committee recommended that Lieut. Col. Fletcher be elected as an Honorary Member. Col. Fletcher is amongst the last survivors of those who signed the application for the original charter of incorporation of the Institute, and the Committee therefore considered it was a proper compliment to be paid to him.

Your Committee are not in a position to report an increase of members, and consequently they have to explain the decrease in revenue from the source of membership fees; it will be remembered that in 1883 a special effort was made with a view of increasing the number of Life Members, which

resulted in an increase of \$ 325 whilst this year we have only obtained 3 new members of that class, equal to \$ 75 only; and a further cause of decline in the amount, is the withdrawal of the fee of \$ 120 heretofore received from the Commercial Travellers' Association, which was discontinued at the beginning of the year, - these two facts will account for a decrease of \$ 370 during the year.

The comparative number of members for 1883 and 1884, is as under :-

	<u>1883.</u>	<u>1884.</u>
Honorary	11	12
Corresponding	9	9
Life	236	234
Annual 1 st class	126	104
do 2 nd do	398	368
do 3 rd do	<u>143</u>	<u>162</u>
	923	889

These figures are up to present date

Showing a decrease of 34 members; which, spread over the year's working, may not be regarded as a very important number, - a few of the Commercial Travellers who used the Reading Room, also subscribed to the library, and this will explain, at least, a portion of the decrease, and seeing further that the 3rd class has increased, the total result may be regarded as a fluctuation that such an Institute is liable to.

At the present date

34 first class members, 148 second class, and 68 third class have renewed their subscriptions for the current year.

Your Committee would recommend that some special effort be made to improve this department of the Institute, either by an active canvas for Life Members or otherwise; - individual members might help this work by speaking of the advantages offered by the Institute to their friends and endeavouring to bring in as many new members as they possibly can.

Library Committee.

The Reading Room has been well attended during the year, and the list of papers and periodicals was carefully revised at the beginning of the year, and those previously furnished were continued with only some trifling variations, the suggestions of members were considered and the Committee are glad to report that the service of the room has been very satisfactory, as is evidenced by the absence of all complaints from the members.

The tables have been supplied with papers and magazines as follows :-

Canadian	12 Daily -	23 Weekly -	5 Monthly -	1 Quarterly
American	7 do -	16 do -	11 do	
British	1 Daily (the Times)	20 Weekly -	15 Monthly	
French	1	Australian	1	

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to the mark, and moreover avoiding the risk of losing loose numbers, which led to an unnecessary expenditure to replace them in past years. Attention has been given to completing the sets of some of the magazines and several volumes have been purchased at second-hand.

Your Committee can but express ^{their regret} that the means at their disposal have been so limited that they have been unable to add more books to the Library, - it is felt that an appropriation of \$1000 a year should be placed at the disposal of the Committee to uphold its efficiency, whereas it will be seen that less has been spent on the Library than in previous years. It is extremely desirable that a number of books, recently published and also to replace worn out copies should be purchased as early as possible.

A number of works of fiction which were worn out have been replaced with copies published in a cheap edition with paper cover, subsequently getting them bound in a cheap style, which has given satisfaction. A most important work has been completed during the past year, viz: - the issue of a new catalogue, which has been extremely useful, not alone in its value for reference and rendering the books more easy to be found, but it has brought into circulation a large number of volumes which had been for a long time neglected, and this has in a great measure stood in the place of the purchase of new books; of the 2000 catalogues printed, about 200 copies have been sold up to the present time.

Donations from the Dominion and the Provincial Governments and 7 volumes of the Census returns, full of valuable statistics, from the U.S. Government, also a copy of the Debates of the Quebec Legislature for 1883 from Mr. G. W. Stephens M.P.P. - have been received, and all duly acknowledged.

At the last annual meeting it was carried as an instruction to the Committee to complete (if possible) a set of the annual reports of the Institute, but it is believed that such a thing is not possible, from reliable information it appears that no reports were printed for several years.

In conclusion your Committee would call the attention of the members to the insecurity of the room occupied by the Library in the event of a fire occurring, in all probability, a total destruction of the books would be the result."

It was moved by Mr. Alfred Perry, seconded by Mr. W. S. Walker that the report be received, and laid on the table for consideration

Carried.

The election of Officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with.

The President addressed the meeting, briefly

reviewing the works of the past year, with some observations on the working of the Institute, a discussion took place on various subjects and also as to the form of nomination of members to serve on the Committee.

It was moved by Mr Perry seconded by Mr S. W. Walker that the report as read be adopted.

Mr Perry spoke eulogistically of the efforts of the Committee, commending them for their efforts, and spoke especially favorably of the action of the Committee in rejecting the applications of a certain class to lease the Hall, he felt gratified that the efforts of the Committee had been as successful as they had, taking into consideration the financial depression that had prevailed during the past year.

The Scrutineers reported that Mr Robt Irwin had been re-elected President for the ensuing year - the President acknowledged the honour, especially, as it was unexpected by him.

The Scrutineers reported that Mr J. W. Hughes had been elected Vice-President and Mr John Harper, as Secretary.

Mr James Moore was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

It was moved by Mr Harper, seconded by Dr Kelley "That the thanks of the members be presented to Mr Hughes for his course of lectures on Practical Plumbing - delivered during last winter." Both Mr Harper and Dr Kelley spoke to the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Scrutineers reported that Messrs Lampard, Lyall, Toulon and M Hutchinson were re-elected and Mr W. A. Stephenson was elected to serve on the Committee for the term of two years, and Mr J. McTchercher was elected for the term of one year to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Mr Harper as Secretary.

It was moved by Mr S. W. Walker, seconded by Mr L. Macfarlane; -

That the members of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal in annual meeting now assembled desire to place on record the valuable service rendered by the late Mr N. B. Corse who was for many years an office bearer of the Institute, and who during that period rendered valuable aid and services

Carried unanimously
Mr Perry rose to ask for information with reference

to a report that something had be done with a view of the Institute being handed over to, or amalgamating with some other body, and after an explanation from the Secretary as to what took place with reference to establishing a free public library, in connection with an informal interview held with some of the members of the Corporation of McGill College,

Mr Perry withdrew his name as the mover of the adoption of the report, and Mr L. Macfarlane became the mover, seconded by Mr L. Drysdale, Mr Kelley, Messrs M. Hutchinson, W Rutherford and others took part in a lengthened discussion on the interests of the Institute

The adoption of the report was carried on a division, with two dissentients.

The President read a letter received from J B. Coombs, Major of the Salvation Army, requesting to know at what rate they could lease the Hall for six months, a discussion ensued on the advisability of renting it for the purpose, in which Messrs Perry, Macfarlane, Rutherford and others took part

It was moved by Mr Drysdale, seconded by Mr Wood, "That the letter from the Salvation Army be received and entertained - the Committee to take such action upon it as they may see fit" on being put to the meeting, the motion was declared lost.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt. Munn

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
December 8th 1884.

A special meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:— Mr Robert Irvine, President, in the Chair,
Mess^{rs} Reid, Hughes, Teulon, Lyall, W.A. Stephenson, Moore
McKercher, Lampard, Harper, Hutchinson and McCallum

The appointment of the various sub-committees was taken up and the following having been nominated, were approved by the meeting,

Finance.

J.W. Hughes, Chairman; Mess^{rs} H. Teulon, M. Hutchinson,
P. Lyall, Jas Moore, John Boyd.

House

P. Lyall, Chairman; Mess^{rs} Wm Reid, S. White, Jas Moore
J. McCallum, Jno Harper.

Lecture and Class.

M. Hutchinson, Chairman; Mess^{rs} J. Boyd, D^r J.W. Kelley,
J. McKercher, W.A. Stephenson, H. Lampard.

Memberships.

H. Lampard, Chairman, Mess^{rs} J. McCallum, J. McKercher,
W.A. Stephenson, S. White, D^r Kelley.

Library

Jno Harper, Chairman; Mess^{rs} J.W. Hughes, H. Teulon,
Wm Reid, H. Lampard and D^r Kelley.

The question of Insurance which expires on the 12th inst was discussed, and it was moved by Mr James Moore and seconded by Mr P. Lyall,

"That in consequence of the small amount of revenue derived for some years past by letting the Hall of our building for concerts, and the increased rate of insurance charged on Concert Halls, we hereby resolve that from this date we will neither use nor let any part of the Mechanics' Institute building for Concerts or public entertainments, always excepting Bazaars, Lectures, Classes, Public Meetings, Religious Services, Parliamentary or other Debating Societies or Clubs, Poultry or other kindred shows or exhibitions, Shops or Offices, and other uses being the legitimate purposes or objects of this Institute."
Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr Hughes, seconded by Mr Lampard
That the President, Mr Lyall and Mr Moore,
be a Committee to arrange the Insurance, with power
to complete it on the best possible terms
Carried unanimously.

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.
December 22nd 1884.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:- Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair,
Messrs Hughes, Moore, Lampard, Mr Callum, Teulon,
Mr Kercher, Dr Kelley and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last regular meeting (November 24th) and also of the special meeting (December 8th) were read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee beg to report having prepared the following statement of probable receipts and expenditure;

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance from last year	179.47	Loan due Treasurer	350.
Rent from Stores	3800.00	Flag (paid)	24.50
" Hall	510.	Library	400.
" Long Room	300.	" Binding	50.
Members Fees	1000.	Reading Room	1430.
" Fines	6.	Interest	1430.
Sale of Catalogues	40.	Light	400.
" Papers	60.	Heating	520.
Taxes from Tenants	401.58	Repairs &c	150.
Interest per Merchants	8.	Taxes	828.35
		Insurance	221.25
		Wages	1380.
		Cleaning	200.
		Printing	35.
		Advertising	50.
		Postage & Stationery	25.
	<u>\$ 6305.05</u>		<u>\$ 6494.10</u>

Showing a probable deficit (if the same amount was expended on the Library as last year) of \$189. to which must be added an increase of \$100 for Insurance, in view of such a result the Committee recommend that the amount of \$100 be appropriated for the Library at present.

The foregoing report was received and adopted.

The Library Committee reported having received tenders from Messrs Dawson Brothers and Messrs Wm Drysdale and Co for the supply of newspapers and magazines for the coming year, on examination Messrs Drysdale's tender was found to be the lowest and was therefore accepted.

The amount of the tender will be \$ 360.43
To which is to be added the amount of
subscriptions to local papers 55.50
making the amount for the Reading Room \$ 415.93

The Committee had decided to hold the annual auction sale of Papers on Saturday January 10th at 4 P.M.

The Report was received and adopted.

The Membership Committee reported the following memorandum of receipts of fees for membership:-

1883.		1884.	
November 1 st to 21 st	258.00	November 1 st to 21 st	277.00
.. 21 st to 30 th	71.00	.. 21 st to 30 th	85.50
December	175.00	December to date	153.00
	\$504.00		\$515.50

Showing an increase of \$11.50 with 9 days of December yet unexpired.

It was moved by Mr Teulon seconded by Mr McCullum that the Special Committee appointed at the meeting held October 27th, with reference to the proposed free public library be continued - the gentlemen composing the Committee being The President, Dr Kelley, Messrs Hutchinson, Lyall and Hughes. Carried unanimously.

The President reported having received an application for the Hall for the use of the Salvation Army;

It was moved by Mr Harper, seconded by Mr Lampard,

That the House Committee be instructed to report on the advisability of letting the Hall for that purpose, to which an amendment was proposed by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr McCullum; -

That the House Committee be authorized to entertain the proposition from the Salvation Army for the use of the Hall on the following conditions:- that \$50 per week of five nights and Sunday be paid, that the charge for gas be extra, and that suitable security be furnished.

On being put to the meeting the amendment was carried, 6 voting for and 2 against it.

It was moved by Mr Hughes, seconded by Mr Lampard:-

That the Treasurer be instructed to pay for extra assistance during Mr Hamilton's sickness. Carried unanimously.

The Membership Committee further reported, and the following were duly nominated and elected Members of the Institute,

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| <u>First Class.</u> | E. W. Mudge | James Adrien |
| | T. Jeffs Thompson | P. Macnaughton |
| <u>Second Class.</u> | William Turner | R. W. Forrester |

Second Class continued

Rev. J. Bennett
Miss Stewart
H. Herbert

Third Class.

A. C. Nelson
Sydney Smith
G. W. Clure
Edmund Burg.

The Financial Statement for November was submitted by the Superintendent:-

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>	
Nov 1 st Richards Tailor Co.	125.00	Nov 8 th J B Young &c	6.25
" 4 th Cooper's Union	2.	" " " " (Advertising)	5.10
" 5 th South Eastern Rwy Co	500.	" " " " (Witness (20))	2.14
" " Jewish Services	10.	" " " " (P.D. Woods Varnisher)	5.95
" " Emerald S. S. Club	2.	" " " " (Jas Morrison & son)	4.80
" 7 th Mount Buildings Socy	30.	10 th " " " " (W.P. Scott (Jinking Hall))	30.
" 10 th J D Anderson	325.	12 th " " " " (Gas Co 3 wks)	106.03
" 12 th R. B. Campbell Room	2.	" " " " (Wm Drysdale & Co)	89.55
" 15 th Miss Samuels Book cost	1.25	" " " " (Lawson Brothers)	61.64
" " " " (Williams Fair)	.10	" " " " (Morton Phillips & Co Binding)	4.
" " " " (Emerald S. S. Club)	3.	" " " " (Postal Cards (Financial Statement))	4.
" " " " (Debating Society)	1.50	17 th " " " " (A Cowen, raising chimney)	35.
" 17 th Juniors Conservative Club	3.	" " " " (W. Drysdale & Co (replacing Book))	2.
" " " " (R. Hastings Book cost)	2.	22 nd " " " " (Rosa Brothers & Co. Flay)	24.50
" 18 th J Delorimier Room	1.50	29 th " " " " (R. Seal (Dble Windows))	8.85
" 26 th Parliamentary Debating Socy	15.50	" " " " (Journal of Commerce)	3.
" 28 th Sale of Catalogues	3.75	" " " " (Hughes & Stephenson &c)	20.00
" " " " (A. M. Goun Life Member)	25.	" " " " (20.00)	66.38
" " " " (Memberships Fees)	252.	" " " " (H. Mott Salary)	58.33
do Nov 21 st to 30 th	85.50	" " " " (A B Hamilton)	29.17
		" " " " (Robt Young 5 wks)	35.
		" " " " (Woman cleaning)	15
		do extra (double windows)	3.
		Men moving seats	2.
		R. Young venture	.50
		Postage Stamps	.50
		Sundries	
		Coasting ashes	.75
		Sand dust	20
		Brown	50
		Soap	08
			1.33
Balance from October	\$ 1300.10	Balance to December	\$ 624.02
	179.47		945.55
	<u>\$ 1569.57</u>		<u>\$ 1569.57</u>

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

R. M. Irvine Pres

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.
January 26th 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:- Mr Robert Irvine, President, in the Chair.

Mess^{rs} Reid, Teulon, White, Lampard, Hutchinson
McCallum, Hughes, D^r Kelley and the Secretary

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The House Committee reported that an application for renting the Hall having been received from the Salvation Army, a meeting of the Committee was held, and it was resolved to let the Hall for two services on Sundays, - (afternoon and evening) for \$12, including gas, heating and attendance, - Two Sundays have been occupied by them and all passed off in a quiet and orderly manner.

The question of heating the upstairs offices of the South Eastern Railway Co^{rs} was considered, as it seemed probable it might not be required for more than one or two Sundays during the remainder of the winter, it was determined not to make any charge for it at present, informing them, however, that this was not to be considered as a precedent for always heating the room free.

As the leases of our tenants expire on 1st May next, the Committee are of opinion that the leases should be renewed at the same terms as last year.

It was resolved to advertise (6 times in the Gazette) the renting of the Reading Room and Library. Tenants to make such alterations as may be needful, and it was agreed to move the Library and Reading Room up stairs in the event of a suitable tenant being found.

The insurance has been effected with the Phoenix Insurance Co^{rs} and no restriction exists as regards the letting the Hall for Concerts or public entertainments.

It was moved by Mr Reid seconded by Mr Hutchinson that the Report be adopted - Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Teulon:-

That \$1200 a year be asked for the 1st flat, with the proportion of taxes - heating included - Tenants to make their own alterations. Carried unanimously.

The Library Committee reported that the supply of Papers and Magazines was in proper order, and that the auction sale of Papers on the 10th inst. produced \$59.70 against \$56.65 last year. The Montreal Herald having been increased

in price from \$3 to \$6 a year, the proprietor was seen & agreed to furnish the 4 copies taken by the Institute, at the old price for this year.

Mess^{rs} Drysdale's ac^t for the supply of Newspapers and Magazines having been presented, it was resolved "that Mess^{rs} Drysdale's ac^t amounting to \$361.58 has been examined by the Committee and passed by them as correct, and that it be referred to the General Committee"

Several other ac^ts were passed by the Committee as to their correctness, and were also referred to the General Committee.

The Committee at their last meeting purchased books to the amount of about thirty dollars.

On motion it was carried unanimously that the above report be adopted.

The Membership Committee reported that the receipts for Memberships showed an increase of \$14 over last year to the same date, the Committee further reported the following as new members and they were duly nominated and elected:-

First Class C. Shackray
 E. H. Wenslow

Second Class

Albert Holiday	Max E. Swan
John O'Connor	Frank Cleverley
J. F. Bethune	Jas Stevenson
H. Hornoby	Geo. Adamson
T Williamson	

Third Class

James A Baylis	Jas C. Futtrell
Chas. Iles	Jr B. Tiegars
Mose Lesser	Peter Campbell
Emanuel Haas	

The following ac^ts were referred to the House Committee for examination,

Jas. Walker & Co	1.00
Hughes & Stephenson	33.73
John B. Young	7.00
W. J. Cooks	21.20

It was moved by Mr^r Reid, seconded by Mr^r Hughes and carried that the following ac^ts passed by the Library Committee, be referred to the Finance Committee for payment,

John Doyall & Son Advertising	6.95
Montreal Herald	12.
Gazette	24.
Times Publishing Co	11.95
Wm Drysdale & Co (Reading Room)	361.58

The Financial Statement for December was submitted by the Superintendent: -

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
Nov ^r W. S. Lingley Room	1.50	Dec ^r 9 th William Reid	
" 4 Coopers Union	2.	Months Interest	715.00
" " Dry Goods Assoc ⁿ	2	" 12 th Fire Insurance	211.25
" " Parly Debatz Society	7.75	" 31 do (Phoenix)	97.50
" " Emerald S. S. Club	3.	Hy Mott Salary	58.33
- 5 Coopers Union	2.	W B Hamilton do	29.17
- 10 Emerald S. S. Club	3.	Robt Young 4 weeks	28.
" Parly Debatz Society	7.75	Woman Cleaning	12.
" Dry Goods Assoc ⁿ	2.	Help during Mr Hamilton's	
" 17 do	2.	Sickness	2.50
- 29 St. Andrew's Society	6.	Postage Stamps	.25
- 31 Jas Moore four	40.	Leaking Ashes	.50
Membership Fees	172.50	Coal Shovel	1.25
" Fine	.10		
Sale of Catalogues	2.50		
Interest per Merchants Bank	.70		
	<u>\$ 254.80</u>		<u>\$ 1155.75</u>
Balance from November	945.55	Balance forward to January	44.60
	<u>\$ 1200.35</u>		<u>\$ 1200.35</u>

The President read a personal letter from Hon. J. J. C. Abbott with reference to co-operation with the Fraser Institute, and a conversation took place upon the subject.

The President also handed in Reports of the Fraser Institute for the years 1883 and 1884.

The Meeting thereupon adjourned.

Robt. Smith Pres

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.
February 23rd 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present, Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair,
Messrs Reid, Fulton, White, Hughes, Lampard, ~~White~~
Stephenson, McCallum, Dr Kelley, and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter from Mr Chaffee (Treasurer of the South Eastern Railway) was read confirming the tenancy of the offices now occupied by the Company for one year from the 1st of May next, at the same rent as before.

Account from the Gazette Co- for advertising (\$65) was presented and referred to the Finance Committee

The Membership Committee reported, and the following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute,

First Class. T. E. Hanrahan

Second Class.

Mrs J. C. Hatton

George Adamson

T. Fogarty

M. Macquisten

W. G. M. Morgan

John Malin

J. U. Burgess

H. E. Sewington

E. Belasco

Miss Johnson

W. R. Spence

Third Class.

R. Henders

W. C. Toomey

John Lyons

Alex. Young

William Isaacs

A. M. Bennie

S. W. Jacob

A. Shachan

George Wilson

Adolph Brandt

R. A. Force.

The ninth Volume of the U. S. Census, relating to the Forest ~~States~~ Trees of the States, with a portfolio containing 16 maps illustrative of the growth of the different kinds of trees and the density of the Forests were laid on the table, as a donation to the Library of the Institute, from the U. S. Government. The Super^r was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the same

The Financial Statement for the month of January was submitted by the Superintendent;

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<u>Received.</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
Jan 3 - James Moore Loan	13.85	Jan 3 The Insurance	
" 6 Coopers Union	2.	Comm'l Union 17 days	9.60
" 7 Dry Goods Merchants	2.	Phoenix 5.	4.25
" 14 do	2.		13.85
" Contractors Association	2.	Jan 5 Wax Tapers	1.
" 15 Conservative Caucus	4.50	" 13 Jas Moore loan returned	13.85
" 17 Gus Lambert (deposit)	5.	" Postage Stamps	.25
" Salvation Army	12.	31 Henry Mott Salary	58.33
" 19 Contractors Association	2.	" W.B. Hamilton "	29.17
" 23 Salvation Army	13.	Robt Young Sweets	35.
" 24 Gus Lambert (Hall)	15.	do extra 2 Sundays	2.
" 28 Sir J ^r A McDonald Receipt	6.	Woman cleaning Sweets	15.
" 31 Salvation Army	13.	Sundries	
Memberships Fees	76.	12 th Carbolic Soap	15
Sale of Catalogues	1.	14 th Caking Ashes	25
do Newspapers	35.	16 th do	30
	<u>\$ 204.35</u>		<u>.90</u>
Balance from December	<u>44.60</u>	Balance to February	<u>79.60</u>
	\$ 248.95		\$ 248.95

The meeting hereafter adjourned.

Wm. J. Smith

Mechanics' Institute. Montreal
March 23^d 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present; Mr Robt Irwin, President, in the Chair,
Mess^{rs} Hutchinson, Lyell, McCallum, Stephenson, Lampard,
Moore, Teulon, Reid, Hughes, Dr Kelley, and the
Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed after the insertion of Mr Stephenson's name as having been present.

The House Committee made a verbal report and presented a letter from Mr Anderson agreeing to continue the lease of the Store at present occupied by him, for another year.

A discussion took place on the finances of the Institute and it was moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Dr Kelley,

That a special Committee composed of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Mr Teulon be appointed a special Committee to examine the financial position of the Institute and report as early as convenient

Carried.

The following accounts were presented and referred to the Library Committee;

W ^m Drysdale & Co	78.42
"Minerwe" Subscription	6.00
L. Bentley & Co (Printing)	25.00
"Star" for Advertising	11.14

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute,

First Class (3)

Thomas Badenach
John P. Hill
Gustave Delorme

Second Class (9)

Stanley Martin	E. J. Bishop
H. J. Spence	R. H. Chamberlain
R. H. Wilson	F. M. Budgett
Joseph Fennell	Henry Munderloh
William Dietzle	

Third Class (4)

John Pylke
Robert Clift
James Force
E. J. Quirk

The Financial Statement for the month of February was submitted by the Superintendent;

Received.		Paid.	
Feb 2 Richards Tailoring Co	125.00	Feb 9 Jas Moore red loan	40.
" Coopers Union	2.	" 10 do "	350
4 Dry Goods Merchants	2.	" do Interest	7.
6 Parliamentary Debating Socy	34.	14 Gas Co sum	113.21
St Anns Building Socy	3.	17 Wm Drysdale Co Papers	361.58
Mayoralty Meeting	2.	" Times Printing Co	11.95
7 Working Mens Meeting	10.	19 Wm Drysdale (Swift's Subscript)	2
Salvation Army	13.	" Witness (Advertising)	6.95
" J L Anderson	325.	" Gazette copies	24.
11 Dry Goods Merchants	2.	" Herald "	12.
13 St Anns Building Socy	3.	18 Men moving seats	6.25
16 South Eastern Ry Co	500.	28 Hy Mott Salary	58.33
21 Salvation Army	13.	" W B Hamilton	29.17
" Carnival Committee	2.	Robt Young 4 weeks	28.
" Poultry Show	75.	do extra 3 Sundays	3.
28 Salvation Army	12.	Woman cleaning 4 weeks	12.
Memberships Fees	78.50	do extra	1.
" Fines	.20	Postal cards or stamps	1.
Sale of Papers	8.35	Sundries	
" Catalogues	1.50	Sacks of Soap	12
		Matches	15
		Scrubbing brush	50
		2 Towels	30
			1.82
	<u>\$ 1211.55</u>		<u>\$ 1069.26</u>
Balance from January	<u>79.60</u>	Balance forward	<u>221.89</u>
	<u>\$ 1291.15</u>		<u>\$ 1291.15</u>

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

W. M. Irvine

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
April 27th 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present, Mr Robert Irwin in the Chair.

Mess^{rs} Reid, McCallum, White, Lyall, Lampard, Hughes Hutchinson, Moore, Fleaton, D'Valley and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The special Committee on Finance appointed at the last meeting ~~were~~ reported progress, and was continued. No report from the Finance or House Committees.

The Library submitted the following report.

The following books ordered by the Committee have been added to the Library

Essays and Leaves from a Note Book by Geo. Eliot
Tommy Upmore by R. D. Blackmore
Diary of a late Physician
Memoirs of the Princess Alice
A Young Girl's Wooing
Doctor Sevier
Froebel's Kindergarten System
The Talmud
Called Back
Dark Days.

The Superintendent reported having acknowledged receipt of donations as per minutes of last meeting.

The annual report for 1884 was laid on the table and the account for printing it was reported as having been paid.

A list was read of 8 books out from the library overdue, none of the holders of the same having renewed their subscriptions, the Superintendent was requested to use extra diligence to try and recover them.

Nearly all the purchasers of the Papers at the annual sale were reported as having paid their accounts.

The following a/cs were passed

Minerwe Printing Co
years subscription to Minerwe 6.00
Star for advertising 11.14

Wm Drysdale & Co Binding 43.33
Books 25.01
Stationery 10.08

and an Invoice for Binding April 11 78.42
14.05 92.47

and were ordered to be reported to the General Committee for payment.

The following were reported as a menu. of Catalogues which had been given away

The Herald, Gazette, Witness, Star and Post

Mc Gill College Library
Y. M. C. A.
Parliamentary " Ottawa
" " Quebec

Public Library Toronto
" Boston

A parcel of Ottawa Blue Books were received from Mr. H. Belmont
2 volumes of "Public Opinion" unbound from Mr Harper
and Report on the Canadian Archives from Mr L. Brymner, Ottawa
The Superintendent was instructed to acknowledge the receipt
of the above donations.

The Committee ordered the following books, as per Suggestion Book.

- The New Physics by John F. Rowbridge \$1.50
- Shadow of the Sword } by Robt Buchanan cheap edition
- God and the Man }
- With Olive in India
- Land and its Rent 75¢
- On Horseback through Asia Minor 20¢

and the following volumes were purchased by the Committee.

- Adventures of Jimmy Brown 85¢
- Spies and Surveys' French Dictionary 4.00
- Siskie's Geological Notes .80
- Wilson on Steam Boilers 1.40
- Boots and Saddles 1.35
- Louis Pasteur 1.10
- See Queen .85
- 50 Years of London Life 1.50
- Russians at Herat .90
- Intellectual Life 1.80
- Poland by Von Moltke 1.10 - 75.75

It was decided to request the General Committee to grant a further
appropriation of \$100 for the library, the previous grant being
expended.

It was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Lyall, That
the foregoing report of the library Committee be received
and that a grant of \$100 be made to them.
Carried unanimously.

The Membership Committee reported an increase of \$19
for Membership Fees over the corresponding period of last
year, and the following were nominated and duly elected
Members of the Institute;

Second Class:- William Kendall, James Hayes, Tho Irwin,
Ralph Watson, John Henderson

Third Class
Arthur Lockwood James Wark
A Patterson Edwin Hinton
R M. Jinton Leonard C. Mount
Cyril Ross Miss M. Walker

The following accounts

G. J. Hartt, Coal 29.55
 Gazette (Advertising) 6.00
 R. Stale (Double Window Repair) 6.80

were referred to the House Committee, and ordered to be paid if found correct.

Wm Drysdale Co's ac (\$92.47) was referred to the Finance Committee for payment.

The President reported that he had received an offer of \$1200 a year, including gas, for the hire of the Hall by the Salvation Army. he had replied saying that if the gas was charged in addition, the proposal would be entertained, but he had heard no more of the matter at present.

The Financial statement for March was submitted by the Superintendent:—

1885	Received.	1885	Paid.
March 2 nd	Coopers Union 2.00	March 21	Encyclopedia Britt. 6.00
"	Mayor Braun's Committee 20.00	" 28	Robt Young 4 weeks 28.
3 rd	St Lawrence Sugar Refining 2.	"	do extra 4 Sundays 4.
"	Parliament & Debatg Socy 10.75	"	Woman cleaning 4 weeks 12.
4 th	Dry Goods Merchants 2.	"	do cleaning Hall 2.50
6 th	Northcote County Council 6.		Henry Mott Salary 58.33
7 th	Salvation Army for 8 th 12.		A B Hamilton do 29.17
11	Parliament & Deb. Socy 15.50		Sundries
"	Dry Goods Merchants ^{July 21st - March 3rd} 2.		Carting Ashes 75
12 th	Salvation Army for Thursday 12.		Chopping Ice 25
18 th	do for 15 th 12.		do 30 1.30
20 th	Dry Goods Merchants 2.		Wheel for Barrow 1.
21 st	Salvation Army for 22 nd 12.		
30 th	do for 29 th 12.		
	Wm Drysdale Co sundry 2.		
	10pay St. Swift's Subscription		
	Memberships Fees 60.		
	do Fines 1.10		
	Sale of Catalogues 75		
	do Papers 14.55		
	\$ 200.65		\$ 142.30
	Balance from February 221.89		Balance forward to April 280.24
	\$ 422.54		\$ 422.54

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt Irvine P.M.

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
May 18th 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: - Mr Robert Irwin in the Chair,
Messrs White, Lyall, Lampard, Hughes, Moore, McCallum,
Reid, Fulton, Dr Kelley and the Secretary

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
The Treasurer reported ^{for} the Finance Committee that all the accounts passed and ordered for payment, had been paid.
The House Committee reported having laid a new floor in the South Eastern R. Way Co's office.
The Superintendent was instructed to write to the Secretary of the Bell Telephone Co asking for the fulfilment of the promise to furnish the Institute with a telephone for the use of the members, as soon as convenient.

The following letter from Staff-Captain A. G. Young of the Salvation Army was read: -

554 Dorchester Street
May 14th 1885.

To the President of the Mechanics' Institute

Sir

I have just received from the Commissioner, Major Coombs, yours of March 27th in reply to our offer for the Hall which was as far as I can remember \$1000 per year, you finding light, heat &c. In consequence of my being away in N.B. and the Major being so busy, the matter was obliged to stand over. I am anxious to have it settled immediately and note what you say in reference to our offer.

In consequence of our building a barracks on land secured here, we would not want the Hall for more than 3 or 4 months. Should you be willing to let it for that time we are prepared to offer the sum of \$300 for the first 3 months and find our own light and with the option to continue at the same rate of \$100 per month for another 1 or 2 months, at the expiration of that term.

Hoping to receive a speedy reply,

I am, Yours respectfully,

Staff Capt. A. G. Young.

It was moved by Mr McCallum seconded by Mr Lyall
That the application of the Salvation Army be accepted
for 3 months, at the next mentioned and that a lease be
drawn up, satisfactory to the House Committee.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr Reid, seconded by Mr Hughes; -

That Mr Moore and Mr Lyall be a Committee to receive tenders for Coal carried.
 One from Messrs W & Drysdale Co (£15.75) was referred to the Library Committee.
 It was agreed to order ice for the season from Messrs L & Morris Co, the same as last year.

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute:-

<u>First Class</u>	J. A. Fowler	
<u>Second Class</u>	H. Laurie	J. H. Williams
	R. Hill	A. E. Holt
	W. H. Laurie	J. J. Ahern
	Edward Lawson	Chas A. Harcourt
	H. J. Brown	J. C. Allan
<u>Third Class.</u>		
	C. E. Mason	John Darling
	A. B. Almon	Adam do
	A. J. Gall	Walter do
		C. J. Robertson

The President read a letter from the Superintendent, tendering his resignation of that position.
 It was moved and carried that it be laid on the table for further consideration.

The Financial Statement for April was submitted by the Superintendent.

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
April 2 nd Dry Goods Merchants	2.00	April 4 th D. Bentley Co	25.
" 6 th Parliament Deb. Society	23.25	" 11 C. Edwards Prep & Safe	10.65
" 7 th Coopers' Union	2.	" 30 R. Seal (Double Windows)	6.80
" Salvation Army (5 th)	12.	Jas Walker Co Door Spring	1.
8 th Dry Goods Merchants	3.	Gazette Advertising	6.
13 th Working Mens Concert	15.	Star do	11.14
" Salvation Army 12 th	12.	Hy Mott Salary	58.33
15 th Dry Goods Merchants	2.	A. B. Hamilton do	29.17
17 th Salvation Army	12.	Robt Young 4 weeks	28.
21 st do (19 th)	12.	do extra 4 Sundays	4.
23 rd Coopers' Union	2.	Woman cleaning 4 weeks	12.
24 th Salvation Army	12.	R. Young extra Shovel & Coal	1.45
27 th Victoria Lacrosse Club	2.	J. A. Harte Lye	1.
28 th Irish Building Socy	3.	Lanes for Magazine	20.10
29 th Salvation Army	12.		
Reading Room of c entered as paid in error	3.		
Membership Fees	67.50		
do fines	85		
Sale of Catalogues	1.75		
Balance from March	£ 199.35	Balance to May	£ 194.64
	280.24		284.95
	£ 479.59		£ 479.59

The meeting thereafter adjourned.
 Robt Young Pres.

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
June 22nd 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: - Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair, Messrs Reid, Lyall, McCallum, Moore, White, Lampard Hutchinson, Hughes, Dr Kelley and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The House Committee reported that a Bell Telephone had been placed in the library for the use of members only; - the following letter was received from the Manager of the Company. -

"Referring to your favour of the 23rd May I have directed our Agent to call upon you and to obtain your signature to the formal order. The arrangement for the free instrument is as I understand it, that in consideration of the permission granted to place the structure on the roof of the Institute, we make no charge for the use of the telephone; - free conversation can be carried on anywhere within the city by the members of the Mechanics' Institute from this instrument

Yours truly
L. B. McFarlane
Manager E. H.

in reply to which the Superintendent signed the entry in the Company's books - "Free-for Roof Privileges."

The Salvation Army took possession of the Hall on June 1st - having signed the lease for 3 months to the satisfaction of the Committee on the terms agreed upon, it was arranged that the rent should be payable in advance, in four weekly payments of \$25 each, which has been done regularly up to the present time. As arranged the tenants furnish their own light and they have fixed 2 Electric lights in the hall, the Committee notified the Phoenix Fire Insurance Co of this alteration and in reply received the annexed letter;

"Your favour of 4th June received and contents noted. We will allow without prejudice to your insurance the occupancy of the Hall by the Salvation Army, the premises to be lit by electric lights, provided however the latter are put up in accordance with the rules of the New York Board of Underwriters

Yours truly
Robt W Type Manager.

The Superintendent was instructed to make the necessary enquiry and write the following answer to Mr Type on the

12th inst.

"Referring to your favour of 8th inst. respecting the 2 Electric lights which have been placed in the Hall I have seen the Manager of the Royal Electric Co. who fixed the lights and he assures me that they are put up in conformity with the rules of the New York and Montreal Boards of Underwriters - I trust this will be satisfactory to you with regard to our Policy of Insurance.

Yours respectfully

Henry Mott Supl.

and no further communication has taken place on the subject.

The flooring in the South Eastern Rway Co's office being very much worn, the Committee ordered a new floor to be laid which has been done by Mr Douglas Rutherford. Window Blinds have been fixed in the Reading Room, in accordance with the request of the Committee.

The necessary repairs for the season have been done to the furnace, and the annual inspection of the Boiler - provided for.

Some repairs had also become necessary to the hatches over the cellar in the St. Peter Street gateway which the Committee have attended to.

The foregoing was received and adopted.

It was reported that the Salvation Army were in possession of the Hall and that all was proceeding harmoniously, and there was no complaint from the Members of the Institute.

The Library Committee reported that of the 8 books referred to in last report as being out from the Library overdue, 4 were noted as having been returned or accounted for, and the search for the recovery of the others was still being continued.

The whole of the papers sold at auction have been paid for, except 60 cents due from Mr T. W. Mills. The Superintendent was instructed to endeavor to collect this amount.

It was resolved that the annual stocktaking of the Library be proceeded with, commencing on Monday July 13th and that the same arrangements as last year be carried out. - with a sub-committee to superintend the work the same as before, viz: - Messrs Harper, Hughes and Lampard. The Superintendent was instructed to give due notice to the members of the closing of the Library, and was authorized to provide 200 Postal Cards (if necessary) for calling in the books.

Invoices from Messrs Drysdale & Co for binding, amounting to \$9.50 were presented and passed, and referred to the General Committee - An a/c from Messrs Dawson Brothers was presented for \$18.05 (of which only \$4.75 belonged to last

year) but the amount of the a/c as rendered was incorrect, \$26.77 having been included which were paid in the last settlement, - a corrected a/c was ordered.

A Bill for \$8 was presented for the Magazine "Education", but as the magazine has been stopped for this year, and there is evidently an error about the amount claimed, the Superintendent was instructed to write to the publishers for an explanation.

The Committee purchased 4 books from Messrs Lawson Brothers amounting to \$8 - two of the volumes being to complete sets.

They further ordered a copy of the revised edition of the Bible and 5 other volumes which will cost within \$10 - also vols. of novels, to replace worn out books, which can all be purchased in a cheap form at 25 to 30 cents each.

They have further to report the following donations to the Library:-

Vol 2 Proceedings of the Royal Society of Canada
by Professor J. Clark Murray.

Blue Book - Report on Chinese Immigration
from the Secretary of State.

Vol X of the U.S. Lotusus, from the U.S. Government. (Washington and from the Geological Survey of Canada,

Report of Progress and Maps 1882-84.
and Catalogue of Canadian Plants - Part 2.
all of which have been duly acknowledged.

The foregoing report was received and adopted.

The Membership Committee reported that Messrs James Thomson, William Favers and D. Henderson nominated as Life Members in 1883, had not yet paid their subscriptions, the matter was left over for a month to allow these gentlemen to be spoken to on the subject, and further that the fees for membership received to date were \$3^{50c} in excess of last year.

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute:-

First Class (1) Robert Wilson

Second Class (10)

Alexander Daly	J. H. Wynne
James Gilchrist	A. E. Brown
Mrs A. Rousseau	A. B. Ross
W. H. Sparshott	Alex Thomson
Miss McLaren	A. C. Mather

Third Class (4)

Edwin Laflamme	Victor Letts
H. Reynolds	George Findlay

The question as to what kind of coal should be used was discussed, it was moved by Mr Starper, seconded by Mr Lampard, that we use Lackawanna coal. Carried.

The following tenders for the supply of 80 tons Egg
 coal

G. J. Hartt	\$ 5.88	per ton of 2240 lbs
John Costigan & Co	\$ 5.10	for 2000 lbs
Geo. W. Cameron	\$ 5.65	per ton of 2240 lbs
A. M. Esdaile & Co	\$ 5.50	" "
J. Robertson	\$ 5.88	" "
W. J. Torrance	\$ 5.42	" "

It was moved by Mr Hutchinson, seconded by Mr Syall
 that Mr W. J. Torrance's tender being the lowest, be accepted
 provided the arrangement can be made satisfactory to the
 Special Committee. Carried.

The Financial Statement for May was submitted by the
 Superintendent:-

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>		
1885				
May 7	Canadian Lacrosse Club	3.00	May's License for Horse	2.00
"	Richards Merch' Fairly Co	125.	" Wm Drysdale Co	
"	J. D. Anderson	325.	Binding	57.38
"	Coopers' Union	2.	Books	25.01
"	Salvation Army	12.	Stationery	10.08
"	Dry Goods Merchants	2.	" Hughes & Stephenson & Co	33.73
"	South Eastern Railway Co	500.	" G. J. Hartt Coal	46.83
"	Salvation Army	12.	" W. J. Cook, Plaster	21.20
"	St Ann's Buildg Socy	2.	" Subscription to Minerva	6.
"	Dry Goods Merchants	2.	" Gas Co 3 mos to April 15	138.54
"	Salvation Army	12.	" J. B. Young Repairs	7.
"	Young Men's Reform Club	10.	" 29 Library - Burnaby's Ride	.20
"	Montreal Buildg Socy	30.	Postal Cards & Stamps	.40
"	New York Piano Co		H. Mott Salary	58.33
"	Cheyne's Entertainments	60.	A. B. Hamilton "	29.17
"	Montreal Hospital Meeting	5.	Robt Young 5 weeks	30.
"	Rifle Rangers "	2.	do extra 5 Sundays	5.
"	Salvation Army	12.	Woman cleaning Sweeps	15.
"	Membership Fees	31.50	Sundries	
"	Fines	.35	Corn Broom	35 ^c
"	Sale of Catalogues	1.50	Saw Dust	10
			Carting Ashes	1.25
			Soup	.08
		1149.35		1.78
	Balance forward from April	284.95	Balance forward to June	487.65
		\$ 1434.30		946.65
				\$ 1434.30

The question of the Resignation of the Superintendent
 was postponed to next meeting

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt. Smith

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
July 27th 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present:— Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair, also Messrs Lyall, Lampard, McCallum, Teuton, Hughes, Moore and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr Lyall reported on behalf of the Special Coal Committee that the winter's supply of coal was in, and of good quality.

Mr Hughes reported having interviewed Mr Savers, who requested that the matter of his Life Membership be left over for a short time and he would attend to it, there was no report with reference to Messrs Thomson and Henderson.

Mr Harper, Chairman of the Library Committee made an informal report showing a very satisfactory result of the annual Stock taking in the library — The full report will be submitted after the next meeting of the Library Committee

The Memberships Committee reported, showing an increase of \$ 8.50 amount received for Membership fees over the corresponding period last year

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute

Second Class

C. A. Pfister
C. H. Godfrey

Third Class

Robert Mitchell

Mr Robert Young was granted two weeks leave of absence.

In view of the resignation of the Superintendent, Mr Henry Mott, which is to take place on 1st August it was moved by Mr Lyall, seconded by Mr McCallum;

That the President, Vice-President & Treasurer be a special Committee to interview Mr Mott, and the said Committee to have full power to act in the matter as may be called for by the interests of the Institute.

Carried unanimously.

The financial Statement for June was submitted by the Superintendent:—

see over

Received

Paid.

1885

June 1 st Interest per Merchants Bank	1.80
" Salvation Army May 31	12.
" do for week	25.
2 nd Coopers Union	2.
6 th Dry Goods Merchants	2.
" Sale of Papers	1.20
8 th Mill Owners Meeting	2.
" Salvation Army	25.
do for extra gas	1.75
9 th Stewart Meeting July 5	10.
11 th Dry Goods Merchants	2.
15 th Salvation Army	25.
16 th Coopers Union	2.
22 nd Salvation Army	25.
25 th Swimming Club for July 5	2.
30 th Salvation Army	25.
Membership Fees	18.50
do Fines	.80
	<u>\$ 183.05</u>
Balance forward from May	946.65
	<u>\$ 1129.70</u>

1885

June 8 th Wm Reid	715.
do Interest	
" 27 Douglas Rutherford	73.64
30 th Hy Mott Salary	58.33
" A B Hamilton do	29.17
" Robt Young 4 weeks	24.
do extra 4 Sundays	4.
Woman cleaning 4 weeks	12.
Postage & Postal Cards	.34
Glue for Binding Books	.35
30 th L Morrison Co Ice	4.50
Guarantee Co per A B Hamilton	2.50
Sundries	
Candles 10 ^c	
Cartage 2 Loads 50 ^c	.60
	<u>\$ 924.43</u>
Balance forward to July	205.27
	<u>\$ 1129.70</u>

The Meeting hereafter adjourned.

Robt. Morris Pres.

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.
August 24th 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: - Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair, also Mess^{rs} Lyall, McTernan, White, Lampard, Moore, Hutchinson, Hughes, Feulon and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. No further report was made in the matter of Mr Lavers' subscription for Life-Membership.

The President reported an interview with Mr J. L. Anderson, one of the tenants of the Institute, with regard to a change in the name of the firm, the President read a letter handed by him to Mr Anderson; the letter was ordered to be recorded in the minutes. -

Montreal July 29th 1885.

J. L. Anderson Esq

Sir

We have no objections to your arrangement with the new firm Mess^{rs} Paisley Ross and will extend to them the same privileges as your lease stipulated, the only requirement we make is to have the rent paid as promptly as you have usually done

Yours

Robt Irwin
President, Mechanics Institute.

A letter was read from Staff-Captain Young, of the Salvation Army asking for a copy of their lease, and with reference to a bill for Water Tax received by them from the Corporation of Montreal

A second letter from Captain Young was read asking if they could arrange for a continuation of their lease for six months more, and whether a lower amount would be accepted for the rent of the hall

It was moved by Mr Hutchinson, seconded by Mr Lyall that their application be entertained, subject to the conditions of their present lease with such alterations as the House Committee may deem wise - the time for the St. Patrick's Bazaar being specially reserved - Carried.

An informal report from the Library Committee was read, giving a synopsis of the state of the Library - there having been no quorum at the last

meeting of the Library Committee, the regular report was deferred.

The Membership Committee submitted a return of Membership Fees to date showing for 1884, \$871 and for 1885 \$891 - being an increase of \$20.

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute:-

1	<u>First Class.</u>	William Mann	
7	<u>Second Class.</u>	S. Hilton	M. McShane
		Henry Wright	P. Ryan
		A. S. Scott	Geo. McGoun
		J. J. Walker	
2	<u>Third Class</u>	Arthur Martin	
		William Kennedy	

The financial Statement for July, was submitted by the Superintendent:-

<u>Received.</u>		<u>Paid.</u>	
July 1 st	Sale of Catalogues 1.50	July 6 th	Postal Cards .25
" 3 rd	Dry Goods Merchants 2.	" 7 th	Fovell's Directory 2.50
" 7 th	Coopers Union 2.	" 9 th	Boiler Inspection Fee 5.
"	Salvation Army 25.	" 14 th	Postal Cards .50
10 th	Dry Goods Merchants 2.	20 th	Scottish American 2.50
15 th	Salvation Army 25.	21 st	Men storing Coal 21.75
"	Dry Goods Merchants 2.		Package Papers 1.
20 th	Salvation Army 25.	31 st	St. Mott Salary 58.33
21 st	Dry Goods Merchants 2.		A. B. Hamilton do 29.17
28 th	Salvation Army		Robt Young 4 weeks 24.
	Rent 25.		do extra 4 Sundays 4.
	All night Service 2.		Woman cleaning 4 weeks 12.
	Gas 2.		Postages .11
29 th	J. L. Anderson Rent 325.		Stationery
31 st	Jas Moore Treasurers 20.		Stationery
	Sale of Catalogues .75		Matches 15.
	Membership Fees 11.		Dusters for Library 25.
	do Fine .10		Saw Dust 10.
			Soap .08
	\$ 472.35		
Balance from June	205.27	Balance forward to August	\$ 161.69
	\$ 677.62		\$ 515.93
			\$ 677.62

The Special Committee in the matter of the resignation of the Superintendent reported having accepted the resignation of Mr Mott

It was moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Hughes, That the report be accepted and the Special Committee discharged

Carried.
Applications for the position of Superintendent

were received from 35 gentlemen, and after careful consideration it was put to the ballot when Mr William Johnson of 216 Bleury Street was elected to fill the position, and was so declared by the Chairman

The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr Johnson of his election and to return the testimonials to the other candidates

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt Arwin Pres

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal
September 28th 1885.

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: - Mr Robert Irwin, President, in the Chair, Mess^{rs} Reid, Hughes, ~~Stanton~~, Lyall, Hutchinson, White, Lampard, McCallum, McTearner, Moore, & Vetterly and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr Lyall reported having been to the City Hall, in the matter of the Water Tax charged the Salvation Army, but failed in seeing the Superintendent, Mr Lesage.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr W^m Johnson, acknowledging receipt of the letter notifying him of his election to the position of Superintendent and accepting that position.

The President reported that arrangements had been made with the Guarantee Co^s of North America for security for \$750 by Mr Johnson the incoming Superintendent.

The following report from the House Committee was received and adopted; -

"At a meeting of the House Committee held Sept 8th a letter from the Salvation Army was read, offering \$70 per month for the Hall for the term of 6 months."

It was resolved that the offer be not entertained, and further resolved; That in consideration of the winter heating &c we cannot let the Hall for less than \$100 ^{per month} as formerly, - subject to the same terms as the present lease.

That as agreed we reserve the use of the Hall for a bazaar in October (it being now booked for that purpose) the exact date for which cannot be given at present, but will be as soon as ascertained, and That the term of the lease be for 6 months from October 1st 1885.

The Superintendent was instructed to inform the officers of the Salvation Army of this agreement.

With regard to the a/c for water charged to the Salvation Army the Chairman was to attend to it, and see if we are responsible for it.

An a/c from Mess^{rs} A Ramsay & Son for paint amounting to \$3.95 was presented and passed as correct and referred to the General Committee

Signed - P. Lyall - Chairman.

A letter was also read from Staff-Capt. Young of the Salvation Army authorising the making of an arrangement for re-leasing the Hall for 3 months, with the option of a further term of 3 months

The Library Committee presented the following report, which was read, received and adopted: -

The report of the Sub-Committee appointed to superintend the Stocktaking of the Library submitted their report. The Committee gave the works their careful attention and beg to report the following result;

Books on the shelves July, 1884.	9624
In circulation 12 (less 6 returned between the checking of the books and the handing of the report)	6
Added by binding, purchase and donations	118
Found - after 7 years absence from the Library	2
	= 9750 vols

1885.	
Books on the shelves July, 1885 -	9731
In circulation	15
Missing - out without record	1
Worn out	1
Lost 1 Member dead 1 - left the city	2
	= 9750 vols

Of the 15 books in circulation, 6 are promised to be returned or to be paid for, the remainder we are endeavouring to find several of the members having moved.

It may be added that at the time of the closing of the Library for Stocktaking, there were 241 volumes in circulation; all of which have been got in, except the before mentioned 15.

The library was only closed for Stocktaking 12 working days. The circulation of books during the year has been 12500 volumes.

The Library Committee further reported having examined Messrs Wm Drysdale & Co's a/c for Books, Binding &c and referred it to the General Committee for payment.

viz! for Binding	40.08	
" Books	23.65	
" Stationery	2.05	
" Reading Room	.30	= 66.08
also an a/c for Subscription to a Miner's		
from Sept 9 th to Dec 31 st 1885		2.00

The thanks of the Committee were tendered to Mr Harper for a donation of 4 volumes of "Public Opinion."
In the matter of the shortage in the catalogues, it was decided to leave it over until the meeting of the General Committee.

It was reported that we owe Messrs Lawson Brothers about \$32.65 but as the a/c rendered by them in June last was incorrect, a corrected account was ordered to be obtained.

The Committee ordered books to the amount of about 13 dollars, several of them being to replace worn out copies of popular books.

The Membership Committee reported that up to date

the Memberships Fees showed a falling off of \$9.25 as compared with last year to the corresponding date

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute. -

2 Second class

Rev. Isidore J. Kavanagh
W. A. Lillan

5 Third class

James Crossley
Henry Bloor
J. D. Purcell
James Edmondson
Alfred C. Barber

It was moved by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Lampard that the question of the settlement of the shortage in the number of catalogues be left in the hands of the Chairman of the Library Committee, with full powers
Carried

In view of the small-pox epidemic, the President asked each member of the Committee if he had been vaccinated, receiving an affirmative reply from all but one who had been vaccinated some time ago.

It was moved by Dr. Velley, seconded by Mr. Lampard that orders be issued to have all the employes of the Institute be vaccinated if not recently done, and that the building be kept thoroughly and constantly disinfected, and that special care be exercised in the handling of the books by the general public. Carried.

The President read a communication from the Rev. R. Lindsay and James Kines asking the Committee to consider the question of extending the advantages of the Institute to the East end of the city.

It was moved by Mr. Lyall, seconded by Mr. Reid, - that a Committee composed of Dr. Velley, Messrs Irwin, Hughes and Harper be appointed to confer with the before-mentioned gentlemen and report at a future meeting. Carried.

The President read a communication from Mr. Bricker offering to fit a Gas-saving Governor at his own expense and to remove the same if not found satisfactory - The matter was left to the Chairman of the House Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. McViercher that the House Committee have power to arrange with the Salvation Army for a further lease of

The Hall for 3 months, on the same terms as the former Lease - Carried

The following accounts were presented and referred to the Finance Committee for payment

A Ramsay & Son	3.95
Water Tax (Hall)	36.10
La Minerve	2.00
Wm Drysdale & Co	66.08

The annual acf for the City Assessments was passed and the Treasurer instructed to pay the same \$780 less 3% discount = \$756.60

The Financial Statement for August was submitted by the Superintendent: -

1885 Received.		Paid.	
Aug 3 rd Richards Saitos Co	125.00	Aug 11 W & J Torrance	
4 Coopers' Union	2.	Coal	485.20
5 South Eastern Rwy	500.	Montreal Gas Co	
6 Mont ^l Building Socy	30.	Institute	49.15
Dry Goods Merchants	2.	Hall	15.80
8 Salvation Army	25.	Water Rate	64.95
12 Dry Goods Merchants	2.	20 Gas Moore Treasurer	52.75
13 Volunteers' Reception	4.	Loan returned	20.
14 Salvation Army	25.	31 Hy Mott Salary	58.33
21 do	25.	W B Hamilton do	29.17
do Paper Trade Meetings	4.	Robt Young 5 weeks	30.
25 Archeluga Council	16.	do extra all night July 27	2.
31 Sale of Catalogues	1.	do extra 5 Sundays	5.
Memberships Fees	14.50	Woman cleaning 5 weeks	15.
do Fees	30	Postages	24
	<u>515.80</u>		<u>712.64</u>
Balance from July	515.93	Balance forward to September	529.09
	<u>\$ 1291.73</u>		<u>\$ 1291.73</u>

The meeting there after adjourned.

Robt Young

Mechanics Institute. Montreal
October 26th 1885

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present Mr. Robt. Swin. President in the Chair
Messrs. Z. A. Reid, Lompard, Mr. Callum, Toulon,
Hutchinson, Stephenson, Moore, Hughes
Dr. Kelley, and the Secretary Mr. Harper

The Minutes of the last ^{meeting} were read and confirmed.
The President reported that the St. Patrick's Bazaar had been abandoned on account of Small Pox.

Mr. Z. A. Reid reported that satisfactory arrangements had been made in a lease of the Hall for 3 months, with the privilege of a further term of 3 months if desired with the Salvation Army officials.

Mr. Moore reported progress in adjustment of water rates in connection with Salvation Army lease.

Mr. Harper reported the shortage of Catalogues, and Messrs. McQueen ^{agreed} to settle for thirty (30) Dollars Ten Dollars in Cash, and Twenty (20) in Work, and a letter was read from them to that effect. Carried on Motion of Mr. Reid 2nd by Dr. Kelley.

Mr. Harper reported that a special box had been prepared and all books in circulation were disinfected before being reissued.

It was moved by Mr. Z. A. Reid seconded by Mr. Hutchinson that the Char. woman be looked after in regard to her dwelling and surroundings in view of the epidemic. Carried. Moved by Mr. Reid 2nd by Mr. Lompard, that the question be left in the hands of the President and Vice President. Carried.

Special Committee reported progress respecting interview with the Revs. Robt. Finlayson and James Jones.

Mr. Lompard handed in report of the Membership Committee which was read and referred back on a Motion of Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. Z. A. Reid Carried. For further information.

The President. Reported facts of the case in the question of outbreak of small pox in the House of our late Sup^t Mr. Nutt. and who was immediately suspended. and the new Superintendent W. Thurston installed.

Mr. Nutt. handed in thro Mr. Hauger a complete Catalogue of all Books in Library to date also Catalogue of all the Blue Books.

The President. Notice having been called upon by the Rev. Father John Scoville in reference to purchase of the Catholic World of 41 Columns. Owing to the lowness of our finances we cannot entertain the proposition of purchasing at present. Sup^t to write to that effect.

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute

First Class. R. Hensley.

Second Class.

S. Carpenter.	D. S. Dudley
J. P. Masker.	Geo. Voth
J. S. Baker.	Miss David
E. W. Parker.	J. H. Chapman
J. C. Withers.	Miss C. Dawes.
Geo. Beale.	W. A. J. Rarburn

Third Class.

A. Ovens.	Thos. Gordon.
W. Farrell.	L. S. Lichtenhein.
J. H. Jacobs.	W. J. Snyder.
M. Ferreland.	E. Walker.
Logan Fuller	J. Chadwick
W. Martin	B. E. Mackenzey.

The Financial Statement for September was submitted by the Superintendent

1886 Received		Paid	
Sept 2.	Day Book Merch ^t 2. 00	Sept 30	By Mr. H. S. 58. 33
" 4	Salvatin. Army 14. "	"	De H. Armstrong 29. 19
" 7	do do 11. "	"	Rev. J. G. Armstrong 24. "
" 8	Cotpers Union 2. "	"	E. H. H. Frank 4. "
" "	grocers Picnic 8. "	"	Wm. Cherry 4. "
" 9	Salvatin. Army 15. "	"	Postage 15. "
" 18	do do 15. "		<hr/> 127. 65
" 21	do do 10. "		
" "	do do 25. "		
" 23	Day Book Merch ^t 2. "		
" 29	Salvatin. Army		
	To October 3 rd 25. "		
	<hr/> \$ 129. 00		

Financial Statement Brought over

Rec ^d		Paid	
1888	Sept over 129. 10	Sept over	127. 65
	Sept 9 Day jobs Receipts 2. -	Amorice	
	" 11 Little's Receipt Club 2. -	Day for Hall Am 35	
	" 12 Sabiston's Receipt 10. -	Trasf	10
	" 29 Commercial Union	Galvanizing Wire	15
	Building Society 2. -	Com Room	35
	Assessments of Investments	Amorice	10
	South Linton By Receipt 221. 16	Large for Lot	10 1. 15
	Richard's Receipts 52. 38		<u>\$ 128. 80</u>
	J. D. Anderson's Receipts 128. 04		
	Membership Fees 18. 50		
	<u>565. 08</u>		
Balance from August	<u>529. 19</u>	Balance forward to 1889	<u>965. 37</u>
	<u>\$ 1094. 17</u>		<u>\$ 1094. 17</u>

The Meeting thereupon Adjourned

Robt. Irwin

Mechanics Institute Montreal
November 23rd 1885

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this Evening at 8 o'clock

Present Mr. Profr. Dubin. President in the Chair
Messrs Reid. Fyall. Hutchinson. Moor. Lacombe and McCallum. Landon. Hughes. Harper and Dr. Kelley.

Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Treasurer reported having settled water rate. The City having allowed a rebate of \$8.⁰⁰.

The Secy's note the latter end of Oct as directed to the Rev Father Donagh. and also the Revs. Mr. Finlay and Mr. Pines.

A lengthy discussion took place on the question of number of members. under the report of Membership Committee

Finance Committee report was read. Moved by Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. P. Fyall. That the Finance report be read and adopted. and the introductory clause and balance that form the report on Annual Meeting.

House Committee Report was read. Moved by Mr. Hughes. seconded by Mr. McCallum. That it be received and adopted. Carried.

Library Committee Report was read seconded by Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. Moor. that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

Membership Committee Report was read and received and adopted. and to be entered in Annual Report. Moved by Mr. Moor seconded by Mr. Hutchinson. Carried

Report of the attendance of Members of the Finance Committee was read and accepted. Rough draft of Annual Meeting report was read.

Moved by Mr. Reid. seconded by Mr. Fyall. That the clause referring to free Public Library be struck out. seconded by Mr. Landon. Carried.

Moved & seconded that a clause noticing the opening of a free Public Library be inserted. Carried

Receipts

Bill

290

Bal Bk up
\$1194 32

Balance Bk up \$ 1025-60

Col-31 Post Office 5 Mths 30 - 00

" " in 5 Mths, Extra 5 - 00

" " Women's Clavvy 5 Mths 15 - 00

" " Postage 31

Summies

Simon 10

Janen 10

J C Kante dn 10

Carting Other 52

1- 65

1099 56
Lawson Bk up 36 96

1114 51
Kalmia down to Bill 79 81

\$ 1194 32

\$ 1194 32

Post Office Pmt

Committee Room.

Mechanics Institute. Dec. 7th 1885

The forty sixth annual Meeting of the Members of the above named Institute was held here this evening Mr Robert Dracm. The President in the Chair. There were also Messrs S. W. Sykes. P. Syall. L. White. J. L. Lempford. M. Hutchings. J. Toulson. J. McCallum. G. H. Stephens. W. P. P. W. S. Walker. A. Perry. W. Rutherford. W. Walker. J. Wood. J. Toulson. W. F. Mount. W. Cunningham. W. G. Cheney. H. H. Macintosh. J. Wright. J. W. Allen. J. B. Gray. A. M. Taylor. and John Harper Secretary. and others. Absent through Illness Mr. W. Keisk & Mr. Kelley.

The Minutes of the 45th Annual Meeting were read and confirmed, and signed by the President.

The President addressed the Meeting. Alluding to the business which had been accomplished during the year. And to the earnest efforts made by the General Sub-Committee, to enhance the interests of the Institute. The Large Hall was still a matter of anxiety. In the best to make it remunerative. In the present it was leased to the Salvation Army, which was fully explained other matters of interest to the Members were also briefly said before them.

The President then called upon the Secretary Mr. John Harper to read the Report and the Financial Statement duly audited for the past year ending 31st Oct. 85

The Annual Report (as follows) was then Read by the Secretary.

In presenting this 46th Annual Report to the Members. The Committee are glad that they are able to show a considerable improvement financially over the last few previous years; the Committee are confident that their efforts to promote the interests of the Institute have been unabated, and everything possible has been done to secure the confidence and commendation of the Members. The Reading Room has been patronized perhaps more extensively than during the year before. and the supply of papers and Magazines has been carefully looked after and the Committee believe that general satisfaction

has been the result - It is gratifying also to note that the work of the Library has improved, there having been 683 more volumes circulated, and an increase of 5 Members using the Library. The Committee however, are well aware, that to sustain the attractiveness of this Department, it would be extremely desirable that a much longer expenditure could be afforded for this object.

Although the general working of the Institute has not called for any special notice beyond the foregoing, the Committee derive pleasure in reporting that in consequence of the Hall having been let much more advantageously, and the Room also having been more frequently occupied, the receipts from these sources of income have largely increased. So that the report of the Finance Committee is much more cheerful than those the Members have been accustomed to for some years past.

With reference to the question of the formation of a Public Library, noticed in last year's report. Beyond some informal conversation, nothing further has been done in the matter, as regards this Institution.

The Grand Institute of a Public Library is now open.

Officers.

About three Months since, Mr. M^r. the Superintendent resigned that position, and Mr. W^m. Johnson was elected, from a number of Candidates to fill the vacancy.

The Gentlemen whose term of office now expires are,

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Mr. Robt. Drwin | President. |
| " J. W. Hughes | Vice President. |
| " J ^r . Moore | Treasurer. |
| " J ^r . Harper | Secretary. |

And of the General Committee.

- Messrs W^m. Reid. J. McCallum. J. White.
 J^r. McRecher. and D^r. F. W. Kelley.

All of whom are eligible for Re-election.

The reports of the various sub-committees, and the Financial Statement for the year ending October 31st last, duly audited, are appended.

The whole is respectfully submitted by the Committee, with the full hope that their endeavours during the past year will have been appreciated by the Members.

House Committee

Our Committee beg to report that all necessary care has been devoted to the matter connected with their department, and that the building is in a state of thorough repair.

A new floor has been laid in the offices of the South Eastern Railway, and blinds have fixed on the windows of the Reading Room and Library.

A telephone has been placed in the Library for the use of the Members, which has proved a great convenience to a considerable number.

Our Committee are pleased to report an increase in the revenue from rents this year, as the subjoined statement will show.

	<u>1884</u>	<u>1885</u>
Stores	3650. 50	3800. 00
Hall	689. 50	1128. 25
Room	247. 50	317. 00
	<u>\$ 4587. 50</u>	<u>\$ 5245. 25</u>

An increase of \$658. 25

Membership Committee

The Committee have to report the death of 2 Life Members during the year viz: - Messrs W. R. Bentley and David Paton.

The comparative number of Members, at the end of the financial year, stands as follows:-

	<u>1884</u>	<u>1885</u>
Honorary	12	12
Corresponding	9	9
Life	234	232
1 st Class	104	104
2 nd do	368	383
3 rd do	162	193
	<u>889</u>	<u>935</u>

Showing an increase of 46 Members, whilst the amount of Subscriptions during the month of November has been satisfactory and fully equal to last year.

Library Committee

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The Committee have pleasure in reporting that the interest in the Reading Room and Library has been well sustained during the past year, and no complaint has presented itself from the Members. The papers and Magazines furnished have been generally approved, but little change from the previous year having been necessary, in response to an expressed wish from several Members. The Committee would to the list of Quarterly Reviewers; -

Edinburgh Quarterly
Westminster and British Quarterly
Welcome addition which has been fully appreciated.

The Room has been well attended and everything done in order to secure the convenience of Members.

The Library =

Although a fewer number of volumes have been added by purchase during the year, the efficiency of this department has not suffered materially. The New Catalogue published last year, having brought a considerable number of books into circulation which had been overlooked. The Magazines have been kept bound up to date, and as far as the means at the disposal of the Committee permitted, worn out books have been replaced, and the Library kept in order. It is to be regretted that it was not possible to appropriate a larger amount for this purpose.

The amount expended on the Reading Room has been \$424.99 and on the Library (including binding) \$342.40 viz for Books \$201.99 and for binding \$140.41

The Annual Stocking was carefully done under the superintendence of Messrs. Harper Hughes and Thompson, and their report is subjoined. In view of the prevailing epidemic, steps were taken to disinfect the books as they were brought in by the Members, before they were re-issued.

The Committee would again call the attention of the Members to the insecurity of the Library in the event of fire, as in all probability a total loss would be the result, and at least that the books should be insured for their full value.

The Sub-Committee appointed to superintend the Stocking of the Library submitted the following Report.

The Committee gave the work their careful attention and beg to report the following results.

Books on the shelves July 1884	9624
In circulation 12 (156 returned between the checking the books and binding in the report)	6
added by purchasing binding and donations	118
Frank's left long distance from the Library	2
	<u>9750 Vols</u>

1885

Books on the shelves July 1885	9731
In circulation	15
Missing (without bond)	1
Worn out	1
Lost	2
1 Member used	
1 do left behind	
	<u>9750</u>

Of the 15 books in circulation 6 are promised to be returned or to be paid for, the remainder are not endeavoring to find. Several of the Members having moved.

It may be added that at the time of closing the Library for the stock taking, there were 241 volumes in circulation, all of which have been got in except the before mentioned 15.

Note December 7th of these 2 have been returned and 3 others certain to be recovered.

The Library was only closed for 12 days. The circulation during the year has been 12432 Vols, the number of Members using the Library having been 643. Against 638 during the previous year.

Of the 118 Volumes added to the Library-

40 were Volumes of Magazines bound	
25 Vols Fiction	2 Vols Education
9 " Biography	4 " Science
1 " Encyclopaedia	3 " Engineering -
1 " Dictionary	Electricity
1 " Revised Edition of the Bible	4 Statistics - in connection with Montreal and Canada
1 " The Toluna	Public Legislation
1 " Voting	by G. W. Stephens M.P.
2 " Travels	4 U.S. Census &c
8 " History	1 Report of Royal Society of Canada
9 " Miscellaneous	

and a number of Blue Books and Parliamentary Reports, presented by Messrs. Henry Boulton, M.A. Gault, G.W. Stephens and Douglas Brynne of Ottawa.

The donations from the U.S. Government, Professor J.E. Dutton, The Harbor Commission, The Geological Survey of Canada, and the Gentlemen before mentioned, have all been duly acknowledged. And the Committee desire here to place on record their thanks for the same. We have also to thank Mr. S.E. Dawson for a copy of his Handbook to the Dominion of Canada. And our Secretary Mr. Harper for 2 Year Members of "Public Opinion", which have been bound in 4 (half) (half) Volumes.

The Finance Committee

Desire to submit the following report, and are pleased to say that the result of the year business has been comparatively successful. The income having increased \$ 658. 25 enabled us to attend to various necessary repairs and improvements which will conduce to the general benefit of the Institute, and the convenience of its Members; and at the same time sustain the value of the property.

In consequence of the epidemic which has prevailed during the past few months, few Committees feared that the interests of the Institute might have suffered, in common with all branches of trade. But it is a matter for congratulation that by careful attention, we have not only been preserved from any loss but as far as the Committee are aware not a single Member of the Institute has been afflicted.

At the commencement of the year, the Finance Committee prepared a statement of probable expenditure, which is given, with the amounts actually expended

	Estimate	Actual Expenditure
Library	\$ 450	342. 40
Boarding Room	430	424. 97
Interest	1430	1437. "
Light	400	474. 73
Heating	520	558. 78
Repairs	150	345. 99

Continued	Estimate	Actual Expenditure
Taxes	\$ 828 - 35	832 - 35
Insurance	221 - 25	325 - 10
Wages	1380 - "	1473 - 70
Cleaning	200 - "	183 - 98
Printing	35 - "	36 - 95
Advertising	50 - "	42 - 52
Postage and Stationery	25 - "	26 - 42

The above amounts with the repayment of a loan of \$350 which was due to the Treasurer made the estimated expenditure \$6494. Against which the estimated receipts were reckoned at \$6305 showing a probable deficit of \$189 and a further \$100 in consequence of the unexpended increase in the rate of Insurance.

The statement of the receipts and expenditure for the past year is in the hands of Messrs. (in accordance with the By Laws) and the Committee submit the following analysis of the result.

Memorandum of the Finance of the Mechanics' Institute 1884-85

	Expenditure 1884-85	Revenue	Remarks
Library Last year	342 - 40 291 - 98	\$ 50 - 42	Every Magazine found and only a few more up to date.
Light Last year	424 - 73 359 - 51	\$ 65 - 22	The Hall has been much more frequently let and a portion of the excess collected.
Repairs Last year	345 - 79 274 - 89	\$ 71 - 72	Leaking in the Railroad Office at present and the walls of the Hall retinted.
Wages Last year	1473 - 70 1388 - "	\$ 85 - 70	The Carstake has received \$1.00 extra each week for his attendance on Sundays. It is thought that Messrs. Taylor and an item for special help engaged during the illness of the Assistant Librarian.
Insurance Last year	325 - 10 143 - 55	\$ 181 - 55	The Insurance was increased last year in consequence of the Hall being let to the Dime Museum, and several collectors from the Lessees.

The Insurance paid this year is \$325.10. Against \$484.50 the previous year, or actually less by \$161.40. But last year the Lessees of the Hall paid back \$340.95

Mechanics

Financial Statement for the

Ft.		Balance from October 31 st 1884	✓ 179	47
125				
	141	Received from Stores	✓ 3800	-
	"	" " Hall	✓ 1128	25
	"	" " Room	✓ 317	-
	41	Membership Fees	✓ 1021	-
		do Fines	✓ 7	35
	160	Sale of Catalogues	✓ 19	75
		" " Papers	✓ 59	10
	119	Taxes from Tenants	✓ 401	58
	50	Interest for Merchant Bank	✓ 2	50
			✓ 6936. 00	
		Balances		
	4	Real Estate	✓ 48749	80
	6	Furniture	✓ 4174	55
	12	Library	✓ 10474	37
	125	Cash	✓ 79	81
			✓ 63482 53	

Institute

Year Ending October 31st 1885.

704			
6	Paid Furniture of	✓	24 50
12	" Library	✓	342 40
51	" Interest	✓	1439 -
55	" Light	✓	424 73
131	" Heating	✓	558 78
62	" Repairs &c	✓	345 74
64	" Advertising	✓	42 52
69	" Postage	✓	8 30
75	" Stationery	✓	18 12
81	" Wages	✓	1473 70
"	" Clearing	✓	183 98
88	" Reading Room	✓	424 97
98	" Insurance	✓	325 10
136	" Printing	✓	36 95
119	" Taxes	✓	839 35
115	" In connection with W. Hughes & Plumbing Lease on	✓	20 -
150	" Loan Returned	✓	350 -
	Balance forward	✓	79 81

✓ 6936 01

155	Capital	✓	37482 53
26	Mortgage	✓	26000 -

Audited and found correct
J. Duster
A. Macintosh

✓ 63482 53

Montreal, December 3rd, 1885.

The Amount of \$350. which was due to the Treasury at last report (as previously mentioned) has been repaid out of this year's income.

The foregoing Analysis shows, that the total increase of receipts from Rents of Store, Hall and Room \$ 658 - 25

Total increase of Expenditure \$ 454 61

Total increase of revenue over increase in Expenditure \$ 203 64

It remains to be added that there are still some outstanding accounts to the amount of about \$125 and these should have been paid, had the accounts been delivered before the close of the financial year.

The whole respectfully Submitted

Attendance at Meetings

During the year there were 12 ordinary Meetings of the Committee, and the attendance was as follows:

Mr	Erwin	12
"	Hughes	12
"	Hoore	10
"	Hopper	12
"	Boyd	—
"	Reid	9
"	McCallum	11
Dr	Kelley	9
Mr	White	7
"	McKeiche	4
"	Leahon	10
"	Syall	9
"	Lampson	12
"	Hutchinson	8
"	Wm. Stephenson	4

Mechanics Institute

November 23rd 1885

Moved by Mr A. Cony. Seconded by Mr W. S. Walker. That the Annual report as read be received, and laid on the table for discussion. During the evening Larned

The President. Appointed the following
Gentlemen as Scrutineers Messrs W. F. Mount,
W. G. Cheney, and J. B. Young.

Mr. Robt. Serwin, and Mr. J. W. Hughes, were then nomi-
nated, to the office of President. A ballot having
been taken, the scrutineers announced the election
of Mr. Robt. Serwin to the office of President.

Mr. J. W. Hughes, was Re-elected, Vice President
unanimously

Mr. James Stone, was Re-elected, Treasurer
unanimously

Mr. John Harper, was Re-elected, Secretary
unanimously

The following gentlemen were nominated
to serve on the General Committee. In
place of 5 whose term of office ^{has expired} Messrs
W. Reid, S. White, J. W. Callum, J. W. Allen,
W. F. Mount, S. Ward, A. Perry, and Macintosh
J. B. Young, and Dr. Kelley.

The Scrutineers
reported the result of first ballot. Messrs W. Reid
S. White, and Dr. Kelley. A second ballot
was then taken, and the Scrutineers reported
that Messrs S. Ward and J. B. Young, had the
Majority, and the President, declared them
 duly elected

Moved by Mr. A. Perry, that that portion of the report
relating to the Fraser Institute be struck out
of Annual Report. A discussion then
took place in which the following gentlemen
took part. Messrs G. W. Stephen, Leitch, Hughes,
W. Mather, and A. Perry. Mr. Hughes spoke especially
on Technological Education. The object of
the motion having been accomplished it was
with drawn

Mr. John Allen alluded
feelingly, to the loss sustained by the death of the
late Mr. David Paton. One of the Officers of this
Society, and for many years an active member
of this Institute. And moved seconded by Mr. W. F. Mount
that a letter of sympathy be sent from this
Institute to the Family. Carried unanimously

X
Mr. A. Perry. gave notice of Motion. That the by
Law referring to time of Meeting be changed to read
8 p.m. instead of 7-30 and that 15-25 be a quorum
said change to be made at the next general Meeting.

Moved by Mr. A. Perry. Seconded by Mr. Wright. That the
thanks of this Meeting be tendered to the Quorum
Mr. Jas. Parker and Mr. Edw. Macintosh. Come morning

X
Mr. Wood. gave notice of Motion. To open a branch
of this Institute at Point St Charles.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned
Robt Smith, Secy

Mechanics Institute, Montreal.
December 28th 1885

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: Mr. Robt. Rubin. President in the Chair.
Messrs Reid, Hutchinson, Dampard, Gyll, White Wood, and the Secretary Mr. John Harper.

The Minutes of the Last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The President nominated the following gentlemen to serve on the several Sub-Committees, and which were approved by the Meeting.

Finance. Mr. J. W. Hughes. Chairman —
Messrs A. Leblon, P. Gyll, J. Boyd, R. Hutchinson and J. Moore.

House Mr. Peter Gyll. Chairman —
Messrs W. Reid, J. Moore, J. Harper, J. White and J. Wood.

Lectures Mr. R. Hutchinson. Chairman —
Messrs W. A. Stephenson, A. Dampard, J. Boyd, J. B. Young and Dr. Kelley.

Membership Mr. A. Dampard. Chairman —
Messrs J. White, W. A. Stephenson, J. Wood, J. B. Young and Dr. Kelley.

Library Mr. John Harper. Chairman —
Messrs A. Leblon, A. Dampard, W. Reid, J. W. Hughes and Dr. Kelley.

Letters were received from Messrs J. W. Hughes and J. B. Young excusing their absence.

The Chairman of the Lecture Committee, read a letter from Mr. G. J. A. Story, offering to give a course of Lectures with Stereoscopic Views. Moved by Mr. Reid seconded by Mr. Dampard, that the Chairman of House and Lecture Committee, be a Special Committee to consider and arrange for one or more Lectures by Mr. Story, provided the Hall can be obtained on the cash not exceed \$25.00 Comd unanimously.

Account presented for payment. J. B. Young, L. E. Chester, G. J. Goddard, referred to Finance Committee for payment.

Moved by Mr. Hall. Seconded by Mr. Wood. That the Hall door of Library be kept locked. And a notice be placed on the door as follows "Enter by Reading Room door" Carried unanimously.

The Committee desire to record the donation of a Book entitled "Canadian Economics" by the British Association. Published by Messrs Dutton New. Printed to whose letter acknowledging the receipt has been sent. And that the thanks of the Committee be tendered to the Treas Secy Mr. David. A. P. Watt.

Moved by Mr. Thompson. Seconded by Mr. Hall. That the Library Committee be granted \$25.00 to print the Annual Report. Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee report. be referred back for further consideration.

Moved by Mr. Hall. Seconded by Mr. Hutchinson. That the Library Committee be granted an appropriation of \$50.00. Carried.

The Nominating Committee reported. And the following were nominated. And duly elected Members of the Institute.

- First Class (1) Mr. Robt. Harris.
- Second No (4) Mr. D. C. Rose. F. W. Garrison
Miss Scott Miss Chase.
- Third No (3) H. Harris E. Davis
L. John.

The Financial Statement for the Month of December 1885. was submitted by the Superintendent.

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
Nov 2	Richard Talley 125.00	Nov 2	P. Larkin for wood 2.75
" 4	Doz books Merchant 2.00	" 10	Guarantee Co 7.50
" 5	Salvation Army to Jan 25.00	" 14	Montreal Gas Co Institute 66.55
" 10	South Eastern Railway 500.00	" "	Hall 3.05 = 69.60
" 11	Salvation Army to Home 25.00	" 25	Postal Cash Forwarded
" "	Doz books Merchant 2.00	" "	Statement 4.00
" 16	J. D. Macdonald 325.00	" "	Hughes & Stephenson 6.36
" 18	Salvation Army to 25.00	" 30	W. Johnson. Talley 50.00
" 20	Montreal Monthly being 30.00	" "	A. B. Hamilton 29.17
" 24	Present L. S. Eldt 2.00	" "	Robt. Young & books 28.00
" "	Sale of old paper 25.00	" "	Sh & Stanley, Extra 4.00
" 26	Salvation Army to 25.00	" "	Women's Army & books 12.00
" 28	D. Talley old paper 25.00		
	<u>1086.50</u>		<u>213.38</u>

Received

Paid

Brought forward 1086. 50
 No 30 Subscription Aug to Dec 5⁰ 25 "
 Sale of Catalogues 1. 50
 Membership Fees 362. "
 do Fines 10

 Balance from 1898 99 81

Brought forward 213. 38
 No 30 Postage & Stamp 31

 Sundries
 Dr. Brown Can 1/2 1. 20
 Dr. Curra 1/2 50
 W. Day's 2/6 30
 1/2 doz. Matches 15
 Dr. Must 10
 Cancel for Auction 10
 Printing for Glance 56
 Salt for Fire 10
 Rubba Van Spray 25
 Printing other 1. 00 = 4 26
 217. 98
 Balance due to December 1336 93

\$1554. 91

\$1554. 91

The Meeting Minutes of the Association

Robt. Irvine Pres

Mechanics Institute. Montreal January 25th 1886

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this Evening @ 8 o'clock.

Present Robt. Swinlock. President in the Chair there were also Messrs Tenlon, White, Young Tompance and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee reported that at a Meeting held on Friday Evening on the 22nd the question of Receipts and Disbursements were carefully considered and he to submit the following figures.

<u>Estimated Receipts</u>	<u>Estimated Expenditure.</u>
Rent for Stores 3,800. 00	Library 200. 00
" " Room 300 "	Interest 1430 "
" " Hall 600 "	Light 425 "
Catalogues taken 15 "	Heat 560 "
Papers do " 60 "	Repairs 150 "
Stores 400 "	Advertising 40 "
Interest 3 "	Postage 8 "
Membership Fees 1000 "	Stationery 20 "
do Fine 5 "	Wages 1473 70
<u>\$4183. 00</u>	Cleaning 190 "
<u>\$156. 70</u>	Reading Room 425 "
	Insurance 325 "
	Printing 40 "
<u>Surplus \$26. 30</u>	Taxes 840 "
	Summe 30 "
	<u>\$4156. 70</u>

In estimating the Revenue from the Hall, we think we are quite within the mark, and that our expectations will be largely exceeded. The Repairs of the building confident cannot be as large as that of last year. A several urgently needed repairs were carried out - one of which one not likely to occur again. We advanced a further grant of Fifty Dollars to the Library Committee making a total of one thousand Dollars and further advances can be made during the year if the French will admit. We have kept the Receipts from Membership Fees slightly below last year. Our present figures justify us in so doing. But we hope the members will make such exertion as will result

in our increase. The whole respectfully submitted.

Received and adopted.

A Meeting of the Library Committee was held on Friday Evening the 22nd inst.

The Chairman reported a Return of 15 books drawn out of about 30. Supt. was instructed to have the Binding of Teph. Separate

Messrs Daysdale's etc. For Newspaper Magazines as they have been received and constantly compare with their Lists and found correct. Report to general Committee Supt. reported a demand for the Canadian Gazette and stated a Member of the Institute was endeavoring to obtain it free.

The following Books have been received Plumbing and House Drainage with 140 Illustrations.

Magnets and Dynamo Electric Machine Illustrations

12 Vol of Wilkie Collins 20 cents each

Life of General Grant. and other Works of Interest.

on Mathematics received and adopted.

The President reported that Mr. Perry has met with a severe accident while on duty and broke his left Arm from the wrist he is progressing favorably.

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute.

Second Class (9)

Mr. J. M. Evans. Angus. O'Brien. Thornton. Smith. W. B. McWally. W. W. Wash. and Miss Nicholas m.

Third Class (3)

M. Kelly. Crover and Fricolander.

The Financial Statement for December was submitted by the Superintendent.

Received

Paid

Dec 5 th Enchaclon Rent	3 - 00	Dec 7	Rich ^d Sale	7 - 30
" 8 Tabernacle Army do	25 - "	" 8	Postage stamps	25
" 9 Day Book Presents do	2 - "	" "	W. Reid & Co Interest	715 - 00
" 14 Post. Watson do	2 - "	" 14	200 Postal cards	2 - "
" 16 Tabernacle Army do	25 - "	" 22	Postage stamps	6
" 17 Leather Presents do	2 - "	" 29	J. E. Garrison & Pitt.	6 - 00
" 22 Tabernacle Army do	25 - "	" 31	W. E. Chester	8 - 90
" " Cooper's Union do	2 - "	" "	W. Watson - Mrs. Taylor	50 - 00
" 29 Tabernacle Army do	25 - "	" "	A. B. Hamilton do	29 - 19
" 31 Members' Exp. Fee	113 - "	" "	Post. Geny 4 weeks	28 - 00
" " Fine	60 - "	" "	" " Boston 4 Sunday	4 - "
" Sale of Catalogue	2 - 50	" "	Woman's Clothing 4 weeks	12 - "
Interest Merchants' Bank	4 - 15		Summers	
			Removng Mch 1 - 00	
			Wash Eyes 10	
			Knitting Book 15	
			Paste do 10	
			Toys 10 =	1 - 45
	231 - 25			864 - 13
Balance from December	1336 - 93	Balance for 3 rd January		704 - 05
	<u>\$1568 - 18</u>			<u>\$1568 - 18</u>

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Wm Brown Secy

Mechanics Institute, Montreal
February 22nd 1884

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this Evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: Mr. Robert Edwin. President in the chair, there were also Messrs. J. A. Woods. J. S. Jenson. George White. Hughes and Dr. Kelley. The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr. A. B. Mc Bride. A Solicitor of Toronto. Demanding payment of 3 years subscription to the Publisher of the Canadian Manufacturer - Moved by Mr. Hughes seconded by Mr. J. A. Woods that the fee be paid. And the Sup^t specially notify the Compt^r that we cease taking the paper.

A letter was read from Mr. H. Wilson. Secretary of the Montreal Association of Stationary Engineers and Firemen - asking for terms upon which they could be admitted to the privileges of the Institute. and be granted the use of the Committee Room on Thursday Evenings for the transaction of regular business of the Association. and the reading of papers on subjects interesting to Engineers.

It was moved by Mr. Woods. seconded by Dr. Kelley. That they be given the use of the Committee Room on Thursday Evenings of each week for the sum of Two Dollars per Annum per Member of the Society. Starting with not less than fifty Members. and to have the privilege of the Library and Reading Room. subject to such rules as we may decide. None but paying Members to have the use of the Library. A list of their Members be supplied to our Superintendent from time to time payments quarterly in advance. addition to be made only on the 1st of each quarter. Carried

The Chairman — of the House Committee reported. That at a Meeting held on Tuesday the 2nd inst. It was resolved that the Tenants occupying stores belonging to this Institute remain at the same Rent as last year. And that the Taxes be re-adjusted according to the statement herewith submitted.

Hall and Reading Room	\$2000 .. 00
Loug Room	300 .. 00

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South Eastern Railway Compy	\$2000 .. 00
Messrs Paisley & Ross	1200 .. 00
" " Richards & Co	500 .. 00

Messrs Richards & Co. have applied for a Lease of five years of their Store. resolved that it be granted.

Resolved that a Clause be inserted in all our Lease running over one year. that in case of sale the said Lease shall expire in the current year.

Robt Jones who while in the discharge of his duties on 20th July fell and broke his Arm. It was resolved that he be allowed \$3. 50 per week extra to his wages for the time of an Assistant until further notice by Chairman of this Committee.

Messrs Hughes & Stephenson has written a letter stating. That as each of them were on the Committee of Management. They had resolved to discontinue doing the repairs in connection with the Institute during their term of office. They much regret this. But could not allow themselves to be placed in the slightest degree in a false position.

The Chairman and Mr Reid were appointed to arrange with some other firm for doing the repairs. being Members of the Institute but not on the Committee.

Moved by Mr Woods seconded by Mr Hutchinson, that a Sub Committee be appointed to inquire into the advisability of opening a Room in connection with the Mechanics Institute in the East-end and to report at a future date. The President and Secretary with the mover and seconder to be the Committee. Carried

Complaints having been made of the noise of Drums played by the Salvation Army. The Chairman of House Committee was requested to look into their lease with a view to abating the noise.

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute.

- (2) First Class. Messrs Jas R. Harper and Chas Hodgson
- (7) Second do. Messrs W. G. Gibb. J. B. Paul. E. W. Thompson
A. G. Henry. W. G. Goodbough. H. Z. Kenny. R. A. Dydd.
- (7) Third Class. A. Shepstone. D. Campbell. W. Walker.
Geo Fisher. J. Connelton. A. Brown and D. C. Jones.

The Financial Statement for January 1886 was submitted by the Superintendent.

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
Jan 6. Salvation Army	25. 50	Jan 2. Gillespie Postpaid	10-308-75
" 12 do do	25. "	" Phoenix Fine Arts	
" 14 Day from Merchants	2. " 4	" Postage Stamps	25
" 19 Salvation Army	25. " 6	" S. Brown Bar	30
" 20 Day from Merchants	2. " 11	" M. T. Foley of	3. 00
" 22 Kirk Watson	1. " 18	" Fees for Reading Room	10
" 28 Boating Club	2. " 20	" W. A. Norway, "Whiston"	8. 00
" 30 Collection for the sale		" 25 Postage Stamps	25
of paper in this case	35. 25	" 22 L. B. Young of	1. 00
" Sale of Catalogues	2. 50	" 30 W. Johnson Salary	50. "
" Membership Fees	102. 00	" A. B. Hamilton "	24. 17
" do Fines	95. "	" Robt. Young 5 weeks	35. 00
		" do 5 Sunday 5 wa	5. "
		" do Woman Clergy. 5 weeks	15. "
		<u>Expenditures</u>	
		Removing Office	1. 00
		Sew Chest	10
		3 New Towels	50
		P.O. for "Whiston"	10
		Washing Soda	10 = 1. 80
	222. 70		457. 62
Balance from Dec.	704 15	Balance for ^a to Feb	469. 13
	<u>\$926. 75</u>		<u>\$926. 75</u>

The Meeting thereafter adjourned

Robt. Annin Pres

Mechanics Institute Montreal
March 22. 1886

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: Mr. Robt. Erwin President in the Chair. There were also present: Messrs. Denison, Hughes, Dempsey, Young, Moore, and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr. H. Wilson, Secretary of the Association of Stationery Engineers & Firemen, accepting of the terms which were offered them by the Committee for the use of the Day Room and privileges of Library and Reading Room.

The Library Committee reported the following donation of Books.

Documents de la Session 1 à 87. 1884-85 French Vol 18
Sessional Papers 1 to 87. 1884-85 Vol 18 both the gift of J. W. Stephens Esq.

Engagements du Conseil
Journesam Vol 1. 1885 French
Statutes of Canada Vol 1 & 2 French 1885. both the gift of the Quebec Legislature.

The paper called "Comaction Manufacture" is still sent to the Institute and the staff at once return them.

Moved by Mr. Dempsey seconded by Mr. Hughes that a further grant of one thousand dollars be placed to the credit of Library Committee.

The following accounts were presented for payment:

The Gazette Printing Co. for Paper	\$24.00
" " " " " " " " " "	3.75
" " " " " " " " " "	3.00
" " " " " " " " " "	7.91
D. Bentley for Printing Annual Report	23.00
W. Dwyer & Co for Printing	\$52.16
" " " " " " " " " "	10.00
" " " " " " " " " "	7.00
" " " " " " " " " "	28.21
	\$95.97

The accounts were accepted and the Treasurer was instructed to pay the same.

The Membership Committee reported a total of 81 First Class Members. 6 of whom paid their subscription before the 1st of November.

Second Class Members a total of 248. 442 of whom paid their Subscription before the end of November

Third Class Members. a total of 109. 26 of whom paid their Subscription before the end of November.

And all who paid their Subscription before the end of November are included in last years report. The number of Members are about the same as last year this time, and the amount of Subscriptions as compared with last year is rather less

The Special Committee appointed to consider the advisability of opening a Room at the end of the Meeting was held on Saturday March the 13th at which the Rev. Mr. Sinden was present. And an informal discussion took place. and the matter was referred back to Mr. Sinden. Mr. Wood. and to meet again at a future date.

Complaints having been made as to the gloomy appearance of the Day Room. It was moved by Mr. Lendon and seconded by Mr. Harper. that the matter be referred to the House Committee. for consideration and report. and also for clearing Reading Room & Library.

It was suggested that some Pictures on the Columns from the Office properly placed would give the Room a more furnished & comfortable appearance. Conced

A letter was read from Mr. A. B. Hamilton. asking for an advance of Salary. Moved by Mr. Lendon & seconded by Mr. Hughes. that the salary be advanced to \$35.00 per month commencing from April the first Conced

The President reported that a quarter Rent for February 1885 had not been entered in Cash Book. The Secretary was instructed to notify Ed. Supt.

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute

1 First Class. Francis. Jounier

5 Second Class. W. Dawson
Jas H. Kennedy. Robt. Holland.
W. Chastacombe and Mrs. Stone

2 Third Class. Martin Hayes and
→ Boehm

The Financial Statement for February 1886. was submitted by the Superintendent;

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
Feb 2 Salvation Army	25.00	Feb 8 th W Daysdale & Co	361.20
" " Richcraft Tailory Co	125.00	" " D Rutherford & Co	93.33
" " St. Ann's Benefit Co	2.00	" 13 Hughes & Stephenson	2.10
" 9 Salvation Army	25.00	" " Gas Co	89.10
" 10 Snow Shoe Club	2.00	" 18 Postage Stamps	25.00
" 11 South Eastern Railway Co	500.00	" 20 do do	05.00
" " Day Goods Merchants	2.00	" 23 J. Nicholls & Co	6.00
" " W. Little Rent	2.00	" 25 Postage Stamps	25.00
" 12 Paisley & Cross	325.00	" 26 do & Waappers	2.25
" " Royal Committee Rent	2.00	" 27 W. Johnston Salary	50.00
" " Musical Building Co	30.00	" " A.B. Hamilton No	29.17
" 14 Salvation Army	25.00	" " Post. Young & Co	28.00
" " do Extra for Gas	2.00	" " do do & Sunday Extra	4.00
" 22 Musical from Morlay Co	2.00	" " do do for Assistance	24.50
" 23 Salvation Army	25.00	" " Woman cleaning & Wash	12.00
" 27 Sale of papers &c	3.80	Sundries	
" " do Catalogues	2.25	Removing Office	1.50
" " Membership Fees	77.00	E.H. Conolly	08
" " do Fines	35.00	Cartage to Paul H. Co	05
		Washing Soda	10
		Stamp & P.D.	8
		Tacks	05
		Scrubbing Brush	20 = 2.00
	<u>1177.40</u>		<u>704.26</u>
Balance from May 469	13	Balance for 2 nd March	942.29
	<u>\$1646.53</u>		<u>\$1646.53</u>

The Meeting thereof after adjourned
Robt Irvine Pres.

Mechanics Institute. Montreal
April 2. 1886

A Special Meeting of the General Com-
mittee was held this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Present. Mr. J. H. Irvine. President in the Chair.
Also were also present Messrs. Hughes. Peck. G. A. L.
Young. White. Leblond. Moore. and the Secretary.

Object of Meeting to consider tenders for repairs to
as per specification. In Eng. Room. Then call - 4 o'clock.
Reading Room and Library.

The following tenders were received and read

Messrs. W. Young & Co	\$ 90. 00
Mr. W. P. Scott	125. 00
Mr. A. Craig	102. 00

Moved by Mr. Hughes seconded by Mr. White. That Messrs.
Young's tender being the lowest be accepted,
provided he is prepared to carry out the wishes
of the Committee. Failing which, the contract be
given to the next lowest tender, on the same
conditions Carried

The Meeting thereafter adjourned
Robt. Irvine Pres

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Mechanics Institute, Montreal.
April 26th 1886

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this Evening at 8 o'clock

Present: Mr. Prof^r Devlin, President in the Chair beside whom there were Messrs Reid, White, Lampond, Hughes, and Dr. Kelley.

Dr. Kelley was chosen to act as Secretary in the absence of the Secretary.

The Minutes of the regular Monthly Meeting and the Special Meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr. Reid, reported that the Printing had been done but that the volume of the World as per Contract was not quite finished.

The Secretary, introduced to thank Sir W^m Dawson, for the presentation of his work on Canadian Geology to the Institute.

The President, reported that \$20⁰⁰ on account had been received from the Late Sup^r (Mr. Nutt) Per Mr. Hutchinson.

Sup^r to write to the Proprietor of the Iron Section and to say that the Iron Section has been supplied free for many years, and has been acknowledged as such in our Annual Printed Reports, but from papers the Morning Chronicle we pay for through our agents Messrs. Dods & Co.

The President, presented a letter from W. H. White, Secretary, Treasurer of the Royal Mutual Building Society, Montreal, asking upon what terms they could have the use of the Iron Room every Tuesday Evening throughout the year, except second Wednesday in each month and the fourth Wednesday in May for their Annual Meeting, and for our occasional Special Meetings, and to be allowed to replace their present Iron safe by a larger one weighing about 5,500 lbs. and it was agreed to grant them the use of the Iron Room as stated for the Annual sum of \$120.00. Rent to be paid Monthly. Safe referred to House Committee.

The Secretary Authorized to call the Attention of Mr. Stephenson to the Rule regarding absence from Meetings of the Committee

Rent Book to be had if necessary
 Increased Subscribers referred to Membership Com
 Recd from Dr. Morrison \$10.80 ordered to be paid
 " " Rich^d Seal 6.50 " " " "
 " " A Craig 9.15 " " " "
 " " W. Young Ls 96.91 refer to Anne Com
 for consideration & payment

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute.

First Class 3. Messrs F. Tourner, Tho. Guinness & D^r Deakin

Second Class 8. Messrs Geo. Cooke, W. Fittrell, Hugh Vallance, H. H. Mountain, Jos. Brown, B. Dunlop, A. I. Macdonald, and Miss Holt.

Third Class 3. F. Wood, M. J. Young, and A. Wright

The financial Statement for the Month of March 1886 was submitted by the Superintendent

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
March 2. Salvation Army	25.00	March 12. Richards Ls	2.50
" 3. Archelaga Council	12.00	" 20. Postage Stamps	25
" 4. Thompson Ls Rent	8.00	" 25. The Star Adv to date	7.91
" 8. Ladies Association	2.00	" D. Bentley Ls	23.00
" 9. Salvation Army	25.00	" Hughes & Stephenson	2.11
" 10. Day Goods Merchants	2.00	" Walters Adv to date	4.00
" 11. Master Plasterers	1.50	" Gazette Printing Ls	24.00
" 16. do do	1.50	" do for Adv	3.75
" 22. Master Plasterers	1.50	" W. Daydale Ls	
" 23. Salvation Army	25.00	" Fa Bondry 50 16	
" 29. Thurrock Lancers Club	3.00	" Magazines 7 00	
" 30. Salvation Army	25.00	" Stationery 10 60	
" 31. Membership Fees	77.00	" Books 28 21 =	95.97
" do Fines	1.19	" 27. Laminum Ls for July 9/84	3.00
" Sale of Catalogues	2.25	" 31. W. Johnson Salary	50.00
" do Papers	2.70	" A. B. Hamilton	29.17
	239.64	" Prob. Young 4 weeks	28.00
		" do Estlin 4 Sundays	4.00
		" do for an Assistant	3.50
		" do Woman Cleaners work	12.00
			293

Received

Brought for^{ts} 239..64
 Balance from July 94 2..29

\$ 1181..91

Paid

Brought for^{ts} 293..14
 Sundries
 Post Cash 10
 Corn Horn 25
 Traps 10
 Glue & Nails 10
 Washing Soda 10
 Card Holder 40
 Renewing Other 1..00 = 2..05
 295..21
 Balance Apr^l to April 886..70
\$ 1181..91

Robt. Irvine Pro^r

Mechanics Institute.
Montreal. May 31. 1886

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present Mr. Robt. Irwin, President in the Chair, beside whom there were Messrs Hughes, Leblond, Stephenson, Young, White, Lempford, Moore, and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was written to Sir W. Dawson on May 1st 1886. Thanking him of his kind donation to the Institute of his book entitled, *Acadian Geology*.

The Royal Mutual Building Society has through their Secretary Treasurer W. H. White, informed your Supt. of their accepting the terms offered for the use of the King Room in which to hold their Meetings from May the 1st 1886 at an Annual Rent of \$120.00 payable Quarterly.

The Library Committee Report. That the Circulation of the Books in the Library is much the same as last year to date. And by statement submitted by Supt. some few Books more could be said to be overdue. The Books for which the papers were sold last January have all been collected save thirty cents total amount received 63.55 as against 59.10 last year. Two of one were received and passed, and one submitted for payment to General Committee.

40 Books in the Library we have ordered to be returned, and 20 others to be destroyed, we have purchased some 25 New Books for the Library. And have instructed the Supt. to write the Large Publishing House of Spens for a Catalogue of Primary works for use of the Association of Engineers and Surveyors such as may be required for practical business.

Our appropriation of grant will now be quite exhausted.

We beg to ask for a further grant of one hundred dollars. The foregoing report was received and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Tyall and seconded by Mr. White. That their request for a further grant of \$100.00 be acceded to. Carried

The Chairman of Membership Committee submitted a Comparative Statement of First & Second class Members to date. Showing a loss of five in Second class and one more in first do.

The President reported that Mr. West had called upon him. And promised to pay the balance due to Institute on Thursday next. June the 3rd. Moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. White. That the matter be left in the hands of Mr. M. Hutchinson, and for Mr. Hutchinson to take such legal steps as he may deem necessary.

Accounts presented for payment

The Herald Company \$24.00. Special reduction granted of 6.00 leaving a balance to pay of \$18.00

W. Day, done & co for binding	30.00
" " " " " " " " " "	4.00
" " " " " " " " " "	1.25
	\$38.30

W. P. Scott for printing & copying done (Richard) on per agreement \$25.00
H. Beckham for repairing large globe 1.25
The above are well accepted and the Treasurer he instructed to pay the same.

Mr. Tyall suggested the propriety of appointing a special committee to purchase the supply of coal, proposed and seconded unanimously. That Messrs. Byall & Moore be that committee. And purchase the supply of coal.

Sup^d to give Mr. Henderson all the information possible of his election to life membership.

Moved by Mr. Tyall. Seconded by Mr. Moore. That the the Institute be kept open every day in the year except Sundays. The library to be closed. New Year's day. Good Friday. Memorial day. Fourth of July. and Union and Dominion day. & voted for motion and 5 against. Carried

The following were nominated and duly elected members of the Institute

2. First Class. W. H. J. Shaw. and W. J. Huston.

4. Second Class. W. Davis. G. L. Airth
S. R. Clendinning. J. H. Chapman

2. Third Class. W. Corbeille. E. Bury.

The financial statement for the month of April was submitted by the Superintendent.

Received		Paid	
Apr ¹ Cooper Union Rent	2. 00	Apr ² Amos Bowen age	7. 85
" 5 Crescent Income Club "	2. " "	" 9 Postage 74 ps	25
" 8 Cooper Union "	2. " "	" 17 W. Young & Co on ac	70. 00
" 9 Irish Citizens "	2. " "	" 19 South Eastern Ry "	1. " "
" 14 Salvation Army "	25. " "	" 30 Peck's Scale age	6. 50
" 15 Crescent Income Club "	2. " "	" W. Johnson Salary	50. 00
" 20 Salvation Army "	25. " "	" A. B. Hornum "	35. "
" 24 Merchants' Society "	4. " "	" Post Office 4 weeks	28. "
" 26 Salvation Army "	25. " "	" Dr Extra for 4 Friday	4. "
" H. Mott. Late Sept		" Woman Cleaning Wash	12. "
omitted Rent	20. " "	" Dr for 3 rd time	3. "
" 30 Membership Fees	25. 50	Sundries	
" " " Times	20. "	Box Matches	15
" " " Sale of Catalogues	25. "	Soap	10
" " " " Papers	21. 70	Scrubbing Brush	10
		Impromptu Notice	25
		Est Eye	05
		Leam Grover	25
		Wicks	12
		Returned Sewd Cths	03
		Tan Dust	10
		Removing Coal	40
		" " Cakes	75
		" " Ice	50 = 2. 80
	156. 75		220. 40
Balance from March	886. 70	Balance for th to May	823. 05
	<u>1043. 45</u>		<u>1043. 45</u>

The meeting thereafter adjourned

Robt. Irvine Pres

Mechanics Institute

Montreal June 28th 1884

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: Mr. Prof. Irwin, President in the Chair, besides whom there were Messrs. Empson, Young, White, Moore, Tenlon, Hutchinson, & all the Society.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. D. H. Henderson. The Sup^{ts} instructed to write him that his Election to Life Membership is duly confirmed and upon the return of his present old Card. A new one will be sent duly authenticated by the President.

The House Committee Reported. That the Special Committee appointed at the last Meeting, to purchase the supply of coal for the coming season, invited Tenders from the following firms and each of whom sent a Tender No 1. John Cortigon 5. 15. Egg coal gross Jan 1st 84
 " " 2 Evans Bros 5. 50 " " " "
 " " 3 W. J. Torrence 5. 20 " " " "
 " " 4 W. Plymouth Kirk Ash 5. 75 " " " "
 " " 5 G. T. Hartt 5. 50 " " " "
 " " 6 J. Robertson 5. 10 " " " "
 " " 7 W. Plymouth Kirk Ash 5. 75 " " " "
 " " 8 G. W. Cameron 5. 25 " " " "
 " " 9 W. Plymouth Kirk Ash 5. 80 " " " "

And after careful consideration it was resolved to accept of Mr. G. T. Hartt's Tender.

Some slight damage has been done to the side hall in large Hall water coming through. The matter is left in the hands of Chairman of House Committee and Mr. White.

The Official Inspector, was here a few days back, and made a general Survey of every part of our Premises and all was satisfactory, except a leak in the water Cistern of our Tenants, Messrs Paisley & Cross, and which is now repaired.

Some occasional Complaints, have been made with respect to the Urinal. And the Sup^{ts} have been ordered to have the place washed every Morning using 2 lbs of washing Soda with each pint of water.

The following offer were passed G. A. Holland 5. 50
 J. B. Young 5. 35

Report Received and adopted.

The Library Committee Reported. That a Meeting was held on Friday Evening last. and after only careful consideration some 40 Volumes were selected costing something over \$40.00. The Committee are very desirous of maintaining the Interest of the Library and they are using their best judgment to accomplish that purpose.

It was resolved to close the Library from the 12th to the 31st of July. for the purpose of Stocktaking and on the same method as last year. with a Sub-Committee to Superintend the work as before viz Messrs Cooper, Hughes, Tenlan, & Lampard. all of whom are Members of the Library Committee. Should Stocktaking be finished before the 31st the Library will be opened before that date.

One of Genl Powell's for \$2.50 was passed.

Report received and adopted.

The Chairman of Membership Committee. gave a statistical report of the number of First & Second Class Members. Month by Month as compared with last year to date. and of the amount of Subscriptions. The number of First Class Members to this date last year was 89. This year 95. Second Class last year was 254. This year 246. The receipts for Membership last year to end of June was \$867.00. This year it is \$871.00 an increase of four dollars.

The President Reported. That Messrs Powell & Galloway had been seen by Mr Hamilton respecting the payment of \$50.00 Balance due. and which they agreed to pay May 1st 1884, at present they state they are not able to pay. Moved by Mr White seconded by Mr. Hall. That Mr Hutchinson, be asked to write these Gentlemen, and demand immediate payment.

Moved by Mr. Hall. seconded by Mr. Lampard. That Mr. Post-Jones be granted 2 weeks leave of absence. Carried.

The following were nominated. and duly elected Members of the Institute

5 First Class. Messrs C. J. Duggall. W. P. Scott.
W. C. Jones. W. H. Armitage & Dr. Armitage

3 Second do. Messrs Post-Jones. Turnbull. W. Chambers. B. Smith

1 Third do Alex Bissett.

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The Financial Statement for the Month of May was
Submitted by the Superintendent.

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
May 1 Richards March ^{ts} Salary to 125. 00		May 4 Alex Craig ofc	9. 15
" " J. A. Davidson, Rent 2. "		" 7 Deacons Bro's	10. 80
" 4 Salvation Army " 25. "		" 10 Dr. Ketch. Sub to Sept 1/86	6. 00
" 5 South Eastern Railway to 500. "		" 13 Gas to. to Sept 14/86	72. 70
" 10 A. Beaumont. Committee 10. "		" 8 Postage Stamps	50
" " Coopers Union 2. "		" 21 W. Offenberg, Lth. Bal	25. 90
" 12 Salvation Army 25. "		" 31 W. Johnson Salary	50. 00
" " Mutual Building Society 30. "		" " A. B. Hamilton do	35. "
" 13 Paisley & Proct 325. "		" " Post-Offenberg 5 weeks	31. "
" 18 Salvation Army 25. "		" " do Estate for 5 Sundays	5. "
" 21 J. H. Ward 2. "		" " Woman cleaning 5 weeks	15. "
" 31 Membership Fees 38. 50		Summaries	
" 7 do association of		Waiting Table 10 ^e	
Engineers' Income 25. 00		Papers 80	
" 31 Fines 35		Can Tone 10	
		3 New Jan Baskets 50	
		Soap 10	
		Can Tone 10	
		Remaining Other 25 = 1. 45	
	1134. 85		263. 00
Balance of Jan ^{ce} 823. 05		Balance of Jan ^{ce} to June	1694. 90
	<u>\$1957. 90</u>		<u>\$1957. 90</u>

Can tone objected to by Committee.

Mr. Hutchinson received in \$10.00 on a/c from
Mr. Mot.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Robt. Annie Pres

Mechanics Institute
Meeting July 26th 1886

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present, Mr. Robert Irvine, President in the Chair.
also Messrs. Leulou, Hughes, Dimpson, Young, White,
More, Hutchinson, and the Secretaries.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

The Chairman of the Library Committee, reported informally, that the Stock taking of the Library had been completed. On the Library Reopened, after being closed only one week, a full report will be submitted later.

Mr. Robt. Young, Reported for duty at the end of his leave of absence.

An op of £2.00 Scottish American Journal. referred to Library Com.

Moved by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Leulou. That our Superintendent and Librarian, be granted weeks holidays each. The one to commence Aug¹ the 2nd and that of the other Aug¹ 9th.

An op from Mr. Hewitt for Coal was presented \$374.65
" " " Canada Pithu P. op \$7.00 refer to House Committee.

The following were nominated and duly elected Members of the Institute.

1, First Class. Mr. Chas. E. Robertson.

5, Second do Messrs D. McLinnell, H. Patton,
E. Black, J. W. Grose & Miss Lawler.

2, Third do C. H. Charnock & W. Russell.

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The Financial Statement for the Month of
June was submitted by the Superintendent

Received

Paid

June 1 Salter's pa Mercat Bank 9. 19	
" 2 Sabatum Army	25. 00
" 7 Cooper's Dinner	2. " "
" 9 Sabatum Army	25. " "
" 10 Chas. Alsop's Rent	4 " "
" 15 Sabatum Army	25 " "
" 16 Wholesale Leather Goods	2 " "
" 23 Sabatum Army	25 " "
" " Crescent Jerusalem Club	2 " "
" 29 By Mrs. Sale Sept. omitted. Rent	10 " "
" 30 Robt. Reid Rent	2 " "
" " Sabatum Army	25 " "
" " Member Ship Fees	52 " "
" " do Times	30 " "
" " Sale of Catalogue May and June	2 00

June 1 Postage Stamps	25
" 3 Geo Brown Bro ofc	1. 80
" 4 H. Beckham "	1. 25
" " Herald Co	18. 00
" 8 Wm Reid. Mr. Burt	7 15 " "
" " Water Work License	2 " "
" 10 The Northern Oil Co	1. 80
" 14 Mich ^l Seal	1. 00
" 15 Postage Stamps	25
" 14 W. K. Scott ofc	25. 00
" 23 The Northern "	2 " "
" 24 Geo Brown Bro "	45
" 28 Postage Stamps	25
" 30 Men Stamping Coal	18 75
American Steam Boiler	
Ins. Co. Charges on Book	40
" W. Schmitt Salary	50 00
" A. B. Hamilton Wk	35 "
" " Post. Agency 4 weeks	24 "
" do Extra 4 Fundings	4 " "
Woman Clearing up work	12. "

Expenses

Poste Book	10
1 lb. Candles	15
Pen Ink	25
Washing Soda	15
Car Fare	05
Shoe Mender	10
1 lb. Soap	10
Cumbrick Soap	10
Returned Letter	03
2 Paper Glass	25
Washing Soda	10
2 Pack Apples	50 =

210. 14

Balance from May 1694. 90

\$ 1905. 39

\$ 915. 08

Balance for "

\$ 1905 39

The Meeting thereafter adjourned
 Confirmed
 Geo. Hughes. Secy. Treas

Mechanics Institute, Montreal,
August 23rd 1886.

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: Mr. J. W. Hughes, Vice President, in the Chair.
Messrs. Lempereur, Hutchinson, Byall, Moore
Young, and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Library Committee reported. That the increase in our shelving accommodation is greatly needed, and they suggest that the Parlo Room now in the lumber room be utilized to that end, and also that some of the shelving be altered to afford increased accommodation for the books.

The following a/c's were passed and referred to General Committee for payment.

W. Day's Hall & Co. for New Books	49. 00
" " Magazines	3 "
" " Binding	30. 15
" " Stationery	1. 10
	<hr/>
	\$83. 25

Downer Bros. for New Books	3. 75
Hickert U.S. for Catalogue	2. 00
Journal of Commerce	3. "

It was resolved to ask the General Committee for a further grant of \$150⁰⁰.

The following is the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to Superintend the Stock Taking of the Library.

On Monday July 12th as per resolution of General Committee of June 28th the Library was closed for the purpose of Stock Taking, under the Superintendence of four Members of the Library Committee viz Messrs Lempereur, Hughes, Toulon, and Lempereur. The Number of Books out in the hands of Members on the Morning of July 12th were 177. Returned during Stock Taking 102 leaving a balance at the time of re-opening

of 75 Volumes.

The Total Number of Books on the shelves last year July 1885. were 9744. From that date to July 1886. there were added by Purchase Binding and Donation 184. Making a Total of 9930 Volumes.

Of the 75 Volumes out at the time of re-opening the Library, all have been returned, except 9. and 6 of these we shall have returned. The remaining 3 are not returnable, being in the hands of those who have left the City.

One book has recovered the price of a book which has been out more than 3 years. Now was accounted for.

Moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, that the Report be adopted except for the request of \$160.00. That, he for \$100.00 only. Carried;

The South Eastern Railway Co. Reported that a pane of glass in their office was broken by the Corporation Men. Shall the Tenants or will the Committee arrange for the repairs. Resolved that the matter be left with the Tenants;

The following was nominated and duly elected a Member of the Institute.

Second Class Mrs. S. Cline,

The Financial Statement for the Month of July, was Submitted by the Superintendent

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
July 5 th Coopers Union	2 00	July 7 th Guarantee Co. A. B. H.	2 50
" 7 Salvation Army	25 "	" 9 S. B. Young age	5 35
" 12 Swimming Club	2 "	" 17 J. F. Goldwell. Every Body	6 00
" 14 Salvation Army	25 "	" 19 Postage Stamps	25 "
" 20 Hy. Lempford for old Air Pump	2 50	" 21 Bell Telephone Co	40 "
" 23 Salvation Army	25 00	" 26 Canada Rubber Co	7 00
" 29 Royal Scots	2 "	" 28 Scottish Amicable Hl	2 50
		" 30 Postage to Mr. McIlroy	16 "
	\$83.50		\$24.04

July Brought forward	23. 50	July Brought forward	24. 00
do 30 Sabbath Army	25 00	do 30 Post Office	12
do 31 Membership Fees	11 " "	do 31 W. Johnson Salary	50 00
do " do Taxes	50 " "	do " A. B. Hamilton do	35 "
do " Sub of Catalogues	1- 25	do " do 2 Sunday Tea	2 "
		do " Post Office 5 wch.	30 "
		do " do 3 Sunday Tea	3 "
		do " Women's Conv. 5 wch.	15 "
		do " Sundries	
		New Spent 50 ^c	
		Bot Matches 15	
		Washing Soda 15 =	80
			\$ 159. 98
	\$ 121 " 25	Balance to August	951 58
Balance from June	990 31		\$ 1111 " 56
	<u>\$ 1111 " 56</u>		

The Meeting thereafter adjourned

Robt. Annis Pres.

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Mechanics Institute, Montreal,
September 27th 1884

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this Evening at 8 o'clock,
Present: W. Robt. Irvine, President, in the Chair
besides whom there were Messrs Hughes, Sampson,
Woods, Byell, White, Young, Houtatimou, and
the Secretary,

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read
and confirmed,

The Library Committee reported, that all
overdue books, out on the completion of
stock taking have been returned, with the
exception of one, and that we hope to
receive,

Several Volumes of books were purchased in
June last, on the Steam Engine & Boiler,
as most suitable for the Association of
Engineers, Firemen and with which they
are much interested,

The supplying of new books to suit the various class
of Members using the Library is ever one of
much importance, and after careful con-
sideration we selected and purchased some 40-
a 50 Volumes, and a number of books returned
in stock book as im-perfect, we have ordered
to be re-placed by new, in a cheap Edition

Mr. J. W. Stephens, has sent us a number of
Value Books,

The United States Government, has furnished
2 Vols of their Census, and the Quebec
Legislature have furnished 3 Vols, one
of which is the Statutes of Canada, and
the other two one the Statutes of Quebec,
one Vol in English the other in French,

It was unanimously resolved not to advise
the purchase of Gault's Gazette,

The ^{of} the City's Assessments was presented,
and is ordered to be paid, The Tenants to

pay their proportion, as per Minute recorded February 22^d of this year.

Mr. Harper, reported that Mr. Lumber was to All to leave his house

The following persons were nominated and duly elected members of the Institute, Messrs Nathan W. Hughes, and James Halcyon, Third Class.

The financial statement for the month of August was submitted by the Superintendent.

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
Aug 2 Richard M. Weston		Aug 5 J. M. Bain	1. 10
Tailors Co Rent	125 00	" Large Pane of Glass	38
" " Cooper Union "	2 "	" 9 Water Works, Plate	52.75
" 4 Mutual Building Society "	30 "	" 10 do Fu Hall	28.50
" 10 Building Plot "	325 "	" 9 Gas Co	47.60
" " Salvation Army "	25 "	" 18 Gen J. Hartt, for Coal	374.65
" 16 South Eastern Ry Co "	500 "	" 19 W. Snydale & Co	1. 00
" 18 Salvation Army "	25 "	" " Postage Stamps	25
" " Royal Building Society	30 "	" 26 do do Edinburgh	05
" " do Extra Meeting	4 "	" 31 W. Johnson, Salary	50. 00
" 25 Salvation Army	25 "	" " A. B. Hamilton do	35 "
" 31 Membership Fee	2 "	" " Post ^o Agency wages week	24 "
" " do Association of Engineers		" " do do Sunday Extra	4 "
" 2 Firemen	25 "	" " Wages for Cleaning week	12 "
do Firemen	25	Sunshine	
Mr. Irvine do	1 00	2 Pts for 10 th	
Sale of Catalogues	25	Joseph Sachs 15	
		Com. Boston 30 =	55
	1119 ^a 50		431. 83
Balance from July	951 58	Bal to Sept ^r	1439. 25
	\$2071 08		\$2071. 08

The Meeting thereafter adjourned

Robt. Irvine Pres

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Mechanics Institute, Montreal
October 25th 1886

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present Mr. Robt. Irvine, President in the Chair, and Messrs. Fyall, Hutchinson, White, Lampond, Young, Hughes, More, W. Kelley, and the Secretary,

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Irvine was still very ill.

The Library Committee reported that a large and valuable donation of Reports from the Geological Survey Department, Ottawa, have been received. Making an list complete to the year 1885.

The United States Government Washington, have also sent valuable Reports on Labor Statistics.

A Mr. Henry R. Towne, of Springfield Conn. has written a book on Leases, and has forwarded the Institute a copy, and Mr. John Harper has also presented us with Public Opinion for the year 1886.

Then several donations have been duly acknowledged.

The following were received and passed

W. Day, Hall & Co.
Douglas Bros.
La Miniere.

Mr. Lampond the Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported having held a meeting on Tuesday last, and have adopted our improved system of receipt for membership.

The President received and read the following letter.

Robert Irwin Esq.
President.
Mechanics Institute.
Munich.

Dear Sir I have been instructed to offer one hundred and five thousand dollars, cash, for the Mechanics Institute property corner of St. James and St. Peter streets. I am as the official No 165 of the West Ward. Munich. This is the best offer that I am authorized to make, should it not be accepted, will you kindly state the lowest price that will be accepted and give me the refusal of the property for fifty days in order that I may communicate with my Principals,

Yours very truly
Charles Simpson,

Moved by Mr. Lamford seconded by Mr. White.
That the President call a special general meeting of the members of the Mechanics Institute to consider the offer for the sale of the Building, and that a Postal Card Notice be printed and sent to all members asking them to attend. Resolved, said meeting to be held Monday Nov 15 at 8 pm.

The following were referred to Finance Com and is asked to be paid.

W. Doyle & Co. Library	54. 10
Stationery	2. 18
Printing	49. 24 = 105. 64

Donor Mr. H. 5. 30 Library	Laurence 3. 00
W. M. Briggs, 8. 66	D. Hearty 16. 25

The following persons were nominated and duly elected members of the Institute.

1. Fine class, Mr. W. Little.
of Science as Messrs Perry, Thomas, Foster, Ferguson, McLean, Ogilby, McLaren, Gerth, and H. Hannah.
2. Hind Mr. Fred Johnson and W. Robinson,

The Financial Statement for the Month of September was submitted by the Superintendent

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
Sept 1 National Association Meet	2.00	Sept 2 J. H. Dickert	2.00
" 6 Salvation Army "	50.00	" " P. D. Stamps	13
" " Cooper Union "	2.00	" " Postage & Washington	03
" 7 Crescent Locomotive Club	2.00	" 7 W. Crystal Lake	
" 14 South Eastern Railway Co		" In Binding	60.60
" In Taxes	252.20	" Library	55.64
" " Salvation Army	25.00	" Magazines	3.00
" 16 F. W. Bleeker Meet	2.00	" Stationery	2.85 = 121.61
" 23 Salvation Army	25.00	" 8 Denson Bros	3.20
" 27 do do	25.00	" " W. M. Briggs	21.54
" 30 Richards Meet - Sunday		" " Postage Stamps	25
" In Taxes	63.05	" 4 Owen Bros for 1/2 Lov	
" " Member Hosp Fees	27.50	" of Word	2.50
" " do Taxes	35.00	" " Sewing Co	25
" " Sale of Catalogues	75.00	" 14 Sewing Co	20
		" 15 G. A. Holland	5.50
		" 16 Brod. Inspection Fee	5.00
		" " John Franklin	2.50
		" " D. Morris for fee	5.00
		" 25 Postage Stamps	25
		" 30 Wesleyan Trade	25
		" " W. Johnson Salary	50.00
		" " A. B. Hamilton "	35.00
		" " Not. Young wages	24.00
		" " do Extra for 4 Sundays	4.00
		" " Woman for cleaning	12.00
	476.85		295.21
Balance from August	1439.25	Bal for 2 to Oct	1620.89
	<u>\$1916.10</u>		<u>\$1916.10</u>

The Meeting thereupon adjourned

Wm. A. [Signature]

Mechanics Institute, Montreal
November 15th 1886

A Special Meeting of the Members of the above
Institute was held on Monday Evening in the
Long Room at 5 o'clock.

Present Robert Brown Esq. President in the Chair
beside whom there were present Messrs. Hughes,
Lampson, Dr. Hutchinson, Moore, Gall, W. Reid, J. White,
D. P. Kelly, S. Wood, S. Gauth, H. Gauth, Col. A. A. Stevenson,
D. Weston, J. H. Hagan, D. H. Kingston, R. Macintosh,
E. P. Kille, E. Jones, J. Wright, Th. Workman, R. Mitchell,
D. Knutson, A. C. Hutchinson, R. Seale, D. Bentley,
W. McLean, W. Lamb, J. Smith, J. McCallum, A. Cowan,
D. H. Henderson, W. C. Simons, J. Simpson,
Machon, R. Miller, A. B. Stewart, W. M. Briggs, W. J. Costigan,
D. Wilson, H. Millon, D. Macfarlane, J. Kuller, G. W. Stephen,
W. Knutson, J. Spicer, J. Allan, J. Muir, W. Shaw
The Secretary W. John Harper and others.

Secretary read notice of Meeting in vol. "Western"

Also notice of Special Meeting of 1883.

The President opened the Meeting by explaining
in a short and an appropriate address the object of the
Meeting and asking the Secretary to read a letter
recommending Mr. J. C. Simpson, of which the
following is a copy.

Robert Brown Esq
President
Mechanics Institute,
Montreal.

Dear Sir I have been instructed to offer one
thousand and five hundred dollars cash
for the Mechanics Institute property, corner of
St. James and St. Catherine streets, known as the
official building of the West-land Mutual. This is the
best offer I am authorized to make. Should it not
be accepted, will you kindly state the lowest price that
will be accepted, and give me the refusal of the
property for fifty days, in order that I may
communicate with my Principals.

Yours very truly
J. Bradock Simpson

The subject of this letter was very generally



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discussed, and the matter of the sale of the Building and the opening of Technical Classes, or a Trade School in connection with the Mechanics Institute, was most fully explained by Mr. J. W. Hughes, the other gentlemen who took part in the Meeting were Messrs. W. W. Cleland, W. McFarlane, Chas. Gault, D. Brown, G. W. Stephens, Col. A. A. Stevenson, Thos. Workman, Dr. Bell, Geo. Hodgson, W. Butterfield, W. Keill & Dr. Gungor.

Mr. R. Hutchinson said that in order to have something definite before the Meeting he would move the following Resolution. Seconded by Mr. W. McFarlane. "That in the opinion of this Meeting it is desirable to sell the Institute building and premises, provided a sufficient price be realized."

Mr. G. W. Stephens proposed as an Amendment "That the Chairman appoint a special Committee for the purpose of considering the question of the propriety of selling the present Building and submitting a comprehensive plan for re-investment of the proceeds for the education of Mechanics and apprentices, to the Mechanical profession, and also of the adaptability of the present building to the requirements of the War."

Sub-Amendment. Moved by Col. A. A. Stevenson ^{by Mr. Keill} "That the question of the sale of the Building be referred to the General Committee with instructions to report thereon, at the Annual Meeting to be held on the first Monday of next month."

The Chairman then read the resolution and the Amendment, when Alderman Stevenson's Sub-Amendment was put it was carried by a large majority.

The Meeting then adjourned

R. H. Irvine Pres

The Gazette.

THE MECHANICS INSTITUTE.

Special Meeting Last Evening—The Offer of \$105,000 Discussed—The Committee to Consider the Question of Selling and Report.

A special meeting of the Mechanics Institute was held at the hall last evening, the president, Mr. Robert Lewis, in the chair. There was a very large attendance of members, among those present being Messrs. J. W. Hughes, Lampard, Matthews, Hutchison, Moore, P. Lyle, Wm. Reid, Stephen White, Dr. P. W. Kelley, Samuel Wood, Chas. Garth, David Brown, Joseph Belle, Henry Garth, Robert Mitchell, Jonathan Hodgson, Jas. Muir, Col. A. A. Stevenson, Jas. Wright, D. Richardson, Richard Seale, Jos. Smith, David Henderson, Dr. Hingston, Neil McIntosh, Thos. Workman, A. C. Hutchison, D. Bentley, M. McCallum, Wm. Clendinning, A. B. Stewart, W. Briggs, W. T. Costigan, A. D. Wilson, D. McFarlane, John Balmer, G. W. Stephens, Wm. Rutherford, T. Allan, James Spear, John Harper (secretary), and others.

The secretary read the notice calling the special meeting for the purpose of considering an offer which had been made to purchase the present site and building.

The President, Mr. IRWIN, in his opening remarks said that some three years ago, on the 9th April, 1883, a meeting had been held at which the question of selling the property came up. An informal offer of \$100,000 had been made to buy and, after meeting unanimously resolved that the question of selling the building, the property of the Institute, be not entertained. As regarded the meeting to-night, with the past two years the committee have been several times approached with a view of inducing them to sell. To the last party who had approached him, he said, "Make an offer in writing." Time after had since been received, and it was for the purpose of considering it that this meeting had been convened. A letter had been received from Mr. J. Craddock Simpson, offering the sum of \$105,000 cash for the building and premises. Upon receipt of this letter, he had brought the matter to the notice of the committee, who had authorized him to call a meeting of the members. It was now in their hands, and the committee had no desire to take it out. He (the president) remembered when the Institute was in a flourishing condition, but it had now dwindled down to a mere library and reading room. He did not advocate the sale for any purpose other than to benefit the institution. The resolution, which had been passed at the meeting three years ago, had bound the committee hand and foot, and it was now for this meeting to say what should be done. One thing he felt proud in saying, and that was that the property had not depreciated any under the management of the present committee, which had been an honest one.

Mr. J. W. HUGHES, vice-president, then briefly reviewed the past career of the Institute, which had been founded forty-seven years ago by some far-seeing citizens in order to supply a much felt want, principally educational. With but slight interruptions, for a number of years, this work was carried on. Many of the successful business men of the present day are indebted to the Institute for the means of fitting themselves for "the battle of life," and yet these very men take little or no interest in their "Alma Mater."

For years the Mechanics Institute was the only place of public meeting in Montreal, and the annual "Mechanics' festival" was the great event of the year. Times have changed since then, and the provincial and county shows have made the Mechanics' festival a thing of the past. The centre, too, of population has changed, and with one exception, (the St. James' street Methodist church), this Institute is the only public place which has not yielded to the stern logic of facts and moved up town, and in less than two years that church, too, will move. The work of the Institute has not yet properly begun, and that work is the founding of trade schools. Are the people of Montreal less patriotic than those of other cities on this continent? France, Germany, England, and even Russia, have their technical schools where thousands are yearly educated in a knowledge of mechanics. Mr. Hughes then suggested a scheme which he said originated with himself and for which the other members of the committee could not be held responsible. Briefly the scheme was, "Accept a good offer when you get it. Divide the library, giving the scientific works to the Free Public Library, to be known as the Mechanics' Institute department. This gift might be accompanied with, say, a cash gift of \$5,000; \$50,000 might be expended in the purchase and fitting up of new quarters and upon the establishment of their trade schools they could be affiliated with McGill college, giving, in return, to the students of that college that technical knowledge which they now sought in vain."

A very animated debate ensued, which was taken part in by Messrs. Doran, M. Hutchinson, Wm. Clendinning, Chas. Garth, McFarlane, David Brown, G. W. Stephens, Ald. Stevenson, Dr. Hingston, Hodgson, Val. Isaac, Dr. Kelley, A. C. Hutchison, Wm. Rutherford, Thomas Workman, and others. Motions, amendments and amendments to the amendment came fast and thick, the general sentiment appearing to be adverse to selling, and after a thorough and spirited debate the following amendment to a previous motion was proposed by Ald. Stevenson, seconded by Mr. W. Reid, and carried almost unanimously.

That the question of the sale of the building be referred to the general committee, with instructions to report thereon at the annual meeting to be held on the first Monday of next month (1886).

The meeting then adjourned.

The Herald.

MECHANICS INSTITUTE MEETING. The Sale of the Building and Premises Discussed—The Matter Referred to the General Committee.

A special meeting of life and ordinary members of the Mechanics' Institute took place last night in the Long Room of the Institute, the President, Mr. Robt. Irwin, in the chair, and Mr. John Harper acting as secretary. Among those present were Messrs. J. W. Hughes, Lampard, M. Hutchison, Moore, P. Lyle, W. Reid, S. W. White, Dr. Kelley, S. Wood, C. Garth, Jos. Belle, H. Garth, Robt. Mitchell, Jonathan Hodgson, Jos. Muir, Jos. Wright, B. Rutherford, R. Seale, Jos. Smith, D. Henderson, Dr. Hingston, M. McIntosh, Thos. Workman, A. C. Hutchison, D. Bentley, M. McCallum, W. Clendinning, A. B. Stewart, W. Briggs, W. T. Costigan, Alderman Wilson, R. Milne, D. McFarlane, J. Balmer, G. W. Stephens, W. Shaw, T. Allan.

The chairman opened the proceedings by reading the advertisement calling the meeting and making some remarks explaining its object.

The secretary then read a letter from J. Craddock Simpson offering \$105,000 for the Institute building and premises. There was some discursive talk, when Mr. J. W. Hughes said it would be well to proceed with the business in a business-like manner. He said that the Montreal Mechanics' Institute was founded about forty-seven years ago by a number of wise and far-seeing citizens to supply a want that then existed in the community. Its object was to place within the reach of the mechanics sound literature, and to afford them the means of mental improvement. It was also intended to form classes in the institution for the instruction of young mechanics in such branches of knowledge as should best fit them for the business of their lives. Mr. Hughes reviewed at some length the history of the Institute, and showed that the objects contemplated to be attained by it when it was established are now accomplished by other means, and that the march of progress, so to speak, had left the Institute in the rear. He argued that its members should endeavor to keep pace with the times and make it what in these days such an institution is required to be. He contended that the situation of the building is not where it ought to be to accomplish the best results. Other institutions, sacred and secular, which had been in the neighborhood of the Institute had found it necessary to move north and west. Private residences had been removed to that section of the city and it was right that the Mechanics' Institute should follow the tide of population. He showed what Mechanics' Institutes were doing in other cities in the United States and Europe, and he thought that Montreal should not keep behind the age in the matter of providing proper instruction for the young men who intended to practice mechanical arts. Mr. Hughes then threw out the following suggestions. He advised the sale of the present building for a fair price. He would have a portion of the proceeds of the sale re-invested in a suitable building in a convenient locality. He would present to a free citizens' library all the light literature at present in the possession of the Institute, and would add to the gift a certain sum of money, say \$5,000, in order to support the library and to give the Institute a voice in its management. The technical and scientific books would be retained in the library of the Institute. The building could be erected for \$25,000, the gift to the library \$5,000; then there would be some \$45,000 left for investment from which to derive a revenue for the Institute. He would establish a technical school and would have it affiliated with McGill College. This would give the school a good educational standing and open to it the advantages of the science department, while in return the Institute could afford that practical instruction in mechanics to McGill students of which they now so greatly feel the need. Mr. Hughes exhorted his hearers not to permit the golden opportunity to slip of extending to the young mechanics of Montreal the educational advantages they so much require to enable the city to hold its own as a manufacturing centre.

Mr. Doran criticized Mr. Hughes' scheme and condemned it as impracticable. His principal objection, however, was that the price offered for the building was altogether too low. Three years ago \$100,000 had been offered for the property. Since then real estate had gone up fifty per cent. and nothing less than \$150,000 would be a fair price for the building. Mr. Hutchison said that in order to have something definite before the meeting he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. D. McFarlane: "That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable to sell the Institute building and premises, provided a sufficient price be realized."

Mr. Clendinning wanted to know what was the net revenue derived from the building, and he was told that it was \$3,886. He believed that the present building was sufficient for all purposes and that its position was central. He

argued that if the mortgage was paid off and a new building erected there would be very little of the price of the building left to re-invest. He thought that an exhaustive report should be drawn up by the committee and submitted to the meeting.

Mr. Chas. Garth regretted that the committee had not a well considered scheme to lay before the meeting. The president had said that the committee were bound hand and foot by the resolution of 1883 but he did not think that this was the case. He would like to know from the committee if they considered it advisable to sell the building and if they did so what would they do with the funds. He wanted the committee to give a clear financial statement and to show that it was for the benefit of the Institute to sell the building.

Mr. McFarlane considered that the committee were precluded from entertaining any offer for the property by the resolution of three years ago. They could not take a step in the matter without first obtaining the consent of the members.

Mr. David Brown was opposed to the sale of the building. He considered that the present one might answer all the purposes required.

Mr. G. W. Stephens was of opinion that the committee should bring in a report. The Mechanics' Institute does not now afford the educational advantages that it ought to offer the mechanic. There are no classes. The reading-room and library were used, but comparatively few were benefited. If the building was sold the proceeds should be put in such a shape that young mechanics might derive from them the means of technical education. After some remarks on the cost of technical schools and the benefit to be derived from them, Mr. Stephens moved the following resolution:—

"That the chairman appoint a special committee for the purpose of considering the question of the propriety of selling the present building and submitting a comprehensive plan for reinvestment of the proceeds for the education of mechanics and apprentices to the mechanical professions and also of the adaptability of the present building to the requirements of the day."

Dr. Kelley spoke in defence of the committee with regard to the selection of books for the library. He advocated the establishment of mechanical schools in the city and said it was not creditable to Montreal that when any manufacturer wished to give his son a thorough education in practical mechanics he was under the necessity of sending him to the United States. The great need of the city is an institution where mechanics may receive an education to fit them for the callings they were to follow. There was, he said, \$80,000 invested in the Mechanics' Institute building, and all the beneficial expenditure of the organization was \$800 for the reading room and library.

Mr. A. C. Hutchinson said that the Institute was not fulfilling the purpose for which it had been established. It was merely a reading room and library. If the building was fit for the purposes of a Mechanics' Institute in the modern sense it should be retained. He considered that it was not only the boys who needed to be instructed in practical mechanics. The men in their workshops badly needed such teaching as would be given in the technical classes.

Alderman Stevenson spoke against the sale of the property, and moved the following resolution seconded by Mr. W. Reid:—

"That the question of the sale of the sale of the building be referred to the General Committee with instructions to report thereon at the annual meeting to be held on the first Monday of next month."

Mr. Thomas Workman regretted the tone in which some of the speakers spoke of the committee. They had been censured for calling the meeting, but they had done what was right and proper. Mr. Workman spoke in high terms of Mr. Hughes' scheme of technical education and the affiliation of the classes with McGill College. He had no doubt that if the system was set on foot means would be found to carry it out. Rich men would be found ready to assist so good and beneficial a work. He considered that the property was worth \$125,540.

Mr. Jonathan Hodgson said that the members of the Institute ought to make an effort to get rid of the debt of \$26,000 with which the property was encumbered he did not think it would be very difficult to raise the money.

The chairman then read the resolution and the amendment. When Alderman Stevenson's sub-amendment was put it was carried by a large majority.

The meeting then adjourned.

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November 22nd 1886

The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening @ 8 o'clock.

Present W. H. Brown, President in the Chair
Messrs. Fyall, Lounsbury, Messrs. D. Kelly, Moore
Wood, Hughes and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Harper, Reporter having seen Mr. Lounsbury who had his Compliments to the Committee, and was anxious to hear of the welfare of the Institute.

The President reported his action in calling a special meeting of the Members of the Institute on the 15th inst and was attended by a numerous and influential representation of the Members.

House Committee Report read, was received and adopted.

Membership Committee Report read, and after some discussion as to the correctness of the numbers returned, of Honorary and Corresponding Members it was received, moved by Mr. Harper seconded by Mr. Hughes that it be adopted.

Lecture and class Committee report was read and adopted.

Library Committee report was read and was approved both for some correction, and addition with respect of books purchased since the last taking, and give the proportion of lost in March with that of other books. Moved by Mr. Lounsbury seconded by Mr. Wood. Carried.

Finance Committee Report was read, and ordered to be amended, in Balance that the Capital up to read the same as last year.

The particulars of Balance, not to be printed on the Postal Card of the financial Statement.

The Amount of Assets and Liabilities be prepared up to the date of November 1886. Moved by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Fyall. Carried.

Report of attendance of Member at Com-
mittee Meeting, was approved

The President reported. That Mr. H. W. Waterworth
Secretary of the Dominion Commercial Travellers
Association has applied to the Sup^{ts} to know
upon what terms the Members of their
Association could be received to the
same privileges of the Institute as per former
arrangement. Moved by Mr. Fyall. Seconded by
Mr. Harper. That we give them the same
privileges as before for the sum of \$150.00
per Annum. Carried.

A Numerously signed petition was received from
The Canadian Pacific Railway Work Shops. Asking that
we open a branch of the Mechanic Institute
at the East End of the City. Petition to be re-
cognized and also inform them that the whole
of the future of the Institute is now under care-
ful consideration

Letter read from Mr. Hugh Ross. Stating that a
dissolution of Partnership had taken
place in the firm of Messrs Paisley & Ross.
(Our Servants), and that the business will be
continued by Mr. H. Ross. receipt of letter
to be simply acknowledged,

Moved by Mr. Fyall. Seconded by Mr. Loomis and
That the kind offer of Mr. P. C. Royles of New-
York, to give us a Lecture during the winter
be accepted. And the Lecture Committee
be authorized to make the necessary ar-
rangements. Expense not to exceed \$100.00
Carried unanimously.

Petition received from The
Rev^d W. L. Lindsay, Rector of St. Annas
" Jas Ross, Methodist East End
" Geo Rogers Rector St. Sules
To be acknowledged on previous one

Moved by Mr. Wood seconded by Mr. Fyall. That Mr. Hughes
be authorized to visit upon Mr. A. C. Hutchinson, and
submit the scheme we have discussed to him for
an estimate as to their probable cost in carrying
out. Carried

The following Persons were nominated and duly elected
Members of the Institute.

- Life Member Mr. James E. Ward. Amherst. Vermont. City
Proposed by Mr. Wm. P. Huntington. Seconded by Mr. J. W. Hughes
- Life do Mr. G. W. Siddle. Bell Manufacturing & Sincere do City
Proposed by Mr. J. W. Hughes. Seconded by Mr. H. Thompson.

- 1 First Class. Mr. W. J. Thompson
- 11 Second do. Messrs J. Cummings, G. W. Murray, C. P. Hammons, L. Hamilton, A. Pope, J. Hodgson, J. E. Walker, J. Stephenson, P. D. Evans, Mrs. E. Penrose and Miss V. Trigg.
- 3 Third do. J. W. Dodge, W. J. Wright, R. J. Foster.

The Financial Statement for the Month of October was submitted by the Superintendent.

Receipts		Paid	
Oct. 1. Printing Press. James	151. 32	Oct. 1. City Assessment	756. 60
" 4 Cooper Union	2. 00	" 8 Postage Stamps	25
" 5 Salvation Army	25. 00	" 13 Express Charge on Pappah	
" 15 do do	25. 00	from Albany	115
" 18 Lacrosse Club	2. 00	" 23 Stamps for the U. S.	24
" 20 Salvation Army	25. 00	" Postage Stamps	25
" 27 do do	25. 00	" 30 Auction Room	5. 30
" 20 Union Nationale	3. 00	" La Manne	3. 00
" 30 Membership Fees	78. 00	" W. Drysdale & Co	
" Sale of Catalogues	1. 75	Libony 54. 00	
		Banking 109. 26	
		Stationery 2. 38 =	105. 64
		" W. M. Fuggs	8. 65
		" Alex. Brady	3. 00
		" D. Bentley	16. 25
		" W. Johnson Salary	50. 00
		" A. B. Hamilton "	35. 00
		" Post's Young's work	30. 00
		" do 5 Printing Extra	5. 00
		" Women for Learning	15. 00
		" Sundries	
		Bot Matches	15
	338. 07		1034. 78
Balance from Sept	1620. 89	Balance for " to Nov	924. 18
	\$ 1958. 96		\$ 1958. 96

The Meeting then after adjourned
Robt. Brown
Pres

Mechanics Institute, Montreal
November 27th 1886

A Special Meeting of the general Committee was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Song Room.

Present Mr. Wm. D. Irwin, President, in the Chair, Messrs. Moore, Field, Hall, Lempford, Wood, S. White, J. B. Young, J. W. Hughes, Dr. Kelley, and the Secretary. Mr. A. C. Hutchinson was also present. In consultation with the Committee, if Problems had been submitted for proposed alterations to Mr. Hutchinson and who now stated his regret in not being able to report on any or two of the four. As he had not been able to give the matter sufficient time. The Problems were

First. To Re-model Present Building,

Second. To Re-build on present site

Third. Places one East, one West, one Central,

Fourth. To Sell and Re-build in some other place.

Mr. Hutchinson promised if possible to report on the other two schemes before Annual Meeting.

It was resolved that a Meeting of the general Committee be summoned on Saturday next Dec. 4th at 3 o'clock p.m. and that Mr. Hutchinson be informed, so that he might have time to report fully at that Meeting.

Library Committee Report was read as amended, and the cost of the works of Fiction and general Literature as compared be added and that official statement be made explaining that a large proportion of our books of Fiction are not novels but works for juveniles, especially selected to hold and increase our 3 Class Members report as amended was accepted & carried.

Finance Committee Report, as amended was read, and after some further amendments it was received and carried.

Motion by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. White, that the Resolution referring to the omission of the Balance and the re-adjournment of the Capital etc to make it the same as last year be reconsidered. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Kelley, seconded by Mr. Fyall, that
the Financial Statement be printed as
read, but the address of balances be sub-
mitted. Carried

Report of Attendance on Committee was
read and received,

The Introductory clauses of the general report
were read and approved as far as read

The Meeting thereafter Adjourned

Robt. Smith
Secy

Mechanics Institute, Montreal
December 4th 1886

An adjourned special meeting of the general
Committee was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Present: Mr. John Brown, President in the chair.
Messrs. A. Stephenson, J. R. Young, Hughson, Dr. Pelley,
Mr. Hutchinson, P. Gall, Lompark, Moore,
Mr. A. C. Hutchinson was also present.

The Rev. James Barclay and the Rev. J. Rogers,
Met the Committee, informally and laid
before the meeting their views, and those also
of a meeting of Citizens held a short time back
in Woodshedmer's Hall, Mr. Barclay stated that
was amount amongst the Mass of people. For
Reading Room and Library in the Colborne, Popula-
tion and that it was desirable that a library
should be so arranged to enable the people to be
benefited thereby, and that he represented those
who were in no way antagonistic to the interests
of the Institute. As to any scheme contemplated
but rather desired to co-operate in any way in
their power and he could assure the Com-
mittee of a hearty support in any measure
having in view the foregoing objects, and
also the sympathy of every citizen who
had the well being of the people at heart.
The Rev. Mr. Rogers endorsed these remarks.

Mr. A. C. Hutchinson, read his report of
the plan scheme submitted to him
in reference to cost for Re-Modelling Building-
see

Moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. Gall, that
Mr. Hutchinson's report to the Committee be
then Committee report to the general
Meeting, and resolved that this Committee
are prepared to recommend the siting of
Reading Room in the East end west end of the City for
Library and Reading Room purposes, as soon
as the means are forth coming, and appeal to
the citizens for aid, carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Hughson, seconded by Mr. Lompark, that the
report for the general Meeting as drawn up by
the President be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Hughes seconded by Mr. Simpson, that
the report submitted by the Secretary be
adopted, as the Annual report for the
General Meeting. Carried.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

R. H. Emwin
Secy

Mechanics Institute, Montreal
December 6th 1886

The forty seventh Annual Meeting of the Members of
the above Institute was held here this evening at
7-30.

Present Mr. J. W. Durin, President in the Chair
there were also Messrs J. W. Hughes, A. Perry, J. White,
H. Sampson, Dr. F. W. Keller, W. Macdonald, J. D. Minie,
W. Butterfield, Col. A. A. Stevenson, H. Millon, A. J. Bell,
H. Gault, Chas. Gault, Mil. Macintosh, W. Young, J. Woods,
James B. H. Reid, E. Jones, Post. Mitchell, D. McFarlane,
W. J. Walker, J. Symon, P. Galt, Post. Young sen. Post. Young J.
W. F. Meunier, W. F. Brown, John McCallister, Dr. Dickie,
J. B. Spaul, W. Deydale, W. Butterfield, Jas. Wright,
J. B. Young, A. Cowan, G. M. Dunnington, John Allen,
G. W. Peck, W. A. Stephenson, W. M. Briggs, Dr. Binnie,
J. H. Ward, A. C. Hutchinson, W. H. Thomas, D. H. Henderson,
Ayle Vallance, Anna Moore, Mr. John Harper Secretary and others.

The Minutes of the 46th Annual Meeting were read and
confirmed, and signed by the President.

The Minutes of the special general Meeting held
on Monday November the 15th in Committee Room at
8 o'clock p.m. were read and confirmed.

The President in a brief address expressed his pleasure
at the large number of Members present on
evening which in itself was one in which they had reason
to feel proud. The reports of the various sub-
committees would show that all had been done
that could be to further the interests of the
Institution. The President then
called upon Mr. John Harper the Secretary
to read the report and the financial
statement and audit for the past year
ending October 31st 1886.

The Annual Report (Digest) was then read
by the Secretary.

In laying before you the 47th Annual re-
port, the Committee would call your
attention to the work of the several sub-
committees during the year. You will
see by the report that the finances are in a
healthy condition, and that there is a surplus



after paying all outstanding accounts, This year the Reading Room, Library, Entrance Hall, Corridors, and Long Room, have all been thoroughly cleaned and renovated, which has added much to the appearance and comfort of the Members.

The Lecture and Class Committee, regret not being able to make arrangements for Lectures, Mr. Storey made a proposition to deliver one on some Lectures with Heliographic views, which we were obliged to decline for want of accommodation.

We much regret the loss of 6 Life Members during the past year.

We have also to report a decrease in our Annual Memberships.

We are pleased to state that the Reading Room has been better attended the past year than for many years.

The Arrangement of papers for the Reading Room we believe have given general satisfaction, which is proved by the absence of all complaints.

The Library shows an increase in circulation of the previous years, and it is pleasing to note that a better class of books in proportion have been issued during the past year.

The general condition of the Library is most satisfactory.

The Gentlemen whose term of office now expires are

- Mr. Robt. Irvine President
- " J. W. Hughes Vice President
- " James Moore Treasurer
- " John Harper Secretary

And of the General Committee, Messrs H. Lamb, C. Pyall, H. Thompson, M. Hutchinson, W. A. Stephenson, all of whom are eligible for re-election.

The whole is respectfully submitted by the Committee and with the earnest hope that their labours

of the past year, will meet with the approval of
the Members

House Committee

Our Committee beg to report that certain necessary
repairs connected with this department have
been accomplished, viz the Store of one of our Lect
has been well fitted and repaired together
the Song Room, Reading Room, Library
Entrance Hall,

The general condition of the Building
has been faithfully attended to, and also the com-
fort and convenience of the Members,

We are pleased to report a further increase
in the revenue from Rents of \$71.25,

Our Committee held a meeting last February
to consider the proposition of Assessment paid
by the Institute and the Lecturers, and after
a very careful consideration, it was proved
that the Institute price too high a proposition
and it was decided that a re-adjustment
should be made, which has been effected
thus making a saving of \$64.99 a year,

We have arranged with a General Building
Society to hold their Meetings in the Song Room

and also arranged with the Association of
Engineers and Firemen to hold Meetings
once a week in the same place,

We have had our Boiler officially inspected
and which was found to be in good con-
dition.

The above respectfully submitted,

Lecture and Class Committee

Our Committee regret in not being able to re-
port more favorable in this department,
some correspondence for Lectures took place last
December, but it was found impossible to make
arrangements for Lectures, especially as the
Hall is regularly rented,

Membership Committee

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Your Committee are sorry in having to report the death of 5 of its Life Members, during the past year, viz. Hon. J. Z. Beaudry, Mr. Geo. F. Brouse, Mr. Jas. E. Magnin, Mr. John Douglas, and Mr. W. Graham.

The Comparative Number of Members at the end of the financial year stands as follows

	<u>1885</u>	<u>1886</u>
Honorary	12	12
Corresponding	9	9
Life	232	225
1 st Class	104	108
2 ^d do	383	334
3 ^d do	193	133
	<u>935</u>	<u>824</u>

We have pleasure in stating that we have added Mr. David H. Henderson to our list of Life Members.

We have an Association of Local Engineers and Firemen, to the number of about 50, who are not included in our list of Members inasmuch as they come as an association and not as individuals, and in whom we take great interest.

We mention with regret the absence through illness of our Past President; we are also sorry that Mr. Henry Linton is laid aside by sickness, who for so long has been an active Member of this Committee.

We have added 146 New Members to our Institute and 222 of our old Members have dropped off.

Library Committee

The Committee have much pleasure in reporting that the past year has been one of much satisfaction. The general interest in the Reading Room has been sustained. The Papers and Magazines supplied have given approval. The following are the numbers of papers or places on the Tables of the Reading Room.

Comarian 23 Daily, 22 Weekly, 5 Monthly,

British 1 Daily (The Times) 18 Weekly, 13 Monthly
14 Quarterly

French 4 Daily, 2 Weekly

American 6 Daily, 15 Weekly, 13 Monthly

And we do not hesitate to affirm, that the general reading matter supplied is the selection of varied and eminent talent, every possible effort has been made to see comfort and convenience of the Members

The Library = The Annual Stocktaking of the Library was completed in July, under the personal supervision of Messrs Hooper, Hughes, Leach and Foxcroft, and the result was most satisfactory

At the time of Stocktaking last year there were in the Library 9746 Books. Since there has been added by Purchase Binding and Donation 184 Books. To such of Stocktaking in July 1880 Total Number of Volumes, 9930. From date of Stocktaking in July to October 21st there has been added by Purchase Binding and Donation 92 Volumes, of which 28 were Volumes of Magazines bound, 7 English or general literature, 26 French and juvenile Books, 7 History, 5 Biography, 9 Science, 1 Travel, 4 U.S. Government Reports, 3 do of Quebec, 3 Education = a total general literature, 26 Fiction

The Number of Books in Library on the Completion of Stocktaking this year was =

	9921
In Circulation and on order	6
Books not attainable by Members having Speciality	3

	9930
Added since Stocktaking	92
	10,022

At the time of closing the Library for the Stocktaking there were 177 Volumes in circulation, all of which have been returned,

Of the 184 Volumes added to the Library
57 were Volumes of Magazines bound,
10 French,
8 Quebec Legislature

- 11 History
- 7 Civil Engineering
- 6 Miscellaneous
- 8 U. S. Government
- 7 Science
- 2 Encyclopaedias
- 2 Manufacturing
- 2 Education
- 2 Law
- 1 Canadian Economics
- 1 Biography
- 1 Geography
- 1 Psychology
- 1 Directory

The Donations of Books were from the U. S. Government the Inbee Legislature, Sir W. Dawson, G. W. Stephens, British Association for the Advancement of Science, The American Steam Boiler Insurance Co. One Mr. J. H. Bartlett Civil Engineer, Montreal. The above named Governments and each of these Gentlemen, have had their Donations duly acknowledged, and the Committee desire to place on record their thanks for the same.

All Books added in future by Donation will be marked by special label.

The Amount expended on the Reading Room has been \$489.70.

On the Library (including binding) \$316.54. Of this New York \$185.52 and for Binding \$160.02 of this Amount \$86.80 has been expended in Books of Fiction. But a large percentage of that Amount has been paid in the purchase of Books that were not Books but Works of general character especially added to hold and increase our 3^d Class Members and the balance \$98.92 for works of general literature.

The Number of Members using the Library this year is about the same as last year. The Number of Readers this year have been 647 against 638 and the number of volumes issued 12,613 against 12,432.

The particulars of the class of Books circulated during the year is as follows.

Fiction	6919
History	1850
Biography	1150
Travels	1700
Mechanics	1000
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	12.619

General Literature 5700
 Total of Fiction 6919 = 12.619 or an excess
 of Fiction 1219.

In the purchase of books special care has been taken to meet the desires and the intellectual tastes of those who use the Library, and every entry in the suggestion book has been given the most careful thought of the Committee, and in most cases the work referred to has been ordered.

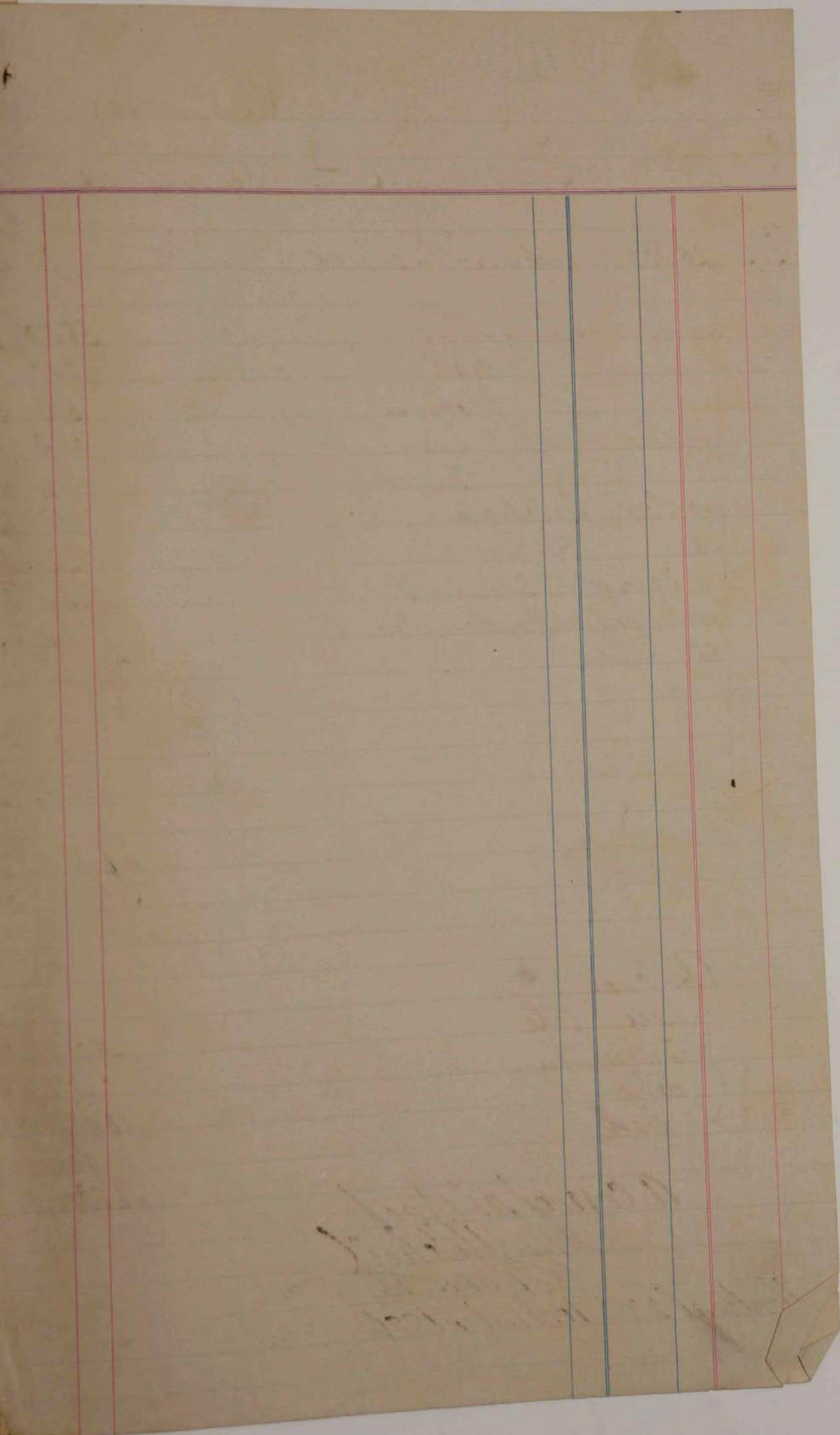
The Magazine Department is large and of increasing importance, and one of much value as works of reference, and your Committee are pleased to report that all our Magazines have been bound up to date.

In conclusion your Committee would call the attention of the Members to the insecurity of the room occupied by the Library in the event of a fire occurring; in all probability a total destruction of the books would be the result.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee beg to submit the following report, and have pleasure in stating that the general result of the past year's business has again been satisfactory. That by the most careful supervision of the finances of the Institute, they have been able to maintain the general efficiency thereof, and after paying every claim, so that there is not an account in favor or in arrears unpaid they have always a balance to their credit than for some years past, on the following statements will show,

Your Committee recommend that a profit and loss cap be opened with a view in future of having a



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Mechanics Financial Statement

126	Balance from Bkth. 31. 1885	✓	79	81
142	Receipts from Sales	✓	3800	00
"	" " Hall	✓	1200	"
"	" " Room	✓	316	50
42	Membership Fees	✓	1015	50
"	" do " Fees	✓	6	14
160	Sale of Catalogues	✓	17	25
93	" " Papers	✓	64	05
119	Interest from Investments	✓	466	57
51	Interest per Merchants Bank	✓	13	34
55	Light	✓	2	00

✓ \$ 6981.16

{ Balances
 { Real Estate
 { Furniture
 { Library
 { Cash

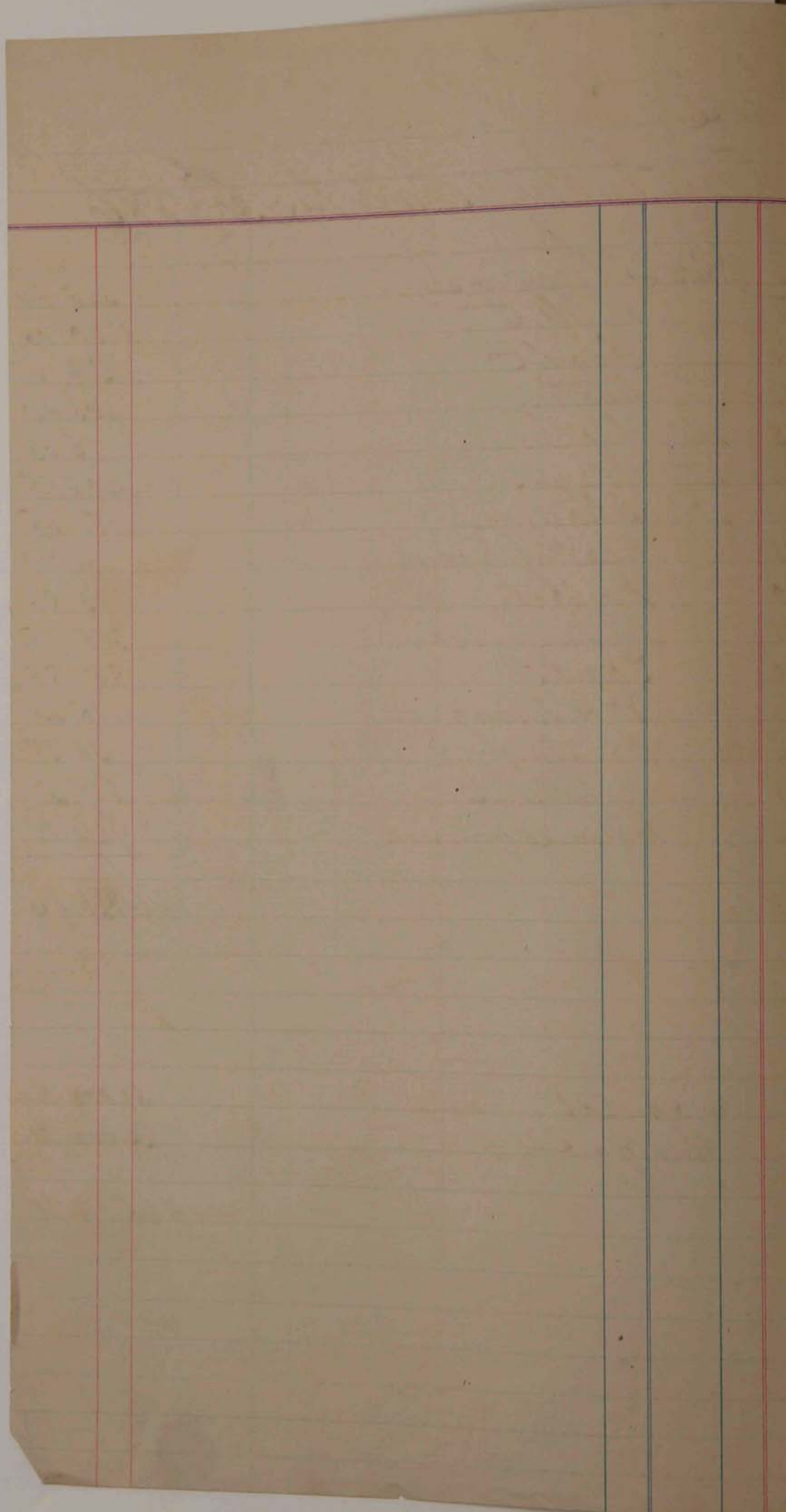
✓ 49077 47
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 ✓ \$ 65000.11

A correct abstract
 John Mitchell
 R. G. Banks
 Montreal 23rd November 1886

Institute

the Year ending October 31st 1886

72	12	Price Library	✓	345	54
"	51	" " " " " "	✓	1430	00
"	55	" Light	✓	279	"
"	132	" Heating	✓	403	90
"	75	" Stationery	✓	15	33
"	82	" Wages	✓	1408	85
"	"	" Cleaning	✓	181	65
"	88	" Reading Room	✓	439	70
"	70	" Postages	✓	13	83
"	98	" Insurance	✓	318	75
"	119	" Taxes	✓	837	85
"	64	" Advertising	✓	15	66
"	136	" Printing	✓	39	25
"	163	" Repairs &c	✓	327	67
"	126	Balance forward	✓	924	18
				✓	6981 16
Capital				✓	39.000 11
Mortgage					26.000 00
				✓	65.000 11



More accurate statement of Assets and Liabilities

At the commencement of the year. The Finance Committee have collected and prepared a statement of the probable Receipts & expenditure for the present year

Estimated Receipts	\$6183
do Expenditure	6156
	27 less than Estimate

Actual Receipts	6901. 35
do Expenditure	6056. 98
	844. 37

Lat. Balance from Oct/85	70. 81
Balance for 1886	\$924. 18

The Total increase of Receipts for the year are \$144. 82

the whole respectfully submitted

Attendance at Meetings

During the year there were 13 Meetings of the general Committee, and the attendance was as follows.

Mr. Geo. Brown, President	12
" J. W. Hughes, Vice President	10
" Jas. Moore, Treasurer	8
" John Harper, Secretary	11
" John Boyd, Park Methodist. Spots City	8
" Hy. Johnson	8
" Peter Byall	11
" Hy. Lempford	8
" Mr. Hutchinson	1
" W. R. Stephenson	4
" W. Reid	4
Dr. J. W. Kelley	10
Mr. J. White	3
" J. B. Young	10

Moved by Mr. W. B. Pennington seconded by Mr. W. S. Walker that the report be received & adopted.

An Amendment was proposed by Mr. A. Perry seconded by Mr. A. A. Stevenson. That the report be received and laid on the table for consideration during the evening. Amendment carried.

Report of Committee of Management on per special instruction given at the special meeting held Dec 15th was read, and embodied therein W. A. C. Hutchinson's reports.

To the Members of the Mechanics Institute. Municipal.
Gentlemen,

In accordance with your instruction we submit the following reports in relation to the sale of the present building, and its reference back to your Committee for some scheme or plan that would recommend itself to the general meeting of the Institute. We therefore requested W. A. C. Hutchinson Architect. To prepare some figures to show us, what could be done in the matter, we do herewith present such schemes or plans numbered one to five, and leave them for the general consideration of this meeting. And if any of the plans were their another meet the opinion of the Committee we favor the latter, which would enable us to build a suitable building and leave a reserve in hand to prosecute our work in other parts of the City. Such sum to be reserved until some further sum may be contributed by the Citizens, or our Members. To confer the greatest amount possible of benefit to the Mechanics and Citizens generally both East West and Centre. The whole respectfully Submitted,

W. A. C. Hutchinson's Report is as follows

Municipal Dec 3^d 1886

To the President and Members of the General Committee.

Mechanics Institute,

Gentlemen

The four following propositions respecting the Mechanics Institute have been submitted to me for consideration viz.

First A scheme for remodelling the Mechanics Institute building with a view to derive an increase revenue and to utilize it for present purposes with an estimate of the cost and revenues.

Second

To erect a New Building on the site of the present building, with an estimate of the cost, and revenues to be derived therefrom. The revenues so obtained to be devoted to the prosecution of the work of the Institute in another locality.

Third

To sell present building and convert the Capital in one central building and two others, place one in the Eastern part of the City, and the other in the Western part. The Central Building to contain Reading Room and Library, the other two Buildings to contain Reading Rooms, Libraries, and Class Rooms,

Fourth

To abandon the Maintenance of a Library and Reading Room in Central part of the City, but retain all the books necessary for a Library of reference in connection with a Technical School in another part of the City.
To rent the whole of the present building without making any alterations and devote the revenue derived therefrom to the Maintenance of a Technical Trade School.

First proposition. Remodel present building as follows, Make new entrance to Reading Room Library and offices from St Peter Street with new stairs and flight for access to same. Convert the present entrance Hall into a Shop or office. Improve the present Stairs on St James Street by putting in plate glass front, Remodel Second Story to suit above changes, and arrange for Reading Room & Library and offices.
Divide the present large Hall and parlor on the same into three Stays arranged as offices.
Estimated cost of alterations as above \$24000.00

Estimated annual expense of Maintaining building

Interest on \$24000.00 @ 5 per	1200.00
do on present loan	1467.00
Heating including furnace	1000.00
Wages for fire and attendance	1000.00
Light for Hall, case Hall, and cleaning time	200.00
Insurance	200.00
Allowance for repairs	400.00
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$6500.00</u>

Estimated Annual Revenue
 from offices on Third on St. James St.
 and Shop on the Cedar Street

	3000. 00
New office in present building	800 - "
offices in Second Story	800 - "
do " Third "	1500 . "
do " Fourth "	1250 - "
do " Fifth "	1000 - "
	8150 " 00
deduct Annual Cost	5500 " 00
	\$ 2650 . 00

Maintenance of Reading Room and Library in
 present building.

Annual Receipts

Revenue from tickets on above	2650 - 00
do from Membership Fees sale of papers, catalogues, & for Annual Statement	1100 - 00
	\$ 3750 " 00

Annual Expenses

Stationer and Clerk Salary	1200 - 00
Paper, Magazines for Reading Room	450 - 00
Light & Bleeding	150 - 00
Postage & Stationery	70 - 00
Stationery & Paper for books	200 - 00
Overseer, Librarian, & Rates	170 - 00
	2240 " 00 = 2240 - 00
Surplus	\$ 1510 . 00

By this scheme the Institute would
 have the sum of \$ 1510 - 00 annually for the
 purchase of new books and for the extension
 of its work.

Second proposition To erect New Building
 on site of present building. Five stories high
 besides basement, the whole divided into
 offices to suit modern requirements, and with
 a side wall on horizontal line of St. Peter Street
 will cost after utilizing material of present
 building as far as practicable say \$65,000. 00

Estimated Annual Cost of
 Maintenance

Interest on \$65,000. 00 @ 5%	3250 - 00
do on present loan	1480 - "
Water for heat and attendance	1000 - "
Heating & Janitor	1000 - "
Sightly Housework Hall cleaning	200 - "
	6880 " 00

Brought up	6880.00
Insurance	200.00
Annual repairs	400.00
Total	<u>\$7480.00</u>

Estimated Annual Revenue	
Rent of Boarding office,	1800.00
No. of room ground floor	3800.00
No. of room 1 st floor	600.00
No. of room 2 nd story	2200.00
No. " 3 rd "	1500.00
No. " 4 th "	1250.00
No. " 6 th "	1000.00
	<u>12150.00</u>
Deduct Annual Cost	7480.00
Net Revenue	<u>\$4670.00</u>

Estimated Annual cost of maintaining a reading room and library elsewhere than in the present building, but in the Central part of the City

Annual Revenue	
From Rent brought up	4670.00
From Membership Fees Sale of paper etc	1107.00
Total	<u>\$5770.00</u>

Expenses	
Rent of Room heated	800.00
Librarian's Ass't Salary	1200.00
Paper & Magazines	450.00
Light & Cleaning	150.00
Postage Stationery &c	70.00
Insurance	200.00
Attendants, Water Rates &c	170.00
	<u>3040.00</u>
	<u>\$2730.00</u>

By this scheme the Institute would have the sum of \$2730.00 available for the purchase of new books, and for the extension of its work.

Third proposition	Assuming that the sale of the	120000.00
Property will realize		
from which deduct amt. of mortgage		26000.00
Amount available for investment		<u>\$94000.00</u>

Proceeds of \$94000.00 @ 5%	4700.00
Membership Fees Central Reading-	
Room & Library	<u>1100.00</u>
	5800.00

Annual expense Central, Reading Room, Library, on present scheme \$ 3040 - 00 leaving a balance of \$ 2750 - 00. By this scheme the Institute would have \$ 2750 - 00 available annually for the purchase of books for Central Library, and the extension of its work in Branch Institutions in the East and West of the City. It is evident that this sum is inadequate for the support of one Branch Institute in which a library and reading room would have to be maintained and provision made for Technical Education.

Fourth proposition The revenue to be derived from the present building, if the reading room and Library were retained, may be estimated at 5600 - 00 from this deduct the Education premium 1430 - 00

Balance available for maintenance of schools as above	4170 - 00
Probable Ministry Fee	1200 - 00
	\$ 5370 00

<u>Probable Cost of Schools</u>	
Rent of Building	1400 - 00
Teachers Salaries	3000 - 00
Furniture &c	600 - 00
Attendants &c	80 - 00
Heating & Lighting	200 - 00
Materials for Schools	500 - 00
	4780 - 00 =
Balance	\$ 590 - 00

Alternative Scheme,

To sell the present property and with the proceeds erect a new building and extend the educational work of the Institute.

Assuming that the net proceeds after discharging the mortgage at present on the property would be \$ 96,000 - 00.

The cost of a new building and plot on Leather Lane Street would be say \$ 60,000 - 00 leaving a balance of \$ 36,000 - 00 as an estimated fund.

Estimate of revenue for Institute in new locality.

Interest on \$ 36,000 - 00 @ 5%	1750 - 00
Rent of stores and rooms	1200 - 00
	2950 00

Amount Brought up	2950 - 00
Membership Fee	1158 - 00
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	\$ 4050 - 00

Estimated Annual Cost	
Litigation and Ass't	1200 - 00
Heating Room repairs	400 - 00
Heating	700 - 00
Fighting & cleaning	200 - 00
Excessments, Water etc	400 - 00
Advertising etc	70 - 00
Insurance	180 - 00
Repairs	150 - 00
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\$ 3300 - 00 =	3300 - 00
	\$ 750 - 00

By this scheme the Institute would be in possession of a building that could be especially arranged for educational work, and costing less to maintain than present building, the property would be likely to increase as rapidly in value in St. Catherine Ave in St. James Street and there would be a small surplus of revenue for the purchase of books.

Having suitable rooms for educational work it is probable that the fees for instruction would nearly cover the expenses.

After the reading of the above report a very general and earnest discussion took place in which Col. A. A. Stevenson, Mr. W. T. Brown, Mr. A. Long and Mr. E. G. Gault, and others took part.

* It was proposed by Mr. W. Butterfield seconded by Mr. James Wright, "that the report of the Committee on the sale of the building be not adopted which offer to purchase the Mechanics Hall by Mr. Simpson be not entertained. And that the Mechanics Hall is not now on sale by the authority of the Mechanics Institute in the Market of Sale."

Dr. Kelly then addressed the meeting and spoke eloquently of the work of the Institute, as did also Mr. A. E. Hutchinson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Woods, Mr. James Wright and others.

An Amendment was proposed by Col. A. A. Stevenson seconded by Dr. Nichol, that the special report be received and laid on the table for consideration at a future meeting of the Institute. The meeting proceed with the election of officers. The Amendment was carried.

The President then appointed 3 gentlemen as scrutineers Messrs Byrd, Kester and Stewart.

Mr. S. Woods, received his Notice of Motion of Last
year, "That a branch be opened at Penn. N. Charles"

Moved by Mr. W. F. Brown, seconded by Mr. A. Brown
That the Annual report be accepted and
printed, and that the thanks of the Meeting
be given to the retiring officers, Carried

Moved by Mr. J. W. Hughes seconded by Mr. John Harper
that the thanks of this Meeting be given
to the Auditors, Carried

Moved by Mr. J. W. Hughes seconded by Mr. John Harper
That a vote of sympathy from this Meeting be
sent Mr. H. Lenth, Carried

Moved by Mr. J. W. Hughes seconded by Mr. John Harper
That the thanks of this Meeting be given to three
gentlemen who acted as scrutineers, Carried

The Meeting then after adjourned

A. A. Stevenson
President.

Mechanics Institute, Montreal,
December 18th 1884

A Special Meeting of the general Committee
was held this evening 11 o'clock ~~at~~.

Present, Chas. A. Stevenson, President in the chair
and Messrs Wm. Brown, S. White, Hy. Gault,
W. Reid, J. B. Young, Jas. Moore, W. F. Brown
W. Rutherford, Jas. Wright, Dr. Kelly and the
Secy Dr. Nichol,

Moved by Mr. Rutherford seconded by Mr. S. White
that the use of the Bow Room be granted to the
Citizens Committee for their Meeting, when
price is not otherwise in use, Carried.

Mr. Rutherford explained his views as to
Technical Education at some length, considering
that such schools could only be kept up
by Government.

Mr. Brown, considered that the Debt on the building
should be wiped off as soon as possible.

The President, thought that a Meeting of Manufact-
ures and Machine Mechanics should be held
in order to ascertain their views.

The Secretary advocated the organization of branches
in the East and West End, each branch to include
a library reading room with Lectures and Classes.

The President appointed the Vice President
Dr. Kelly, Mr. Hy. Gault, Jas. Wright, and the
Secretary as a Committee to devise a
scheme to extend the work of the Institute.

A. A. Stevenson
President.

Mechanics Institute, Montreal
Decr 13th 1884

A Meeting of a joint Committee of Citizens
appointed by a Meeting of Citizens held
late in Mr. Keim's Hall together with
the General Committee of the Mechanics

Institute,

Col. A. A. Stevenson in the Chair,
After reading of notice calling the Meeting,

The Chairman introduced the subject in
a few well chosen remarks, and concluded
by calling on the Rev James Barclay to
address the Meeting,

Mr Barclay commenced by stating, that he had
no definite fund at his disposal, save the
fund of the generosity of the Citizens of Montreal.
He then stated that he considered that knowledge
like religion and all other matters, should be
brought close to the people in all centres of population
He further stated that work could better be done by the
Mechanics Institute or the Trades Institute, as these
have an existence and accumulated means,

The President expressed his gratification in hearing
Mr Barclay's lucid statements,

The Rev Mr. Finlayson stated that 24 years ago he
assisted to build up the Mechanics Institute, which
at that time was almost purely for the benefit of
Mechanics. He thought that now these Mechanics
resided away from the center of the City, and
also that Branch Institutes should be organ-
ized in the East and West of the City, and said that he
could last winter in the formation of such others
in his end of the City,

Mr J. B. Ward thought that no action could be
taken by the Citizens Committee till they knew
what the Mechanics Institute could do,

The Rev John Nichols, warmly supported Mr Barclay's
views, and further thought that the Citizens Com-
mittee should not oppose the Mechanics
Institute. He sketched an ideal quite attainable
scheme of such Branch Institutes.

Rev W. S. Harris reiterated the views of the
Rev Messrs Barclay & Nichols

The Rev^d George Rogers followed in the same
strain especially deprecating any rivalry be-
tween the Citizens Committee and the Mechanics Institute,

J. C. Emberson thought that such organization
should be managed by Mechanics exclusively,

The Secretary, stated that the organization of a
School of Sanitary Science in connection with
the Mechanics Institute of importance

The Rev. W. Rindley, gave ~~considerable~~ thought that
the Mechanics Institute should consider the
matter. The Citizens Committee retaining

The President expressed his gratification at
meeting the Citizens Committee and hearing
their views. He stated that the Mechanics
Institute would always be happy to further
the interests of the Mechanics.

Mr. Brown sketched the G. I. N. Institute
at Point St. Charles,

Mr. Puthuff, Vice President expressed
that the Mechanics Institute was not an
exclusive organization,

A. T. Stevenson
President.

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Mechanics Institute, Montreal
December 27th 1886.

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening @ 8 o'clock

Present Col A. A. Stevenson, President in the chair
Messrs Gauth, Jr Moore, & Woods, W. F. Brown,
Jas Wright, W. Kuttarford, D^r Kelly and the
Secretary,

Minutes of the following Meetings, were read and
confirmed. Those of the regular Monthly Meeting
Nov 22^d Special Meeting General Committee
Nov 27th adjourned Special Meeting. Dec 4th
Special Meeting of General Committee and Citizens
Committee Dec 13th and special Meeting of the
General Committee also on Dec 13th

The following are the Minutes of sub-committee ap-
pointed Dec 13th Meeting held in the Day Room
on Saturday evening Dec 18th at 8 o'clock,

Present. The Vice President in the chair
Messrs Gauth, Wright, D^r Kelly and the Secretary,

Mr Gauth reported that all he had seen were
in favour of a Branch in the East End of the
City - the C. P. R., the Canada Rubber Company,
He reported also that a building in the N. West End
formerly occupied by the Man of the Congregation of
N. D. would be very suitable. He had been
unable to see the Sec,

The Vice President reported that he had been
unable to find a really suitable building in
the West end,

The Cost of each Branch were estimated as
follows

Rent	360	00
Heating	100	"
Light	75	"
Water	25	"
Caretaker	200	"
Reading Matter	100	"
Telephone	50	"
Miscellaneous	80	"
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	\$ 990	. 00

or \$1000.00 in all

It was estimated the number of Members obtainable would be about 200 @ \$2.00 ea per annum, and 100 @ \$1.00 ea or \$500.00 in all, while the various Expenditures in that part of the City would be good for at least \$300.00 more.

D^r. Pelley estimated that classes in French Arithmetic &c. would be almost self-supporting, while the Lectures would be free to all.

All were of an opinion that it would be difficult to obtain a suitable building before May 1st next, while an unsuitable building would ensure failure.

Moved by W^r. Wright seconded by D^r. Pelley, that the resignation of W^r. G. Gall be accepted. Carried

Moved by W^r. Garth, seconded by D^r. Pelley, that Alderman W. Kennedy be elected a Member of the General Committee in place of W^r. G. Gall, resigned. Carried

Moved by D^r. Pelley, seconded by W^r. Wright, that the sum of one thousand Dollars be granted to the Library Committee, to purchase Books. Referred to Finance Committee.

Finance Committee met and approved the grant. The President, nominated the following Gentlemen to serve on the several Sub-Committees, and on the vote being taken, the Committees were elected,

Finance W^r. W. Petherford, Chairman
Messrs. Rob^t. Edwin Jas. Moore, S. Woods,
W^r. Thos. Nichol and W. Reid,

House W^r. James Wright, Chairman
Messrs. W. Reid, S. White, Wm. Allan,
Gy. Garth, and W. Kennedy,

Library and Reading Room W^r. Rob^t. Edwin, Chairman
Messrs. W^r. Nichol, W. Petherford
W. F. Moore, S. Woods and D^r. Pelley

Lecture and Class, Dr. Teller, Chairman
 Messrs J. Moore, J. Allen, J. B. Young
 J. Wright and W. Denny

Memberships, Mr. W. J. Brown, Chairman
 Messrs W. Kettlebridge, J. B. Young,
 S. Wood, H. Gault and S. Little

The following persons were Nominated Members of
 the Institute

- (2) First Class, Dr. Casey A. Wood, J. M. Browning,
- (20) Second do Messrs James Smith, D. Duncan,
 B. Bidd, John Moore, Geo. Kamager,
 E. Butler, W. Cooney, B. Henry,
 Jas Brown, D. Timsey, A. J. Lewis,
 F. P. Currie, J. W. Wible, J. Smith
 W. A. Campbell, J. Mulrooney, S. Fletcher,
 W. W. Parr, Jos Haynes, A. E. Soliel
- (8) Third do R. J. McGibbon, W. Dawson, Miss G. Lound
 L. Tyler, H. Ding, E. Stevenson,
 S. A. Malloff, Miss Davis.

On Motion of Mr. Brown. Seconded by the Vice President
 there were Declared duly Elected Members of the
 Institute

The Financial Statement for the Month of
 November was submitted by the Superintendent,

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
No 7	Richards Merchant	No 6	Postal Cards
	Tailoring to Rent 125. 00	10	Postage Stamps
" 4	South Eastern	" 13	Fee to 15 th
	Railway to Rent 500. 00	14	Postage Stamps
" "	Salvation Army 25. "	24	do do
" "	do for gas 4. 30	30	Postal Cards
" 5	Mutual Mutual	" "	W. Johnson Salary
	Building Society 30. 00	" "	A. B. Hamilton do
" "	Crescent Tavern	" "	Robt. Young 4 weeks
	Club 2. "	" "	do 4 February 2 nd
" 8	Rankly Moss Rent 325. "	" "	Women for Cleaning
" "	Crofton Union 2. "	" "	do Cleaning Women Estab
" 11	Salvation Army 25. "		
" 12	Royal Mutual		
	Building Society 30. "		
	1068 30		194 55

Brought forward

Received		Paid	
Nov Brought over	1068. 30	Nov Brought over	144. 55
" 16 Lincoln Club	2. 00	" 30 Services	
" 17 Mrs Thibaudan	2. "	" New Hook	07. 02
" 24 Librarian Army	25 "	" Soap & Brush	15
" 30 Membership Fees 351	"	" Washing Soda	25
" 16 No file in Wood	25 "	" Sewing	20
" 7 No Association of Engineers & Ironmen	25 "	" Premiums 3-	
" 30 Sale of Catalogues	75	" Books & Other	75 = 1. 37
	1529. 05		195. 92
Bal from Oct	924 18	Bal from Oct to Dec	2257 31
	<u>2453. 23</u>		<u>2453. 23</u>

The Meeting thereof adjourned,

A. H. Stevenson
President.

Mechanics Institute. Montreal
January 24th 1889

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this Evening @ 8 o'clock.

Present Col. A. A. Stevenson, President in the Chair, Messrs W. Rutherford, R. Swin, J. White, J. B. Jones, J. Wright, W. F. Brown, H. G. Gault, G. T. Talbot and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Special Committee on Extension of the work of the Institute reported progress. Mr. Rutherford stated he had been unable to find a suitable building in the West End, but hoped to secure a good place after Feb 1st.

Mr. Gault reported that suitable room for arranging of their meeting could be had in the Adams Tobacco Factory. He added that the room property could be had for Ten Thousand Dollars. The property measures about 200 x 500 feet. Mr. Gault also stated that Mr. W. L. Kennedy considered that a suitable building could be found on Marlborough Street.

Mr. Gault recommended that Mr. W. L. Kennedy be added to this special Committee.

Moved by Mr. Brown seconded by Mr. Wright that the General Committee meet at the Institute on Saturday next @ 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of inspecting buildings at the East End. Carried.

Mr. R. Swin presented a report from the Library Committee stating that the sale of papers &c. had taken place by Auction as arranged, the aggregate amt. was about \$50. or a little less than usual.

The Chairman of the Home Committee gave verbal report of progress.

The Finance Committee has to report having prepared the following statement of probable Receipts and Expenditure

Receipts		Expenditure	
Next Term Fees	3800 00	Interest	11430 00
" " Hall	900 "	Wages	1450 "
" " Eng. Room	300 "	Cleaning	190 "
Sale of Publications	10 "	Furniture	450 "
" " Papers &c	50 "	Heating & Power	450 "
Travelling Exp.	450 "	Seating	400 "
Interest on Investments		Light	350 "
Bank	20 "	Rates	840 "
Memberships Fee	1100 "	Repairs	250 "
Dr. Fine	3 "	Insurance	320 "
		Printing	40 "
		Advertising	25 "
		Stationery	20 "
		Postage	15 "
	4633 00	Sundries	50 "
Balance from last year	924 18	Section & Class	100 "
	<u>\$7557 18</u>		<u>\$6230 00</u>

Showing a surplus rather over that of last year in amount. The Committee would urge the importance of our Members of the General Committee doing their best to bring in New Members.

The foregoing Report was received

The following a/c were presented for payment

Dr. Kelly	1 - 00
The Hon	9 - 12
" " Witness	2 - 85
Mr. Mac Donnell	3 - 50
S.B. O'Brien	3 - 00
W. M. Briggs	13 - 10
W. E. Chester	12 - 15
D. Hentley & Co	4 - 00

The above a/c were passed and referred to Finance Committee for payment

The following Persons were nominated for Memberships to Second Class, St. Bough, W. H. Bough & Behreuch, J. C. Hovden & C. Ramsey, P. Glavin

5 Third Class, Chas. Duels, J. H. Mc Sperr, M. Rose,
 G. Hopkins, W. J. Wright,
 Moved by W. Rose Seconded by W. South, are duly
 elected Members of the Institute Council

The Financial Statement for the Month of Dec^r
 was submitted by the Superintendent,

<u>Received</u>		<u>Paid</u>	
Dec 4 Sabatun Army	25.00	Dec 1 Wash ^d Seal Stan	6.50
" 6 Caledonian Club	2.00	" 6 Postage	50
" 10 Sabatun Army	25.00	" 8 W. Hill, Interest date	715.00
" 13 Cooper Union	2.00	" 18 Postage	50
" 14 Sabatun Army	25.00	" Postal Card for Wash ^d Seal	3.00
" 17 Citizens Meeting	2.00	" 21 Stamps	50
" 22 Sabatun Army	25.00	" Guarantees to S	7.50
" 28 do do	25.00	" 31 W. Johnson Salary	50.00
" 31 Membership Fees	157.00	" A. K. Hamilton	35.00
" do fines	25.00	" W. J. Young 5 weeks	35.00
" Sale of Catalogues	75.00	" do 1/2 hr for printing	5.00
" Interest Merchants		" Woman for cleaning	15.00
Bank to Nov 30 th	15.32		
		<u>Expenses</u>	
		Washing Book	25
		Jacks	05
		Loaves	10
		Corn Broom	40
		Remainig	
		cash 1-25 =	2.05
			<u>875.55</u>
		Bal from Nov	1686.08
			<u>\$2561.63</u>
	<u>304.32</u>		
	2257.31		
	<u>\$2561.63</u>		

The Meeting thereafter adjourned,
 Robt. Smith Ch

Mechanics Institute
Montreal, Feby 28th 1887

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Com-
mittee was held this Evening at 8 o'clock,

Present W. H. Irwin, in the Chair,
Messrs Wright, J. B. Young, D. J. Kelly, W. P. Hutchins
and the Secretary,

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and
confirmed.

The House Committee reported that early in January
they had a Meeting, when it was resolved to go
through the whole Building and carefully examine
every part, also those occupied by Tom Tenant
and the general result was satisfactory, save
and except the Urinal, and after carefully
examining the place, we resolved to advise
Alben Urinal and the floor to be all covered
with first class Slate slabs, and have a Slate
skirting 6 inches high, and a Lender was ordered
from Mr. Briggs for the accomplishing of the same.

And some other matters the Supt's was ordered to
have done.

The Chairman of the House Committee, reported that
he duly gave notice to Mr. Chaffee of the decision
of the Committee to increase the Rent of his
Office from \$2000.00 per Annum to \$2250.00 and
to which Mr. Chaffee has agreed from the first
of May next, on the condition that when a Steam
coil be placed in his front Office, and to
which I have agreed. Mr. Chaffee asks for
a lease of 5 years from the first of May next at
a Rental of \$2250.00 per Annum, and which
I promised to lay before the general Committee.

Mr. Briggs Lender for a new Urinal has been
accepted and is now in course of completion.

Our Tenant Mr. Ross, has had his store thoroughly
cleaned. The walls and ceiling scraped and
washed and tinted, and Windows, counters and
Tables all painted, and the store is looking
exceedingly well.
Messrs J. B. Kelly seconded by Mr. Young that the report
be received.

The Library Committee reported that they held a meeting on Friday last and passed the following a/c.

W.D. Spence	to paper Magazines for 1887	361. 25
do	" Stationer	7. 51
do	" Binding	58. 96
do	" New Books	36. 10

Journal of Commerce a/c 2. 75

The Gazette Printing Co. have sent in their a/c for 4 copies daily of their paper from Decr. 31/84 to Decr. 31/87 & 24 - on it was resolved to ask our President if he would please undertake to see the Managing Director and seek to have the paper presented as a donation to the Institute.

Some 18 New Books were bought on Friday last

Mr. Kelly has succeeded in securing a number of quarterly Periodicals and two other Books which were wanted to complete our sets.

It was resolved to ask for a further grant of one thousand dollars,

The above report was received, and it was resolved that the thousand dollars asked for be granted.

Mr. Wright made a verbal report of alterations to the Building

Mr. Rutherford was ~~suggested~~ ^{elect} as a Member of the House Committee, in place of Mr. John Allen who it was stated declines to act.

A letter was read from H. Jenks applying for the position of Librarian to the East End Branch.

Mr. Rutherford reported progress from the Special Committee on execution of the work.

Mr. Wright presented the following a/c for payment.

Alex Craig	2. 25
Press Books	5. 06
Wm Briggs	3. 22

The following persons were nominated and duly elected Members Second Class. Mr. Jennings, J. P. Rice, J. M. Wilson, J. Brown, Mr. Morgan, J. Lamontagne, Third Class J. A. Cookson,

The Financial Statement for the Month of
 January was submitted by the Superintendent

Received		Paid	
1887		1887	
Jan 4	Substantia Army 25.00	Jan 18	The Press & Council 31.25
" 7	Co. Cole 2 "		All ^d for Over Charge
" 11	Substantia Army 25 "		on Catalogues 30.00
" "	Co. Cole 2 "		Rec'd Balance 1-25
" 14	Construction Association 2 "		
" 18	Substantia Army 25 "	" "	Stamps 50
" 24	Substantia Army 25 "	" 19	Jan Brown Bros 1.25
" 31	Membership Fees 100 "	" 24	D ^r J. Kelly (Printing book) 1.00
" "	Sale of Catalogues 50 "	" 26	Witness 2.85
" "	Collector for the sale 22.25	" "	D.B. Young 3.00
		" 27	The Star 9.12
		" "	D. Bentley Ho 4.00
		" "	John W. Bayall 3.50
		" 28	W.C. Chester 12.15
		" "	Journal of Commerce to Aug 20/84 3.00
		" 29	Postal Card 25
		" "	W.M. Briggs 13.10
		" "	John Pittman for book 55
		" 28	Phoenix Assurance Co 280.00
		" 31	W. Johnson Salary 50 "
		" "	A.B. Smith 35 "
		" "	W.B. Young wages 28 "
		" "	Dr 4 for copy, 2 the 4 "
		" "	Women for cleaning 12 "
		" "	Sundries
			Hants 1.25
			Exp 10
			New Books 50
			White 15
			Printing at the 1.50 = 3.50
	228.75		448.02
	Balance Dec 1686.08		Balance for 1446 81
	<u>\$1914.83</u>		<u>\$1914.83</u>

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.
 Wm. Dufford - Chairman -

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Mechanics Institute.

Monthly Meeting March 28th 1889

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this Evening at 8 o'clock

Present: Mr. W. Penthridge, V.P. in the Chair
Messrs. Wm. Dravin, S. Woods, W. T. Brown, J. B. Young,
S. White, Hy. Gauth, Jas. Wright, and the Secretary

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Library Committee reported that they had
arrived on Friday last,

and have pleasure in stating that Mr. Boyer Architect of this City has presented three books to the Institute also the U. S. Government have presented the 15th Vol of the 10th Census, all of which have been duly acknowledged

Our Committee again purchase a number of books for the Library with their usual care.

A new paper has been started in this City called the "Canadian Workman" and we have decided to take it for 6 months

A further grant of \$100 is asked for

The following was presented for payment

Miner's Exam \$ 3 - 00

The Star 12 - 04

D. Bentley & Co 25 - 00

Moved by Mr. Dravin, seconded by Mr. Wright: that the report of the Library Committee be received and adopted, and that the sum of \$100.00 asked for be granted demanded

Mr. James Wright, Chairman of the Committee, presented the following for payment

W. M. Briggs 52 - 01

D. Penthridge 3 - 25

Moved by Mr. Wright seconded by Mr. Dravin report be received and adopted.

Moved by Mr. Swin, Seconded by Mr. Brown, that the Minutes of the Institute be given to the G. P. O. for the Maps presented by them to the Institute

Moved by Mr. Swin, Seconded by Mr. Wright that the President and Secretary be authorized to complete the lease of High Pass,

Moved by Mr. Brown, Seconded by Mr. Swin, that the various Railway and other Public Cos be applied to for copies of Maps and Photos of their Waters

The following Persons were nominated for Membership

(1) First Class In. Cornwall

(4) Second do L. Demactigny, W. L. Ross, G. Roy, J. H. Campbell.

(7) Third do Frank Arnold, Kella Laurie, Walter Laurie Wilton, Laurie A. Dew, Louis Harrison, H. Brantley,

Moved by Mr. Brown, Seconded by Mr. Wright that these Persons be elected Members of the Institute, Carried.

The Financial Statement for the Month of February was submitted by the Superintendent

Received		Paid	
July 1	Richards Merchant	July 14	Postage 50
	Taylor Rent 125. 00	"	Montreal Gas Co
"	" Salvation Army 25 "	"	RR Co 93.79
"	" 2 High Pass " 325. "	"	How 8.50 = 99. 20
"	" 4 South Eastern	" 22	E. J. Maxwell Co 1. 92
	Recidney Co 500. "	" 24	Postage for Reports 5. 00
"	" 7 H. M. Childs 18. "	" 28	W. J. Salmon Salary 50. "
"	" Cooper Union 2. "	"	" A. B. Hamilton " 35. "
"	" 17 Salvation Army 25 "	"	" P. B. O'Connell " 28. "
"	" 18 Loan & Mortgage Co 2 "	"	" do 4 Fundraising " 4. "
"	" 23 Salvation Army 25 "	"	" Woman for
"	" 24 Hon. J. & Co 13. 50	"	cleaning 12. "
"	" 28 Membership Fees 52. 00		
	\$ 1112. 50		\$ 235. 62

Received

Paid

Feb	Brought forward	1112	50
128	Membership. Jan		20
"	" Sale of Catalogues		25
"	" paper by Auction 3.		70
		1116	65
	Bal from	1146	81
		\$ 2543	46

Feb	Brought forward	235	62
" 28	Sundries		
	Removng Dec on		
	Sunday		60
	Nov 12		50
	Bills		15
	Removng. Wks	50	1-55
			237
	Bal forward to March	2326	29
		\$ 2543	46

The Meeting thereafter adjourned

A. A. Stevenson
President

Mechanics Institute
Monthly Aft 25th 1887

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General
Committee was held this Evening at 8 o'clock

Present Col. J. F. Thompson, President in the chair
Messrs. W. Pennington, W. Peck, S. Woods,
Jas. Wright, H. Gault, S. White for Money
Dr. Kelley and the Secretary Dr. Fisher.

The President introduced the subject of the lease
to the S. E. P. Co. as unfinished business and
it was settled as follows.

Moved by Mr. Pennington, seconded by Mr. H. Gault,
That inasmuch as alterations
will be made in this building it is not
desirable to rent the corner store for more than
one year. Carried

Report of the Library Committee.

Our Committee had a meeting on Friday last
and have pleasure in acknowledging the
donation of several books and another map
for our reading, ^{room} through our President
also two valuable sketch books.

We are very desirous of maintaining the interest
of the Library and if possible to give in-
creased interest to our Members, and to
accomplish this, we have bought a
number of new books and have sought
to please the tastes of our several Members.

The following a/cs were passed and are
presented for payment.

Messrs. W. Daydale & Co	99.98
" Dawson Bros	24.19

It was resolved to ask for a further grant of
\$100.00.

Moved by Mr. S. Woods seconded by Mr. Wright
That the report of the Library Committee be
received and adopted. Carried

The Vice President read the report of the House
Committee as follows That they held a meeting

on Saturday the 16th inst. The New Verinal is completed and the work is quite satisfactory,

The chairman of this Committee presented certain Architectural plans, for the alterations of this Building, and your Committee are of the opinion that by the adoption of these plans the general interests of the Institute would be greatly advanced, and more in character with our modern ideas of what the Institute should be, and we think would also increase the revenue. The cost of these alterations is estimated at about \$16,000.

After careful consideration it was decided to recommend to the general Committee, that the proposed alterations (subject to further revision as to detail) be made - and further would recommend as to the means to effect the said alterations, first the sale of the Pease Building, if a suitable sum can be obtained for it, or second that application be made for an increase of the Tax. In such sum as the general Committee might determine ~~to be~~ accepted and approved, except Mr. Reid who objected on the ground that it would not increase the revenue, so far as he could judge at present;

J.N.

The whole respectfully submitted.

signed James Wright
W. Putterford
Stephen White
By Gantt

Moved by Mr. Wright seconded by Mr. Putterford - that the report of the House Committee be received and laid over for consideration at a meeting to be called for the purpose at an early date. Mr. Reid submitted a statement of figures which are attached to the report of the House Committee for further consideration.

Carried

Supposed Profit if Alterations are made as proposed	3000.00
Estimated on 16,000.00 to make the alterations @ 5%	880.00
Cost of Working Hoist	800.00
Extra Insurance	120.00
do Heating	100.00
do Assessments	160.00
Allowance for Vacant Offices less of Rent	600.00
	2460.00

Brought forward		3000 - 00
do do	2680 - 00	
Printers and Contingences	150 - 00 =	2810 00
		190 " 00
Exp. Rent of Hall		800 "
	<u>Deficit</u>	\$410 - 00

The special Committee on Extension of the Library and Reading Room had a meeting this evening.

Present Mr. W. Rutherford, Vice President in the Chair, also Present Hy Gault, Dr. Nichol Jas Wright and Dr. Kelley.

Gen. Committee after examining letters sent, in answer to our advertisement begs to submit the following reports:

1st That in order to the carrying out of the Extension movement Gen. Committee advertised for suitable premises to lease, but none of those offering were considered suitable, or such as could be recommended because of the location or conditions of premises.

2nd That the sum of one thousand dollars as reported heretofore as the estimated outlay for each of the Branches - with the supply of books from the present Library is adhered to, and Gen. Committee recommends that the sum of three hundred dollars be appropriated for rental of premises for each Branch and that the Committee be empowered to rent such premises - as they may consider suitable, at a rental not exceeding three hundred dollars, without further reference to the General Committee.

3rd That Gen. Committee be granted permission to lease such premises in the East and West such as in their judgment would be suitable, without reference to limits heretofore fixed upon, and that without having to make further report to get the assent of the General Committee.

4th Premises found suitable and leased requiring repairs and alterations. Gen. Committee recommends further that a sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for such

repairs and alterations, the same to be at the order of your Committee

5th That premises otherwise suitable in the opinion of your Committee may be leased for one or years - as your Committee may deem best

6th That the general Committee promise to give effect to such lease - repairs or alterations as your Committee may settle upon up to the terms herein stated.

The whole respectfully submitted
Signed W. Wetherford
T. W. Kelley
By Geo. H. Gault
Hiram Michol.

Moved by W. Wetherford seconded by T. W. Kelley that the report of the Extension Committee be received and referred to the Finance Committee for consideration - and report to the General Committee

A letter was read from T. C. Emberson requesting information about the extension of the work of the Institute

Moved by W. Woods seconded by W. Wright that the President, Vice President, Dr. Kelley & the Secretary be appointed a committee to wait upon W. W. C. VanHorne, in order to ascertain what the U. S. R. would be likely to extend to the extension movement,

Report of Membership Committee.
We have pleasure in submitting the Comparative Number of Annual Members for the years 1885-6 to ~~the~~^{the 25th} of April 1887.

	1886-6	1886-7
Number of Members First Class	79	81
" " " Second do	224	242
" " " Third do	81	77
To date, total number Exp. con	384.	Fin Gen 400.
An increase of 16 Members		

The following are the Comparative Amounts received for the years 1885-6 and - 1886-7 - to Apr 25th
Total Amount \$ 756. 50 for this year of 886. 00 being an increase of \$ 129. 50 of last year. This amount includes the subscription for life membership of Mr. G. W. Saddle,

The following persons were nominated for membership,

(3) First Class Messrs H. Hadley, J.M. Beausoleil and W. D. Fichtell,

(8) Second do Messrs J. Braithwaite, J.G. Glen, A. Lytton, Chas H. Lacey, J.Z. Woods, Chas Bennett, V. Perrington and Miss A. Mitchell,

(5) Third do W.H. Tomkinson, A.W. Clapton, John Hamilton, W.L. Pearson and Mrs Ann Strong,

Moved by Mr. Braithwaite, seconded by Mr. White that the above mentioned persons be duly elected members of the Institute. Carried.

The Financial Statement for the Month of March was submitted by the Superintendent,

Received		Paid	
Mar 1	Subscription Army 25-00	Mar 4	Dr. Brown Bros 1-85
"	" Mutual Building Society 30-00	"	" W. Dwyer & Co
"	" Royal do do 30-00	"	" Papers for R. Room 361-25
"	" 2 Society Hochalaga Council 3-00	"	" Stationery 7-81
"	" 7 Subscription Army 25-00	"	" Binding 58-94
"	" Hon J.J.C. Webb 5-00	"	" New Books 36-10
"	" Cooper Union 2-00	"	" 5 G. F. Goddard 6-00
"	" 14 Subscription Army 25-00	"	" 7 Hugh Poes 9-00
"	" do for gas & paper 5-50	"	" 12 W.M. Briggs 3-22
"	" 16 Lectures Meeting 1-50	"	" 21 Poes Bros 5-06
"	" 21 Subscription Army 25-00	"	" 21 A. Lytton 2-25
"	" 24 Society Association per Prof Brown 2-00	"	" 25 Postage 5-00
"	" 28 Crescent Locomotive 2-00	"	" 31 W. Johnson Salary 50-00
"	" Subscription Army 25-00	"	" " A.B. Hamilton 35-00
"	" 31 Membership Fees 85-00	"	" " Park Young & Co 28-00
"	" do same 50-00	"	" " do 4 Furniture Extra 4-00
"	" Sale of Catalogues 25-00	"	" " do 5 do extra 5-00
"	" do paper by Auction 3-70	"	" " do 5 do extra 5-00
			Services
			Inst. & Secy 50 Jan Budget 45
			For March 15 Jan Spring 35
			Feb 15 1-50 Hon Clk 25
			Scrubby Trip 12 Hon Secy 35
			Lord & Seal for Mar 25 Premium 25-00 5-17
	295-55		623-07
	Bal from Feb 2324 29		Bal for to Apr 1998-77
	2621-84		2621-84

The Meeting thereafter adjourned
Wm. Had

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Minutes of May 22, 1887

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Com-
mittee was held this Evening at 8 o'clock,

Present Col. A. A. Strong, the President in the Chair
Messrs. Wm. H. Swain, W. F. Brown, Dr. Smith, J. B. Jones,
W. Rutherford, W. Keiser, W. Kelly and the Secretary
Dr. Geo. Nichol,

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and
confirmed.

Library Committee Reported. That they held a
Meeting on Friday last, and have pleasure in
stating that the Federal Government have presented
the Institute with a further donation of 4 fine
Books.

Messrs. Dutton and Daydale each sent us in a parcel
of New Books as requested, and after much care
we purchased some 12 or 14 Books of general Lit-
erature, and about 13 do of Novels and Juvenile
Books, and every entry in our Library Suggestion
Book is carefully considered.

The following a/cs were passed and are presented for
payment.

Messrs Daydale & Co \$ 21. 02

" Dutton Bros \$ 4. 97

Report passed and the a/cs ordered to be paid.

The Local Exchange applied for the use of the Eng-
Room for about one hour of every Friday until the
first of next May, Meeting to be held at 8 o'clock p.m.

Supt's ordered to make the best arrangement he could

A letter was read from W. F. Brown, Mechanical Supt's
of the C. P. R. asking when the special Committee
would settle the matter of the Eastern Branch.

W. F. Brown reported that the Methodist church of
Point St. Charles could be had for \$ 5,000. Refused
to W. Rutherford as chairman of the Extension Committee.

The following Persons were nominated for Memberships.

1 First class. Mr. Gen Hague.

4 Second do Messrs John McHugh, Mr. Scott,
John Japson, and Mrs. Strachan.

Moved by Mr. Young, Seconded by Mr. Brown. That the above mentioned Persons be duly elected Members of the Institute. Carried

The Financial Statement for the Month of April 1887 was submitted by the Superintendent.

Received		Paid	
Apr 1 Sabbath Army	25-00	Apr 1 st Minors. Supply to supply	3-00
" 11 do do	25	" " Stone	12-04
" " P. Bulmer	2	" 2 W. Bunting & Co	25-00
" " Coopers Union	2	" " W. M. Briggs	52-
" 19 Sabbath Army	25	" " D. Bunting & Co	3-25
" 22 Mr. Bringle	2	" 12 Nick's Scale & Co	6-50
" 25 Sabbath Army	25	" 13 Mr. L. Foley	2-75
" 29 St. Christine	2	" 29 E. M. Bain	50
" 30 Membership Fees	49	" 30 W. Johnston Tailor	50-00
" 15 do Gift, J. W. Little	25	" " A. B. Hamilton do	35
" 30 do Fine	05	" " Mr. G. Young 5 weeks	35
" " Sale of Catalogues	1-50	" " W. 5 Sunday Etna	5
" " Bal of papers by Auction	20-60	" " Women for cleaning	15
		" " do Etna time	1
		<u>Sundries</u>	
		Reminding Dec	2-50
		do Oshes	50
		Law dust	20
		Coal & kindling	25
		3 Pts eye	25
		Smoking Bank	25
		Edt. Japson	60 = 4-55
		Stamps	50
	204-15		251-09
Bal from March 1898	77	Bal for th to May	1951-83
<u>\$2202-92</u>		<u>\$2202-92</u>	

Mrs. Rutherford.
Chairman

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Mechanic Institute

Montreal. June 6th 1887

A Special Meeting of the General Committee was held this Evening @ 8 o'clock.

Present: Col. A. A. Stevenson in the Chair.
Messrs W. P. Butterfield, J. B. Young, W. F. Brown
and Dr. Kelley.

A Deputation from the Citizen Committee consisting of the Rev. Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Alex. Gordon was received. They wished to know what the prospects were in regard to the extension of our work in the east end. An interesting conversation was held between the Deputation and Committee and the Deputation expressed themselves as being very well pleased with the progress that the Committee had made, and then withdrew.

A Communication was received from the City Clerk about the general Illumination of the City on the evening of the 21st June Queen's Jubilee. The question of Illuminating the Mechanic Institute was then considered. And it was moved by Mr. Young seconded by Dr. Kelley that the matter be left in the hands of the Home Committee. Motion now put by the President and carried unanimously.
W. F. Brown, Acting Secretary.

W. P. Butterfield
Chairman

Mechanics Institute
Monthly June 27th 1887

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Com-
mittee was held this evening at 8 o'clock,

Present: Mr. W. Kesteven, Vice President in the Chair
Messrs. G. S. Irvine, J. B. Young, J. Wright, W. J. Brown

The Minutes of the last regular and special Meeting,
were read and confirmed

Sup^r reported that he had rented the Long Room
to the Montreal Coal Exchange. Every Friday afternoon
at 3 o'clock for about 2 hours for \$50.00 per annum
rent payable quarterly and in advance to commence
the 1st of May 1887. The Committee approved of the Sup^r's Action.

The Extension Committee reported progress. And letters were
read from John Gou. and F. R. F. Brown. who enclosed a
resolution passed at a Meeting of the Employees of the
C. P. R. and the Secy was instructed to write Mr. F. R. F. Brown
informing him that a deputation would wait upon him
as an early day about the matter. The papers read were
referred to the Extension Committee

Report of House Committee.

House Committee held a meeting on June 7th the day
after the special General Committee Meeting to
carry out those instructions for the illumination of
the Institute on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee.

We decided in having 4 Electric Lights. And 12 Trans-
parency. 2 being for the window of the South Eastern
and 10 for ourselves. And after very careful thought
we selected the following subjects: The Queen in Life
size Windsor Castle. Malmaison Castle, The Crest
of the Institute. The Telegraph, The Telephone in operation.
The First Railway Carriage, Railway Carriage of to day the
Pullman Sleeping Car, The Barge of 1837. The
Parisian Steam Ship, Victoria Bridge. Lachine
Bridge. The Royal Couch of Arms, The Canadian
Coat of Arms, with Bunting and many flags
with number of Devices.

The cost of which is \$145.00 and Mr. Chaffer of
the South Eastern agrees to pay \$25.00 The Bills
were certified to by the House Committee. and the General
Committee ordered them to be paid

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The House Committee were instructed to obtain tenders for the supply of coal, say from 80 to 85 tons and to purchase the same.

The Chairman of the House Committee was instructed to make arrangements with Mr. Rogers for his holidays and the Chairman of the Library Committee was instructed to make the same arrangements with the Sup^t and the Librarian.

The Chairman of House Committee was instructed to place on the Bulletin Boards at the Door the Name of the Institute and amount of Fees for Membership

A communication from the guarantee Co was read respecting Mr. Hamilton's guarantee, and the Premium \$2.50 was ordered to be paid

Report of Library Committee.

The Committee met on Friday last and passed the following vote for payments,

W. Chynoweth & Co	47.48
Dawson Bros	9.62
John Frelb	2.50
John Dwyall & Son. "Witness office"	4.00 12.00

The usual time for stock taken is in July as less care is made for books. And we think it best to close the Library for 14 days or less time if possible commencing July 11th

Donations of the following Books were made to the Institute
The Government of Washington the 10th census of the U. S. Mortality and Vital Statistics Vol 12

The Government of Ottawa. Revised Statutes of Canada for 1884 2 Volumes. and 3 Blue Books

Mr. J. N. Bruce. On the Art of Projecting. Author Prof. A. E. Dolbear,

The above report was received & passed and the vote ordered to be paid

9 The following Persons were nominated for Memberships
Second Class. J. S. Leavitt, W. Harrison, Geo. J. C. Leavitt, E. Daniel, John Frelb, Dawson, Nichols, Gilze-Thomson, John Dwyall and Mr. W. Fleming

The above were duly elected Members.

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Mechanics Institute. Montreal
July 25th 1887

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this Evening @ 8 o'clock.

Present Col. A.A. Stevenson. President in the Chair
Messrs Wright, Brown, Spring, Garth, White,
Moore and W. Brown.

In the absence of the Secretary W. Brown was requested to act as Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

President reported verbally in the Eastern Extension that they had a conference with the C.P.R. officials. They would only write with the Institute in accordance with their letter sent June 13 & 14 which was as follows

Canadian Pacific Railway Company
Office of the Mechanical Superintendent
Montreal June 14th 1887

Col. A.A. Stevenson. President. Mechanics Institute C.
Dear Sir

Referring to our conversation on the 25th ult. re-establishing an East End branch of the Mechanics Institute. A meeting of the C.P.R. employees was held last Saturday in the dwelling house on Parthenais St. granted by the Co for use as a reading room, when it appeared to be the unanimous wish that membership should be confined to C.P.R. employees only, to let you know exactly how the matter now stands & send you herewith a copy of report of the meeting.

Yours truly

Francis R. Brown.

Mech. Supt.

June 13th 1887

F.R.F. Brown Esq.
Mech. Supt.

Dear Sir

Meeting of the Members of the proposed branch of the Mechanics Institute was held on Saturday at noon when it was resolved that they should become a branch of the "Mechanics Institute" but that the Branch should be confined in membership to the employees of the C.P.R. and also the Management.

Yours truly

E. W. General Foreman

Meeting June 13th 1887

J. W. Brown Esq
Mech^l Supt^r

Dear Sir,

At a general meeting of the Members of the L.P.H. Reading Room Association it was decided to connect themselves with the Mechanics Institute, provided they would form a branch Institute for the benefit of the L.P.H. employees only, giving us duplicates of all papers and Magazines he in the central Institute and the use of the Library & Classes.

It was also unanimously decided to request you to accept the presidency of the Association.

Hoping that you will be able to accept the position

I remain

Yours truly

A. G. Mc Intyre

The West End Mission. The Chairman was not present and therefore no report is on hand

Library Committee reported that Stock had been taken and was very satisfactory

House Committee reported that they held Meeting on the 16th July to open tenders for the supply of Coal for the Institute.

The several Tenders tendering were all of one price for either Egg or Furnace oil viz \$5.50. Moved by Mr. Pennington seconded by Mr. Kutherford that Mr. Harth's Tender be accepted

A letter was received from the City Surveyors stating that the Water Street from North Avenue to St. Johns Street. It was intended to be asphalted in 3 weeks time. And we are requested to have our drain water and gas pipes leading to our property placed in proper order before the laying of said pavement as permission to open said street after said pavement is laid will be refused.

We have ordered the usual repairs to be made to the underground flue from the Boilers

And the Hot air Chamber be put in thorough repair and connected with a hot air pipe from outside of Building.

and would recommend connecting the Roof Water Con-
ductors with drain on St Peter Street.

We also recommend that the Cellar under the
South Eastern R.R. office, be advertised to let
for storage purposes

The following are now passed for payment	
Water Rate the Institute	57-75
" " " Hall	28-50
Wm Briggs	5-70

The Chairman of the House Committee reported verbally
on the Minute of the House Committee he went to
Mr Hart to accept of his tender for the supply of our coal.
He replied that coal had gone up and the price would
now be 5-65. Which was fine it to him

The House Committee are authorized to have the conductors
made from Roof to Drain on St Peter Street.

Also authorized to get estimates for the Hot Air Chamber

Also the Cellar be advertised to let for storage purposes the
one under the S. E. R. Office

Resolved that the coal contract be given to Messrs Evans & Co
@ 5-65 and for Letch Steam 4-76

The following are now passed and reduced to the price	
Wm Briggs	85-70

Information taken by the receiver and left in the hands of the
President.

The Financial Statement for the Month of June
was submitted by the Superintendent.

Received		Paid	
1887		1887	
June 3	Wm Kiddle s.r. n. 8-00	July 7	W. Doydale & Co 21-02
" 6	Salvation Army 25	" " "	Downer Bro 4-97
" "	Coopers Union 2	" 13	W. Reid & Sons Interest 715-00
" 13	Salvation Army 25	" 23	The City Sec Co 5-00
" 14	Methodist Trampy Club 2	" 28	John Lovell 2-50
" 16	Coal Exchange 12-50	" 30	W. Johnson Salary 50-00
" 20	Salvation Army 25	" "	A. B. Hamilton & Co 35-00
" 22	Coopers Union 2		
	<u>101-50</u>		<u>833-49</u>

Received

Paid

1887	Some Brought forward	101	50
" 27	Salvation Army	25	00
" 30	Membership Fees	18	50
" "	do Fines	10	
" "	Sale of Catalogues	25	
		145	35
	Bal from May	2768	98
		<u>\$2914</u>	<u>33</u>

1887	Some Brought forward	833	49
" 30	Plot Opening 4 weeks	24	00
" "	do 4 Sunday Eves	4	00
" "	Woman for cleaning	12	"
	Sundries		
	Man cleaning Windows		00
	Box Matches	15	
	Mouse Trap	10	
	2 Empty Casks	10	
	Brush	35	
	Buttons	50	20
22	Stamps		50
29	do		50
		876	69
	Bal from 2 ^d July	2037	64
		<u>\$2914</u>	<u>33</u>

The Meeting there after adjourned

Wm. R. Rutherford

Mechanics Institute. Montreal
August 22. 1889

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this Evening at 8 o'clock.

Present: W. W. Pennington was President in the Chair.
Messrs Reid. Wright. Gauth. White. Pyrony. Brown
Moore. and Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown was requested to act as Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

The Extension Committee reported. That a letter has been received from the Representatives of the C. P. R. Co. employees, informing the Committee. That the Reading Room association in connection with the C. P. R. Co. would be glad to work with the Mechanics Institute. But only on condition that the advantages offered would be confined to the employees of the Company only.

The Committee did not see their way to agree to such a proposal. Their efforts were directed to the general benefit of those dwelling in the neighbourhood without reference as to where they worked. Moreover in our opinion the Charter of the Institute would not allow of such an exclusive branch. The final discussion is left to a future and if possible larger Meeting to be called by the chairman at as early a date as possible.

The position at the West End is as follows. A large and in every way desirable Building is offered us by The Old Bellair Hall. Co. Wellington and Bourgeois Streets Point St. Charles. The Building is about 70 x 25 there are 2 large rooms ^{about 50 ft long and a square} of about 25 ft square and the price asked was \$5000. or with certain conditions ~~which~~ which we could not accept. Since then we have had another Meeting at which one of the Trustees as a Representative was present. The price is now \$6000. or including all the furniture and effects connected therewith. The President wishing to see the Property before any further action. and the Matter is left.

Our Committee have further to report that they have in Company of the President again examined the Site Building and Moveables. and have had a meeting with a

representative of the Trustees of the property. Who
 has furnished a complete inventory of the
 movable designed to go with the property. the price
 asked for the whole is \$6000.00. of 2000.00 to be
 paid in cash on the passing of the deed. The
 balance to remain on the Building at 5% for
 any reasonable time.
 Your Committee find the site very suitable the
 Building suitable - and the Movable in good order.

They have therefore to report that in their opinion the
 Institute should purchase the property and Movable
 for the sum of \$5000.00 on the terms offered - that
 the sum of One thousand dollars be paid on the
 passing of letters of acceptance to hold good to the
 Institute till the 1st of November. And that a strong
 appeal be at once set on foot amongst the inhabitants
 of the parish and others for funds to purchase the
 property for the use of the Institute.

The whole submitted & recommended

Moved by Mr. Drwin and Seconded by Mr. Jones that the
 report of the Extension Committee be received
 and adopted, and that the sum of One hundred dollars
 be placed in the hands of the Committee to use them best
 Judgment to procure the old Fellows Hall as per report.
 Carried

The following was passed and ordered to be paid

Contribution of Members for Wednesday 11. 8. 01
 Herald 14 copies from July 1875 to Dec 1875 1/2 Rate 12. 00

The Financial Statement for the month of July was
 Submitted by the Superintendent,

Received		Paid	
July 4 Subscription Army	25. 00	July 4 Guernsey Loan B.H.	2. 50
" " Cooper Union	2. 00	" " J. Denton Bro	9. 62
" 11 Subscription Army	25. 00	" " Royal Electric Light Co	15. 00
" 15 Dominion Hat Co	2. 00	" " W. Crystal Palace	47. 48
" 19 A. B. Chaffer for		" " J. B. Pye	14. 40
Decorations for Mural 1875 - "		" " Writers for order	12. 00
" " Subscription Army	25. 00	" " J. N. Penhale	130. 00
" 24 do do	25. 00	" 18 Stamps	50. 00
" 28 W. Hole	2. 00		
	<u>\$ 136. 00</u>		<u>\$ 233. 50</u>

Received

Paid

July Brought forward 136-00
 " 30 High Press 325-
 " " Membership Fees 14-
 " " do Fines 10
 " " Sale of Catalogues 50

July Brought forward 233-50
 " 30 W. Johnson Salary 50
 " " O.B. Hamilton do 35
 " " Wm. Young 5 weeks 30
 " " do 2 1/2 days 3
 " " O.B. Hamilton 2da
 for 2 Sundays 2
 " " Women for cleaning 15
 " " do 2 1/2 hrs fine 1
 " 16 Man for cleaning 7-50
 " 25 do do 1-50

Expenses

Scrap Paper 20
 14 Candles 15
 Keeping Scrap 10
 Printing for July
 Halls 10= 55

Balance 475-80
 2037 44

Balance for 2 379-05
 2134 19

\$2513-24

\$2513-24

The Meeting thereafter adjourned
 W. B. Burtchford - Chairman

Mechanics Institute Montreal
Sept. 26th 1887

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present. Mr. W. Petherford. Vice President in the Chair. Messrs. Erwin. Moore. Brown. Young. White. Garth. Wright. Mr. Talley and the Secretary Mr. Nichol.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Petherford, from the Extension Committee reported that the Committee had paid the hundred dollars to the Representatives of the Beaver Lodge to bind the bargain. The said hundred dollars to be forfeited if the purchase is not completed by November 1st. The amount to be \$3000.00 for the real estate and \$900.00 for the moveables.

Moved by Mr. Garth seconded by Mr. Erwin, that the report of the Extension Committee be approved. Carried.

The Library Committee has to report that they had a meeting on Friday last. Messrs. Follen & Son sent us a Prospectus of their Gazetteer and History of every County, District, Parish, City, Township, Town, Village, Island, Lake and River in the Eight Provinces of the Dominion of Canada to be complete in 9 Volumes. the price is \$75.00 we would refer this matter to the General Committee.

Some of our Magazines are not complete, we are endeavoring to obtain those numbers of which we are short.

The Sup^t was authorized to prepare a supplementary Catalogue of all books added to the Library since the printing of the present Catalogue, and what it would cost to print.

Several Donations of Official Books have been made to the Institute from Quebec and Ottawa. The City Surveyor has also sent his Report of March 1886.

The following paper was presented for perusal and was correct. Mr. Talley. Magazine re 1-75. Journal of Commerce 1 Jan 83.

Memoire 1/2 Jan Sub \$25. to Drysdale Lr \$33.11
 Chairman of Library Committee for Work 15/4

Moved by Mr Wright seconded by Mr Selley that the
 Institute subscribe for Lovells *History of the Dominion of Canada* Carried

The Report of the Library Committee was received, and
 orders were ordered to be paid.

The Chairman of the House Committee made a
 verbal report. and presented the following report
 For Assessments \$840.00 less 30/4 \$814.80
 " Coals Trans Port \$440.18 Int. both of which were
 ordered to be paid

The Salvation Army applied for the use of the Hall
 for 3 or 4 weeks longer application was granted

The following persons were nominated for Membership

James McFarlane Second Class
 H Crowley do do

Moved by Mr Brown seconded by Mr Young that these
 gentlemen be elected Members of the Institute. Carried

The Financial Statement for the Month of August
 was submitted by the Superintendent

Received		Paid	
Aug 1	Richards Merchant	Aug 6	Postage 04
	Tailors 125 00	"	Boiler Inspection 5-00
"	" Cooper Union 2 "	" 8	Scottish American
" 4	Salvation Army 25 "		Sub from 1522 to 1574 2-50
"	South Eastern Ry Co 562 50	" 11	Montreal Gas Co
" 10	Montreal Mutual		Institute 50 55
	Building Society 30 00		Hall 5 65
" 11	Sgt Moore Loan 81 25	"	Water Rate
" 15	Salvation Army 25 00		Institute 52 75
"	Royal Building		Hall 28 50
"	Acety 30 00	" 13	W. M. Briggs of 5-70
" 23	Salvation Army 25 "		
			150 74
	905 75		

Received

Paid

Received		Paid	
Aug th	Brought forward 905.75	Aug th	Brought forward 150.74
" 29	Subscription Army 25.00	" 16	Drinking Glass 10
" .	Coat Exchange due	" .	3 Pto eye 25
	Master's Pension returned	" .	Postage 50
	to Nov 1 st 1887 12.60	" .	Post Card 12
" 31	Membership Fees 32.00	" 20	Box Matches 15
" .	Sale of Catalogues 50	" 23	Soap 08
		" 25	Herald to Sub 4 copies from Aug 1 st 87 to Dec 31/87 1/2 Rate 12 00
		"	Contribution of Mutual Welfare of Women's Meet 8 01
		" 26	14 Candles 15
		"	Preparing Filter 10
		"	Mr. Moore for train 81 25
		" 31	W. Johnson Salary 50 00
		"	W. Hamilton do 35 "
		"	Miss Young 4 weeks 24 "
		"	do 4 Sunday, 4th 4 "
		"	Women for cleaning 12 "
			<hr/>
	975.75		378.45
	Bad from July 2134 19		Bad to Sept 2731.49
	<hr/>		<hr/>
	\$3109.94		3109.94

The Meeting thereafter adjourned,

A. A. Stevenson
President

Received		Paid	
Aug	Brought forward 965.75	Aug	Brought forward 150.74
" 29	Subscription Army 25 "	" 16	Drinking Glass 10
" "	Good Exchange one	" "	3 Pkts eye 25
	Master Rent in advance	" "	Postage 50
	to Nov 1 st 1887 12.50	" "	Post Cards 12
" 31	Membership Fees 32.00	" 20	Box Matches 15
" "	Sale of Catalogues 50	" 23	Soap 08
		" 25	Herald Co Sub 4 copies from Jan 1/87 to Dec 31/87 1/4 Rate 12.00
		" "	Cooperation of Mutual aiding the Women St- 8 01
		" 24	1/4 Candles 15
		" "	Repairing Filter 10
		" "	W. More for frame 81.25
		" 31	to Solomon Salary 50.00
		" "	A.B. Hamilton do 35 "
		" "	Robt's Young stock 24 "
		" "	do 4 Sunday 4 "
		" "	Women's cleaning 12 "
	975.75		378.45
	Bal from July 2134.19		Bal to Sept 2731.49
	<u>\$3109.94</u>		<u>\$3109.94</u>

The Meeting thereafter adjourned

A. H. Stevenson
President

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Mechanics Institute, Montreal.
October 24th 1887

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this Evening at 8 o'clock

Present: Col. A. A. Stevenson. President in the Chair.
Messrs Wright, Gorth, Young, Reid, Woods
Moore, Rutherford, White, Brown and Dr. Kelley

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Brown was asked to take the Minutes of the Meeting.

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

The House Committee reported that a fire had taken place in the Hall this day, but that they could not then report as to the amount of the damage to the building and Library.

It was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Dr. Kelley, that Col. A. A. Stevenson, President of the Institute, Mr. Wright, Chairman of the House-Committee and Mr. Erwin, Chairman of the Library-Committee be appointed a Sub-Committee with full powers to arrange and settle with the Insurance Companies as to the loss on Building, Library, Pictures and other properties of the Institute. And that they also have power to appoint Arbitrators to represent the Institute if such is necessary. Carried.

The Library Committee submitted the following bills for and requested authority to pay them.

G. F. Goodland	6.00
Dawson Bros	6.28
Day, Dale & Co	14.52
J. H. Hickcox	4.66

It was duly moved and seconded that the requisite authority is hereby granted.

Moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Young, that Library Committee be requested to discontinue their subscription to the U. S. Govt. Catalogue.

The Extension Committee reported progress.

The following were nominated and duly elected Members

of the Institute

8 Second Class. Mr. Whelan. A. A. Moore. Herman Johnson
 Alex. Mitchell. A. A. McDougall. Rev. Linton.
 Victor E. Edwards. Miss Scaton.

5 Third do, Geo Edwards, W. J. Daly. J. Dillon.
 Herbert Warren Rich^d. Wilson.

The Financial Statement for the Month of September was
 submitted by Mr. Rutherford, Chairman of the Finance Com-
 mittee and was approved.

Received		Paid	
Sept 1	Rev. Reid 2.00	Sept 2	Men's Morning School 20.00
"	" Dr. Moore. Loan 20.00	" 7	Dr. Moore Rev. Loan 20.00
" 5	Coopers Union 2.00	" 6	Trustees of Beacon Lodge
" 6	Salvation Army 25.00		Old Salem Hall Rent 1/2
" 7	St. Finneas Syrian		Charles on a/c 100.00
	Refinery 2.00	" 9	Stamps 50.00
" 10	Domestic Letter Co 2.00	" 16	5 No. Chamber Journal 25.00
" 13	Salvation Army 25.00	" 29	Stamps 50.00
" 19	Salvation Army 25.00	" 30	Dr. Keller Book 1.50
" "	Coopers Union 2.00	" "	Mr. Rubin 15.00
" 29	Salvation Army 25.00	" "	City Treasurer for
" "	Richard's Loan for		Assessment 814.80
	Assessments 67.90	" "	W. Johnson Salary 50.00
" 30	License Victrola	" "	A. B. Hamilton 35.00
	Association 2.00	" "	Rev. Young's books 24.00
" "	Membership fees 11.00	" "	Dr. C. Liberson's letter 4.00
" "	do Fines 35.00	" "	Woman for Cleaning 12.00
		" "	Man for Cleaning children 1.00
			Surchises
			1/2 Candle 15 Cts. 15
			Low Rent 10 Cts. 20
			Rec'd. Loan 25 Cts. 10
			Lim 15 = 90
	211.25		1084.60
	Bal from Aug ³¹ 2731.49		Balance from 1858.14
	<u>\$2942.74</u>		<u>\$2942.74</u>

Committee then adjourned to meet at the usual
 place of meeting on Wednesday the 26th inst at 5 p.m.

Mechanics Institute, Montreal
Apr 26th 1887

An adjourned Meeting of the General Committee
was held at the usual place this afternoon @ 5 p.m.

Present Col. A. D. Stevenson President in the Chair
Messrs Wright, Gauth, Kennedy, Young,
White, Reid, Moore, Drwin, Brown, Woods and
W. Rutherford.

The House Committee presented the following Bills

to Mr. Briggs 7-45

to E. Chester 7-25

These were passed and ordered to be paid.

The Chairman of the Library Committee reported, that
he had agreed to accept the sum of \$625⁰⁰ for
the damage done to the Library by the fire, and
the agreement was confirmed by the Committee.

The Chairman of the House Committee reported that
the Insurance Company had not yet come to a
decision as to the damage done to the House.

The Extension Committee reported progress.

Moved by W. Rutherford Seconded by W. Young that
the House Committee are authorized to make
such repairs as may be necessary to the building
so as to make them tenable, that is after the
Insurance Company had agreed as to the amount of
damage.

The Meeting then adjourned till Monday the 31st inst
@ 4.45 p.m.

Mechanics Institute. Montreal.

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Oct 3rd 1887

An adjourned Meeting of the General Committee was held this day at 4-45 P.M.

Present: Col. J. A. Stevenson, President in the Chair
Dr Messrs. Wright, Kennedy, Gault, Young,
Irwin, Reid, Butterford, Brown, Wood (and
Dr Kelley,

A letter was read from Mr Hugh Ross. (one of our
Members) respecting certain alterations and improvements
suggested by him in his store. The matter was referred
to the House Committee, with a request to report
to the general committee before doing any work
therein,

A letter was read from Mr C. W. of Sherbrooke
requesting information as to organization, constitution and
by Laws of Mechanics Institute, also copy of our in-
corporation, as they think of establishing one, and
such other information as we can give, referred
to Special Committee,

Moved by Mr Reid seconded by Mr Young. That a special Com-
mittee be named to take into consideration and
report as to what should be done with the
Building under present circumstances. The
committee to consist of Messrs Wright, Reid,
Butterford, Kennedy, Gault, White, Irwin,
Kane

Adjourned,

J. A. Stevenson
President

Mechanics Institute, Montreal
Nov 1st 1889

A Special Sub-Committee Meeting was held this
day @ 3 p.m.

Present Col. A. A. Stevenson, the President in the Chair
Messrs W. Rutherford Wright, Kennedy, Reid,
Garth, White and Mr. Irwin,

Mr. Irwin acting as Secretary,

Mr. Wright, submitted plans relating to the Mo-
dernizing of the whole Building, and along
conversation ensued as to the advisability of
changing the Building or renewing the Hall, fitting
it up as a Modern Concert Hall,

Moved by Mr. Irwin Seconded by Mr. White, That
Mr. Wright, Submit plans and estimate the
Cost Necessary to renew the Building, and
alter it into Offices as required, with Elevator
and all necessary heating apparatus and other
conveniences,

and also to make a plan
and estimate of Cost to make a Modern Concert
Hall, Seating, Decorating, and all needed require-
ments for the same.

Carried unanimously

Adjourned

A. Stevenson
President

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Mechanics Institute, Montreal
Nov 9th 1887

A Special Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 5 o'clock.

Present: Ed. A. Stevenson, President in the Chair.
Messrs. Rutledge, Wright, Garth, Moore and
W. Swain,

The President stated the business of the Meeting was
First, to consider the Extension at Point St. Charles;

Second That since the last Meeting of the Committee, the
Award of the Arbitrators on the Loss to the Building, has been
verbally communicated to us, and is not very satisfactory to
all the Members. The President thought it advisable to
apply to a legal adviser, and place before him three questions
and in reply to said questions, W. H. Hutchinson, B.C.L. gave his
written opinion as follows.

A. A. Stevenson Esq. President Mechanics Institute, Esq.,
Dear Sir, I have carefully examined the following questions
Namely: First Is the Institute bound by the agreement
signed by you as President thereof on the 25th October 1887 to
submit to appraisers the damages resulting to the building
furniture and fixtures, from the fire which took place on
the 24th October 1887.

Second In the event of your having sufficient authority to
bind the Institute under the said agreement, is the agree-
ment a valid contract, or is there any ground for setting
it aside?

Third, Has the Institute the option to either accept the sum
of money awarded, or compel the Insurance Company to
make the repairs rendered necessary by the fire?

In answer to the first question, I find the General Com-
mittee has the full power of Management of matters per-
taining to the Institute, and that this Committee gave
sufficient authority to you as President to sign the agree-
ment in question.

The second question is
one involving more difficulty. In the first place I have
no hesitation in saying that the provision contained in the
policy, by which all differences as to the amount or nature
of the claims that may become due make the policy itself
be left to the decision of arbitrators, has not the effect
of ousting the Courts of their jurisdiction. In fact all

Contracts prohibiting parties from bringing an action. Can all agreements purporting to oust the Court of their jurisdiction, in fact, set aside, ^{or are} altogether void. But an agreement to refer existing or future differences to Arbitration may be enforced, and agreements for determining only the amount to be recovered by Arbitration are valid, and the determination by Arbitration of the amount of damages to be recovered, or the time of payment may legally be made a condition precedent to the right to maintain an action, (see Addition on Contracts Chap 258).

The Award having been given in this case, I am therefore forced to the conclusion that the agreement made by you with the Insurance Company is binding upon the Institute and cannot be set aside. The fact that the Arbitrators were not sworn, is not, in my opinion, material, as there is nothing in the agreement requiring the Arbitrators to be sworn.

As to the third question, I have examined the policy and find there is nothing that the Institute can avail itself of in this respect. The Company have an option of this kind, but not the Insured.

I am therefore of the opinion that it would not be advisable for the Institute to take any proceedings with the view of setting aside the Award.

I may also mention that even if the agreement under which the Award was given, was not a binding contract, it would be a matter of great difficulty for the Institute to recover in a Court of Justice any larger amount than that mentioned in the Award. Unless the arbitrator, on behalf of the Institute, could be convinced in some way that he was wrong in the conclusion he came to, by reason of the information given him, or some other valid reason, his evidence would be sure to be used against the Institute with very great effect, and in order to change the amount of the Award, the evidence would be required to be of the most strong and positive kind.

Yours Very Truly

W. Hutchinson.

And according to Mr. Hutchinson's conclusions the Committee agreed to accept the Award.

It was considered advisable to adjourn to Saturday afternoon next at 3 o'clock.

The Meeting therefore adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson,

President.

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Mechanics Institute, Montreal
Nov-12th 1887

An Adjourned Special Meeting of the
General Committee was held ^{at the} ~~at~~ ^{at} 3. pm.

Present: Col. A. J. Stevenson, President in the ^{Chair}
" Messrs. W. Wetherford, Jr. Wright, W. Reid
H. Gauth. W. F. Brown, W. Kennedy, and D. L. Kelley

Mr. Wetherford Acting on Secretary

Minutes of date Nov 7th were read and confirmed

The President reported that the amount of
Insurance due for damage by fire had
been paid, and receipt given by himself &
Mr. W. Reid, the amount being forwarded
over to the Treasurer of the Institute, The
Amount on Building & Furniture was
\$ 3,300⁰⁰ and on Library \$ 625⁰⁰, in all \$ 3,925⁰⁰

The Committee on the Extension of the Work of the
Institute reported that they were meeting with
fratifying liberality from the Manufacturers
and Employers of Fabrics called upon in the neigh-
bourhood of the proposed branch, on Wellington
St. St. Gabriel Ward. and they felt, that by the 1st Dec^r
they will have the full amount of \$ 2000⁰⁰ raised
at for the present subscription.

The report was con-
sidered very satisfactory and encouraging, and
it was moved by D. L. Kelley, and seconded by Mr. Brown
that the ^{meeting} be received, and that the Committee
on Extension be requested to use all diligence
possible to complete the subscription list to the
amount of \$ 2000⁰⁰, that being the amount re-
quired to be paid in cash on the passing of the
Deed, and that the Committee recommend to the
Memberships at the General Meeting to be held on
Monday Evening the 14th inst. 1st that the
Purchase of the Building known as the Odd-
fellows Hall situated on the corner of Well-
ington & Bourgeois Street, in St. Gabriel Ward, as
arranged for be approved, and authority given
to complete the purchase of said Building on
terms as set forth in agreement already made
viz \$ 5000⁰⁰ for the property and \$ 900⁰⁰ for

the Contents as per Schedule

2nd That the Committee be authorized to take the necessary steps to complete the Loans, and open the Branch as speedily as possible.
Carried Mr. Reid and Mr. Moore Dissentell,

Mr. Wright Chairman of the House Committee Submitted Plans, for the Alterations required to fit up the Building above the Reading Room flat with offices, with all modern conveniences, and in best possible style - with an estimate of the Cost amounting to about \$2,300⁰⁰ and also a Plan showing a new arrangement of Seating for Hall. Estimated Cost Not Submitted

The Plans were considered very suitable for the proposed offices, and it was moved by Mr. W. Deane seconded by Mr. W. Northrup that it is the opinion of this Committee that the time has gone past when a Concert Hall in the Building can be relied upon as a source of revenue to the Institute, therefore it is advisable that the proposed alterations into offices, as per Plans by Mr. Wright be approved and a recommendation to that effect be made to the General Meeting of the Membership to be held on Monday the 14th inst. Carried Mr. Reid dissentell.

Moved by Dr. Kelley seconded by Mr. Gauthier that in the opinion of the Committee the sum required to make the alterations and additions not exceeding say \$24,000⁰⁰ should be raised on a Loan, and that the same be secured on the property by an increase of the Mortgage to cover this amount and that this Committee recommend accordingly to the General Meeting of the Membership to be held on Monday Evening the 14th inst. Carried unanimously

The following a/cs being certified as correct were on Motion of Mr. Wright passed for payment
Mutual Gas Co \$63-00. W. Johnson Supr.
General Insurance \$7-50. John Mc Donnell
\$2⁰⁰

No further business offering the Committee adjourned.

A. Stevenson
President

Mechanics Institute. Montreal
November 14th 1887

Special General Meeting of Members
was held in the Song Room of the Institute
this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present, Col. F. A. Stevenson. President in the
chair and Messrs. W. Rutherford, Ald. W.
Lemieux, Jas Wright, S. White, Alf Perry,
W. Reid, W. Drysdale, C. Garth, H. Simpson,
Meredith Symon, Jas Moore, John Harper, J. W. Hughes,
H. Garth, W. T. Brown, W. M. Walbank,
Ed Kelly, H. Michel, J. Cayford, W. Mc Callum, and
many others.

In the absence of the Secretary Mr Kelly was
appointed to act pro tem. Carried

The President then narrated the steps taken in
reference to the calling of the Meeting, and laid
before the Meeting the report of the Extension
Committee in regard to transactions in E. End
and in Point St Charles, the report is as follows. ^{See report}
to the President and Committee of the Mechanics Institute. The Extension Com. report
That, on the appointment of the Sub-Committee on the
Extension of the work of the Institute. Shortly after the
Annual Meeting, a personal visit was made by the
Members accompanied by the President, when it was agreed
that an effort be made to establish branches at the
East and South West of the City.

Matters appeared
not dead as if the East End was more open for a branch
than the West End. and communication was opened
with the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Officials - who approved
of the scheme, and referred your Committee to the Officials
at the works, who having called a meeting of the employees
and others there, the decision was come to that the
only scheme they would support, must be one confined
to the employees of the Company - to the exclusion of all
others. That was a condition your Committee
could not receive to, and the matter was left over for further
consideration. The effort was not however barren of
results - for the effort made resulted in the Establishment
of a library and Reading Room by the C.P.R. Co for its own
employees, consequently the goal is at least partly
supplied. But there is still room for an effort in that
end of the City, which may yet be taken up at a future
date.



MONTREAL, November 7th, 1887.
A. A. STEVENSON, Esq.
President of Mechanics' Institute.
We, the undersigned members of the General Committee, do request that you call a Special General Meeting of the members of the Institute, on MONDAY EVENING next, at EIGHT o'clock, to consider the advisability of opening a Branch at Point St. Charles, and the purchase of the Guitelows' Hall, 622 Wellington Street West.
And also to consider what action should be taken in regard to the Institute Building in view of the recent damage by fire, and what alteration may be necessary under the circumstances.
W. RUTHERFORD,
H. W. GARTH,
JAMES MOORE,
JOSEPH IRWIN,
JAMES WRIGHT.
In accordance with the above requisition, I hereby convene a Special General Meeting of the members of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal, to be held in the Song Room of the Institute, on MONDAY EVENING, the 14th instant, at EIGHT o'clock.
A. A. STEVENSON,
President.

The effort in the South-West i.e. St. Gabriel & Charles was at first without result. And it was found impossible to put a place at all suitable in September last, however a place was offered for sale in the New Ward of St. Gabriel, which on examination was found to be not only very suitable as a building but that it was very central for a very large proportion of the English speaking working population. We considered the position, the building, the price asked and the conditions all favourable for the Institute, and we reported favourably to the General Committee who authorized the securing of the property if possible at £5000.⁰⁰ for the Real Estate and £400.⁰⁰ for the fixtures as per schedule submitted. To secure the property for a term the sum of £100.⁰⁰ was granted as a deposit. In first payment forfeitable if the purchase was not concluded by the 1st of November, and further condition that a Subscription for £2000.⁰⁰ being the cash payment required on the passing of the deed be raised outside of the Institute, or in the neighbourhood of the proposed branch.

The preliminary Conditional papers were duly signed and the £100.⁰⁰ paid over, and an effort started to raise the £2000.⁰⁰. The absence from the Country of the Partner of one of the leading Manufacturers who was looked upon as reliable for a good start of the subscription list caused considerable delay - which was increased by several causes till close upon the time mentioned in the agreement. An attention was asked for, and very liberally granted till the 15th.

The Subscription list and promises yet put forward were on the 15th amount to over £1000.⁰⁰ in Subscriptions of £100.⁰⁰ each. The Sub-Committee feel that in a very short time, they will be able to complete the Subscription and Collection of the needed £2000.⁰⁰ and in order to the completing of the purchase - and the opening of the Branch at the earliest possible time the Sub-Committee have to ask, that authority be granted to the General Committee to advance for a short time, if found to be necessary a small amount from the funds in hand, to enable the completion of the purchase, and the opening of the branch within a few days.

The Receipts derivable from the lease of one of the Halls in the Point St. Charles Buildings, will go far to cover interest on the unpaid balance, and the Memberships fees from new members it is hoped will enable

the Branch to be self-supporting. The prospect for a large membership is very good.

It is proposed to form classes and give Lectures on Educational Subjects, and to furnish the Branch with daily and other papers and periodicals. and at the same time to supply the Books ordered for from the Central Institute which arrangement it is expected will be easily worked. It is therefore hoped that the Meeting will grant the required Authority and assistance to have this Branch set going at the earliest possible date

Wm. Rutherford
Chairman

Minutes

Nov 14th 1887

Minutes of Meeting

It was moved by Wm. Rutherford seconded by Dr. Kelley that the report of the Committee regarding the purchase of the Odd-fellows Hall in St. Gabriel Ward situated on the Corner of Wellington and Bourgeois streets, with the Minutes therein, at the terms and in the conditions therein stated be approved and adopted, That the Committee be and hereby is authorized to complete the purchase in the Name of the Mechanics Institute for the sum of two thousand dollars and on the terms set forth in the draft deed or agreement already in force, when the sum of two thousand dollars shall be subscribed,

And that all Branch of the Institute be then opened without delay, in which there shall be a good Reading-Room, courses of Lectures, Educational Classes, and the Advantages of the Central Library be afforded to all Members of the Branch Institute.

Carried unanimously

The Chairman then announced the second object of the Meeting namely the repairs and alterations of the Building as set forth in Mr. Wright's report. The report is as follows,

Specification

Carpenters and Joiners work required in the alterations and improvements in the Mechanics Institute, Montreal, according to Plans and Specifications prepared by John Wright Architect dated Nov 7th 1887.

The Meeting then adjourned
A. Stevenson
President

The President reported that at a Meeting held on Saturday afternoon the General Committee have carefully considered the whole matter, and have resolved to recommend to the Membership this evening the following:

1. That the purchase of the Building known as the Odd-fellows Hall situated on the Corner of Wellington & Bourgeois streets, in St. Gabriel Ward as arranged to be approved, and Authority given to complete the purchase of said Building on terms as set forth in agreement already made viz \$2000.00 for the property and \$900.00 for the contents as per schedule.

2. That the Committee be authorized to take the necessary steps to complete the same, and open the Branch as speedily as possible.

This is Null

Montréal, Nov 12th 1887

To the President and Members of the General Com-
mittee of the Mechanics Institute. Montréal.

Gentlemen
As requested by you, I have pre-
pared a descriptive report of the plans for re-
modelling the Mechanics Institute Building,
prepared by me and approved of by you to be sub-
mitted at the General Meeting of Members on Monday
Night the 14th inst.

Before preparing the plans, I fully considered the
position & condition of the building.

The Store on the ground floor in the Main building
need Modern Plate Glass Windows.

The floors of nearly all the Storeys are much worn and
want renewing.

The Heating will want renewing in a short time

The Hall wants decorating, the chairs are in a bad con-
dition and the Hall would require a new sloping floor
new Opera chairs, gallery, decorations and general
repairs, if it had to be used as a concert hall.

After careful consideration, I prepared the plans now
submitted, with the object in view, of putting the
building in thorough repair, and with a view to in-
crease the revenue.

The Plans show the present roof raised, the back portion
to form a hollow roof, with a Mansard roof on
both St. James & St. Peter streets, taking off the lower
corridor and enlarging and ornamenting the
upper one,

Making the the Hall into two Storeys and dividing
these three upper floors in into offices,

The reading Room to be enlarged, by making it the
entire length of the Main building on St. Peter Street.

The Library to be enlarged by taking down the stairs
leading to concert Hall. The back portion of Library
to be lighted from roof,

Brought forward

\$3750-00

Water for Elevator & attendance	\$ 1000-00	}	\$ 1800-00
Fuel for Stove & Hall cleaning	150-00		
Insurance	250-00		
Attendance for repairs	400-00		
		=	\$ 5550 00

Leaving a balance of

\$4474-00

On other Assets taken last years report
as a basis will be

Membership fees	\$ 1016-50	
" " fines	6-14	
Sale of Catalogues	19-25	
" " papers	64-05	
Interest from Bank	18-24	=
		\$ 1116-28

Total Annual revenue

\$ 5590-28

On working expenses on the same basis
will be

Light	\$ 279-00	
Stationery	15-33	
Wages	1090-85	
Cleaning	181-65	
Reading Room	439-70	
Postage	13-53	
Insurance about	100-00	
Taxes	350-00	
Advertising	15-54	
Printing	29-25	=
		\$ 2455-27

Leaving a balance of \$3135-01 to devote to a
Sinking fund for liquidation of the mortgages

I have also prepared plans and estimated the
remodelling of the Concert Hall, which I
now present with this showing a sloping floor,
galleries, improved stage, lighting, and
decorating, and making good the damage
caused by the fire, and have carefully
estimated the cost of the same which would amount
to the sum of \$8,500⁰⁰. After deducting the
amount of \$3,260⁰⁰ from the Insurance by
leaving a balance of \$5,240⁰⁰ to be provided for,
& exclusive of any other repairs or alterations
required in the building.

Yours Respectfully

James Wright

This is Null
See below

Moved by W^o Harper, Seconded by W^o Stewart. That the report be received and laid over till this day two weeks. And that the Plans be on the table for general inspection, and in the mean-time, a Committee of three viz Messrs W^o Reid, C. Gauth, and W^o David Brown sen be appointed to confer with W^o Wright in re the plans, and to give their opinion on them at the adjourned Meeting. Carried unanimously.

The President, then read two resolutions referring to this subject adopted by the General Committee, as follows,

1st That it is the opinion of ^{the} Committee, that the time has gone past, when a Concert Hall in this Building can be relied upon as source of revenue to this Institute, therefore it is advisable that the proposed alterations into offices as per plans by W^o Wright, be approved, and a recommendation to that effect be made to the General Meeting of the Members to be held on Monday the 14th inst.

2nd That in the opinion of this Committee, the sum required to make the alterations and additions, not exceeding the sum of \$24,000.00 should be raised as a Loan, and that the same be secured on the property, by an increase of the Mortgage to cover the amount; and that this Committee recommend accordingly to the General Meeting of the Members, to be held on Monday evening the 14th inst.

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Meeting Closed

A. Stevenson
President

Mechanics Institute, Montreal
November 28th 1887

An adjourned special meeting of the Members of the Institute was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Present Col. A. A. Stevenson. President, in the Chair
Messrs. W. Pennington, Dr. Kelly, M. Hutchinson
Mr. Nichol, Rob. Irwin, Jas. Wright, G. Gauth, C. Gauth, W. F. Brown, Alf. Berry, N. Macintosh, John Moore, W. J. Hughes, John Harper, Ald. W. Kennedy, J. B. Young, Jas. S. McDougall, Thos. Pennington, A. B. Stewart, G. L. Simpson, G. W. Sadler, John Wilson, A. A. McDougall, John McCullum, and ~~many~~ other

The Chairman opened the Meeting by reading the resolution of the 14th inst. relating to the plans for alteration of the Building, after which Mr. C. Gauth read the report of the Committee appointed by the Meeting in re the plans.

Montreal Nov 28th 1887

To the Members of the Mechanics Institute,

At a Meeting of the Members, held on the 14th inst. we were appointed a Committee to examine and report on certain plans for the alteration of the building made by Mr. Wright, having given them our careful consideration, we have to report, that we do not think it advisable to adopt the plan for restoring the present Hall, and making certain repairs in the building on account of the risk there would be in obtaining sufficient rental to warrant an outlay estimated at about \$6,000.

Respecting the proposal to make offices, and generally to repair and improve the appearance of the building we are of the opinion that such a course will be the best in the interest of the Institute as though it would necessitate the borrowing of a large amount of money say from Twenty to Twenty-five thousand dollars to carry out the proposed alterations and improvements, we think that the risk of obtaining sufficient revenue to meet the increased annual interest should not deter the Institute from incurring the necessary expenditure,

Comparing the two plans,

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by adopting the plan of restoring the Hall, there is very little prospect of the Institute being enabled at any time to pay off the Mortgage Debt, whereas by altering the building into offices, there is every probability that there will be an annual surplus after paying the interest on the Mortgage to create a sinking fund, or to use in increasing the usefulness of the Institute,

In conclusion we would strongly urge upon the committee of Management that if the alterations are decided upon, the advisability of having all the modern improvements introduced into the building, and the offices fitted up in as good a style as those lately fitted up in this City, and also that in the construction of the alterations care be taken to introduce every possible precaution against fire,

The whole respectfully submitted

David Brown

Charles Girth

We request the President read Mr. Briggs report on alterations and improvements of the Building

Moved by Mr. W. Rutherford seconded by Alderman W. Thomas that whereas the Building of this Institute, has been seriously damaged by fire.

And whereas the furniture of the Concert Hall is wholly worn out and unfit for use.

And whereas the Income from this Concert-Hall, when used for concerts and other entertainments was of late years hardly sufficient to pay the cost of keeping it open

And whereas the said Concert-Hall is not required for the work of the Institute

And whereas the usefulness of the Institute can be greatly increased by the larger revenue obtainable from the contemplated alterations,

Therefore Resolved 1st That it is not in the interest of the Institute, to - repair the Hall and furnish it,

2nd That in view of the fact that the situation of the Institute building - makes it

Especially suited for first class Offices - And
as it appears by the Plans and estimates now
before the Meeting that our outlay will exceed
\$30,000.00, would tend to largely increase the overhead
and usefulness of the Institute - it is desirable
that alterations be made in conformity to said
Plans - Subject to any change therein as may
be deemed judicious by the General Committee
of this Institute

3rd That the General Committee is hereby authorized
to make such alterations and additions to the
Building as may be necessary to modernize
the Stairs & Halls, enlarge the Reading Room and
Library - and make such alterations with the upper
part of the Building as may be necessary to
make first class Offices, and that the Plans
submitted be approved - Subject to such Mod-
ifications or changes as may be necessary in
the judgment of the General Committee, the cost
of said alterations not to exceed the sum of \$30,000.00
Thirty Thousand Dollars,

4th That in order to the carrying out of the said
alterations and additions to the building, the
General Committee of the Institute be and
is hereby authorized to borrow on the security
of the Property a sum or sums of money, not
exceeding in the aggregate \$50,000.00 Fifty Thousand
Dollars, the sum of \$26,000.00 Twenty Six Thousand
Dollars now owing - and secured on the said property
to form part of the said Fifty Thousand, or to be
paid out of the same - as in the judgment of the
General Committee may be best for the interest of
the Institute

5th That full authority be and hereby is given
to the General Committee, or the proper officers
of this Institute, to sign and execute all necessary
Deeds, Mortgages, Contracts or other matters required
in the carrying out of the foregoing resolutions,

6th That, should be necessary or advisable in the
judgment of the General Committee in the carrying
out of the foregoing resolutions to apply for Government
or Legislative Authority, the said Committee is hereby
fully empowered in the name of the Institute, to
apply for such authority as in their wisdom may be
needed to completely carry out in a legal manner
the foregoing resolutions,

Moved in Amendment by Mr. J. W. Hughes seconded by Mr. John Harper, that the present report on the proposed alterations of the Building be printed and distributed to every Member, for consideration at the Annual Meeting to give sufficient time for the Members to thoroughly understand the report before further action. The amendment was put and lost.

The Main Motion was voted put and carried.

The President now introduced the question of the Point St Charles Branch. And reported that the Subscription list had now reached the sum of \$2000.00. Two Thousand & five Dollars.

Moved by Mr. Chas. Gault, seconded by Alderman Wm. Kennedy, that inasmuch as the General Committee has reported that the Subscription for the West End Branch already amounts to \$2000.00 the President be and is hereby authorized to sign the deed for the purchase of the property corner of Wellington & Bourgeois St. Point St. Charles, Cathedral No 12 Gabriel Ward, on the terms set forth in the preliminary agreement made on the 6th Sept 1887 between the Trustees of Beaver Lodge No 6 I.O.O.F. Odd Fellows & the President & Vice President of this Institute carried unanimously

To be filled in

The following is the agreement referred to in above Resolution
Sept 6th 1887

Agreement of Sale from the Trustees of Beaver Lodge, to the Mechanics Institute of Montreal.

The undersigned Trustees of Beaver Lodge No 6. I.O.O.F. & agree to sell, and the Mechanics Institute to buy, the property known as the "Odd Fellows Hall", situate on the South East corner of Wellington and Bourgeois Streets, for the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00). And also all the furniture and contents of the said Hall with the exception of the following articles of Lodge furniture, viz

8 rods cases, Picture block on wall & 2 Stone blocks for the sum of Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00).

Beaver Lodge further agrees to lease the upper Lodge room for a term of three years with the privilege of continuing two cases at a rate of \$120.00 per Annum. The

Mechanics Institute, Montreal
Nov 28th 1887

The regular Monthly Meeting of the General Com-
mittee was held this Evening at 7 o'clock

Present, Col. A. A. Stevenson, President in the Chair,
Messrs. Brown, W. Rutherford, W. Kelly,
Mr Kennedy, Jas. Moore, H. Gault, J. B. Youngs, Jas. Wright
and the Secretary W. Nichol,

Minutes of October the 24th were read & Confirmed.
do " " 26th were read & Confirmed.
do " " 31st were read & Confirmed.
do " November 1st were read & Confirmed.
do " " 7th were read & Confirmed.
do " " 12 were read & Confirmed

The following were nominated and duly Elected
Members of the Institute,

- 5 First Class. Jas. H. Whinn, John Tait, Thos. Gilroy,
W. Mc Donald, John J. Henderson,
- 1 Second do H. P. Fleming.
- 4 Third do Austin Erwin, J. Lockburn,
Geo. Ingleburn, Arthur Rowanagh.

The following Bills were ordered to be paid

Messrs W. Day & Co. etc.	21 - 56
do	7 - 13
do	14 - 59
" Dawson Bros.	9 - 11
M. S. Foley.	14 - 00
Jos. Usherwood.	61 - 40
Alex. Craig.	69 - 90

The financial Statement for the Month of
October was submitted by W. Rutherford, Chain-
man of the Finance Committee, and
was approved.

Received

Paid

Oct 3	Coppers Union	2. 00
" 10	Engl. Press. for Advertisements	162. 96
" 12	Salvation Army	25. 00
" "	Mr Cole Mch	2. 00
" 19	Salvation Army	25. 00
" 20	Citizens Committee	2. 00
" 25	Salvation Army	25. 00
" 31	South Eastern Rypts for Advertisements	271. 60
	Memberships Fee	34. 00
	Sale of Catalogues	25. 00

Oct 1	From Mrs Drysdale Ho	440. 18
" "	Stationery 2. 30 Printing 1. 20 Binding 29. 61	33. 11
" 3	John Bethwell	2. 00
" "	Cash office order for do	02
" 4	Minnemets Grass Fish 9 July 87 to 29 Aug 88	3. 00
" 15	Stamps	50
" 18	Dr. W. Christopher	1. 90
" "	Cash office order for do	10
" 28	J. H. Archibot	4. 16
" "	Cash office order for do	10
" "	Stamps	50
" "	12 Postal Cards	12
" "	W. M. Briggs	7. 45
" 31	Donor for Nov	6. 28
" "	Dr. Goldwood	6. 00
" "	W. E. Chester	7. 25
" "	W. Drysdale Ho Sundry 13. 74 Stationery 78	14. 52
" "	D. Rutherford	54. 74
" "	W. Munn Salary	67. 00
" "	Dr. H. Hamilton	35. 00
" "	Miss. Opening 5 weeks	30. 00
" "	Dr. S. Sundry Extra	5. 00
" "	Woman for cleaning	15. 00
" "	Dr. Extra help	4. 50
" "	Dr. Men	4. 00

	549. 81
Bal from Sept	1858. 14
	<u>2407. 95</u>

Oct 1	Dr. L. Cuthy	64
" "	Cuthy & Kell	10
" "	Soap	10
" "	Fire with spray	10
" "	scrubbing brush	25
" "	3 B. C. Cye	25
" "	Men Com Room	35
" "	repairing traps	10
" "	Remaining other	1. 00
	<u>300. 79</u>	
	729. 22	
	<u>1678. 73</u>	
	2407. 95	

Balance forward to Nov

The Meeting then adjourned

A. A. Stevenson
President

Mechanics Institute Newcastle
Decr 2^d 1887

An Adjourned Meeting of the General Committee
was held this day 4 pm.

Present Col. A. Stevenson, President in the Chair
and Messrs, W. Butterfield, W. Reid, Jas Wright
Hy Gault, J. B. Young, S. White, R. Irvine,
W. F. Brown and W. Nichol, the Secretary.

Reports of Committees of the past year

Membership Committee Report. Read

Finance do do do

House do do do

Library do do do

Report of Attendance at Committee Meetings

The Committee then adjourned until 7 o'clock
Monday Evening.

A. Stevenson
President

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Mechanics Institute, Montreal
Decr 5th 1887

An Annual Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 7. pm.

Present. Col. A. A. Stevenson President in the chair
" Messrs. W. Rutherford, Moore, Dr. Kelly,
S. White, Jr. Wright, L. Woods, Young, All Sou-
ndy, Hy Gauth, Brown, and the Medical Secretary.

Reports of the several Sub Committees were read

Report of the House Committee,

Membership Committee,

Tobacco Committee,

Finance Committee,

were all received and passed.

A letter was read by the President from Mr. Hamilton,
and was deferred to next Meeting of the Committee.

The Meeting Closed.

A. A. Stevenson
President

Mechanics Institute, Montreal.
December 5th 1887.

MECHANICS
INSTITUTE

The Annual Meeting will
be held on MONDAY,
December 12th, at 8 o'clock
p.m., to receive Reports of
Committee and for elec-
tion of Officers for the en-
suing year.

THOMAS NICHOL,
Secretary

The Forty Eighth Annual Meeting of the Members of
the above Institute, was held here this evening
at 8 o'clock.

Present, Col. A. S. Stevenson, President, in the Chair
and Messrs W. Rutherford, Alderman D. Kennedy,
Dr. J. W. Kelley, W. F. Brown, G. Gauth, J. W. Wright,
J. H. Hughes, W. J. Cook, S. W. Cook, S. H. White,
John Nolan, G. J. Lacombe, J. B. Young, W. Walker,
John Harper, Robt. Brown, Jas. Moore, W. G.
Cheney, J. Smith, J. Crawford, J. M. Stewart
John McRae, L. B. A. & M. Deane, W. R. Clendinning,
W. M. Lee, W. A. Bank, W. E. Doran, J. M. M. Duff, John
McCallum, Geo. E. Stanke, G. W. Satter,
Mr. Rutherford, J. H. Kennedy, Dr. J. W. Kelley,
the Secretary and many others.

The Minutes of the 47th Annual Meeting were read
and confirmed and signed by the President.

The President then called upon Dr. J. W. Kelley the
Secretary to read the report on the financial
Statement duly audited for the past year ending
October 31st 1887.

The Annual report (as follows) was then read by the
Secretary.

Gentlemen

During the past year the Institute has
been fairly prosperous, and at the present time
it gives promise of still greater prosperity.

In the early part of the year efforts were made to
organize an East End branch which, owing to
circumstances beyond our control fell through,
at least for a time. All through the year
an Extension Committee under the able leadership
of our esteemed Vice President, has been working
at the establishment of a West End branch,
and we are all glad that we possess a very
suitable building in a good position which will
soon be one of the intellectual centres of that
part of the City lying beyond the LaSalle Canal.
Later in the year the re-modelling of our building

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engaged the serious attention of the General Com-
mittee, we were in a measure forced to take im-
mediate action in the matter, for the Librarian
Army brethren, who had been good paying
tenants, removed from the building, and the
concensus of opinion seemed to be, that a concert-
hall would not ~~pay~~ be a paying investment,
accordingly plans were prepared by Mr. Jas Wright
which together with the report accompanying them
received the assent of a general Meeting of the
Institute, on November the 28th

Under one being called for and by May 1st we hope
that we will possess a property which will yield
a revenue with which we can better carry on the
work of the Institute, and, most likely enable us to
form a sinking fund,

The most noteworthy event connected with the build-
ing is the fire which occurred on Oct 24th causing
a damage nearly of £4000.00 fortunately covered by
insurance, and necessary repairs have been
done during the past year, and the House Com-
mittee saw that extensive alterations were
absolutely inevitable,

The finances of

the Institute are in a flourishing condition and
the balance now on hand is £6959.40.

The general committee were unable to organize
Lectures, and classes during the year simply from
want of accommodation, but we trust
that in one more year the approach will be
wiped out by the organization of classes &
Lectures in such localities as may be
as may be found suitable, or in the central
building if it is deemed advisable.

All claims are met to date and the accounts
have been duly audited by Messrs Goye Crick-
shank and R. G. Stanke,

Officers

The gentlemen whose term of office now expires are
C. A. A. Stevenson, President. W. W. Putterford, Vice
President. Mr. Jas. Moore, Treasurer, & Mr. Nichol
Secretary.

And of the General Committee. Messrs

Wm Reid. L. White. S. Woods. J. B. Young
and Dr W. Selley.
all of whom are eligible for re-election.

House

Attention was given to the condition of the building, at the beginning of the year, and we found that extensive repairs and alterations were required to put the building in thorough repair. We had plans prepared with a view to increase the revenue, which were approved of by us, and were held over, as the alterations would interfere with the tenants. (The Salvation Army), who had leased the Concert Hall, so we made only the repairs urgently needed, such as putting in new ventilated mineral with slate floor back, repairing the heating apparatus partitioning off a portion of the cellar below the S. E. by lift office for the storage of coal, and the usual annual repairs that were necessary.

On the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee on the 21st of June we had paintings made to fill each window in front of the building illustrative of the advancement of Mechanics, Commerce and Science during the reign of our beloved Queen; the whole was lighted by three Electric Lights and was creditable to the Institute.

The plans and specifications for the alterations and additions will be ready for Contractors to tender upon so soon as all the details have been approved of by the General Committee.

Memberships.

On the Roll of Members for 1887 of the Mechanics Institute, there are 777 names, classed as follows.

Honorary members	12
Corresponding	9
Life	219
First class	97
Second "	340
Third	100

Comparing the Roll for this year 1887 with the previous year 1886 it shows the following changes

1886

		12	Decrease		1887
Life	9		Corresponding		12
First Class	224		Less 7. New Members 2		9
	108		Dead resigns		219
Second do			and left the City 19. New Members 8		99
Third	334		do 72 " " 75		340
	133		do 67 " " 34		100

The Fees for Membership are longer this year than for the previous year being for 1884 \$ 1015. 00 " " 1887 1057. 00 an increase of \$ 42. 00.

On the whole the statement is not unfavourable, but your Committee regret that it is not as favourable as it should be, and as it appears by the Superintendent, Broder, that the difficulty lies in not getting the Members to renew their subscriptions.

We would state the classification of the Members Second and third class, who have joined this year, and is as follows

Second Class		Third Class	
Ladies	2	Ladies	3
Students	2	Office Boys	8
No Occupation	4	Apprentices	9
Tradesmen	28	School Boys	11
Clerks	31		

As an illustration of the fact that the Institute is made use of by those for whom it is intended,

We regret to mention that this year seven of our life Members have died namely Messrs John A. Coenrae, John Boyd, Henry West Holland, Michael Mc Brown, J. C. Mc Farren, W. L. Warner, and Miles Williams.

Library

Your Committee take pleasure in reporting the results of their year's labour.

The General Committee placed at the disposal of Library Committee an increased appropriation, all of which has been carefully expended in the purchase of New Books of the best and latest editions.

The Annual Stock Taking took place in July, and as several of the Members were out of the City in Vacation, the Chairman attended personally and saw every book before checking the same in Stock-books. The result was most satisfactory, only one book unaccounted for and two lost by Members who had left the City. We also recovered four books that had been lost a while in former years.

At the time of Stock-taking in 1884 there were in the Library 9927 Volumes, added during the past year 362 Volumes beside the four recovered as above mentioned. viz

By Donations from Friends	764
" Magazines bound	84
" Purchase	212
Recovered	4
Total	344

Donations from United States Government 16 Volumes

Benjamin do	3
And a number of Blue Books	
" Public printed Government	2
" Nathan Mercer Esq	24
" James Muir Esq	11
" J. R. Butler	4
" Dr. H. W. Mitchell	1
" " Ann & Humphreys	
" " Geo. W. Hughes	1
" " John H. Wylie	1
" " H. R. Towne	1
" " P. S. George	1
" " W. J. Patterson	1 =
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Magazines Bound	84
Purchase. Novels or Works of Fiction	81
Adventures & Juvenile Books	33
History	23
Civil Engineering &c.	7
Miscellaneous	16
Science	4
Biography	13
Travels & Voyages	10
General Literature	10
Chemistry	2
Electricity	3
Microscopy	1
Sports	1
	354

Brought forward	354
Education	4
City Directory	1
Books Received	4
Manufactures Trade	3
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	366

Volumes in Library last year	9927
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	10293

Being an increase over last year 366.

The following are the number of papers and Magazines placed on the tables in the Reading room.

Canadian	25 Daily	24 Weekly	3 Monthly
British	London Times Daily		
	19 Weekly	13 Monthly	3 Quarterly
French	4 Daily	1 Weekly	1 Fortnightly
American	6 Daily	15 Weekly	13 Monthly
Australian	1 fortnightly Melbourne Argus		

The Number of Members using the Reading room have been about the same as last year,

The Members using the Library have been 573 against 647 last year, and the Number of Volumes issued 11891 against 12619 last year showing a slight decline the particulars of Books issued during the year is as follows

Fiction	5600	
History	1770	
Biography	1460	
Travel &c	1420	
Mechanics	1000	
Miscellaneous	681	= 11891

Our Works of Reference are much valued, and our Magazines only want very few numbers to make them complete, we have succeeded during the past year in procuring several numbers towards that object.

The Income on Library has been increased one thousand dollars, making it now \$7500.00 dollars.

In conclusion your Committee desire to express the hope that your Committee that from ^{the} absence of any complaints their services have been acceptable to the Members generally during the past year.

Report of Special Committee

The Special Committee appointed to extend the usefulness of the Institute, East and West, so far as might be found practical, and expedient,

has been to submit the following report; as soon as possible after our appointment, Gen. Committee made a personal visit to the East and South West ends of the City, and decided to lease premises, if they could be procured, but after much searching, it was found that such places could not be obtained in suitable districts.

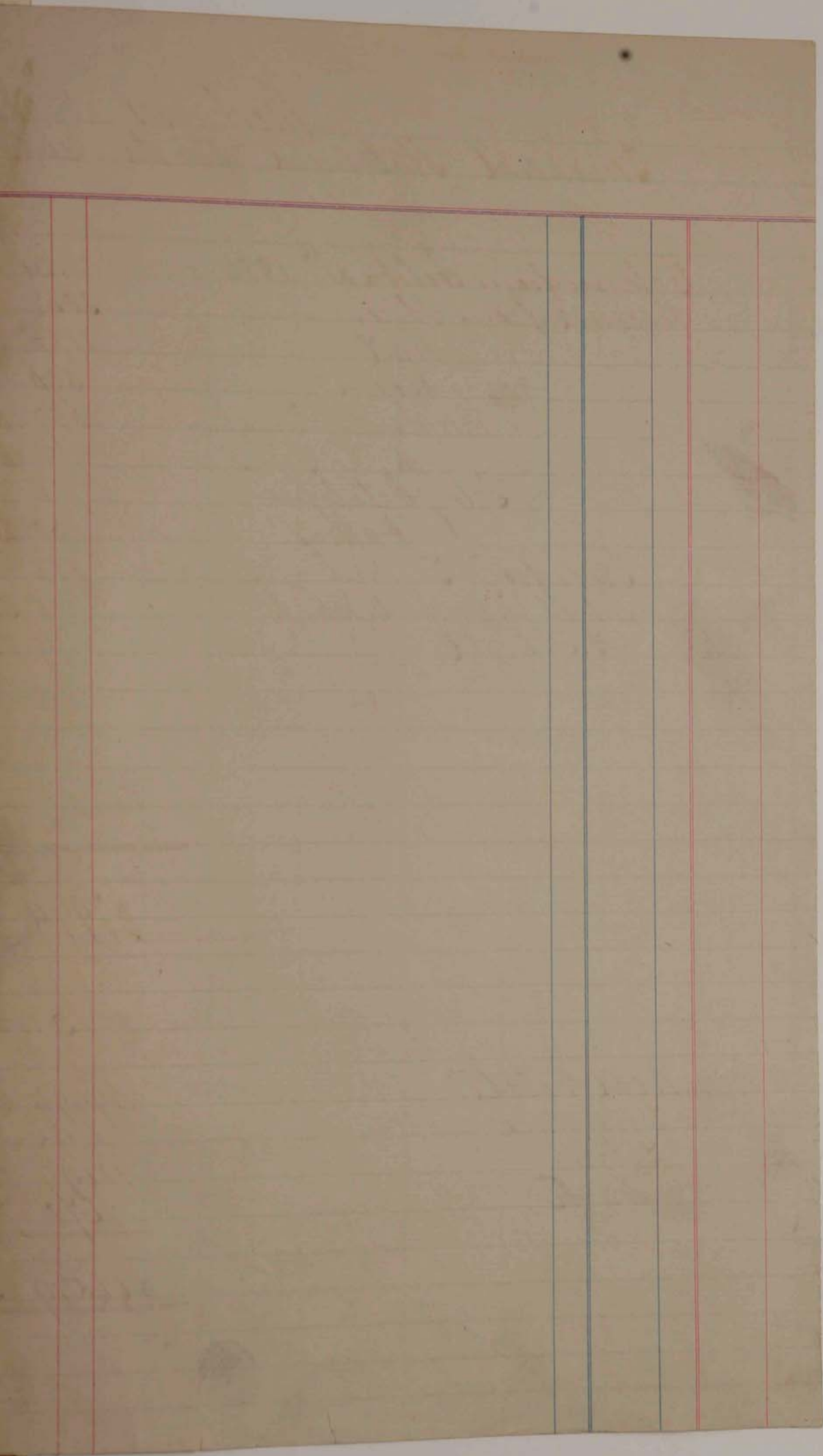
The efforts of Gen. Committee in the West end, have been successful - a most suitable place having been offered, which having been carefully examined, a favorable report for the purchase was made, and a request for the sum of \$100⁰⁰ to bind an agreement which had been come to (the price for the property being \$5000⁰⁰ and certain movables \$900⁰⁰) was required, and at special meeting of the Membership of the Institute called for the purpose, the General Committee was authorized to complete the purchase, and open a Branch in the Building, so soon as the sum of \$2000⁰⁰ was subscribed to pay the cash installment, that amount having been subscribed before the adjourned special meeting, authority was granted for the President to sign the deeds and take over the property as early as possible, on the terms as set forth in the preliminary agreement, the deeds are now in the hands of Mr. Hutchinson by Attorney, for examination - and report, and it is expected that in a few days, the West St. Charles Branch of the Mechanics Institute will be an accomplished fact, and it is fully expected that by judicious management it will in time realize all the expectations of its promoters, and it is hoped that Artisans and others living in the neighborhood will give it hearty and liberal support,

The Method talked over for the carrying on of the Branch is

- 1st To furnish part of the lower Hall as a Reading Room, well supplied with suitable papers and periodicals direct from the publishers or their agents.

- 2^d To furnish the room with Catalogues from the Centre Library, from which selections can be made, and sent to that Library from which the Books can be sent to the Branch every day.

- 3^d For the present winter, a few suitable Lectures



Mechanics Institute

Financial Statement for the Year 1886

Balance from Octob ^r 31 ^{<u>st</u>} 1886	924 18
Received from Stores	3862 50
" " Hall	1175 00
" " Room	300 "
" " Membership Fees	1057 50
" " do " Fees	1 65
" " Sale of Catalogues	5 75
" " " " Papers	50 25
" Taxes from Licenses	502 46
" Interest per Merchants Bank	15 32
" La Light	9 80

\$ 7994 41

	Balance
Real Estate	49494 56
Furniture	4176 55
Library	11199 47
cash	1678 73
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Institute.
ending October 31st 1887

Paid Library account	377 54
" Interest	1430 00
" Light	314 90
" Heating	460 18
" Stationery	14 49
" Wages	1411 00
" Cleaning	208 84
" Reading Room	390 25
" Postages	28 30
" Insurance	290 00
" Taxes	904 06
" Advertising	36 01
" Printing	33 00
" Repairs	317 09
" Trustees of Odd Fellows Hall	100 00
Balance	1678 73

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Montreal 22^d Nov. 1887
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to be delivered,

4th The opening of such classes as may be considered necessary, so far as can be conveniently done. The part of the building not occupied for the Institute work, it is proposed to let for meetings of suitable sort, such as the Management may approve of, the proceeds to be applied to assist in defraying expenses

Your Sub-Committee, hope and expect that a large addition to the Membership list of the Institute will be obtained at this Branch, and that useful Workers will be found, and persons joining the Central Institute therein.

To the Gentlemen who so considerately and liberally subscribed the necessary amount to allow of the payment demanded as a first Instalment have to return their hearty thanks, and as a further sum of £1000.00 is required to pay for the Movable effects it is hoped, the General Committee will re-appoint a Sub-Committee to continue the good work so well begun

Finance.

The Finance Committee beg to submit the following report. The Statement of the receipts and expenditure for the past year has been sent to all Members except the Third Class (in accordance with the By Laws)

We are pleased to state that we now (To Date) always balance to our credit then for many years amounting to £6953.40.

The £100.00 paid to the Point St Charles Branch, may be added to the balance as it is ready on deposit represented for the time on Property not yet received fully

The Balance sheet as signed by the Auditor is parted in here,

Report of attendance at Committee Meetings

During the year there were 21 Meetings of the General Committee.

Col. A. A. Stevenson President	16
Mr. W. Rutherford. Vice	20
Mr. Jas. Moore. Treasurer	12
Dr. Tho. Nichol. Secretary.	11
Mr. Robt. Irwin. Past President	14
Mr. W. Reid. Committee	11
Dr. F. W. Kelly "	13
Mr. S. White "	12
Mr. S. Woods "	5
Mr. J. B. Young "	14
Mr. Jas. Wright "	19
Mr. Hy. Lamb "	18
Mr. H. F. Brown "	19
Mr. W. Kennedy "	6

Mr. Kennedy was only a Member of the General Committee part of the year. Mr. S. Woods was unavoidably absent from the City during a great part of the year.

Abstract of Proceedings at Annual Meeting;

The foregoing Report was presented and read by the Secretary, which, after discussion, was on Motion, received and adopted, and ordered to be printed.

The President, appointed, Messrs Doran, McCallum & Cook as scrutineers, and the election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with.

Lieut. Col. A. A. Stevenson was re-elected, President—
Unanimously.
Mr. W. Rutherford was re-elected Vice President—
Unanimously.
Mr. Jas. Moore was re-elected Treasurer—Unanimously.
Dr. Tho. Nichol was re-elected Secretary—Unanimously.

The following Gentlemen were nominated to serve on the General Committee in place of those whose term of office has expired, Messrs Hy. Lampard, J. W. Hughes, Alfred Perry, J. Longford, Dr. F. W. Kelly, W. Reid, S. White, George Scott, J. McIn. Duff, W. S. Cook, John Harper, J. B. McKechnie, and Jas. Smith.

As the result of the first ballot the Scrutineers

reported Messrs J. Smith, and W. J. W. Kelley as having a Majority of the votes cast. and the second ballot the Senators reported that Messrs. S. White, H. Thompson, and J. W. Cook had the Majority, but the President declared these gentlemen duly elected.

Moved by Mr. John Harper, seconded by Mr. J. W. Hughes, and carried. That a Vote of thanks be given to the retiring Committee

Moved by Mr. J. W. Hughes, seconded by Mr. J. M. M. Huff. That a vote of thanks be given to the Senators. Carried

Moved by Mr. Peter Swain, seconded by Mr. Henry Thompson that a vote of thanks be given to the Auditor. Carried

The Meeting there after adjourned

A. A. Stevenson
President

Mechanics Institute, Montreal
Dec: 10th 1887

A Special Meeting of the General Committee
was held this day @ 1.30 pm.

Present. Col. A. A. Stevenson, President in the Chair,
Messrs Ruttenford, Wright, Gauth, Cook, Dr. Kelly,
Brown, Lompard.

In the absence of Dr. Michel the Secretary, Mr. Brown
was asked to act in that capacity.

The following are the New Members Elected at the
Annual Meeting to serve on the General Com-
mittee. Messrs W. J. Cook, Perry Lompard and
James Smith.

The Attention of the Committee was drawn to the
fact, that Mr. John Allan had not attended one
Meeting of the Committee for one year, and given no
satisfactory reason, and it was understood that he
does not intend to act. It was therefore resolved that
his place be declared vacant, and that Mr. James
Shearer be elected to fill his place. Carried

The President, Appointed the following Sub-Com-
mittees, which were approved of by the General
Committee

Finance. Mr. Robt. Irwin, Chairman,
and Mr. W. Ruttenford, Mr. James Stone
Mr. W. F. Brown and Mr. G. Gauth.

House. Mr. W. Ruttenford, Chairman,
and Mr. S. White, Mr. J. Wright, Mr. G. Gauth,
and Alderman W. Kennedy.

Library and Reading Room. Dr. F. W. Kelly
Chairman, and Mr. Robt. Irwin
Mr. G. Lompard, Mr. W. J. Cook and
Dr. H. Michel,

Lecture and Class. Alderman W. Kennedy
Chairman
and Dr. F. W. Kelly, Cook, Smith, and
Mr. James Shearer,

Memberships, Mr. W. F. Brown, Chairman.
and Mr. S. White, Mr. G. Lampson, Mr. J. W. Smith and Mr. J. W. Moore,

The following gentlemen were named on a special committee on Extension of the Institute's work
Col. A. A. Stevenson, Chairman and Messrs W. K. Kutherford
Dr. F. W. Selley, W. F. Brown and W. S. Kennedy,

The House Committee, was requested to submit the plan for the alterations and improvements to the building as soon as possible,

Moved by Mr. Gault, seconded by Mr. Kutherford, that the House Committee be instructed to procure the iron girders required for the building on the best possible terms. Carried

Moved by Dr. Selley, seconded by Mr. Cook. That the President and Treasurer be and are hereby empowered to take all steps necessary for the procuring from the Rhode Legislative Assembly for the necessary legislation to amend the existing Act, and enable the Mechanics Institute to borrow the sum of \$50,000.00 in order to carry out the resolution passed at the special general meeting of the members of the Institute, held on on Monday the 25th 1887. Carried

The Meeting then adjourned,
A. A. Stevenson
President

Old Tatham Hall, W. R. Charles, Dec 10/87

A Special Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 pm in the above Hall.

Present - Col. A. A. Stevenson, President in the Chair, and Messrs W. K. Kutherford, Knight, Brown, Lampson

Brief addresses were made by the President and the Revs Messrs Bolcher, Sanders and Crickshank,

On the allot for local committee, Messrs Lampson, W. K. Kutherford & Hutchinson, Hayden, Gray, Field, and Powell were elected. After suggestions were received in regard to classes, votes of thanks were cordially given to the Committee and the Contributors. And the Meeting closed

Mechanics Institute, Montreal.
Dec. 17th 1887.

A Special Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at the Branch Court St. Charles.

Present Col. A. A. Stevenson, President in the Chair and Messrs. Rutherford, Brewer, White, Lacombe and Mr. Smith of the General Committee, Messrs. Bell, Lacombe, Powell, Hayden of the Branch Committee.

The President announced that the Reading Room could be opened on Thursday next, and the Classes early in the New Year, should the Building not be large enough, accommodation could be provided in the neighbourhood.

Names were taken for the Classes. Decided to commence with French, Arithmetic, and Mechanical-Drawing.

Moved and carried that reading of Minutes be dispensed with. Application for Room for 8th

It was decided to grant the use of Room to Wolfe for \$50 and the House Committee be authorized to conclude arrangements with the Tenants now occupying the Building.

A report from the Local Committee, was presented. It has agreed to receive it and to refer the matters contained therein to the House & Library Committees for their immediate consideration.

Mr. Selley asked for \$500.00 for Library and Reading Room referred to Finance Committee.

Resolved that the Section & Class Committee organize three classes viz, French, Arithmetic, and Mechanical Drawing, and that arrangements be made as early as possible.

Agreed to appoint a Superintendent at a salary of \$7.00 per week, and leave the appointment in the hands of the President.

Mr. Rutherford the Chairman of the House Committee read the following report,

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To the General Committee of the Mechanics
Institute, Montreal.

The House Committee, Respectfully reports: That
they have carefully considered the proposed alterations
in the Building and would recommend to the General
Committee the following report:

1st That Mr Wright's Plans be accepted, subject
to such alterations, as may be decided on from
time to time

2^d That Mr Wright's remuneration including charges
for Plans and superintendence be 4% on the outlay
incurred under his charge.

3^d That Iron Girders be adopted where they can be
properly applied in the construction.

4th That to
expedite matters tenders for the list of Girders
were asked from several Persons & Firms as
follows. B. J. Coghlin, J. H. Taylor Esq, A. C. Leslie
E. H. Copland, Cooper Fairman Esq, G. Lorne,
Thomas Robertson,

5th The Tender
from Messrs Cooper Fairman Esq, Being the
Lowest, was accepted.

6th The Large Water Main
for the use of the Elevator, was applied for by
the President, and promptly put in,

7th Tables and the Paper Desks have been ordered
for Point St Charles Branch, and it is expected
that will be ready for next week, But if the
Library and Reading Room Committee are ready
the House Committee will provide temporary
Tables. Report was received and approved.

Report accepted.

Mechanics Institute, Montreal,
 Decr 27th 1887.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this day at 10.30 A.M. on the 26th was a general Holiday

Present, Col. A. A. Stevenson, President
 In the Chair. There were also Present
 Messrs. Gault, Wright, Featherston & White
 Farnhall and W. L. J. Cook,

An application ^{from} of the Officers and two Vaults from
 the London and Lancashire Insurance Co.
 and also an application from Messrs Coope-
 Fairman & Co. for other two offices

Rents and Conditions for offices

1st Office Flat $\frac{1}{\$250.00}$ $\frac{2}{\$250.00}$ $\frac{3}{\$250.00}$ $\frac{4}{\$400.00}$ $\frac{5}{\$200.00}$ $\frac{6}{\$250.00}$
 $\frac{7}{\$300.00}$ $\frac{8}{\$300.00}$ $\frac{9}{\$250.00}$ $\frac{10}{\$150.00}$ $\frac{11-12}{\$250.00}$ $\frac{13-14}{\$250.00}$
 $\frac{15}{\$250.00}$ 4 Vaults on 1st Flat \$100.00 each.

2nd Office Flat $\frac{1}{\$225.00}$ $\frac{2}{\$225.00}$ $\frac{3}{\$225.00}$ $\frac{4}{\$350.00}$ $\frac{5}{\$180.00}$ $\frac{6}{\$225.00}$ $\frac{7}{\$270.00}$
 $\frac{8}{\$270.00}$ $\frac{9}{\$225.00}$ $\frac{10}{\$135.00}$ $\frac{11-12}{\$225.00}$ $\frac{13-14}{\$225.00}$ $\frac{15}{\$180.00}$
 4 Vaults on 2nd Flat. \$75.00 each

3rd Office Flat $\frac{1}{\$200.00}$ $\frac{2}{\$200.00}$ $\frac{3}{\$200.00}$ $\frac{4}{\$300.00}$ $\frac{5}{\$150.00}$ $\frac{6}{\$200.00}$ $\frac{7}{\$210.00}$
 $\frac{8}{\$240.00}$ $\frac{9}{\$200.00}$ $\frac{10}{\$125.00}$ $\frac{11-12}{\$200.00}$ 4 Vaults on
 Third Floor \$50.00 each.

The above Rents include Heating by Steam or Hot Water

Mr. James Wright tendered his Resignation as a
 Member of the General Committee owing to his
 being engaged as Architect in charge of the Al-
 teration to the Building. His Resignation in
 consideration of the Circumstances was accepted
 It was further carried unanimously that
 Mr. Wright be appointed to attend to the Letting
 of the Rooms, at the foregoing figures and Conditions

If Taxes be paid by the Proprietors Ten per Cent
 to be added on the above Rates.

The President, Col. A. A. Stevenson, and Ald. W. Kennedy

Mr. W. Weatherford, we appointed a special committee to consult with Mr. Wright regarding the letting of the Rooms with full powers to settle all matters regarding the Renting of said Rooms,

Proposition for Membership to the Institute of Mr. John W. Dean, Plasterer, as a Life Member, was duly elected. A Life Member, Mr. R. Charleston, Builder, was duly elected a First Class Member,

An ofe from Mr. J. W. Reed, for \$4.14. And an ofe from Mr. A. Sherr for \$2.50 were submitted by the Home Committee, were passed and ordered to be paid

The Meeting then adjourned

A. Stevenson,
President.

Mechanics Institute, Montreal
July 14th 1888

A Special Meeting of the General Com-
mittee Pursuant to the call of the President
was held this day @ 6 pm. In the Committee
Room of the Institute,

Present, Ed. A. A. Stenson, President in the chair.
Wm. Kennedy, Messrs H. Gault, S. White,
W. F. Brown, J. Moore, H. Thompson, F. Michel
W. J. Cook, J. Smith, and G. Kelley,

The President stated that he had called this Meeting
to consider some matters concerning the repairs
and alterations to this Building, that were urgently
requiring a decision thereon.

The House Committee presented the following report

Montreal July 14th 1888
To the President
And General Committee
Mechanics Institute,
Montreal.

The House Committee beg leave to report as follows
1st That as instructed, they had called for tenders
for the several Artificers works, required in the
alterations proposed to be done to the Institute Building

And in response there to we have received a number
of tenders,

The following work was tendered for, and
was opened. and your Committee have to report
on our recommendation that the tender of S. Kuttnerfall
& Co for the Carpenters and Joiners work, being
\$10,897.⁰⁰ and the same be accepted,

That of Alex Leisig, for Printing and Glazing,
being \$1,798.⁰⁰ and the same be accepted,

That of the Crane Elevator Co, of New York and
Chicago being \$^{19,700.⁰⁰} and the same be accepted

That the tender of the Montreal Roofing Co being
\$1,900.⁰⁰ and the same be accepted,

And that the Committee are not in a position yet to

report on any other Leaders, but that they will do so at the earliest possible time,

Moved by Mr. W. Rutherford, and seconded by Mr. W. F. Cook, that the Leader of Messrs D. Rutherford & Co be accepted, (Carpenter work). Carried

Moved by Mr. W. Rutherford, seconded Mr. W. F. Brown that the Leader of Mr. Alex. Cairns for Printing and Glazing be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. W. Rutherford, seconded by Mr. Jas. Smith that the Leader of the Home Elevator Company of New York and Chicago, for the Elevator be accepted Carried

Moved by Mr. Jas. Moore, seconded by Mr. W. F. Cook that the Leader of Mr. G. W. Reed for Roofing, ^{\$2563.00} be accepted. Carried.

Mr. W. H. Brown of 143 Tenth St., has duly elected a Member of the Institute. First Class.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned

A. A. Stevenson
President.

Mechanics Institute, Montreal
July 19th 1888

A Special Meeting of the General Committee was held this day in the Committee Room at 1.30 P.M. Pursuant to the Call of the President.

Present. Col. A. A. Stevenson, President in the Chair
Messrs Gault, White, Pruthier, Brown
Swain and Old Kennedy.

The President explained, that the Meeting was called to consider the Report of the House Committee regarding Tenders for certain portions of the alterations.

The House Committee reported as follows

Montreal July 19th 1888

To the General Committee, Mechanics Institute.

The House Committee have to report that they have received and opened further Tenders, for the following works.

By the Stone Brick, the Tender of W. P. Syall. Being the lowest for both is considered the best for the Institute, and is recommended for acceptance, the amount being \$4500.⁰⁰.

Plastering, the Tender of J. Morrison being the lowest was accepted and \$2500.⁰⁰ was recommended.

Heating and Plumbing. The Tender of W. J. Matheson being the lowest was accepted. Amount \$8000.⁰⁰ recommended.

Stair Case. The Tender of H. R. Dues & Co. being the lowest was accepted. Amount \$1300.⁰⁰ recommended.

Further Tenders for safe doors, and tiling being incomplete the Committee holds over for further consideration.

Moved by W. Pruthier, seconded by W. Brown that the report of the House Committee be received and adopted, and that the various contracts be entered into according to the report. Carried.

The House Committee, were instructed to store in the Building, such furniture as may be made available in re-furnishing the Building.

Moved by Mr. Rutherford seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the offer of Messrs Cooper & Linnard - to of \$1100.00 for the four front offices on the fine office floor be accepted, and that a lease for three or five years be granted them. Carried

The Meeting thereafter adjourned until 1.30 p.m. tomorrow

A. A. Stevenson
President.

Mechanics Institute. Montreal
July 20th 1888

An adjourned Special Meeting of the General Committee was held this day in the Committee Room @ 1.30. P.M.

Present: Col. A. A. Stevenson, President in the Chair -
Mr. Messrs. Rutherford, Linnard, Gauth. Brown
Mr. Kennedy & Mr. Selley.

Moved by Mr. Rutherford seconded by Mr. Selley, that to overcome the excessive height of the windows above the old floor in the Hall, it is an absolute necessity to raise a new floor, on the top of the present floor, with a felt and gravel, or sand covering between, as per detail provided for by the Architect in the specification, resolved that the same be done, and that the offer of Messrs. Messrs. Rutherford & Linnard & J. W. Reed be accepted for that work.

~~For the Motion - Messrs. Rutherford, Linnard, Brown and Mr. Selley.~~

~~Agreed Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Gauth and Mr. White
Motion carried~~

Moved in Amendment by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Mr. White, that it is in the interest of the Institute, that the windows be cut down 18 inches, instead of the floor being raised, approved Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Gauth & Mr. White
~~Agreed Messrs. Rutherford, Linnard, Brown & Mr. Selley.
The Meeting thereafter adjourned.~~

The Amendment was put and lost, on the fol-
lowing division - 174
Gens. W. W. Linnick, G. Smith, & S. White.
Mays, W. Brotherton, G. Linnick, W. J. Brown and Dr. Kelley.

The Main Motion was then put, and carried on the
same division,

After which the Meeting adjourned

A. A. Stevenson
President.

Mechanics Institute Montreal

Jan 23. 1885

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening in the Committee Room, at 8 pm, pursuant to call of the President

Present,

Present. - Lieut-Col, G. A. Moreson, President in the Chair, W. Rutherford, V.P.; Dr Thomas Nichol, Secretary. Henry W. Brown, J. W. Kelley Ph.D., Henry Gault, W. J. Cooke, Henry Lampard.

Architect's remarks re girders

The Architect reported that the iron girders would not be on hand in time, and he submitted an estimate of cost of change because of want of the girders ordered when it was moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Dr Nichol that the President be given power to cancel Cooper, Fairman & Co's order for girders and that the changes in connection with the girders be left in the hands of the House Committee with power to act. Carried.

Dr Kelley's motion re girders

Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of General Committee Meeting, from Dec 10. 1884 to January 20. 1885 were read and confirmed.

Appointment of G. V. Cooke on House Comm.

The President appointed Mr G. V. Cooke a Member of the House Committee, in place of Mr Wright, resigned.

W. J. Brown's motion re water pipes

Moved by W. J. Brown, seconded by Dr Kelley that the amount (\$63.99) due to the City be paid. Carried.

Report of Chairman of House Committee

The Chairman of the House Committee reported verbally that owing to the carelessness of Mr Young, on Sunday, January 22nd, the water froze in the heating pipes, and as a result, many coils burst, entailing considerable expense.

Dr Kelley's motion re Mr Young.

Moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr W. J. Brown that this matter be left in the hands of the House Committee which, in conjunction with the President, will have full power to act. Carried.

Report of Dr Kelley, Chairman of Library Committee

Dr J. W. Kelley, Chairman of the Library Committee reported as follows: - "The Library Committee beg to report, that they held a meeting on the 18th Instant

The sale of the Papers took place on the 14th inst and realized about Fifty dollars

Your committee purchased a number of books for the Library.

The following bills were passed and are submitted to the General Committee for payment, namely: - Messrs W. Drysdale & Co. bill for papers and periodicals for the Reading Room \$ 364. 55 do do for the Branch \$ 99. 23 Hon. J. Ryan for new book \$ 3. 00

Report of Library Comtee, continued

The "Empire" was added to the paper for the Central Building,
and the "Scottish American" for the Branch.
Bill presented Bently and Company. . . \$5.00

Mr Rutheford's motion, re
payment of papers & c.

After the reading of Dr Kelley's Report, it was moved by Mr Rutheford,
seconded by Mr G W Cook that the amounts required for paper
and pens be granted, and that the fees of Thomas, Kayen
and D Bentley and Co be paid. Carried.

Report of Mr W F Brown
Chairman of the Membership
Committee.

Mr W. F. Brown, Chairman of the Membership Committee handed
in the following Report:—

namely Ist Class members.

I First Class members:—

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|---------------------|------------|------------------------|
| 1 James Donell | Plasterer | 87 Workman Street |
| 2. Albert J. Leet | Carpenter | 45 1/2 Chancery Street |
| 3. A Chisholm | Contractor | 669 Wellington Street |
| 4. George Clarke | Booker | 621 " " |
| 5. W. J. Murphy | Painter | 15 Blaney Street |
| 6. G. A. Vaughan | | 102 St James Street |
| 7. R. J. Kell | Booker | 655 Wellington Street |
| 8. Joseph Asherwood | Painter | 57 St Albain Street |
| 9. James Thomas | Painter | 178 St Vincent Street |
| 10 John Cannon | | Fraser Building |

10 in all.

namely IInd Class members.

II Second Class Members:—

- | | | |
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| 1. Miss J. Inohy | | 134 Peel Street |
| 2. J. J. Asherwood | Painter | 59 St Albain Street |
| 3. J. A. Clarke | Clerk | 6 PM Roffe, St James Street |
| 4. A. G. Holt | | 380 St Andrew Street |
| 5. W. W. Parker | Bank Clerk. | 28 McGill Coll. Avenue |
| 6. E. J. Sample | Student | 904 St Andrew Street |
| 7 James R. Bacon | Bookbinder. | 378 St Lawrence near Street |
| 8. R. Nixon | | 182 St Andrew Street |
| 9. D. B. McBratton | Agent | New York House |
| 10. W. Grant | Medical | 1560 Notre Dame Street |
| 11. F. MacBeth | Accountant | Molson's Bank |
| 12. W. A. W. Burnett | Clerk | 178 St Hypolite Street |
| 13. David Cuthbert | Turner | 29 Magdalen Street |
| 14. D. W. Connell | Clerk | 44 Rushbrook Street |
| 15. W. M. Archie | Moulder | Scullins Street |
| 16. Frank Duncan | Machinist | 667 Wellington Street |
| 17. John Stark | Fitter | 131 Bourgeois Street |
| 18. George Stark | Clerk | " " " |
| 19. W. A. Keddell | Clerk | 175 Bourgeois Street |
| 20. J. W. Burridge | Clerk | 637 Wellington Street |
| 21. George Wilson | Clerk | 86 Magdalen Street |
| 22. Clement J. Bush | Moulder | 176 1/2 Bourgeois Street |
| 23. W. A. Kneeland | Teacher | 117 Hibernia Road |
| 24. J. J. Dix | Wool Dranghsmen | 687 Wellington Street |
| 25. Percy Bennie | Machinist | 3 Beaver Street |

names of IInd Class coll.

26. Donald Johnson	Book-keeper	Maple Avenue
27. Samuel Blane	Factor	166 Congregation Street
28. R. A. Alloway	no profession	588 Wellington Street
29. F. C. Hager	Machinist	154 Magdalen Street
30. Francis Hawkins	Trigher	228 1/2 Magdalen Street
31. W. A. Hylroster	Heater	557 ofar Street
32. W. J. E. Hall	Accountant	791 Wellington Street
33. John Gow	Book-keeper	264 Patrick Street
34. Str. Cahill	Book-keeper	129 Magdalen Street
35. James G. Burnley	Clerk	1946 Bourgeois
36. D. A. Bellatt	Dry goods, Clerk	785 Wellington Street
37. Stephen Jones	Heater	107 ofar Street
38. James Cunningham	Machinist	178 Bourgeois Street
39. W. M. Blane	Brush finisher	166 Congregation Street
40. David Allen	Carpenter	61 Farad Street
41. B. Kidd	Machinist	
42. William Aird	Machinist	113 Bourgeois Street
43. J. A. Figgell	Factor	242 Magdalen Street
44. A. W. Lavers	Insurance Agent	162 Magdalen Street
45. John Moore	Machinist	Hill Street
46. D. Scott	Machinist	188 Magdalen Street
47. Kenidge (Jr)	Clerk	637 Wellington Street
48. W. Langlands	Factor	125 Bourgeois Street
49. John Mahan	Boiler maker	88 Mullin Street
50. John Christie	bar hammer	139 Congregation Street
51. Alfred Mills	Boiler maker	9 Rushbrook Street
52. Thomas Wilkinson	Carpenter	144 Congregation Street
53. James Donnell	Wood Drumphammer	705 Wellington Street
54. George Donaldson	Machinist	723 Wellington Street
55. Andrew Taylor, Senr	Moulder	24 Grand Street
56. D. M. Johnson	Miller	610 Wellington Street

56 in all

names of IIIrd Class members

III. Third Class members		
1. John R. Lewis Jr	Clerk	135 Magdalen Street
2. Edwin Swan	Apprentice	54 Paris Street
3. Thomas Thomson	Apprentice	130 Grand Park Street
4. Edward Cooker	Apprentice	88 Richmond Street
5. Albert Blane	Apprentice	166 Congregation Street
6. Jas. Farar	Apprentice	39 Magdalen Street
7. George Surgeon	Apprentice	109 Bourgeois Street
8. Robert Snodgrass	Apprentice	176 Congregation Street
9. William Hudson	School boy	209 Magdalen Street
10. Albert Wilson	app. clerk	181 Magdalen Street
11. Harry M. Lavers	School boy	166 Magdalen Street
12. Thomas A. Donnell	Apprentice	181 Magdalen Street
13. David Melville	Apprentice	53 Bourgeois Street
14. Andrew Taylor	Moulder	24 G. T. Street
15. Harry Wilton	Machinist	227 Magdalen Street
16. William Surgeon	Apprentice	109 Bourgeois Street

Names of the ^{ad} Associates members contd

17. A. Ronaldson	Apprentice.	236 1/2 Magdalen Street
18. Willie Millmore	"	171 Congregation Street
19. Harry Dixon	"	19 Rushbrook Street
20. George Shepstone	"	92 Magdalen Street
21. David W. Davies	"	240 " "
22. Edwin Eyster	"	174 " "
23. John Brown	"	Paris Street
24. Robert Wilson	"	129 Bourgeois Street
25. H. P. Alloway	"	588 Wellington Street
26. Alfred Johnston	Apprentice	26 Congregation Wellington Street
27. J. Matthews (117)	"	129 Bourgeois Street
28. Robert Montgomery	Apprentice	176 1/2 " "
29. Albert Bush	"	Fortune Street
30. Robert Pollard	"	12 Bunney Street
31. Robert Marshall	"	4 Paris Street
32. William Woodcock	School boy	18 Richmond Street
33. Albert Lacey	"	19 Maple Avenue
34. G. F. Penk	Apprentice	29 Richmond Street
35. G. Middleton	"	44 Britannia Street
36. Thomas Allen	"	85 Bourgeois Street
37. Wm. Melville	"	20 Paris Street
38. Wm. Harris	"	81 Bourgeois Street
39. George Green	"	Rushbrook Street
40. John Forrester	"	119 Congregation Street
41. John Ashcroft	"	19 Maple Avenue
42. Wm. Penk	"	8 Richmond Street
43. John Donohoe	"	29 Rushbrook Street
44. Charles Porter	"	80 Richmond Street
45. James Cooker	School boy	25 Shaver Street
46. Samuel Adrain	Apprentice	226 1/2 Magdalen Street
47. Clinton & Brown	School boy	669 Wellington Street
48. A. Charles, Junr	"	801 Wellington Street
49. J. Clarke	Apprentice	701 " "
50. Frank Cree	School boy	175 Magdalen Street
51. Albert Archibald	Apprentice	58 Bonte Street
52. Charles Brown	"	26 Rushbrook Street
53. George Tennant	"	

53 in all

Name of life member

Richard Wm. Grant, Junr Merchant

P.O. Box 693

Mr. Brown's action re election of members

It was moved by W. F. Brown, seconded by Henry Lampard that the above mentioned be elected members of the Institute. Carried.

Financial State Dec. 1887

The financial state for December 1887, certified as correct by Wm. Rutherford, was presented :-

Financial Statement for December 1887

Received		Paid	
Dec 7	Coal Exchange lent in advance to Jan 1, 1888	Dec 1	M S Fuley 14 "
" 12	Cooper's Union, lent	" 2	Alex Bruff 57 90
" 31	Collected by President, towards West End Branch	" "	Jos. Wickwood 61 40
	James Sherman and J Brown	" 5	W Drysdale & Co:—
	200. 00		Library 14 70
	W A Westkill & Co		Reading 18 "
	25. 00	"	Stationary 55
	Kogler & King	" "	Dawson, Brothers 9 11
	50. 00	" 7	Stamps 50
	Pillar Huley & Co	" 12	" 50
	100. 00	" "	
	" " "	" 13	W Reid & Co Interest to Dec 8, 1887 715. 40
	G. A. Drummond	" 17	(Stamps) 27
	100. 00	" 19	" 25
	Nottingham & Workmen	" "	" 50
	100. 00	" 31	Trustees of Beaver Lodge
	J K Ward		\$6.00, on 9% of Coal
	100. 00		Estate, W H Charley 2053. 00
	Jos. Dickson	" "	W Johnson, Salary 50. 00
	100. 00	" "	W B Hamilton " 35. 00
	Belding, Paul & Co	" "	Bill Thomson 11 00
	100. 00	" "	Kell Young (5 weeks) 25. 00
	A. H. Gilman & Co	" "	Woman for cleaning 15. 00
	25. 00	" "	" " " (Extra) 1. 00
	Brooklyn, Carroll & Co	" "	Sandries:—
	25. 00		Jas. Brown 10
	J R London		10 which
	25. 00		Remy Co. 75 (Thomas pendix) 3. 10
	Montreal Machinery Company		3110. 04
	25. 00		Balance forward to January 5369. 67
	M. Malone		8279. 71
	25. 00		
	James Robertson		
	10. 00		
	George Caplin		
	10. 00		
	W. W. Shroud		
	10. 00		
	W. L. Malby		
	10. 00		
Dec 31	Interest from Merchants		
	Bent to date		
	69 81		
" "	Membership fees		
	194 50		
" "	Sale of Cables		
	1 50		
	1521 51		
	Balance from November		
	6959 40		
	8279 71		

The meeting then adjourned
A. H. Stevenson
 President.

Mechanics Institute, Montreal, Nov 4 1888

A Special Meeting of the General Committee was held this day in the Committee Room, at 4 pm.

Members present

Present. — Lieut Col. A. A. Stevenson, President, in the Chair. Dr. Caldwell, Secretary, Messrs Moore, Kelley, Gault, Lamppard, Smith, Brown, Cooke and White

Explanation re rent of store
No 206 St James Street

Mr James Knight, Architect, explained his plans for the alteration of the place, No 206 St James Street and on enquiry it was found that Mr Hugh Ross was willing to pay \$1500 and taxes per annum, for a term of five years; size of store 44 feet deep; cellar 16 feet deep, with passage leading to cellar.

Explanation re rent of store
No 206 St James Street.

Mr Knight mentioned the case of the Queen Insurance Company and it was decided to lease No 202 St James Street at a rent of \$2000 per annum, with taxes. Size of store 44 feet deep.

Motion re Haldie & McCulloch

Mr Knight next explained that the House Committee had a price with Haldie and McCulloch for ten vault doors, put up complete, for \$87.50 each, with the privilege of getting four more at the same price. Moved by Mr Moore, seconded by Dr Kelley, that the action of the House Committee be confirmed. Carried.

Motion re letting of Office

Moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr Smith that the letting of the office on the ground floor be left in the hands of the President, Messrs Kennedy and Rutherford and the Architect. Carried.

Change of Dept of Post and
Branch

The local committee (Post and Branch) reported that Mr Thompson the Post, had abandoned his position, and that, under the circumstances, the local committee had appointed Mr George Ward at a salary of \$7 per week. The action of the local committee was approved, and on motion of Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr Smith, the action of the local committee was approved, and Mr Ward appointed Post. The thanks of the General Committee are due to the local committee for prompt action on the matter.

Adjournment

The meeting then adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson
President

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Mechanics' Institute, Montreal, Jan 11, 1888

A special Meeting of the General Committee was held this day at 4 p.m.

Members present.

Present, - Lieut-col. A.A. Stevenson, President, in the Chair; W. K. Hall, Vice President; Dr. Nichol, Secretary; McNamee, Treasurer; Messrs. Garth, Brown and Ald, W. Kennedy. J. E. Barbeau, Esq., also present.

Explanation re Credit Foncier.

The President informed the General Committee that he had seen the entanches of several financial institutions, and found that none of them were willing to lend money at less than $5\frac{1}{2}\%$. He then explained the operations of the Credit Foncier represented by Edmund J. Barbeau Esq. According to calculations, an annual payment of \$3750 would extinguish the debt in 25 years, while under the usual system the interest would be \$2750 per annum (or \$68,750 for 25 years,) while at the end of the 25 years the \$50,000 would be still unpaid. Mr. Barbeau entered into full particulars of the Credit Foncier system, adding that there would be no commission but only moderate fees for examination of title and valuation. The matter was laid over for further consideration.

Verbal Report of Chairman of House Committee.

The Chairman of the House Committee reported good progress, in particular remarking that the Roof will be on in one week from date.

President's explanation re East End matter.

The President explained at a number of ^{other} meetings in the East End requested information on the subject of a Branch in that part of the city. He added that he had arranged a meeting for today (7th) at 5 p.m.

Entry of Deputation.

Accordingly the Rev Robert Lindsay, Rev W. Hall, and Messrs Drake and Kneeland were introduced, when the President detailed past efforts on the part of the Institute to organize an East End Branch.

Mr. Kneeland B.A. described the increase of English-speaking people in the East End; adding that, in his opinion, a Branch would be well supported.

Rev W. Hall followed in the same strain, suggesting a ~~public~~ meeting in the East End to discuss the matter.

The President summed up the matter by stating that the Institute was willing to do as much in the East End as it had done on the west, but that a local support must be forthcoming before the Institute would be warranted in moving.

Adjournment.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening in the Committee Room, at 8 pm pursuant to the call of the President,

Present,

Present. - Lieut-Col. A. G. Stevenson, President, in the Chair, Mr. Rutherford, V. P. Messrs Lampard, Cook, Garth, White Brown and Kelly.

Report of Lecture and Day Committee.

A Report was received from the Lecture and Day Committee referring to the course of lectures arranged to be held at the Point St Charles Branch. On March 1st Walter H. Smith Esq. a lecture on "The Worlds around us". On March 8 a lecture on "Practical Botany" by J. B. Saunders M.D. On March 15 a lecture on "Practical Electricity" by Fred. Thomson Esq. On March 22 "A Tour through Northern Italy" by W. H. Hutchison Esq. On March 29 "Canadian Railways, Structures and Equipment" by E. P. Haunford Esq. The first lecture to be free to all; the subsequent lectures to be free to members of the Institute; 10 cents admission for non-members.

(a) On April 11 1888 "A practical chemistry" by Prof. Donald.

Motion arising out of said Report

The Report was discussed by the General Committee, when Mr Brown moved, and Mr Cook seconded, that the Report of the Lecture Committee relating to the Course of Lectures to be held at the Point St Charles Branch be accepted, and that the admission be free. It was moved in amendment by Mr Kelly, and seconded by Mr White that the first lecture be free to all, and that all subsequent lectures a charge of ten cents be made for admission. Amendment carried.

Report of House Comm.

Mr Rutherford reported as Chairman of the House Committee that rapid progress was being made in the alterations. The Carpenter has now forty-five men at work, and there are now 95 men engaged in the alterations.

Letter from Mr Hugh Ross

A letter dated Jan 27. 1888, was received from Mr Hugh Ross complaining that his insurance has been raised on account of the alterations going on in the building, and asking the General Committee to refund him the difference. It was moved by Mr Brown seconded by Mr White that the amount claimed by Mr Hugh Ross, for building risk, be refunded to him. Carried unanimously.

Motion arising out of said letter

Mr Hutchison's legal opinion.

A legal opinion was received from Mr W. Hutchison, relating to the ~~removal~~ ^{insertion of a window} of the gable-wall; the document was referred to the House Committee.

Report from Mr Rutherford Chairman of House Comm.

Mr Rutherford, Chairman of the House Committee, reported that Mr Young, the Foreman, was not able to fill his position owing to illness and general debility, and that he (Mr R.) had got a man from Mr Mattinson to fill his place pro. tem.

Return re Mr Young

After discussion it was moved by Mr Rathford, seconded by Mr Gault that in consideration of Mr Young's long services, a sum of one hundred dollars be paid to him. Carried unanimously.

Report of Library Committee

The Chairman of the Library Committee handed in the following Report:—
Your Committee beg to report that all the books seriously injured by the fire have been rebound or repaired at very moderate cost. That it is necessary to supply catalogues at once especially for the readers at Point St Charles. For 24 additional pages, bound up with 1000 copies of the old catalogue, alike in all respects to the latter, the following tenders were received.

Andress \$ 98.00
D'Beatty \$ 77.00
Journal of Commerce \$40.00

(The latter offer was afterwards withdrawn)

Your Committee would recommend that D'Beatty's tender be accepted. Your Committee estimates are as follows:—

Repairing damaged books \$150
Catalogues \$176
Annual grant to Library \$400
\$626

The Reader at the Point number about 150; The sale of papers realized about \$10.

Bills ordered to be paid:—

W Dyer & Co \$127.70
" " " (Beg) 15.90
Dawson, Brothers 8.50

The Report of the Library Committee was accepted, save the part referring to an appropriation which was referred to the Finance Committee for report.

Accounts Passed.

The following accounts of the Library Committee were passed (as above); also the following belonging to the Point St Charles branch, Lewis Harrison \$1.50; Gibson & Madley \$15.90; Evans, Brothers \$14.40; Lister \$25.50

Also passed at the same time, Gazette \$18.75; Witness \$5.00; Herald Company \$2.50; Alex Craig \$8.50; Gazette Company \$5.00; Drug \$87.75; W Dyer & Co \$10.20

Letter from Mr A B Hamilton

A letter was received from Mr A B Hamilton, asking for a bonus for extra work caused by the fire; referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of Membership Comm.

Mr Brown, Chairman of the Membership Committee, handed in the following Report:—

I. Life members:—

1. James King
 2. Archibald Spence
 3. James Hector Macneil
- Druggist 73 Main Street
267 St Urbain Street

Names of Life Members:

Names of Ist Class members

II First Class members:-

- | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 1. R. Chabrand | Builder | 6 St Chaley Burroughs Street |
| 2. W. H. Brown | Cooker | 145 Fulford Street |
| 3. George Barry | Merchant | 11 St Helen Street |
| 4. Lewis Forten | Merchant | St Joseph Street (St Kunzende) |
| 5. George Grant | Clerk | 785 Wellington Street |
| 6. Henry Hadley | Gentleman | Wellington Street |
| 7. R. Munce | Grocer | 605 Wellington Street |
| 8. J. A. Hutchinson | Physician | 515 Wellington Street |
| 9. G. T. James | Grocer | 65 Haberner Road |

9 in all

Names of IInd Class members

III Second Class members:-

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|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1. James Ellis | Rolling Miller | 25 Maple Avenue |
| 2. J. W. March | Machinist | 167 Magdalen Street |
| 3. William Cowie | Machinist | 483 Wellington Street |
| 4. W. MacLachlan | Machinist | 483 Wellington Street |
| 5. W. H. Brown | Clerk | 805 Wellington Street |
| 6. William Kelly | Machine hand | 54 Broadpool Street |
| 7. Robert Donaldson | Clerk | 723 Wellington Street |
| 8. G. J. Brown | Machinist | Canada Sundry Factory |
| 9. Jas. G. Gyles | Clerk | 699 Wellington Street |
| 10. William McIntosh | Moulder | 756 Magdalen Street |
| 11. David Gow | Carpenter | 119 Bourgeois Street |
| 12. William Daly | Clerk | C. & O. Savings Bank |
| 13. Hugh Russell | Manager | Bourgeois Street |
| 14. R. Hopper | Trader | 603 Wellington Street |
| 15. John Hoga | Road Master | 96 Congregation Street |
| 16. Francis Pratt | Yin-smith | 108 Sherwin Street |
| 17. A. Devine | Clerk | 155 Magdalen Street |
| 18. R. G. Foster | Clerk | 22 Cornway Street |
| 19. Knox Henry | Clerk | 49 Bond Street |
| 20. James Duffley | Clerk | 124 Ottawa Street |
| 21. W. H. Badger, Junior | Clerk | 8 Name Street |
| 22. G. Bloomley | Railway Man | 148 St Philip Street |
| 23. R. D. W. Bond | Clerk | Hudson's Bay Coy. Office |
| 24. John Grant | Plumber | 103 Henry Street |
| 25. James Raitt | Machinist | 21 Anderson Street |
| 26. Lewis B. McFarlane | Manager | 33 Comedy Street |
| 27. R. H. Grant | Clerk | 424 Adams Street |

27 in all

Names of IIIrd Class members

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|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Alfred H. Pittman | School Boy | 52 Cornwell Street |
| 2. Thomas White | Apprentice | 39 Rozelle Street |
| 3. Alfred White | Apprentice | 39 Rozelle Street |
| 4. Alec Tomesler | School boy | 26 Roushbrook Street |
| 5. John Power | Apprentice | 23 Barron Street |
| 6. Fred Roseworthy | Apprentice | 54 Farm Street |
| 7. George Goodsell | Apprentice | 21 Centre Street |
| 8. Charles McKinnon | School boy | 3 Paris Street |
| 9. James Scott | Apprentice | 605 Wellington Street |

Names of 1st Class, continued

10. James Purcell	Apprentice	50 Sebastopol Street
11. George Mason	school boy	110 Bonaparts Street
12. Frederick White	Apprentice	59 Ryelle Street
13. George White	school boy	100 Liverpool Street
14. William Smith	Apprentice	152 Mullen Street
15. George W. Smith	Apprentice	152 Mullen Street
16. J. H. Alexander	Apprentice	109 Congregation Street
17. Peter O'Donnell	school boy	St. Ann
18. James Macdonald	Apprentice	102 Mansfield Street
19. James R. Craig	school boy	60th St. Victoria
20. John Macdonald	Telegraph Messenger	70 Wolfe Street
21. Joseph Grant	Message boy	5 1/2 Park Street
22. James Smith Junr		77 Magdalen Street
23. Mr. Henry England		126 Bonaparts Street
24. Harold Dixon	Apprentice	Knobloch Street
25. Mr. Hancock	school teacher	64th school
26. Thomas Rainford	school boy	218 Magdalen Street
27. Mr. Manning	school teacher	64th school
28. Frank Kieley	tin smith	526 Albert Street
29. Alfred Cox	school boy	59 Charon Street
30. Mr. P. Hayes	Apprentice	87 Mullen Street
31. James Hanrahan		28 Ryelle Avenue
32. Ben West	Apprentice	21 Howard Street
33. Mr. Kelly & Co		47 R. Hotel office
34. Mr. Hever	School teacher	144 Magdalen Street
35. Arthur Hill	Clerk	42 Sebastopol Street
36. Mr. May Irvine		113 Victoria Road
37. John McLean	Apprentice	94 Mansi Street

37 in all
34p members; 9 Ist class; 27 IInd class; 37 IIIrd class; 76 in all.

Grand total:
"ways and means"

The question then came up as to ways and means to raise a temporary loan to enable the loaners to pay the contractors something on %.

Mr. Book's motion

It was then moved by Mr. Book, seconded by Mr. Smith, that in view of the Quebec by-law not erecting till April, or May it is advisable to raise a temporary loan of \$20,000 (twenty thousand); and the President and Treasurer of the Institute be authorized to give their joint promissory note for that amount, the Institute to hold them free from personal responsibility. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Rutherford's motion

Mr. Rutherford then moved, seconded by Mr. White, that the committee accept the offer of the Finance Commission Credit Societies to lend them fifty thousand dollars to pay off the mortgage and also the alterations on the building, being the best terms offered. Carried unanimously.

Financial Statement for
January, 1888

The financial statement for January, 1888, certified correct by Mr
Rutherford, was submitted:—

Debit		Credit	
Jan 6	G. Demerby (Rent)	Jan 6	G. W. Reed
	collected by President & Treas.	" 7	A. Ahern
	West End Branch of	" 28	Montreal Trade (Dr)
	W. W. Blackwell	" 31	W. Johnson (Salary)
" 10	Cooper's Union	" "	A. B. Hamilton (")
" 31	Memberships (including	" "	B. H. Thomson (")
	life fee of Mr. H. Grant	" "	R. H. Young (")
	Sale of papers	" "	woman for cleaning
	" " catalogues	" "	Shaw's
			Sundries
			Returned letters
			Keating bar
			Scrubby at March
			Thomson for sundries
			3 B. Eye
			Branch sundries
			Keating salary
	302. 05		280. 66
	Balance from Dec		Balance forward to Feb
	5369. 07		5441. 06
	5671. 72		\$5671. 72

The meeting then adjourned

A. H. Stevenson
President.

Mechanics Institute Montreal March 15 1888

This day, pursuant to the call of the President, a special meeting of the General Committee was held

Present.

Present, - Lieut. Col. A. A. Stevenson, President in the chair; Mr. Roubin, Vice-President; Messrs Kennedy, Gault, Cooke White and Smith & Kelly (A.)

Object of Meeting

The President explained that he had arranged with Mr. C. J. Barber, of the Credit Foncier, France, for a temporary loan of ten thousand dollars at 6 per cent. per annum for one year.

Mr. White's motion endorsing the President's action.

The President's arrangement was duly approved and it was moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. A. H. Kennedy, that the loan from Mr. Barber of ten thousand dollars for one year at 6 per cent. per annum be, and is hereby accepted, and that a promissory note be drawn by the Mechanics Institute of Montreal signed by the President, A. A. Stevenson, the Secretary Henry Wood (A.), and the Treasurer, James Moore for the said amount, payable at the Merchants Bank of Canada, Montreal. The motion was carried unanimously.

Report of House Committee

The House Committee reported that they had engaged Mr. Charles Downie as janitor, seconded by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the action of the House Committee be approved.

Dr. Kelly's motion endorsing House Committee's action

Complaint of Royal Mutual Society

A letter from the Royal Mutual Society was read making complaint of the conduct of running out the gas before the meeting was closed. The committee expressed regret for such action of their employees (who is only temporarily in charge) and the # 20th is instructed to apologize.

Adjournment

The meeting therefore adjourned

A. A. Stevenson
President.

Mechanics Institute, Montreal, March 19, 1888

This day, pursuant to special notice by the President, the General Assembly met at the Institute at 12.30 P.M.

Present:

President, - Lieut-Col. G. G. Stevenson, Present, on the Chair; Mr. Hoare, Treasurer; Messrs. Brown, Kelly, Gault, Lampert and Rutherford V. D. - The latter acting as Secretary.

Object of meeting

The President stated that he had called the Meeting to consider the advisability of shifting the Library and Reading Room at once, instead of after May 1st. The Chairman of the Library Committee stated that he consisted of letters to have the alterations done at once, in which opinion the Chairman of the House Committee concurred.

Dr. Kelly's motion as regards Library and Reading Room

After full consideration, it was moved by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Lampert that in order to allow the alterations to be gone on with at once, the Library be closed at once for three weeks, and the Reading Room be removed to No. 227 St. James Street, which place has been offered at a rental of \$; and if that cannot be got, the House Committee be authorized to find a suitable place for the Reading Room. Carried unanimously.

Instructions to House Committee as permanent tenancy

The House Committee are instructed to provide accommodation for the permanent tenancy, now using the long room.

Architect's plans at Library

The Architect, supported by the Library Committee, and approved of by the House Committee, recommended altering the plan of the Library, namely, to take away the partitions and thereby dividing the present Library from the Long Room, thus making the Library occupy the full depth of the building.

Dr. Kelly's motion regarding Architect's plans at Library

Moved by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Gault, that these alterations be approved of. Carried unanimously.

Application to use St. Charles Room

The application to rent the Point St. Charles room for every Thursday night for the Royal Societies of Temperance was left to the House Committee.

Letter from Estate Campbell as regards gable of building

The President submitted a letter from the Estate Campbell, referring to the window in the gable of the building; the House Committee was authorized to have the matter settled to suit the Estate, as requested.

Adjournment

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson
President

Mechanics Institute, Montreal. March 26. 1888

Meeting of G. Comm.

The Regular Monthly meeting of the General Committee was held this evening in the temporary Committee Room, No 229 St James Street

Present. -

Present. - Lieut-Col. W.A. Stevenson, President, in the Chair; W. Rutherford, Vice-President; Thomas Stoddard, Secretary; Messrs Garth, Brown, Cook, Lampard and Kelley Ph.D.

Reading of Minutes. -

The Minutes of last Regular Meeting and of the special Meeting of March 15th and 19th were read and confirmed.

Report of Finance Comm.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee present a Report of which the following are the chief items: -

- (a) The Chairman of the Library Committee reported, under Mr. Hamilton's application, that the Committee had not held a meeting since the application.
- (b) The following were presented by the several sub-committees and were passed for payment.

House Committee. -	
Thomas Cooker	\$2.35
J.L. Cassidy	1.50
A. Chisholm	14.83
R. Mitchell	27.00
W.W. Briggs	2.00
Rees & Co	5.40 = 53.08
Library Committee.	
"La Menerve"	6.00
"Gazette" Co	6.00
"Star" Co	22.00
Membership Committee	
"Journal of Commerce"	3.50
The Lecture and Class Committee	
John Brown	5.00

Dr Kelley's motion re Finance Report.

Moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr Rutherford V.P., that the Report be received and adopted. Carried.

Bentley's ac

The Chairman of the Library Committee submitted an account from D Bentley, received too late for submission to the Finance Committee

Verbal Report of Chairman of House Committee

The Chairman of the House Committee Reported that the alterations in the Building were progressing rapidly.

Report of Membership Comm
Name of life Member

The Chairman of the Membership Committee reported as follows: -
I. Life Member
1 John McLean Contractor 14 Windsor Street
1 in all.

Name of Ist Class members

II. First Class Members: -
1 J.A. Kinloch Physician 531 Wellington Street

Names of Ist Class members.

- 2 H. Chastonman Advocate
- 3 Angus Thom Merchant
- 4 Jas Cooper Merchant
- 5 Frederick Fairman Merchant

- 35 St James Street
- 42 Foundling Street
- 42 Foundling Street
- 42 Foundling Street

5 in all

Names of IInd Class members

III Names of IInd Class

- 1 John Morris Clerk
- 2 Rottor Bush Clerk
- 3 D. McLean Clerk
- 4 J. J. Rooney Clerk
- 5 William Grant Bookmaker
- 6 William Hill Bookmaker

- 39 Regent Street
- 424 St Denis Street
- 3 Paris Street
- 31 1/2 Manufacturing Street
- 288 St Patrick Street
- 42 Sebertopol Street

6 in all

Names of IIIrd Class members

IV 3rd Class members

- 1. John William Dodson Apprentice
- 2. Fred Ennis Apprentice
- 3. A Thompson Apprentice
- 4. L. Polton Student
- 5. Albert Polton Student
- 6. A. W. Ross

- 33 Rushhook Street
- 26 Faraid Street
- 757 Wellington Street
- 382 Wellington Street
- 162 St James Street
- 457 Wellington Street

6 in all

1 life member; 5 Ist class; 6 IInd class; 6 IIIrd class; 18 in all.

Grand total:

Mr Brown's motion re Membership Comm's Report

Moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Lampard, that all these in due order be elected members of this Institute. Carried

Deputation to Mr Hamilton

Mr Hamilton was directed to place himself at the disposal of the Membership Committee for the next two weeks.

Hutchison & Steel's ac

An account for \$40 was received from Messrs Hutchison and Steele for valuing damage done to the Institute building (by fire) referred to the Chairman of the House Committee, with instructions to settle.

Mackie & Co's account

An account was received from Mackie & Co, Liverpool, England, for the sum of £2.10.0, being subscription to the Liverpool Albion from 1885 to 1889. Referred to the Chairman of the Libr. Comm, for adjustment.

Letter from Rev W Hill, of Newburgh N.Y. State

A letter was received from Rev W Hill, Newburgh, N.Y., requesting information re Mechanics Institute in the Dominion. Referred to the Secretary for reply.

Financial Statement for February, 1888

The Financial Statement for February 1888, was submitted:—

Received #		Paid.	
For 1	Richardson & Son	125	00
" 2	Thugh Ross	325	00
" "	Montreal Sugar Refinery	2	00
" 7	Cooper's Union	2	00
" "	Montreal Building Society	30	00
" 11	Royal Building Society	30	00
" 12	Central Patent Workmen's Socy	2	00
" 17	S.E. Railway	526	50
" 27	Collected by President for West End Branch		
	Vester memo	25	00
" 29	H.R. Ross & Co	100	00
" "	Walter Drake	50	00
" "	W. Washburn & Co	25	00
" "	Membership fees	107	00
" "	Association of Engineers (fees) Aug/88.	25	00
" "	Sale of Catalogues	50	
" "	Collected for Sale of Papers	13	05
" "	" " " (Branch)	7	72
		1431	77
	Balance from January	5441	06
		6872	83
For 1	Harrolds		50
" 2	Thomas Ryan		3
" 6	Harrolds		50
" "	W. Day & Co		
	Magazines re	369	35
" "	do do for Branch	99	28
" 11	D. Bentley & Co	5	00
" 14	Gas Co	100	05
" "	do (Branch)	18	45
" 20	D. Rutherford & Co		
	on ac of contract	1000	00
" 23	Harrolds		50
" 29	do for Harrolds	5	00
" "	W. Johnson (Salary)	50	00
" "	A.B. Hamilton "	35	00
" "	George Ward "	30	00
" "	do (Car fare)	2	90
" "	Robt Young	21	00
" "	Penland	3	50
" "	Women for cleaning	12	00
	Sundries		
	3 Tonals	50	
	Soap	10	
	Scrubby brush	20	
	Postage bills	10	
	Laces	10	
	Paper	60	
	Scrubby floor (Branch)	1	00
	Car fare	10	2 70
		1759	28
	Balance forward to March	5113	55
		6872	83

The Meeting thereof, adjourned

A. Stevenson
President

Mechanics Institute, Montreal, April 23, 1888

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening in the Humphrey Committee Room, 172 1/2 St James Street, at 7 pm.

Members Present.

Present. - Lieut-Col. A. A. Mercier, President in the Chair; W. K. Rathford Vice-President; M. Wood Treasurer; Thomas Nichol M.D. Secretary; Mr R. Brown Past President; Messrs. Lampard, White, Garth, and Smith, M. Hutchison V.C. Advocates, was present by request of the President.

Reading of Minutes.

The Minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed.

Report of Finance Comm.

The Report of the Finance Committee was read. The report stated that the Chairman of the Lecture and Class Committee had applied for a grant of \$200 to meet certain expenses of the past season at the Branch. He also reported that the following were passed and recommended to the General Committee for payment

Mountford & Co. 4 copies daily half price	\$12.00
Star for advertising (after deduction 25%)	\$3.75
W. Day & Co. for the Branch	\$7.50
" " " " New books.	\$46.22

Mr Irwin's Motion

Moved by Mr Irwin, seconded by Mr Wood that the Report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted, Carried.

Verbal Report of Chairman of House Committee

The Chairman of the House Committee reported verbally as follows: - that the entire work is doing well; the Elevator completed; the stairs ready for use but not quite finished. New book shelves are needed at a cost of \$575. He also recommended that the front of the building be painted, as it is impossible to clean it properly; also that the western gable wall be tinted. He added that fire-escapes should be put up on the St Peter's Street front.

Mr Garth's motion.

Moved by Mr Garth, seconded by Mr White that this report be approved. Carried.

Verbal Report from Lecture and Class Committee

Mr Smith reported verbally that Lecture and Class Committee had had a meeting, at which they had received reports from all the Secretaries.

Report of Membership Comm.

Mr Lampard, from the Membership Committee, submitted a comparative statement of finance from which it appeared that last year the amount collected, up to date, amounted to the sum of \$862.00, while this year, up to same date it is the same sum precisely. In addition this year, the sum of \$252.00 has been collected at the Branch.

Names of Ist Class Members

I First Class Members: -

- 1. J Picard Merchant 5 1/2 Paris Street
 - 2. James Minton Gentleman 188 Congregation Street
- 2 in all

Names of IInd Class Members

II Second Class Members: -

- 1. Robert Wilson Clerk 181 Magdalen Street
 - 2. Wesley Hayden Telegraph Operator 50 Tupper Street
 - 3. Maurice Holman Clerk 313 1/4 Notre Dame Street
 - 4. Miss M. Bruce 226 Magdalen Street
 - 5. Mr Williamson 806 Palace Street
 - 6. R S Kelhe Tailor 687 Wellington Street
 - 7. William Green Blacksmith 211 Magdalen Street
 - 8. F W O'Donnell Clerk 133 Magdalen Street
 - 9. James Gelatly Clerk 59 Richmond Street
 - 10. Andrew Peterson Blacksmith 62 Farad Street
 - 11. D. S. Robertson Clerk 128 Hibernia Road
 - 12. Mr. Todd (removed to 5th class) Teacher 129 Hibernia Road
 - 12. W. Cullbert Clerk 129 Magdalen Street.
- 12 in all.

Names of IIIrd Class Members

- 1. Miss B. Jenkins 226 Congregation Street
 - 2. Miss Guerin Teacher 104 Congregation Street
 - 3. Miss Jesse Mavee Teacher 144 Magdalen Street
 - 4. Miss Caroline Marshall Teacher 94 Magdalen Street
 - 5. Miss Maggie Robinson 162 Magdalen Street
 - 6. Miss Little Teacher 129 Hibernia Road
 - 7. Jos. McDonald Apprentice 1755 Notre Dame Street
- 7 in all.

Grand Total

2 First Class; 12 Second Class; 7 Third Class; 21 in all.

Mr Lampard's Motion

Moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Davin, that all those, individually, be elected Members of the Institute, Carried

Mr Hutchison's Motion

Mr Hutchison O.C. Advocate read a draft of a Bill, in loose, to be introduced into the Quebec legislature, when it was moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Gault that the matter be left in the hands of the President, Secretary and Treasurer to act in conjunction with Dr Hutchison, Carried.

Mr Davin's Motion

Moved by Mr Davin, seconded by Dr Kelley, that the President and Treasurer be a committee to borrow Ten thousand dollars for two or three months at five percent, with authority to sign notes of hand. Carried.

Letter from Mr Hugh Ross

A letter was received from Mr Hugh Ross requesting a reduction of rent, on the ground of aungance from the alterations. Refused.

Financial Statement for March 1888

The financial statement for March, 1888, was read: -

Annual Statement for 1888

Received		Paid	
Mar 3	Collected by Treasurer for best	Mar 3	D. K. H. Ford on % of contract
	Est Branch, Mr Geo Roberts		1000 00
"	4 00	"	P. Lyell " " "
"	4 00	"	2500 00
"	4 00	"	Gazette Printing Company
"	2 00	"	21 75
"	1 70	"	Harold Printing Company
"	2000 00	"	20 00
"	8000 00	"	Trustees of Board of Trade (furniture)
"	4 20	"	900 00
"	50 00	"	Louis Carter, (Branch)
"	25 00	"	25 00
"	75 00	"	5 W. M. Briggs
"		"	68 72
"		"	7 Henry Harrison (Branch)
"		"	1 50
"		"	10 G. W. Reed on % of contract
"		"	1500 00
"		"	1 Evans, Bros (Branch)
"		"	14 40
"		"	W. D. P. & Co. Stationery, Printing, Copying
"		"	155 85
"		"	14 Killison & Reddy (Sale of insurance)
"		"	16 90
"		"	17 D. K. H. Ford on % of contract
"		"	1000 00
"		"	18 J. M. Mullen
"		"	500 00
"		"	19 Postage stamps
"		"	50
"		"	20 Daffleton & Co
"		"	6 00
"		"	21 Phoenix Assurance Company
"		"	400 00
"		"	22 Kott Young (Rebining allowance \$1000)
"		"	100 00
"		"	23 Hempes & J. Morrison on % of contract
"		"	1000 50
"		"	24 Don Brady Company (Pungency)
"		"	426 24
"		"	25 Peter Brown (Branch)
"		"	5 00
"		"	26 Deady & Co
"		"	95 00
"		"	27 D. K. H. Ford on % of contract
"		"	1000 00
"		"	28 Printers office Dawson Bros
"		"	13 50
"		"	29 Geo & Co (Branch) Building Certificate
"		"	7 40
"		"	30 Salaries, W. Johnson A. B. Hamilton
"		"	85 00
"		"	Geo Ward, R. Jones, O. L. Clark
"		"	81 50
"		"	Chapman Men, plg work
"		"	30 00
"		"	Man for clearing snow (seen)
"		"	3 00
"		"	Sundries, 15 cigs, 20 coal, 25 coal
"		"	3 chimneys, Candles, scrubby floor
"		"	2 gals coal oil, scrubby floor (B. A.)
"		"	W. Ward (Car) oil car fare
"		"	W. Hamilton Repairs to Pump
"		"	19 loads of ashes
"		"	11 70
	10,125 54		11,049 86
	5,115 55		4,189 03
			Balance forward to April.

Agreement

The meeting this after adjourned

J. A. Harris

Mechanics Institute. May 25. 1888

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this Evening in the Committee Room at 8 p.m.

Members present -

Present - Mr Rutherford, Vice President, in the Chair; Robert Brown Esq, President; Thomas Bishop (Mr Secretary); Mr Moore, Treasurer; Messrs Smith, Kelly, Ph.D., Gantt, Kennedy, Brown, Lampard and Cook.

Report of Finance Comm.

The Report of the Finance Committee was presented, recommending the payment of the following

From the Library Committee, W. D. Spaldale & Co, for bindg 55.51
 do do " books 47.53
 do do " do 3.55
 Dawson, Bros 3.80
 Star, advertising 5.10
 Herald, paper for Branch (2 rates) 3.14

From the House Committee

R & W Kerr, Oil, grease &c 5.50
 Gazette Printing Co (Bills) 3.10
 John Dougall & Co (ads.) 22.80
 do do 4.50
 John Walker & Co (Sundries) 6.95
 do do 175
 Jas Brown (water, cooler for Branch) 3.53
 Evans, Bros for Coal 66.82
 do " do (Branch) 7.11
 Ch. Rausay & Son (Keros-oil) 90
 W. D. Spaldale & Co (Stationery) 2.06
 L. Horton (wood for Branch) 8.11

\$250.40

From lect & Clerg Committee.

Mr James Powell 50.00
 Mr W. A. Kneeland 50.00
 Mr W. H. Cantie 55.00
 Sundries 2.50
 do 3.50

\$160.80

forming a total of \$411.20, all duly certified.

Mr Cook's motion

seconded by Mr Cook, seconded by Mr Lampard that the above report be received and adopted. Carried.

Report of lecture and Clerg Committee.

Mr alderman Kennedy, Chairman, handed in a Report stating the expenses of his committee during the season, particularly as above, and on motion of Mr Cook, seconded by Mr Lampard, the Report was received and adopted.

Mr Cook's motion

Report of House Comm.

The Chairman of the House Committee handed in the following Report.

Report of House Committee,
entirely
re. contractors

1st That the alterations to the building are now nearing completion; that all the contractors, - excepting Doss & Co, contractors for the stairs - have accomplished all that could reasonably be expected of them. Messrs Doss & Co have failed miserably, and that serious loss and damage may be the result of what can only be termed gross negligence. Your Committee have decided to recommend that Messrs Doss and Co be duly protested, and held liable for all loss or damage of whatever nature that may arise, or may have already arisen in consequence of their neglect to fulfil their part of the contract.

"Location of Office"

2nd That the location of the office in the Library be changed to the west side of the centre window, and that it take in only one window; the Treasurer testimonial case to occupy the place adjoining to the west window; that the height of the office be about seven feet, more so that if found necessary it can be enclosed to the top.

re claims for damage

3rd The claims for reduction of rent by Richards & Son and John Phillips & Co, being without any reasonable grounds, be not entertained.

re the West End Branch

4th The Branch property at Point St Charles is needing paint very badly on the outside; also it should have the name properly printed on it; that a sum of seventy five dollars is required to do said painting, and that authority be granted to have it done at once be now granted.

re. Permanent Committee Room

5th That the room between the Reading Room and the Long Room opening of the hall at the top of the first stairs be set apart and fitted up properly as a General Committee Room, with proper tables, chairs and desks, and that authority be granted the House Committee to have the same attended to at once.

Dr Kelly's motion -

(signed) Wm Rutledge, Chairman.
Moved by Dr Kelly, seconded by Mr Rutledge that the above report be received and adopted. Carried.

Report of Library Committee
re state of books and shelves.

Dr S. W. Kelly, presented the following Report from the Library Committee. That the Library is again in working order, though the books are not fully classified on the shelves; that the new shelving is sufficient for present purposes, except accommodation for Blue Books and obsolete works.

re cupboards and lighting Reading room

That at the earliest moment the Treasurer Testimonial Cupcase should be finished; a cupboard, or similar convenience for holding the numbers of magazines be provided; that light for the Reading Room be at once supplied and the rooms kept open during the evening.

re Ency Brit for Branch

That your Committee beg to suggest that as we have three sets of the Ency. Brit., that one set (the 8th Ed.) be bound and deposited in the West End Branch.

re Binding of books

That we regret that owing to ^{the} fire, the moving, and the mode of carriage to Point St Charles, the binding of the books has been very seriously impaired, and the bills for rebinding have been heavy. That comparatively few books have been added, as the reason

re. New Books

is advanced, and the catalogue has turned attention to books already on the shelves

Dr Nichol's motion

(signed) J. DeKelley Ph.D. Chairman.
Moved by Dr Nichol, seconded by Mr Rutherford that the report be received and adopted. Carried.

Dr Kelly's Motion re the Library and Reading Room

Moved by Dr Kelly, seconded by Mr Lampard that the Library and Reading Room be constantly in charge of the Superintendent or of the Assistant Superintendent, and that the hours be from 8 a.m. to 9.50 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Report of Membership Comm. names of life members.

Mr Brown, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported as follows:—

I - Life Members:—

- 1. James Robert Spence Mechanic 73 Home Street
- 2. James Thomson Cabinet maker St Lambert
- 3. Robert Donaldson Blacksmith 133 Bonjevis Street

3 in all

names of IInd Class members.

II Second Class members

- 1. D. M. Beattie Clerk 106 Bonjevis Street
- 2. J. Anderson Clerk 620 Wellington Street
- 3. Henry Keith Carpenter 94 Knox Street
- 4. Andrew Carmichael Blacksmith 22 Farad Street
- 5. John Cluff Clerk 27 Sheena Street
- 6. S. H. Stone Telegraph operator 180 Compagnon Street
- 7. Thomas Maynard Clerk 27 Compagnon Street
- 8. James Smith Conductor 620 Wellington Street

8 in all.

names of IIIrd Class members

III Third Class members.

- 1. William Mason Apprentice 110 Bonjevis Street
- 2. W. Brown Apprentice Conche Street

2 in all.

Grand Total

3 life; 8 Second Class; 2 Third Class; 13 in all.

Mr Brown's motion

Moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Smith, and carried, that all the above named be elected members of the Institute.

Motion re change of J R Spence for a Spence

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Alderman Kennedy that James Robert Spence be substituted for J R Spence, as a life member. Carried.

Motion re President's presence at Quebec

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Dr Kelly and carried unanimously that the President be and is hereby instructed to proceed to Quebec to meet the Private Bill Committee of the House while discussing the Institute Bill, and that the legal adviser accompany him if he thinks it necessary.

Financial Statement for April 1886

The financial statement for April 1886 was submitted:—

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The Financial Statement for
April, 1888

Financial Statement, April, 1888.

Received.		Paid.		
Apr. 2	Carpenter's Union	2. 44	Apr. 2 Alex Craig (9c)	2. 50
" 6	Bucent Lacrosse Club.	2. 44	" 1 Star office	22. 03
" 7	Fees, lecture & Thomson at West End Branch	80	" 1 James Wright, Architect, on 9c of Comm. on alterations of building	600. 44
" 12	Coal Exchange (Rent)	12. 52	" 3 Stamps	50
" "	Fees, lecture, Prof Donald at West End Branch	1. 44	" 5 Thomas Cooke 9c. (Branch)	2. 35
" 20	Reverend Lodge No 6 200. 7. One pound due Feb 21, 1888	30. 44	" 7 J. Morrison on 9c of contract	1000. 00
" 25	James Moore (loan	8000. 00	" 12 J. L. Cassidy 9c (Branch)	1. 50
" 30	Membership fees	39. 44	" 13 A. Chisholm (do)	14. 83
" 7	Sale of papers	20. 00	" " Valdeson & Stebbins (Valuation of damage by fire	40. 00
" "	do do (Branch)	18	" 14 R. Rutherford & Co on 9c of contract	1000. 00
" "	do Catalogues	25	" 19 W. M. Biggs 9c	2. 50
			" " "Journal of Commerce"	3. 50
			" 20 A. Craig on 9c of contract	300. 00
			" " Stamps	50
			" 25 R. Rutherford & Co, on 9c of contract	1000. 00
			" 30 W. Johnson (Salary)	50. 00
			" " A. B. Hamilton (do)	35. 00
			" " A. Ward (do)	30. 00
			" " A. Downey (do)	40. 00
			" " Woman (Cleaning)	12. 00
			" " Extra help in do.	10. 75
			<u>Sundries</u>	
			3 Chimneys & work	30
			2 gal. coal oil	50
			Cat. Ho (Prof Donald)	1. 50
			Washing Dishes	50
			2 gal. coal oil	50
			Wine of May	50
			Chimneys, work & 2 gal. coal oil	1. 00
				5. 10
			<u>Sundries for Branch</u>	
			Bentley floor	1. 00
			Soap & washing soda	15
			Car fare	1. 30
			Chalk & notes	20
			Stamps & note book	32
		5108. 33		4182. 13
	Balance from March	4189. 03	Balance forward to May	5715. 23
		<u>\$12297. 36</u>		<u>\$12297. 36</u>

Adjournment

The meeting hereafter adjourned

H. W. G. G. G.

Mechanics Institute June 25. 1878.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held in the Committee Room at 8 p.m. when the Minutes of last Regular Meeting were read and confirmed.

Members Present.

Present. - W. G. Gault, in the Chair; K. H. Brown, Past President; Thomas M. Hall, Secy. Sunday; Messrs Kelley, W. D. White, Brown, Cook and Lampart.

Report of House Committee

The House Committee reported various tenders for coal, all being nearly the same price, when the Committee was instructed to purchase 4000 lbs. of coals, the prices being Egg \$5.85; Place \$5.00; Turcoa \$5.00. The Report stated that a telegram had been received from Hon. James McPherson that the Institute Bill had passed the Private Bills Committee of the House at Quebec.

Mr Brown's Motion.

It was moved by Mr Brown, and seconded by Mr Cook, that the Report of the House Committee be received and adopted. Carried. Note that it is gross ton, of coals, not short ton.

Report of Membership Comm. names of IInd Class

The ^{Mechanics} Committee reported the following applicants for membership.

- II Second Class members
- 1. W. G. Gault Clerk 84 Kempton Street
- 2. George W. Vaux Clerk 115 Usteria Road.
- 3. James Gaultin Tradesman 200 1/2 Bonjevis Street.
- 4. J. C. Smith Clerk 25 Victoria Square.
- 5. Richard Philpot Painter 67 Jervis Street
- 6. James Robinson Plumber 252 St. Dominique Street
- 7. Charles Hanna Clerk 89 St. Peter Street

7 in all

Names of IIIrd Class

- II Names of Third Class members
- 1. George W. Vaux (\$1.00) 115 Longpate Street
- 2. W. G. Gault 159 St. Hubert Street
- 3. Thomas Cunningham Apprentice. 46 Shannon Street
- 4. W. G. Gault 177 St. George Street

4 in all. 7 Second Class; 4 Third Class; 11 in all

Grand Total.

Mr Brown's Motion

It was moved by Mr Brown, seconded by D. Nichol, and carried, that the above mentioned individuals be elected Members of the Institute.

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee presented the following 79. Library Comm. D. Appleton 50 \$10
 Rawson Bros \$5.74
 D. Appleton do do 1.65
 do do 2.40
 do do 2.40
 64 books = total of \$50.85 (over)
House Committee Alexander's 13 young J. S. Walker 90
 do do 34 1/2 R. House 1.80
 A. Ramsey 50 = total of \$17.29
 \$10
 \$25
 \$1.80
 \$4.46

Mr Brown's Motion

Moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Gault, and carried, that the above be approved and sent to the General Comm. for payment.

Report of Library Committee

The Library Comm. reported as follows. The Secy states that the Reading Room is cleaned and dusted, and ready for the use of members at 8 a.m. 1-30. 7. 9.15 9.30. The average attendance at 8 p.m. for 6 nights was 4 persons; at 8.30 it was 3; at 9 p.m. it was 4; at 9.15 p.m. 3 1/2; at 9.30 two persons only. I trust all shall be taken in September, and the President presented the Constitution of the confederate to the Library.

Mr Gault's Motion

Moved by Mr Gault, seconded by Mr Lampart, and carried, that the Report be received and adopted.

Dr Kelley's motion re extra help.

A discussion took place on the subject of additional help in the Institute, when it was moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr Lampard and carried unanimously, that the question of extra help be referred to the House Committee

Letter from Secretary of local committee, Point St Charles

The Chairman read a letter from the Secretary of the local committee, Point St Charles, which was referred to the House Committee for early consideration.

Financial Statement for May, 1888

The financial statement for May, 1888, was read by Dr Kelley, when it was moved by Mr Weston, seconded by Mr Cook, and carried, that it be received.

The Financial Statement for May, 1888

Financial Statement for May, 1888

Received			Paid		
2	Juvenile Templars. Rent 10.	09 75	May 1	P. Bell on % of contract	1500 00
4	Good Samaritan Lodge Rent Mar 21	25 00	" "	The "Star" ad.	3 75
7	Hugh Ross, Rent to Apr 30 1888		" "	Books + copies Jan. 1888 to Dec 31 1888	12 00
	by cheque 305 00		" 5	A. Craig on % of contract	300 00
	allowed for Extra Insurance 22 00	325 00	" 7	Jos. Mattinson "	500 00
"	Cooper, Union (+ meetings)	4 00	" "	Hugh Ross. (allowed for Insurance)	22 00
07	A.O. United Workmen 2 meetings		" 10	Printers	50
	Rent to Feb 21, 1888 B.	1 00	" 12	D. Rutledge on % of Contract	1000 00
11	Royal Templars of Perseverance		" "	R. Donaldson for fire escapes	280 00
	7 meetings to Feb 21 1888	14 00	" 14	W. Drysdale & Co for books	46 22
21	South Eastern Ry Co, Rent to May 1, 1888	552 50	" "	" " Publications for Branch	7 40
	collected by President for Branch		" "	R. Rutledge & Co 18 Paper files " "	27 00
	A. W. Morris & Bros	200 00	" 9	John Morrison on % of contract	800 00
	Jas Gould & Sons	25 00	" "	Mont. Gas Co to Apr 1. 1888	84 60
	Charles Alexander	25 00	" 16	Jas. Thomson for Rent of rooms during alterations. Chgo. ^{35 00} ^{25 00} ^{25 00}	50 00
31	Members' fees	18 50	" "	2 Visionaries Deposit required for Institute Bill	100 00
2	Life fees for Reference	25 00	" 21	Rent Gas Co to Apr 27, 1888 (Grand	42 00
12	Rent Donaldson	25 00	" "	Receipts	50
16	Jas Thomson	25 00	" "	Brace & Co. on % of contract	1000 00
14	Association of Engineers		" "	A. Craig on % of contract	198 00
	Quarterly advance to Aug 1, 1888	25 00	" 26	D. Rutledge 50 " "	1000 00
31	Sale of certificates	75	" "	G. W. Reid " "	500 00
			" 29	Jas. Mattinson " "	500 00
			35	Salaries. W. J. Johnson ^{50 00} A. W. Hamilton ^{55 00}	85 00
				A. Downey ^{140 00} Extra help. ^{16 55}	56 55
				Elevator Boy 2 ^{9 50} + 2 ^{5 30} = 14 80	14 80
				Books & furniture from Thomson's place	11 00
				Maneuvering day cleaning	20 25
				Men removing term pipe	1 20
				Woman cleaning + scrubbing	18 50
		1311 00			8212 11

The financial statement for
May, 1888, continued

Financial Statement for May, 1888 - Continued

Amount forward	1311. 00	Amount forward	8212. 11
		<u>Sundries</u>	
		water brushes & post brushes	50
		+ gel oil	90
		Hair brush	1 50
		San dust	10
		bottle of glue	50
		miscels	15
		rejected letter	05
		postal cards	12
		San dust	05
		+ gel oil	1 20
		laces & soap	20
		<u>Remittance for Branch</u>	4 97
		Something	1 50
		Car fares	1 70
		Postage stamps	15
			5. 25
	1311. 00		8220 48
Balance from April	8115 25	Balance to June	1205 70
	9426 25		9425 25

Robt Irvine
Clerk

The meeting thereafter adjourned
Robt Irvine C.P.

Mechanics Institute, Aug 6. 1888

A special Meeting of the General Committee was held in the Committee Room this day, at 8 p.m.

Members Present -

Present - Henry Garth in the Chair; Mr Moore, Treasurer; Thomas Nichol (D.C.), Secretary; Messrs White and Lampard & James Wright, Architect, was also present.

Letter from David Gouraud & Co.

The Secretary read a letter from David Gouraud & Co., but, on account of the absence of the President, its consideration was postponed till Tuesday, Aug 7th at 8 p.m.

The meeting therefore adjourned.

J. R. Rutherford

Mechanics Institute, Aug 7. 1888

The adjourned Meeting of the General Committee was held in the Committee Room this day at 8 p.m.

Members present -

Present - Lieut-Col. Stevenson, President; Mr Davis, Ex-President; Mr Moore, Treasurer; Thomas Nichol D.C. Secretary; Messrs Garth, White, Lampard, Cooke and Brown, Mr James Wright, Architect, was also present.

Conversation re Loan

A conversation took place regarding the proposed loan, and the matter was left in the hands of the President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

The meeting therefore adjourned till Thursday August 9th at 4 p.m.

J. R. Rutherford

Mechanics Institute, Aug 9. 1888

The adjourned Meeting of the General Committee was held in the Committee Room this day at 4 p.m.

Members present -

Present - Col. A. G. Steven, President; R. H. Davis Ex-President; Mr Moore Treasurer; Thomas Nichol D.C. Secretary; Messrs Garth, White, Kennedy and Brown.

Instructions re Loan

The President having asked for instructions re the loan from the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien, it was moved by Mr White, seconded by Mr Brown, and carried, that the President and Treasurer be authorized to complete the arrangements for the loan of fifty thousand dollars from the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien, in accordance with the resolution of 7th Nov. 1887.

Mr White's motion re Loan

Mr Brown's motion re arrangement of Library Hall

Moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr White, and carried, that the arrangements of the Library Hall be left over till the return of Mr Rutherford, Chairman of the House Committee, and Dr Kelly, Chairman of Library Committee.

Mr White's motion re electric lighting of the building.

A conversation then took place re the electric lighting of the Institute, when it was moved by Mr White, seconded by Mr Brown, and carried, that a committee composed of the President, Mr Ald. Kennedy, Mr Garth and Mr Rutherford, (V.P.), to inquire into the matter and report as early as possible.

The meeting therefore adjourned.

J. R. Rutherford

Mechanics Institute, August 27th 1888

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held in the Committee Room at 8 pm, when the Minutes of the preceding meetings were read and confirmed

Members present.

Present. - W. Rutheford, V.P. in the Chair; Jas Moore, Treasurer; R. Brown, Actg Secretary; Messrs Lampard and Linnon. Mr James Wright, Architect was also present.

No Reports considered.

No reports or unfinished business considered, owing to the absence of several of the Committee.

Letter from Mr A. Downie

A letter from Mr A. Downie was received, and laid over till next meeting.

Mr Lampard's Motion

Moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Moore, and carried, that the meeting adjourn till Monday, Sept 3rd next

W. Rutheford

Mechanics Institute, Sept 3. 1888

An adjourned meeting of the General Committee was held in the Committee Room at 8 pm.

Members present.

Present. - Lieut-Col. Stevenson, President, in the Chair; Mr Rutheford V.P.; Mr Moore Treasurer; Dr Nichol, Secretary; Messrs Grant, White, Kelley, W.C. and Mr Ald. Kennedy. ^{Lampard} Mr James Wright, Architect, was also present

Dr Kelley's motion.

The President read a draft deed of loan from the Credit Foncier Bank - London to the Mechanics Institute, with a letter from Mr Markie N.P. who drew the deed, together with a letter from Dr L.H. Davidson, who drew the deed, when it was moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr Lampard and carried, that the President, Vice President Treasurer and Secretary be a committee to confer with Dr Davidson concerning said deed, so as to bring it within the powers of the act incorporating said Credit Foncier, and the application of the Institute for a loan

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at the call of the President.

W. Rutheford

Mechanics Institute, Sept 15. 1888.

An adjourned meeting of the General Committee was held in the Committee Room at 4.30 pm.

Members present

Present. - Col. A.A. Stevenson, Pres., in the Chair; Rott Brown Esq. Vice Pres.; W. Rutheford Vice Pres.; James Moore, Treasurer; Thomas Nichol Esq., Secretary; Messrs Smith, Brown, Kelley, Ph.D and Ald Kennedy. Dr L.H. Davidson & Co. and Mr James Wright, Architect, was also present.

Draft of deed of loan

The President read draft of deed of loan from the Credit Foncier S.C. to the Mechanics Institute, and explanations were given by Dr Davidson.

Mr. Devin's motion,

Moved by Mr. Ross Devin, seconded by Maldaunen Kennedy, and carried, that the President and secretary of the Mechanics Institute be and they are hereby authorized to sign the deed of loan from the Credit Foncier, France - loaned to the Mechanics Institute of the sum of fifty thousand dollars, bearing interest at 5% per centum, per annum, said sum repayable by means of twenty-five annual payments of three thousand seven hundred and thirty dollars each, which comprises said ^{interest} ~~sum~~ and a sum per annum as a sinking fund, and to hypothecate as security the property of the Institute, namely, official lot No 165 of the first ward and the building thereon; the whole upon the conditions set forth in the draft deed submitted to this meeting, and after approval hereof by Council, Geo. H. Davidson Esq, D.C., D.C.

Wm. Rutherford

Mechanics Institute, Sept. 17. 1888

A special meeting of the General Committee was held in the Committee Room, at 5 p.m.

Members present.

Present: - Lieut Col. A. G. Brown, President, in the Chair; Robert Devin Esq.; W. Rutherford Vice-president; James Moore, Treasurer; Thomas Nichol Esq. Secretary; Messrs. Hart, Kelly, Sh. D., Brown, Lempert and Cook. Mr. James Wright, Architect, was also present.

re Mayor, Tophile & Print Company,

The President stated that the Mayor, Tophile and Print Company had not paid rent, when it was moved by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried, that the matter be left in the hands of Mr. Jas Wright for settlement, on a basis of four hundred dollars.

Dr. Kelly's motion, re above,

Mr. Brown's motion re frame of office.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Kelly, and carried, that the Architect be requested to have the frame of the office now standing in the hall taken down.

Dr. Kelly's motion re new furniture

Moved by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Hart, and carried, that the question of new desks, chairs, paper rack and two centre tables for the Library and Reading Room be referred to the House Committee.

Dr. Kelly's motion re electric light.

Moved by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Brown, and carried, that re electric light, the board be informed that the Institute will not put in the electric light this year.

Mr. Brown's motion, re a committee on new rules for the employees.

Moved by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Cook, and carried, that a committee, composed of the President and the Chairmen of all the sub-committees report on the respective duties of all the employees of the Institute, at the next meeting of the General Committee.

Wm. Rutherford -

Mechanics Institute, September 24, 1888

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening in the Committee Room at 8.10 p.m.

Members Present.

Present. - Lieut. Col. A. A. Stevenson, President, in the Chair; W. K. Rutherford, Vice President; Thomas, Nichol M.D., Secretary; Messrs Brown, Smith, Lempford, Cooke, White, Gault and Kelly Ph.D. Mr James Knight, admitted was also present.

Minutes, Read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the preceding meetings were read and confirmed.

Report of House Committee

The Chairman of the House Committee reported as follows: - That all the offices are let, with the exception of eight (outside of the 3rd front on the upper floor); that orders for a settlement with the Mechanics Institute and Print Co. are being made; the stove and arctery at the Branch have been sold; that Mr W. Gault has presented the Branch with a Spencer sectional boiler so that the Branch can be heated with hot water; also that the Branch building has been painted outside. New chairs and desks for the Reading Room and Library are recommended.

9.7 passed.

The following are proposed: 'Water Rates at Branch' 3.50, Alex. Craig (Printing branch) 80.20; A Chubbuck (Repairs, branch) 12.00; A J. Lect. (Repairs) 1.00; James Smith (See) 5.00; Geo W. Cameron (Coal) 785.89; Phoenix Fire Office (Carpenter's work) 150.00; R. H. Mitchell, (new pipe) 50; J. K. Macdonald (5 new keys) 1.20; John Dougall & Son (Printing) 122.50; Robert Donaldson (Repairs) 1.25. The accounts of the office in the Library are also reported.

Mr Lempford's motion.

Moved by Mr Lempford, seconded by Dr Kelly, and carried, that the Report be received and adopted.

Report of Finance Comm.

Mr Brown, from the Finance Committee reported the following accounts as recommended to the General Committee for payment: -

9.7 from House Comm.

From the House Committee: - 'City Water Rates' 3.80; Alex. Craig 80.20; A Chubbuck 12.00; A J. Lect. 1.00; James Smith 5.00; Geo W. Cameron 785.89; Phoenix Fire Office 150.00; R. H. Mitchell 50; J. K. Macdonald 1.20; John Dougall & Son 122.50; R. H. Donaldson 1.25; W. Drysdale & Co. (bdg.) 15.10; ditto (books); ditto (stationery) 5.89; Dawson Bros (books) 4.08; Estey & Linnest (books) 3.10; G. E. Desbarats 6.49; Journal of Commerce 5.00; Canadian workmen 1.00; D. Lippleton & Co book

9.7 from Library Comm.

Mr Cook's motion

Moved by Mr Cook, seconded by Mr Brown, and carried, that the above report be received and adopted.

Report of Library Comm.

Dr W. Kelly read the Report of the Library Committee as follows: - that the Library is now in first rate order; that it is desirable to obtain a new desk for the Librarian, a new table for magazines, another reading desk, new chairs, two step ladders, and also accommodation for the clothing of the employees; that the binding of the books has suffered from the fire, the abrupt removal of the books, the packing and unpacking, the wear and tear going to and returning from the Point, all this has cost less than three hundred dollars. But few books have

been added

Dr Kelley's motion. -

Moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr Smith, and carried, that the Report of the Library Committee be received and adopted.

Report of Membership Committee

Mr Brown, from the Membership Committee, reported the following candidates for membership:

1. W. R. Schneider School Boy. 330th Domingue Street

On motion he was declared duly elected.

Mr Rutherford's motion, re
Lecture and Clay Brown,

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr White, and carried, that, in the absence of the Chairman of the Lecture and Clay Committee, and there being no Report or recommendation on these subjects, this Committee when it adjourns, does so till Monday evening next, for the purpose of receiving the Report and any other information that may be brought forward.

Dr Kelley's motion re
Electric Light.

Moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr Garth, and carried, that the subject of Electric lighting be referred back to the sub-committee on lighting to report in writing, at the earliest possible date, the full detailed cost of the proposed improvements.

Comm. on Duties of
Employees

Mr Brown read the Report of the special committee on Duties of Employees, when it was moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Brown, and carried, that the Report be laid over till next meeting for further consideration.

Mr Rutherford's motion re
A Downie's letter.

Mr Rutherford moved, seconded by Mr Garth, that the consideration of Mr Downie's letter be postponed till next Monday evening
Carried.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

Wm Rutherford -
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Mechanics Institute, October 1. 1888

An adjourned meeting of the General Committee was held this evening in the Commillee Room at 8 p.m.

Members present.

Present, Lieut Col, President in the Chair; Mr Rott Treven ex-president; Mr Wm Rutherford, Vice-President; Messrs Brown, Lamppard, Garth, White and Kelly Ph.D. Mr James Wright, Architect, was also present.

Letter from R Campbell Waller re window in gable of Institute Building.

A letter was received from R Campbell Waller & Co, Agents for the Campbell estate with regard to a window in the gable-wall of the Institute building.

Dr Kelley's motion re said letter.

It was moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr Garth, and carried, that the request asked for in the letter be granted, and that the President be requested to have the necessary papers drawn and signed.

Mr Wright's report re Magog Textile Co.

Mr Wright reported in the matter of the Magog Textile and Print Company that the company had made an offer of three hundred dollars to settle the Institute's claim.

Mr Rutherford's motion re said offer.

It was moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr White, that it is in the interest of the Institute to accept the offer of three hundred dollars from the Magog Textile and Print Company as a settlement of the claim in the matter of their having taken three rooms in the building from our Agent in the early spring.

Mr ~~Wright~~^{Jamin}'s amendment to above motion.

Moved in amendment by Mr ~~Wright~~^{Jamin}, seconded by Mr Garth, that the President, Dr Kelley and Mr Garth be appointed to procure legal advice in the matter of renting premises of the Institute to the Magog Textile and Print Company, and should the said advice be against the entering of a suit at law, they be authorized to accept the offer of three hundred dollars in settlement of the claim against said Company.

The amendment was put and lost by a vote of four to three. The main motion was then put and carried by a vote of four to three.

Mr Wright's Report

Mr Wright reported that all cases in dispute about rooms and rent were settled, except the case of Hanson Bros and the dampness of the vaults; this being still unsettled.

Mr Burland's offer

A letter was received from Mrs Jane Burland, offering to give up all office fixtures and furniture in settlement of office rent. On motion the offer was accepted.

President's report re taxes

The President reported that he had succeeded in obtaining from the Corporation a reduction of \$325 from the assessments of the Institute, in consideration of the educational work the Institute is doing by means of evening classes.

Report of Lecture and Class Comm.

The lecture and class committee reported that they were prepared to open two classes, one in Mechanical Drawing and one in Arithmetic at the Branch at Point St Charles, and two classes in the Central Institute one in French and the other in English, all at a total cost of four hundred and fifty dollars, and ask the General Committee to grant that amount.

Dr Kelley's motion re classes

It was moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr Devin, that the report of the lecture and class committee be adopted and their recommendation be granted.

Mr Rathford's amendment

It was moved in amendment by Mr Rathford, seconded by Mr White, that in as far as the lecture and class committee's report refers to the Branch at Point St Charles be approved of, and that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to that committee, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee. The amendment was lost and the main motion carried.

Report of Sub-Committee on Hours and Duties of Employees of the Institute.

A Report on the Duties and Hours of Employees of the Institute was read, as follows:—

"Report of sub-committee, appointed to revise and rearrange the duties and responsibilities of the several Employees of the Institute.

"This committee, composed of the President and the Chairmen of the sub-committees, met in the Institute on Saturday, October 22nd at 2.50 P.M., when all the members were present, excepting the President, who, however, had been present at 2 P.M. (the hour at which the meeting was called) but could not wait for the other members.

Superintendent.

"The result of the deliberations of the sub-committee was that the management of the Institute, in its now altered circumstances, requires, first:— a chief executive officer, a Superintendent, whose duties shall be to take general charge of the property and work of the Institute and its branches, having supervision over all the other employees, under the direction of the General Committee, its officers and sub-committees; to keep all its books of accounts and membership, and, generally, to do all writing, collecting and account-keeping appertaining to his position, as directed by the officers and comms. He shall attend regularly all meetings of the General Committee, and its sub-committees, laying before them all matters that have come to his notice, needing the attention of any of the committees.

Librarian and
assistants,

"The Librarian, with one or more assistants, shall, under the direction of the General Committee, Library Committee and Superintendent, have charge of the working of the Library and Reading Room. He shall be responsible for the care of the furniture, books and other reading matter in the rooms under his charge; the sweeping out and dusting the furniture and books shall be part of the duties of his department. He shall also keep a proper record of all the books, periodicals and newspapers, and conform strictly in all matters to the regulations in force at any time, relating to the working of the Library and Reading Room. The assistant, or assistants shall aid him in all his duties as above, as may be directed from time to time by the Library Committee or the Superintendent.

Janitor
* He shall light the lobbies and stair-cases,
, and the rooms used by the committees,

"The care-taker shall have charge, under the direction of the General Committee, House Committee, or Superintendent, of the building and shall be responsible for its safety and security at all times. The elevator and all its belongings, all water and sanitary arrangements, all stairs, halls and rooms occupied or used by the committees of the Institute shall be kept by him properly swept and dusted. (Scrubbing will be done by a woman employed by the Superintendent). * The heating of the building is especially under his personal care, and, in the event of a steam engine being put in for electric light or pumping purposes, he shall be responsible for the working of the same - all under the direction of the House Committee or Superintendent. He shall also keep the building and foot walks in conformity with the police regulations. He shall also take in and stow the coal, remove ashes and other matter, and, generally, attend to all matters and things that properly belong to the duties of engineer and care-taker.

Janitor's assistant,

His assistants shall be a man or boy to operate the elevator; men to take in and stow coal, clean away ashes and other matter; and any other help that the House Committee may approve of.

Office Hours.

The Office hours for the Superintendent shall be from eight (8) a.m. to 12.45 P.M.; from 2 P.M. till 5 P.M. - unless when the committees or other special duties may require his being present later - in which case he shall return at 7.15 P.M. and remain till the committees adjourn.

The Librarian's hours shall be from 8 a.m. till 11.30 a.m.; from 12.45 till 5 P.M.; and from 6 P.M. till the library closes. He shall, however, every other evening, be relieved from duty at 6 P.M. The assistant shall be on duty from 7.30 a.m. till 12.45 P.M.; from 2 P.M. till 5 P.M.; and from 6 P.M. till the closing of the library - but every other evening he shall not

return after tea, unless in special cases, when required by the Super-
-intendent to do so
The above respectfully submitted for approval and adoption by the
General Committee

William Rutheford, Chairman
William Kennedy
J. W. Kelly, Secy.
Wm Foster Brown
Thos. Nichol, M.V.

It was then moved by Mr Rutheford, seconded by Mr Leppard that the Committee
adopt the above Rules. Carried.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned

A. A. Stevens, M.
President

Mr Rutheford's Motion re above
Report

The Mechanics Institute, Oct 22, 1888

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening in the Committee Room at 8 p.m.

Members present

Present. - Lieut Col. G. A. Merriam, President in the Chair; W. Rutherford, Vice-President; Mr Moore, Treasurer; Thomas Woodwell, Secretary; Messrs Brown, Gaith, Lempard, Cook, Kelley, Ph.D. and Alderman Kennedy.

Reading of Minutes.

The minutes of preceding meetings were read and confirmed.

Financial Statement and Report of Finance Committee for September.

The financial statement for September was read by Mr Brown, also the Finance Committee's Report for the same month, referring to the following certified accounts.

From the Library Committee

1 Dawson, Buy new books	14.41	2 do do	1.28
3 Dryadale & Co "	21.59	4 do do	10.77
5 Dryadale & Co Bindg	25.51	Stationary	1.90

From the House Committee

- 1 Co. Caspencil, for truck with rubber wheels 12.50
- 2 Widness Printing Office 1.25
- 3 J B Hutchison for 50 chairs and 2 tables . . 15.25.

Dr Kelley's Motion re above report.

It was moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by McCook, and carried, that the Report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted.

Report of House Commrs.

Mr Rutherford, V.P., read the Report of the House Committee as follows: - That they have procured chairs for the Library and Long Rooms and have ordered a newspaper reading stand for the reading room, a desk for the Superintendent, and a table and chairs for the Committee Room. Applications having been made by the General Committee for the use of a large room during the day for three months, the Long room was let to them for that time for the sum of one hundred dollars - with the reservation that it is at the disposal of the Institute for any special meeting to be held during the day - the use of the Committee Room to be given to them.

The General Committee having decided to have classes in the central building the Chairmen of the Lecture and Class Committee applied for a special room. Joint Committee recommend that No 1 in the First office flat be withdrawn from the letting list and used for the classes when in session and other Institute work, and in order to fit it for such purposes that it be fitted up with light and furniture.

Mr Brown's motion re Report.

Moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Dr Kelley, and carried, that the Report of the House Committee be received and adopted, be laid over for future discussion.

Mr Brown's motion re Electric light

Moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Gaith, and carried, that Dr. of

of the House Committee's Report, relating to Electric Light be struck out

Mr Rutheford's motion re
House Committee's Report

Moved by Mr Rutheford, seconded by Mr Lampard, and carried, that the
House Committee's Report, as amended be adopted.

Report of Lecture and Class
Committee

Mr Alderman Kennedy read the Report of the Lecture and Class Committee
as follows:— That classes in the following subjects be opened for
Members of the Institute, commencing on Thursday, Nov. 1. 1888

Institute Building, St James Street
Course in English Grammar, Composition and Elocution
Mr Isaac Hammell B.A.

Monday and Thursday Evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.
French Mr L. R. Glegg B.A.
Tuesday and Friday evenings from 8 to 9 p.m.

Point St Charles Branch,
Elementary and advanced Mechanical Drawing . . . Mr Jos Powell
Monday and Saturday Evenings, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.
Arithmetic, Elementary and advanced . . . Mr Isaac Hammell B.A.
Wednesday and Friday Evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.
Members to pay fifty cents entrance fee for each class.

Mr Alderman Kennedy's
motion re - Report of Lecture
and Class Committee

Moved by Mr Alderman Kennedy, seconded by Dr Kelly, ^{and carried,}
that the Report of the Lecture and Class Committee be received
and adopted

Amendment of Mr Brown

It was moved in amendment by Mr Wm Foster Brown, seconded by
Dr Nichols, that the classes be free; the amendment was lost.

Report of Membership
Committee.

Mr Brown read the Report of the Membership Committee, as
follows:—

I Names of 1st Class members

I 1. St. Col Le montagne Staff-officer Drill Hall.
2. W. Conner General agent 242 St James Street
3 Geo W. Roune Agent 30 St John Street
4 in all Merchant 332 1/2 St Antoine St.

II. Names of 2nd Class members

II 1. R. Cockburn bluggmen Côte St Antoine
2. Rev CW Howell Mechanist 306 Richmond Street
3. Walter Maxwell Carpenter 3410 St. Anne's Street
4. F. C. Capon Clerk 167 Jacques Cartier St
5. Jos Desrosiers Book-keeper Count House
6. H. Galle Agent 75 1/2 By Lamer Street
7. C. H. Lonsye Agent 39 St Sacramento Street
8. John Henderson Mechanic 172 St Hyphote Street
9. B. Bringle Chairman 2439 St. Anne's Street
10. Daniel Thompson Merchant R. E. Co. Wellington Street
11. Amest Lee 74 Liverpool Street
11 in all

III Names of Third Class

- | | | |
|-------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 1. Jos Clark Boyd | Apprentice | Commercial College |
| 2. W. Springle | schoolboy | 45 Victoria Street |
| 3. George Smith | schoolboy | 213 Chatham Street |
| 4. Robert Virtue | Apprentice | 76 Magdalen Street |
| 5. Alex. Campbell | schoolboy | 222 Henry Street |

5 in all.

Grand Total. -

First Class 4; Second Class, 11; Third Class 5. 20 in all.

Mr Brown's motion re the above.

Moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Rutherford, and carried, that the above mentioned persons be elected members of the Institute.

Mr Lampard's motion re tobacco in the Institute

Moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Girth, and carried, that the President be instructed to get a Notice put up prohibiting smoking and spilling tobacco juice in the passages, rooms and entrance of the Institute.

Mr Alderman Kennedy's motion re rails + hooks

Moved by Mr Alderman Kennedy, seconded by Mr Kelley, and carried, that the House Committee be instructed to put up the necessary chair rails, hat and cloak rails and hooks in the rooms occupied by the Institute.

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Mr Rutherford's motion re rent of Long Room.

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Kelley, and carried, that the rent for the Long Room be the four dollars for ordinary meetings during the day of say two hours; five dollars for evening meetings of two hours, and six dollars for day meetings, such as real-estate sales.

Mr Brown's motion re Electric light

Moved by Mr Brown seconded by Mr Girth, that the matter of lighting the Institute by electric light be left over till after the annual meeting.

Mr Rutherford's amendment

Moved in amendment by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Dr Strickland that the matter of Electric Light be left over till Monday, the 29th. The amendment prevailed.

Mr Rutherford's motion re Insurance.

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Brown, and carried, that the President and Treasurer be authorized to insure the central building for sixty-five thousand dollars, and the Library and furniture for ten thousand dollars.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned,

Wm Rutherford

Financial Statement for September 1888

Financial Statement for
September 1888

Sept 4	Coopers' Union	2	00	Sept 6	Jameson & Newton, mfrs		
" 4	" Cash Bakery	2	00	" 6	of Building Contract	15	00
" 13	G. H. Booth for use of Office			" 13	Stamps		50
	to 1 for ten days	10	00	" 19	La Menestre, out from Jan 9		
" 13	Monument Building Society			1888 to Jan 9, 1889 (In Paris)	3	00	
	Rent due Aug 1, 1888	30	00	" 21	Jameson & Newton, Balance of		
" 13	Royal Building Society			Contract (shelving)	30	00	
	Rent due Aug 1, 1888	30	00	" 22	James Mallinson on a/c of		
" 18	A. C. Gamage & Co			Contract	1000	00	
	one mp rent due Sept 1, 1888	16	00	" 22	Alex Craig on account of		
" 22	John Philip Withers, 3 mp			Contract	250	00	
	Rent due Aug 1, 1888	56	25	" 22	Meyer Mfg Co on fall as per		
	allowed 1 mp off	18	75	Contract	76	52	
	Balance paid	37	52	22	D. Rutherford & Co on account		
" 22	E. J. Bardeen on account of			of Contract	1500	00	
	Mortgage loan	10,000	00	22	James Wright, Architect		
" 26	Richards and Sons for			on account of Commission	500	00	
	assessments	67	90	24	J. Morrison & Son on account		
" 29	Membership fees	5	52	of Contract	500	00	
" "	Sale of batatozers	53		25	Journal of Commerce for		
				Printing	5	00	
				25	Colas & Laurent 12 mos "Harper"	3	10
				26	J. Smith, Dec for branch	5	00
				26	D. Appleton & Co, for Book	6	00
				26	E. J. Bardeen 6 mp Rent to Oct 1, 1888	300	00
				26	Dawson Bros, for books	4	05
				27	Canadian Workman, Jan 1, 88 to Jul 1	1	00
				27	J. D. Douglass & Son 500 Bull heads	2	52
				27	H. R. Voss Co, on a/c of Contract	700	00
				27	G. C. Deane & Son, Don. Illust	3	00
				27	Alex Craig, Paints at Branch	86	20
				27	Stamps		50
				29	W. Johnson, Salary at 15 months etc	85	00
				29	Arthur de A. D'Amico do	70	00
				29	Clenton (by 5 sets) Man clearing	30	00
				29	Women Scrubbing	4	50
					<u>Sundry</u>		
					Jas Walker do J. Fisher	2	25
					Boyd's Sundry do do	60	
					Roth Mitchell J. K. Mitchell	1	70
					Roth Mitchell	1	25
					<u>Branch Sundry</u>		
					Smiths 1 st Coy 2.40 2 nd Coy	3	99
					Balance from Aug	10201	45
						68	63
						10270	08
					Balance to Oct	5190	79
						5079	29
						10270	08

The Mechanics Institute, Oct 29, 1888

A special meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 p.m.

Members present

Present. - Lieut-Col. A.A. Stevenson, President, in the Chair; William Rutherford V.O. M. M. M., Secretary; Messrs. Lampson, Bardon, Cook, White, Garth and Kelly Ph.D. Mr. Jas. Knight also present.

Letter from Federal Telephone Company.

A letter was received from the Federal Telephone Company requesting permission to place a frame of wires on the roof of the Institute building, offering the use of the instrument in exchange. Referred to House Committee. (Letter handed to the Supt for safe-keeping)

McMaster & Co's Bill for professional services.

A bill for professional services was received from McMaster, Macdonald, Mac and McLennan, amount \$97.49, Referred to the Finance Committee

Copy of Deed from Credit Foncier, Franco-Canadian.

A copy of Deed was received from the Credit Foncier, Franco-Canadian. (Handed to the Supt for safe-keeping)

Report on Electric Lighting

A Report of the Special Committee on electric lighting of the Institute was read as follows: -

The special committee on Electric lighting have to report: -
That they have given considerable attention to the question of lighting the Institute by electricity instead of gas.
That they have received and considered several proposals for the installation of electric lighting plant, but that under present circumstances they cannot recommend the General Committee to accept either of them - for a time at least.
That they are of opinion, however, that it would be greatly in the interest of the Institute to introduce the electric light, with as little delay as possible, and they would recommend that arrangements be entered into with the Royal Electric Light Company to place their wires and lights in the portions of the building used or occupied for Institute purposes, in accordance with the proposals contained in their letters of Oct 1st 1888, and Oct 28th, 1888.

(signed) A.A. Stevenson
Wm Rutherford
J.W. Garth

Letter from Royal Electric Light Company.

at the same time the Committee handed in a letter from the Royal Electric Light Company (Handed to the Supt for safe-keeping)

Mr Rutherford's motion re Electric Lighting.

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Cook, and carried that the Report of the Special Committee on Electric Lighting be received and adopted, with the understanding that the contract is to be for one or five years, at the option of the Institute.

Interim Report of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee handed in the following certified by W Rutherford & Sons ^{\$20.00} dr ^{\$541.65} do

Dr Nichols' motion

Moved by Dr Nichol seconded by Mr W T Brown, and carried, that the Report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted.

Report of House Committee

Mr Rutherford handed in the following Report:— That the committee had received notice from Mr Jas Wright, Architect, that he would have a statement of 9/07 from the several tradesmen, employed on the alterations of the building. The Architect submitted a statement showing the amount of each tradesmen's account with the deduction he had made, when on examination it was found that it would be better that the committee or a sub-committee should go over the accounts with the Architect, and verify the figures and charges. It was resolved that inasmuch as the statement of accounts has just been submitted to the house committee by Mr Wright, and as it is impossible for this committee to properly go into details in the short time before the meeting of the General Committee this evening. We submit the statement as received to the General Committee this evening, with the recommendation that the said statement with the accounts be remitted to the House Committee for a full report, in as much detail as possible, and at the earliest possible moment.

The House Committee, in conformity with the foregoing, beg to recommend accordingly, and further, that when the General Committee adjourns this evening it stand adjourned till called by the President to meet to consider the Report of the House Committee, and for other business.
(signed) Wm Rutherford, Chairman.

Mr Rutherford's motion re assistant Librarian

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Girth, and carried, that the President and the Chairman of the Library Committee be entrusted to obtain an assistant Librarian without further reference to this Committee— Salary not to exceed the Librarian's do.

Mr Rutherford's motion re Chairman

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr White, and carried, that Mr Hamilton be appointed Librarian, in terms of the New Rules

The meeting therefore adjourned.

Wm Rutherford

The Mechanics Institute, Nov. 12 1888

A special meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 pm.

Members present.

Present. - Lieut-col. Stevenson, President; W. Rutheford, Vice President; Thomas Wood, Secretary; Messrs Cook, Lampard, White, Garth, Kelly; Mr Moore, Treasurer; Mr James Wright, Architect, also present.

Receipts received.

The Gas Co received, and also a notice from the Guarantee Company of North America

Electric light agreement.

An agreement received from the Electric Light Company was accepted by the Committee

Admission of J. F. Rutheford as life member.

Moved by Mr Garth, seconded by Mr White and carried, that J. F. Rutheford be elected a life member of the Institute

Report of House Committee.

Mr W. Rutheford read the Report of the House Committee as follows: -
The House Committee of the Institute have to report that pursuant to instructions they have got in all the accounts from the several contractors and others engaged in the work of additions and alterations to the Building and its several fittings, and having carefully investigated any cases of disagreement between the Architect and Contractors, and generally taking close peritency of the details of claims for extras. They have to submit the following statement as correct and just both to the Contractors and the Institute: -

Summary of contracts.

First contract	\$34,777.75
Basement and ground floor	4,329.45
Additional on Elevator	875.75
Institute floor and fittings	1,238.53
Fire escape	280.00
Additional cost, change from girders to brick-walls	470.00
Top floor joists	296.00
Peter Hall (repairs and 2 windows)	549.16
Painting walls & dados	198.20
Sundry additions of carpenter-work, brick-laying, Painting etc, etc.	676.23
	<u>43,771.08</u>

The Contractors engaged under Mr Wright's superintendence have, with but little exception, faithfully carried out the works entrusted to them, and considering the short time given them and the large amount of work to be done under very exceptional circumstances - with the tenantry and the Institute almost all the time in constant occupation - the Institute was most fortunate in its Contractors as well as in its Architect. Everything may now be

completed, and the building is now worthy of the name of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal. The House Committee, pending a final and extended Report for the General Committee prior to the Annual Meeting of the Membership, would recommend the acceptance of the several %s as submitted, and that the same be paid as early as convenient - as several of the Contractors are now fully entitled to the percentage retained for security that they would complete their contracts.

The offices are now all let but four, and two of these are under offer now.

The promised donations of three dial for the tower, though not yet actually accomplished, are still expected, and it is hoped that they will be in their places in a few days.

The state of the property at point St Charles is good - Particulars will be given in next Report.

I now submit a letter received from Mr Hugh Ross, Tenant, claiming privileges and reductions - for the advice of the General Committee. Mr Wright states that Mr Ross took the premises before any alterations were made in his store or cellar; that he has got a shop to the line agreed upon; that the work-shop and cellar, now in use by him are larger than was originally agreed on; that, months after, he had leased the premises to Mr Ross, a partition was run across the cellar, but that Mr Ross had no right up to that partition; that the moving of that partition did not infringe in any way on Mr Ross's rights under the agreement; and that The (Mr Ross) has got more than he was entitled to under the agreement; that the date of the lease (July 31, 1888) is nearly six months later than the time when the agreement was made, and that moving of partitions after that date did not curtail Mr Ross's room as agreed upon at all. As Mr Ross claims reduction of nearly fifteen percent on his total rent the Chairmen of the House Committee recommends that the President who signed the lease and Mr Wright who made the agreement be requested to settle the matter with Mr Ross, and report at next meeting.

(signed) Wm Ruthvenford. (Details on next page)

Mr Ruthvenford's motion re Report of House Comm

Moved by Mr Ruthvenford, seconded by Dr Kelley, and carried that the Report of the House Committee be received and adopted.

Dr Kelley's motion re Mr Ross' claim

Moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr Gault, and carried, that the President & the Vice President and the Architect be a Committee to see Mr Ross in relation to his claim.

Mr Ruthvenford's motion re increase of salaries of officers

Mr Ruthvenford moved, seconded by Mr White, and carried unanimously, that in consideration of the more responsible duties devolving on the Superintendent and Librarian

of the Institute and the enhanced cost of living since the present salaries were agreed to, the salaries of the said officers be increased by one hundred dollars each, to take effect from 1st July

Names of Contractors and amounts of Contracts

Peter Lyall	5850. 38
D Rutherford & Co	15784. 38
J Mathison	6776. 33
J Morrison & Son	3685. 97
A Craig	3180. 04
W R Does & Co	1143. 64
Goldie & McCulloch	955. 00
G W Reed	2894. 68
James Clerton Company	2,200. 00
W H Pitt	212. 46
Duty & Treigill	64. 52
K Donaldson	280. 00
Domenico Bridge Company	496. 58
George Brand	8. 76
Rogers & King	10. 54
James & Denton	45. 00
Major & Co Company	76. 52
Robert Reid	385. 60
George Gale	20. 62
	<u>43,791. 08</u>

The meeting thereafter adjourned

M^r Rutherford -

The Mechanics Institute Nov 26. 1888

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening in the Committee Room.

Members present

W Rutherford V.P., in the Chair; Mr Moore Treasurer; Dr Nichol Secretary; Messrs Brown, Lempard, White, Smith, South, Cook, Kelly &c. Mr James Wright, invited, was also present.

Report of Special Comm on Assistant Librarian

The Report of the Special Committee on Assistant Librarian was read, as follows: - That Mr Humphreys has been appointed Assistant Librarian, temporarily, at a salary of twenty Dollars per month.

Dr Kelley's motion re asst Librarian

Moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr Cook, and carried, that the Report be received and adopted.

Report of Special Comm to confer with Mr Hugh Ross.

The Report of the special committee to confer with Mr Hugh Ross, was read as follows: - That they called on Mr Ross but could get nothing but abuse from him, and, being certain that he had no cause of complaint, they left him threatening them with legal proceedings. They would recommend that Mr Ross be allowed to take his own course

(signed) William Rutherford
James Wright

Mr Cook's motion re Ross Committee

Moved by Mr Cook, seconded by Mr Lempard, and carried that the Report be received and adopted.

(at a later stage of the meeting a noticed protest was produced, placed in the hands of Mr Capt Johnson for safe keeping)

Financial Statement for October 1888

Mr Brown read the Financial Statement for October 1888 (see close of minutes), when it was moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Mr Cook, and carried, that the statement be received and adopted

Report of House Comm.

Mr Rutherford read the ^{monthly} Report of the House Committee as follows: - That they recommend the payment of the following viz: -
(1) W J Cook for repairs in plastering \$19.95
(2) J C McDonald, repairs, door handle 25. Also, that the wiring of rooms for electric light is nearly completed; that a new desk for the Dept has been put in; also a new reading table for newspapers in the Reading Room and steps for the Library. Old desks have been repaired, and hat and coat hooks, chair guards have been put in position. - also extra locks for closet doors

(signed) William Rutherford, Chairman.

Dr Nichol's motion re above Report

Moved by Dr Nichol, seconded by Mr Brown, and carried that the Report of the House Committee be received and adopted

Names of Third Class, contd

21 John D. Drumm	Apprentice	96 St Peter Street
22 C. Mascher	Officer by school by	9 Drummoch Street
23 J. Winkley	school by	Molsons Bank
24 John D. Winkley	school by	Molsons Bank
25 M. Hayes	Officer by school by	1 Mount Charles Place
26 W. Lenterman	school by	74 St Germain
27 H. Barrett	apprentice	283 Regent Street
28 John R. Lambert	apprentice	45 Congregation Street
29 Wm. Ardagh	apprentice	152 Talford Street
30 Henry Wilson	Apprentice	181 Magdalen Street
31 J. W. Foster	Apprentice	207 St Constant Street

31 in all.

First Class 2. - Second Class 21. - Third Class 31 = 54 in all

Grand Total

Dr. Mascher's Motion re Report of Membership Committee.

Moved by Dr. Mascher, seconded by Mr. Brown, and carried, that the Report of the Membership Committee be received and adopted.

Report (Annual) of Library Committee.

Dr. Kelly read the Annual Report of the Library Committee as follows: -
 That by the improvements in the building, the apartments for the Reading Room and Library have been enlarged, ~~and~~ ample light and shelving accommodations supplied, and the comfort, convenience and pleasure of the members studied and provided for, so perfect the arrangements it will be necessary as early as convenient, to prevent the odours arising from the lower floors entering these rooms, and to supply a constant stream of warm pure air.

The Central Reading Room has, as usual, been supplied with the very best papers and periodicals, while a very carefully selected assortment was provided for the Point St Charles Branch. The total cost of these large lists was only \$5.38, but the sale of the old papers realized the sum of \$157.53, and over a hundred volumes of the magazines have been bound and placed on the Library shelves. (appended is the list of Papers and Magazines proposed for next year)

The large and valuable Library of the Institute has demanded and received your Committee's constant supervision. The suggestions of the members were considered at each monthly meeting, and new books in all departments of literature were purchased as the means at our disposal would allow.

Since August 1, 1887, there have been added 405 books, classified as follows: - Magazines bound 101; Novels, mainly cheap editions 107; Juveniles 41; General Literature 23; Scientific books 22; Biography 25; Travels 20; History 12; Miscellanies 5; Government reports 46, and 3 volumes of the Eng. Britannica.

Our Reference Library is in constant use, and is every constant additions.

The number of persons using the Library, for the year ending Oct 31st is 587 as against 573 for last year; while the number

was 10,437 against 11,981 last year, but it must be remembered that the library was closed for the long period of eleven weeks during repairs

Monthly Report of Library Committee

Dr Kelly also handed in the monthly report of the Library Com. of which the following is the chief item. Recommended to drop the following papers, N.Y. Journal of Commerce, London Economist, L'Espresso, Trade Empire, The Saddle, The Druggists Circular, Do drop at the Point St Charles Branch, 'The Popular Science Monthly', 'The Boston Journal'. Do add 'The Forum (complete)', 'The Boston Herald', 'The Empire', 'The Dominion Illustrated'. The library committee recommend the substitution of the tri-weekly 'Times' for the daily issue, but the General Com. retained the daily. With these changes the list of papers is the same as last year.

On Motion of Dr Nichol, seconded by Mr Lampard, These Reports, were received and adopted

Interim Report of the Lecture and Class Comms

In the absence of the Chairman, Dr Kelly from the lecture and class committees reported that the Point St Charles classes were doing very well, and those in the central building but moderately well.

Annual Financial Statement for year ending Oct 31 1888

Mr Brown read the Annual Financial Statement, which on motion of Mr Lampard, seconded by Dr Nichol was received and adopted and ordered to be printed for circulation among the members

Balance from Oct 31 1887	1678	75	Point library account	612	90
Received from Office (Rent)	1870	95	Interest	2065	39
" " " " "	3388	50	Light	390	60
" " by Brown	585	25	Heating	921	09
" " Branch	260	22	Stationery	25	05
Membership fees	1778	20	Trusses	2105	57
" fines			Cleaning	244	50
Sale of Catalogues	"	65	Reading Room	535	05
" " old papers	57	55	Postages	32	53
Issues from Deposits	230	56	Insurance	592	10
Interest, for students bank	69	81	Losses	834	25
" " from Point St Charles Branch	4	09	Advertising	91	57
Chemist Insurance Company	3925	60	Printing Catalogue	60	00
Sale of Furniture	27	78	Printing	75	10
Donations in aid of Pt St Chs Branch	1965	00	Repairs	445	12
Returned by Antebellum Club pull on J. W. Sheen	99	52	Furniture	950	50
Lecture fees, Pt St Charles Branch	7	70	Alterations to Institute	32623	05
E. J. Bailean (loan)	10,000	00	Landings for water passage	155	00
Carroll Francis, Aramo-Candela (rent, loan)	20,000	00	Tools of brass lodge	2053	60
			Building permit	24	
				44,822	55
				609	70
				45,432	25

Letter from Rev Rott Lindsey
re East End Branch.

A letter referring to an East End Branch of the Institute was received from Rev Rott Lindsey M.A. which on motion of Mr Cook, seconded by Mr Kelley was referred to the incoming General Committee.

Annual Report of the
House Committee

Mr Rutledge read the Annual Report of the House Committee as follows:— The House Committee have now to submit their Annual Report, under very exceptional circumstances, and in doing so in an intelligent manner, have to go back to the conditions existing at the Annual Meeting last year, at which time the damage by fire to the building had not been repaired.

The House Committee of last year having reported a scheme for general alterations to the building, which being approved of by the General Committee, again being submitted to the Membership at the Annual Meeting, at which meeting the report, with plans and specifications, were approved of by a Committee composed of William Reid, David Brown and Charles Garth, all Past Presidents, and amongst the oldest and best qualified members to make a report on such a scheme.

That Committee made a report (dissenting from by Mr Reid) at a special meeting of the membership, approving of the scheme, as not only as not only feasible, but in their opinion, the best possible thing to do in the circumstances in which the Institute found itself with a building damaged by fire. That Committee reported favourably on plans and specifications, but urged the substitution of fire proof material wherever possible, and urged the making of first-class offices in every way. The Report was adopted and the General Committee instructed to make careful revision of plans, and to make as good a building as possible in the circumstances. The probable cost, as estimated by Mr Wright of the submitted plans and specifications was twenty five thousand dollars, with an estimated gross revenue of ten thousand dollars.

The House Committee being instructed by the General Committee, examined the plans carefully, keeping in view the recommendations of the Committee of Past Presidents as reported to the membership—in connection with Mr Wright—the result being a recommendation of the substitution of stone, brick and iron wherever possible and an alteration in the external appearance of the building. The General Committee approved of the revised plans and specifications and tenders were called for for all works in the three upper flats and roof, with such of the library flat as the

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General Committee had fully decided upon - the whole to be completed by May 1. 1888. The alterations in the street flat were left in abeyance till it was determined how they were to be occupied.

The result of the tenders, as called for, amounted to the sum of thirty five thousand, six hundred and fifty three dollars (\$35,653), as the competition had been limited to the best men in the different trades required and as time was a most material object in view of the financial position and requirements of the Institute. Your committee recommended acceptance of the several approved tenders, which, being approved of by the General Committee, contracts were drawn up and the work started with favourable prospect of a successful issue.

In the street flat, after being partly let the needed alterations were contracted for, at a cost of four thousand three hundred and thirty dollars (\$4,330), and those in the Library flat One thousand, two hundred and thirty eight dollars (\$1,238) and five escaped Two hundred and eighty dollars - making a total amount of forty one thousand, four hundred and ninety one dollars (\$41,491) contracted for.

The failure to get iron girders from England, as expected and the consequent necessity of substituting brick walls instead involved an extra cost of Four hundred and seventy dollars (\$470). The upper joists, having been only suitable for ceiling joists, and found unsafe (after uncovering) for the floor, had to be renewed at a cost of Two hundred and ninety six dollars (\$296). Then repairs to old inside walls, such as filling up old door ways, breaking down stone walls to alter levels, and putting in new drains, work developed as the alterations proceeded, involved an expenditure of Six hundred and forty nine dollars (\$649). Painting the halls in oil cost the sum of One hundred and ninety-eight dollars (\$198), while every smaller item in all the departments amounted to Six hundred and seventy-seven dollars (\$677), making in all a grand total of outlay for all the improvements and additions to the building of Forty three thousand, seven hundred and ninety-one dollars (\$43,791) - not including furniture got since the close of the financial year. To this must be added the Corn Mission to the Architect amounting to One thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,750)

This gross total shows an excess of outlay over the estimate of Mr Wright for the old plans and specifications of Twenty thousand, five hundred and forty one dollars (including the Architect's commission). But the estimated income, based on rents now being actually paid amounts

\$20,541

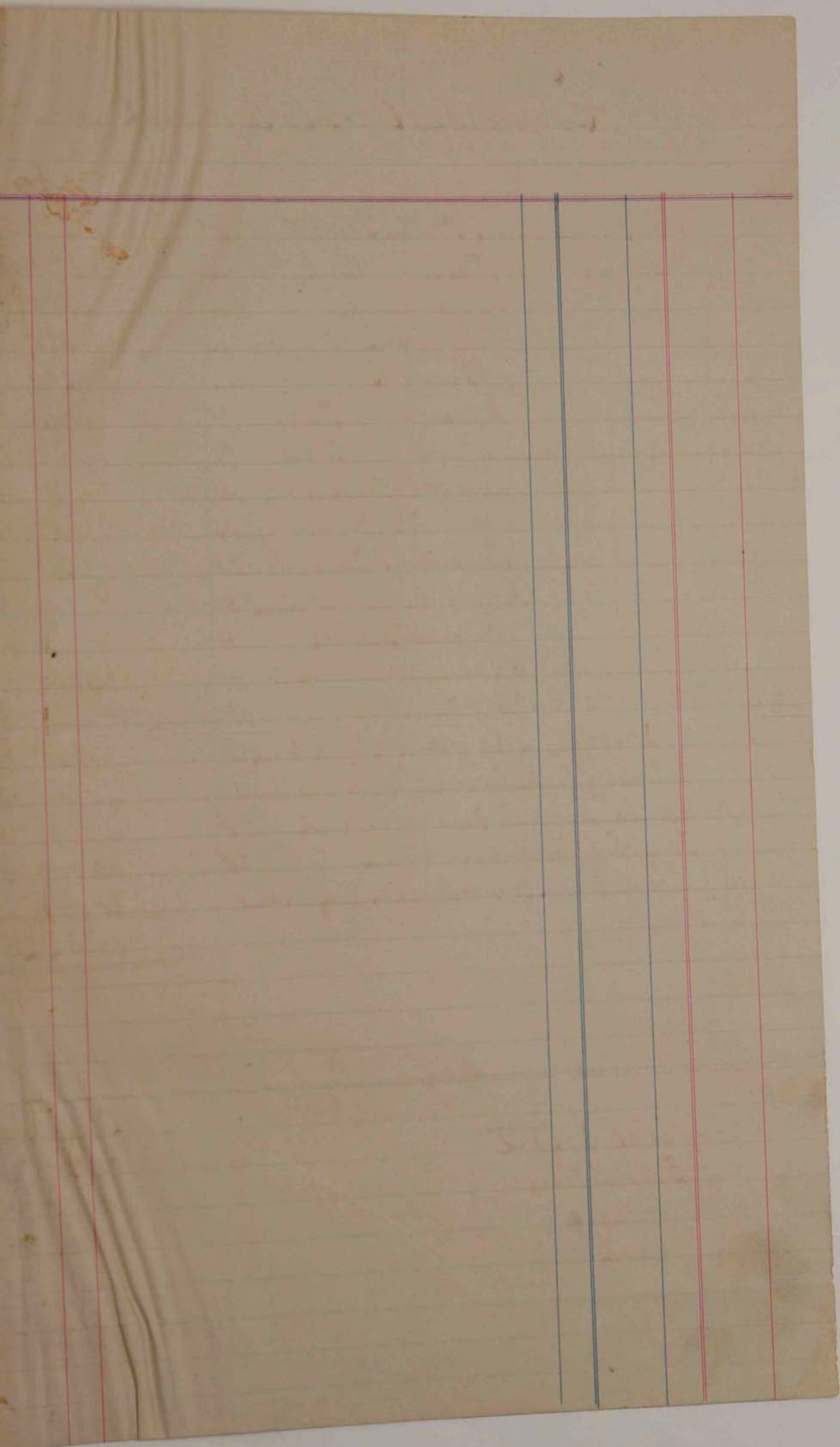
to fourteen thousand, five hundred dollars (\$14,500, and after a discount of ten per cent for probable losses leaves a balance to go to the credit of Property account of say thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000), thus showing an assured rental of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) over the gross estimate as made on the first plans, and if ten per cent is deducted from the said estimate shows an increase of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) of revenue over the estimated rental of the first plans.

From this statement of Income and Expenditure, both based on actual existing conditions it will be seen that the change in the plans and style of finish involving the extra expenditure of twenty thousand, five hundred and forty one dollars (\$20,541) not only enabled your Committee to make a much better building but also to procure therefrom an income of nearly twenty per cent on the extra expenditure as compared with the original estimated income.

The labors and anxiety of your sub-committee were greatly reduced because of special attention and personal, almost continual presence on the part of Mr James Wright, the Architect in charge, and also the very superior class of contractors who undertook the work, most if not all being members of the Institute, so their determination that the Institute would not lose its expected income from rental of offices from May 1st, together with the complete plant that each brought to bear on his own department, is due the fact that the Income now visible, up to May 1889, from rental account is over eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) this amount enables the Finance department to pay from Property account alone, calculated from May 1888 to May 1889, interest account including an annual charge of One thousand dollars (\$1,000) on Debt reduction account, also all expenses of running the Institute on its present increased basis. Thus it will be seen that all cash received from membership fees can be used for other purposes.

The exact revenue derivable from property calculated on the basis of present plans, and all rooms occupied, will give a gross revenue of fourteen thousand, five hundred dollars and deducting say ten per cent. for contingencies will give say thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) as yearly income from property. The gross expenditure, making large deductions for contingencies is in round number eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) thus showing a margin on property account of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be used for reduction of debt, or expenditure on Library and Reading Room, or in educational work as the Institute may direct.

The electric lighting of the halls, reading room and



Financial Statement for the

Balance from October 31 st 1887	127	1678 73
Receipts " Office Rents	144	1870 93
" " Stores "	144	3388 50
" " Song Room "	144	385 25
" " Branch "	144	260 50
" " Membership Fees	171	1448 50
" " do Fines	171	30
" " Sale of Catalogues	161	11 65
" " do " Old papers	93	57 55
" " Interest from Tenants	120	230 86
" " Interest per Merchants Bank	51	69 51
" " do from Branch	51	4 69
" " Phoenix Insurance Co	99	3925 00
" " Sale of Furniture	7	27 78
" Donations in aid of Point St Charles Branch	177	19 65 00
Returned by Quebec Legislature per Hon. J. M. Thériault	181	99 50
Receipts Lecture Fees at Branch	115	7 70
From E. J. Barbéan. Fran	25	10.000 00
" Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien. Montreal per Fran	27	20.000 "
		\$45432.25

Real Estate	4
Furniture	7
Shares	13
Cash	127

Balance	82535 76
	5099 07
	11812 37
	609 70
	\$100056.90

Year Ending October 31st 1888.

Print Library Account-	13	612	90
" Interest "	51	2065	39
" Light "	56	390	60
" Heating "	132	931	09
" Stationery "	75	28	63
" Wages "	83	2108	57
" Cleaning "	83	244	60
" Reading Room "	82	538	08
" Postage	70	32	63
" Insurance	49	592	00
" Taxes	120	834	25
" Advertising	64	98	51
" Printing Catalogues	136	60	00
" Do	136	73	16
" Repairs	163	428	12
" Furniture	7	450	30
" Alterations to Institute	181	32623	98
" Teaching for the Winter Session	115	155	00
" 2 Winter Beavers Page	177	2053	60
" Building Current	105	2	00

44822.55
609.70
\$45432.25

Capital	155	44056	90
Mortgage	26	26000	00
Do	27	20000	00
From	25	10000	00
		<u>\$100056.90</u>	

Montreal 23 November 1898
Audited and found correct
Geo. M. Johnson
R. T. Stoddard

Library, together with such portions of the building as may come directly under the Institute's care has engaged your committee's attention for some time past, and the apparatus is now almost ready for use. This change your committee expects will make a great improvement in the light at little, if any, extra cost. The rate per light is (including the use of the wires and general plant required) is nine dollars, renewals of burners and lamps to be done at the expense of the Institute when worn out.

Your sub-committee, on concluding their report for the past year have to thank the members of the General Committee for the confidence reposed in them.

In conclusion, your committee would call attention to the fact that the financial statement of the year up to Oct 31, only includes the first quarter of the rental of the building as now altered so that the correct financial position of the Institute is now shown.

As authorized the building was purchased and the sum of \$2153.00 paid down, leaving a balance at interest of \$2846.00

The conditions under which the membership allowed the purchase was that the sum of two thousand dollars should be subscribed. The thanks of the Institute is especially due to the subscribers; the list of subscribers is attached.

The furniture and other movable effects was valued at \$900, part of this, being unsuitable was sold and necessary furniture for the reading room was put in at a cost of \$98.00; the whole outlay for repairs and painting being \$2237.00 including building and plant.

The income from rental of rooms for the past year amounts to \$400

(signed) William Rutheford Chairman,

Moved by Dr. Kelley, seconded by McCook, and carried, that the Report of the Home Committee be received and adopted.

Names of Donors to the Parent & Cent Branch of the Mechanic's Institute

James Oliver & Jonathan Brown	200	Amount forward	1175	Amount forward	1915
McCaskill & Co	25	M Malone	25	Charles Alexander	25
Rogers & King	50	James Robinson	10	George W Keet	50
Monteith & William Mills	25	James Duplin	10	W Johnson & Co	100
Ollow & Hony	200	W D Shoud	10	George S Brush	25
George A Drummond	100	W L Wally	10	Rott Foyeth	50
Brothingham & Workman	100	K W Blackwell	25	W Rutheford & Sons	25
J K Ward	100	Doctor Menro	25	Jas S McDougall	25
Joseph Hopson	100	H R Ives & Co	100		
Helding, Paul & Co	100	Walter Duke	50		
A Mcgilvrie & Co	100	W. Shachen & Co	25		
Guthrie & Cavahill	25	George Roberts	25		
J R Lowden	25	as. Morris & Brother	200		
Monteith Warehousing Co	25	Jna Gould & Sons	25		
	1175		1175		2015

St Charles Branch

Kelley's Motion re
re Comm's Report

Names of Donors to the
at St Charles Branch.

Report of Membership Committee

Mr Brown read the Annual Report of the Membership Committee as follows:—

The comparative number of members is as follows:

	1887		1888
Honorary	12	Honorary	12
Corresponding	9	Corresponding	9
Life	219	Life	230
First Class	97	First Class	100 (110)
Second Class	340	Second Class	365
Third Class	100	Third Class	196
	<u>777</u>		<u>928</u>

The Membership received through the Point St Charles Branch, which is included in the above, is as follows:

First Class	14
Second Class	94
Third Class	<u>102</u>
	210

The fees from Point St Charles Branch amount to \$332.50

During the year we have elected as new members:—

First Class	- 37
Second Class	150
Third Class	<u>130</u>
	320

Resigned, Died or left the City

First Class	18
Second Class	128
Third Class	<u>37</u>
	183

A comparison of the membership fees is as follows:—

1887	\$1057.00
1888	<u>1448.00</u>
an increase of \$391.00	

It is with regret that we have to chronicle the death of several of our life members, namely, Hon. James Ford, Walter Mauro and Daniel McVicker.

(Signed) Wm Foster Brown,
Chairman.

The meeting therefore adjourned.

The Mechanics Institute, Dec 3, 1888.
A Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening, at 7 p.m., in the Committee Room.

Members present

Lieut.-Col. A.A. Stevenson, President, in the Chair; W. Rutherford V.P.; James Moore Treasurer; Thomas Nichol Secretary; Robt. Irvine Past President; W. Pyrie, Kelley Ph.D., Lumsden, Gault, Brown, W.J. Cook, Smith and Ald. W. Kennedy.

Reading of Annual Report.

The Secretary read the Annual Report, which, after some minor amendments, was accepted.

annual Report of Lecture and Class Committee

On January 16th, Classes were opened at the Point St Charles Branch under the instruction of the following gentlemen:-

- (a) Mechanical Drawing, by Mr James Powell, attendance about forty-five members.
- (b) Arithmetic, by Mr W.A. Kneeland, attendance fifty-five members.

(c) French, by Mr H. Curtis, attendance about seventy members. The cost of the above for the season was One hundred and fifty dollars. The expenses were all paid by the Institute, no fees being charged to the pupils.

At the close of the season, the above Classes were publicly examined by their teachers before the Lecture and Class Comm. - The results were most favorable.

The following gentlemen lectured at the Point St Charles Branch; Walter H. Smith on March 1st, subject, "The world around us"; Rev. J. B. Saunders M.D., on March 8, subject, "Practical Botany"; Fred. Thompson, on March 15, subject, "Electricity and its uses, with Experiments"; A.C. Hutchinson on March 22, "A tour through Northern Italy"; Professor Donald, on April 5, "Chemistry of Air and Water."

The first lecture was free to all; subsequent lectures free to members of the Institute only.

The Lecture and Class Committee have resumed work at the Point St Charles Branch for the season of 1888-9.

- (a) Mechanical Drawing, in two divisions, by Mr James Powell; number of pupils about thirty-five.
- (b) Arithmetic, also in two divisions, by Mr Isaac Gammell, number of pupils about fifty.

In order to reduce taxes and accommodate our members classes have been opened in the better building.

- (c) English, by Mr Isaac Gammell B.A., attendance about twelve members.
- (d) Speech, also under Mr Gammell; attendance fifteen and increasing.

(signed) William Kennedy, Chairman

The Annual Report of the Finance Committee is as follows:— The finances are in a most healthy state. It will be remembered that a special general meeting of the Institute authorized the General Committee to borrow the sum of Fifty thousand Dollars. Owing to the late date of the meeting of the Legislature this year (1888) a temporary loan of \$10,000 was got from Mr. C. J. Barber to meet payments to contractors—rate of interest six per cent. Before the Legislature met authority was asked to borrow, on the security of the building, a further sum of \$10,000 in addition to the \$50,000 previously authorized by the Institute. This \$10,000 can only be obtained after authority is got from the membership of the Institute—as per provisions of the Act.

It was found that this sum of \$50,000 could be obtained from the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien on the best terms, so the needed sum was obtained from that institution. According to calculations the annual payment of \$3,730 would extinguish the debt in twenty-five years, while under the usual system the interest would be \$2,750 per annum, (or \$68,750 for 25 years) while at the end of the twenty-five years, the \$50,000 would be still unpaid. This arrangement commenced Dec. 1. 1888.

It is true that our indebtedness is increased, but, on the other hand, our ability to meet that indebtedness is greatly increased.

Two years ago we had a property paying \$5,427 per annum with an indebtedness of \$25,000; now our rent amounts to \$14,500, with an indebtedness of about \$65,000 in all.

As to the annexed financial statement, it must be noted that it only includes the first quarter's rental of the building as it now stands.

The meeting therefore adjourned.

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The Mechanics Institute, Dec. 1888

The Forty ninth Annual Meeting of the Members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal was held this evening at 8 o'clock

Members present. -

Lieut.-Col. A. A. Merriam, President, on the Chair; William Rutherford, Vice-President; James Moore, Treasurer; Thomas Hall, Secy. Secretary; Robert Brown, Past President; Henry Alderman W. Kennedy, Alfred Perry, F. W. Kelley M.A., Ph.D., Henry Garth, Plyall, Henry Champred, J. W. Hughes James Wright, W. Foster Brown, W. J. Cook, Stephen White,

The Annual Report
for 1888

The President called on the Secretary to read the Annual Report, as follows: -

Gentlemen

The promise of the last Annual Report has been more than realized, for the year 1888 has been the most prosperous in the long life of the Institute.

The Point St Charles Branch is now in full activity, with a well-supplied reading-room, together with lectures and classes in several important branches of knowledge. Much has been accomplished, but a good deal remains to be done, and additional accommodation for our classes seems to be a pressing necessity.

In our last Annual Report we stated that "by May 1st (1888) we hope that we will possess a property which will yield a revenue with which we can better carry on the work of the Institute, and most likely, enable us to form a reading fund,"

that hope has been realized. We now possess a property which will yield an income sufficiently ample to enable us to pay the instalments of our indebtedness as they fall due; to assist in establishing branches of the Institute in other parts of the City, to employ lecturers and teachers, and, generally speaking, make the Institute one of the great educational forces of Montreal.

It will be remembered that the plans for remodelling the building were submitted to a committee composed of three Past Presidents, namely, William Reid, Donald Brown, and Charles Garth, which committee by a majority report, approved of the plans of the General Committee. This report was approved of at a general meeting of

the membership held Nov 28, 1887, and the General Committee was instructed to make the building as nearly fire-proof as possible, the probable cost of the plans originally submitted was estimated at \$25,000, with an estimated gross revenue of \$10,000.

The House Committee, keeping in view the recommendations of the Committee of Past Presidents, examined the plans and specifications anew, and resolved to use stone, brick and iron wherever possible, and also to make alterations in the external appearance of the building. At first it had been determined to make alterations in the three upper flats and roof, together with certain improvements in the Library Hall, and the results of the tender on the revised specifications amounted to \$35,653.

Alterations in the street-flat were found to be a necessity so contracts were let to the amount of \$4,330. Next the library-flat was re-modelled at a cost of \$1238, and fire-escapes were added costing \$280, making a total amount contracted for of \$41,491. Then brick walls had to be substituted for iron girders at a cost of \$490, and the upper joists were renewed at a cost of \$290. Some unforeseen alterations, such as repairing inside walls, filling up old door-ways, and putting in new drains, cost \$679, then it cost \$198 to paint the halls in oil, and a number of small items in all departments cost \$677.

It will thus be seen that the total cost of all the improvements in the building amounted to \$43,791, to which must be added the architect's fees (\$1,750) making a grand total of \$45,541.

This gross total shows an excess of outlay over the original estimate of \$20,541. But the estimated income, based on rents now being paid, amounts to \$14,500, and, after allowing a discount of ten per cent for probable losses, leaves a balance to go to the credit of property account of say \$13,000 - an increase of \$4,000 as compared with the rental of the original estimate.

Thus the additional improvements give us a much better building and a profit of nearly twenty per cent, on the extra expenditure.

The gross expenditure of the Institute, making large allowance for uncertain expenses, is \$11,000, so that we have a surplus of \$2,000 a year available for Institute purposes, or for additional reduction of debt.

As regards the Point of Charles Branch it will be remembered that we agreed to pay \$2,000 cash down, as directed by the membership at the meeting of Nov 14, 1887. The sum of \$2,153.60 has been paid,

leaving a balance of \$1,000.40 at interest. In addition to this, we paid \$900 for furniture.

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The comparative number of member stands as follows: -

	1887	1888
Honorary	12	12
Corresponding	9	9
Life	219	230
First class	97	116
Second class	340	365
Third class	100	196
	<u>777</u>	<u>928</u>

It will be noted that there has been an increase in all classes of the active membership, and the Third class, which the Institute especially desires to benefit,

has almost doubled its numbers, with an energetic Membership Committee and with greatly enlarged facilities for usefulness, we confidently expect a similar increase during the coming year. In general terms it may be stated that most of our members belong to those Salasses of the community for whose benefit the Institute was organized.

The membership received through the Point St Charles Branch, included in the above, is as follows:—

First Class	14
Second Class	94
Third Class	102

a total of 210

The fees from the membership show an increase of over 37 percent as compared with last year.

1887 \$1057.00

1888 \$1448.50

an increase of \$391.50

It is with regret that we chronicle the death of three of our life members, namely, Hon. James Ferris, Hector Munro, and Daniel McEwen.

The Library continues to increase, and we have been able to place on the shelves some of the best literary products of the day, such as Justice Winsor's Narrative and Critical History of America — the best history of America in existence, at present the Library numbers 10,599 volumes, an increase of 406 for the year — the largest gain for many years. But of this number 586 are obsolete, 45 are imperfect, 10 in circulation overdue, and 59 absent without record.

The volumes of Magazines bound up number 101, while of the 256 volumes added by purchase 107 are works of Fiction; juvenile works 41; General Literature 23; Science 22; Biography 25; Travels and Voyages 20; History 12; Government Reports 46; Miscellaneous 5; and 3 volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Our excellent Reference Library is in constant use, and our sets of Magazines are almost complete, having sustained no loss from the fire and from the removals during the past year.

The number of persons using the Library for the year ending Oct-31, is 584 as against 573 for last year; while the number of volumes issued was 10,475 as against 11,988 last year; but it must be remembered that during repairs the library was closed for the long period of eleven weeks.

The Reading Room has now the finest hall and the best selection of literature in the City, and the Library Hall is a noble apartment, a monument of the badeiful skill of the architect, all parts of the building used for Institute

Purposes, together with all passages and stair-cases, are now lighted by electricity.

The following is a summary statement of the newspapers and Magazines placed on the tables in the Reading Room:—

Canadian	24 Daily	23 Weekly	3 Monthly
British	1 "	20 "	15 "
French	4 "	1 "	1 Fortnightly
American	6 "	20 "	13 Monthly
Australian		1 Fortnightly	

The volumes donated number 75 as follows:— Dominion Government 50; Quebec Government 1; United States Government 1; S. E. Dawson 3; Henry Tappan 3; F. W. Boxer 2; M. S. Carpenter 1; Lieut.-Col. Stevenson 1; Louis F. Gray 1; City Treasurer 1; Medical Health Officer 1

At long and last we are able to present a report of lectures delivered and classes organized which, though not on as large a scale as we would have wished, still gives promise of better things to come. During the year Mr Alderman W. Kennedy has taken charge of the lecture and class committee, and lectures were delivered by Walter H. Smith Esq, Rev J B Saunders M.A., Fred Thompson Esq, A C Hutchinson Esq and Professor J J Donald.

During the session of 1887-88 the Institute had classes in the Point St Charles Branch, Mr James Powell teaching Mechanical Drawing; Mr W. A. Kneeland, Arithmetic, and Mr H. H. Curtis French.

During the present session (1888-89) we have classes at the Point St Charles Branch in Mechanical Drawing, elementary and advanced, taught by Mr James Powell, and in Arithmetic, elementary and advanced, taught by Mr Isaac Gammall B.A. In the Central building on St James Street, we have classes in English and in French, both taught by Mr Gammall.

signed W. A. Stevenson President,
Thomas Nichol W. Secretary

In compliance with one of the by-laws of the Institute the Secretary read the following list of attendances on General Committee. The total number of meetings was 29:—

Lieut.-Col. Stevenson	21
W. Kutherford	19
James Moore	17
Thomas Nichol W.	14
Robert Irvine	17
Henry Gaithe	19
Joe Shearer	0
Wm Foster Brown	14
Alderman W. Kennedy	13
F. W. Kelley Ph.D	18

Stephen White 20
 Henry Lampard 24
 W. J. Cook 16
 James Smith 14

Mr Robert Irwin's Motion Moved by Mr Robert Irwin, and seconded by Mr Alexander Craig, that the Report now read be received and adopted

Mr Lyall's amendment Moved in amendment by Mr P. Lyall, seconded by Mr Henry Lampard, that the Annual Report as read be received and laid upon the table for discussion. The amendment prevailed,

Election of Life Members On motion James Sinclair McDougall was elected a life Member, and Mr J. W. Harley a Trust Clerk Member of the Institute.

Reception and adoption of Report After a pleasant discussion, it was moved by William Rutherford, seconded by Alexander Craig, and carried unanimously that the Annual Report be received and adopted,

Appointment of Scrutinizers The President appointed Messrs Gow, Morrison and Rutherford Jr, to act as Scrutinizers.

Election of President It was moved by Mr John Harper, seconded by Mr Robert Irwin, and carried unanimously, that Lieut-Col Morrison be President for the ensuing year.

Election of Vice-President It was moved by Dr Kelly, seconded by Dr Nichol, and carried unanimously, that William Rutherford be Vice-President for the ensuing year.

Election of Treasurer, It was moved by Mr Robert Irwin, seconded by Mr Alderman W. Kennedy, and carried unanimously that Mr James Moore be Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Election of Secretary. It was moved by Mr Wm Foster Brown, seconded by Mr Alderman W. Kennedy and carried unanimously that Dr Thomas Nichol be Secretary for the ensuing year.

Election of General Comm. men. The following gentlemen were nominated to serve on the General Committee in place of Messrs James Heane, Henry Gault, James Wright, Wm Foster Brown and Ald. W. Kennedy, whose term of office has expired:— Messrs Wright, Gault, Brown, Ald. W. Kennedy, Levers, Hutchison, Hughes and Gow, as the result of the first ballot the scrutinizers reported Messrs Wright, Gow, Gault, Brown and Ald. W. Kennedy, as having a majority of the votes cast, and the President declared these gentlemen elected.

Mr Duff's motion It was moved by Mr Walter Duff, seconded by Dr J. W. Kelley,

and carried unanimously, that this meeting is in favour of the establishing of a Branch of this Institute in the East End of the City upon a somewhat similar basis to that one already so prosperously working at Point St Charles, and without suggesting any means or details for the carrying out of said scheme the meeting wishes the General Committee should they see their way to organizing such a Branch, to feel that they are working in harmony with the views of this General Meeting

Mr J W Hughes' motion

It was moved by Mr J W Hughes, seconded by Mr Alfred Perry, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be given to the General Committee to the Auditor and to the Secretaries,

The Meeting thereafter adjourned
J W Hughes for Secy

The Mechanics' Institute, Dec 6. 1888

A Special Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 p.m.

Members present

Present. - Lt. Col. W. G. Stevenson, President, on the Chair; William Rutherford, Vice-President; Thomas Nichol, Secretary; Messrs Kelly, Lampard, Garth, Wright and Smith.

East End Delegation

Rev Robert Lindsay M.A., Walter Drake, J. H. Speary and R. B. Capon were present as a delegation from the East End.

Object of the Meeting

The President announced that the object of the meeting was to devise measures for the establishing an East End Branch of the Institute.

Mr Walter Drake's Plan

Mr Drake submitted the following plan for establishing Evening Classes in connection with the Institute.

"The School Commissioners have offered the use of two rooms in the Panet Street School House (lighted and heated) for the use of a Night school without charge.

"The Delegation from the East End would ask the Mechanics' Institute to take charge of this work on the condition that all persons joining the classes should become Members of the Institute and pay a monthly fee.

"The subjects which we believe are required to be taught would be purely elementary.

"We estimate the number who are likely at present to avail themselves of these classes at least thirty five (35) of behalf of the Comm.

The Institute's Terms

The President stated that if the East End would find fifty (50) members, paying 50 each as fees, the Institute would most likely accede to the request - said members to pay the usual membership fees.

Mr Drake's offer of security

Mr Drake became responsible for the sum of seventy five dollars.

Cost of East End Branch

The President explained that Ten thousand Dollars would be needed for ground and building at the East End; the Institute paying one-half, the East End one-half.

The Meeting there after adjourned.

The Mechanics' Institute, Dec 17, 1888.

A special meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 p.m.

Members present,

Present, - Lieut.-Col. A. A. Stevenson, President, in the Chair; William Rutherford, V.P.; James Moore Messers; R. Dennis, P.P.; H. Lampard; Stephen White, Henry Girth, James Wright, W. Kelly Ph.D., H. Lampard acted as Secretary

Mr Boodle's letter.

A letter was read by the Chairman from Mr Boodle, Secretary of the Fraser Institute, asking for free reading tickets for his two assistants. The Secretary was instructed to write Mr Boodle that the General Committee had no power to issue such reading tickets as the letter asked for.

Dr Kelly's report re contract for periodicals

Dr Kelly reported that the contract for papers and periodicals for the current year had been awarded to Dawson, Beers, - the said firm considering of Mr Brown (now a member of this committee) and some other person.

Mr Brown's resignation

A letter was received from Mr Wm Foster Brown, tendering his resignation as member of the General Committee on account of press of business, when it was moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Moore and carried, that Mr Brown's resignation be accepted.

Mr Rutherford's motion re Mr Brown's resignation

It was then moved by Mr Wright, seconded by Mr Rutherford, and carried, that Mr John Bulmer be elected a member of the General Committee in the room and stead of Mr Wm Foster Brown

Statement of indebtedness

A statement of indebtedness of the Institute of was submitted as follows: -

James Matheson	\$1776.00	Wm Reed	\$444.00	Wm Bush	875	Wm Rutherford & Co	\$484.40
a total of \$2712.76 of indebtedness connected with the building.							
Water account	\$741.18	Insurance	\$125.00	"Fuel"	13.50	"Lighting"	10.88
Lighting	\$15.00	Fire	\$26.00	Wm Drysdale & Co	27.00	Total	
\$3677.32		\$3678.04		\$122.83		Total \$3801.47	
Cash on Bank		Cash on Hand					

Dr Kelly

Dr Kelly's motion re said statement

It was moved by Dr Kelly, seconded by Mr White, and carried, that the statement be referred to the Finance Committee for report as to ways and means to meeting of General Committee now sitting

Report of Finance Com on re indebtedness,

The Finance Committee now submitted their Report as follows: - "The financial condition of the Institute having been placed before the committee, it was agreed unanimously to borrow \$8,000 for six months, with the option of paying \$2,000

during the month of January.

Mr Rutheford's motion re
Report

It was moved by Mr W. Rutheford, seconded by Mr R. Bruce, and carried,
that the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Mr Rutheford's motion re
way and means.

It was then moved by Mr Rutheford, seconded by Mr Bruce, and carried,
that the President and Secretary be authorized to borrow \$8,000
(Eight thousand dollars) at 5½% per annum for the term of six
months, and that they be authorized by this resolution to sign
the necessary documents.

Sub-committees for 1889.

The President submitted the following sub-committees for 1889

Finance.

Mr James Wright, Chairman.

Messrs James Moore, Dr Kelley, W. J. Cook and John Gow.
House.

Mr William Rutheford, Chairman

Messrs James Wright, Henry Gault, Stephen White and Ald. W. Kennedy.
Library and Reading Room.

Mr Robert Irwin, Chairman

Messrs Henry Lampard, Henry Gault, John Gow and Dr Nichol.
Picture and Glass.

Dr W. Kelley, Chairman

Messrs Stephen White, J. Smith, John Bulmer and Ald. W. Kennedy.
Membership

Mr Henry Lampard, Chairman

Messrs W. J. Cook, J. Smith, John Bulmer and Dr Nichol.

Point St Charles Branch.

(Corner of Wellington and Bourgeois Streets)

Local Advisory Committee.

Messrs A. H. Lavers, J. Hayden, S. W. Bullock, B. Kidd,
J. Powell, Dr Hutchison and J. W. Bayford.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Members present. -

Present. - Lieut Col. Stevenson, President, in the Chair; William Rutherford, V.P.; James Muir, Treasurer; Robert Farrow, Past President; McKelley Ph.D.; James Wright, John Gow, Henry Lampard. Mr Lampard acted as Secretary.

Letter from Mr Hugh Ross

Mr Rutherford's motion re Ross.

A letter (now in the hands of Mr Johnson) was read from Hugh Ross, when it was moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by James Wright, and carried, that in answer to the letter now read by the President from Mr Hugh Ross, the Committee while not admitting any of the reasons adduced by Mr Ross, make the following offer, if the same can be done legally and without affecting the validity of the lease. First - That in consideration of Mr Ross giving up his rights in the Basement, a deduction at the rate of One hundred dollars per annum be made on the rental as set forth in the lease. Second - That if the offer is not acceptable to Mr Ross, the General Committee will be willing, if it will meet his views, to relieve him from the conditions of the lease as a whole, from the first day of May next.

Letter from Rev R Lindsay

A letter was read from the Rev Robert Lindsay, which was referred to the Education and Classes Committee to report on at a future time. In the meantime the President was instructed to write Mr Lindsay to the effect that the General Committee was doing at present all the work they agreed to do, and could not at present undertake any more.

Report of Lecture and Class Committee.

The Lecture and Class Committee reported that the classes in the East End were now proceeding with great success and good attendance.

Report of Membership Committee

The Membership Committee reported the following names for membership: -

Names of Recruit Class

First Class	Wm B. B. Ball, Merchant, 229 St James Street and J. Macdonald, Manufc. Côte St Paul.
Second Class	
1.	J. B. Jones Engineer 149 Water Street
2.	James Rogerson Labourer 22 Champlain Street
3.	R. Sutherland Machinist 57 Craig Street
4.	J. N. Pitcher Machinist 666 Myrnonne Street
5.	J. Mason Clerk 106 Delorimer Ave.
6.	George Ogden Machinist 246 Champlain Street
7.	Wm B. Macdonald — 69 Bishop Street

Second Class, continued

- 8 Walter Scott
- 9 Benjamin Ruff
- 10 John Curran

10 in all.

Third Class.

- 1. Thomas Abraham
- 2. Sand Hart
- 3. Alfred Young
- 4. Comblant Ambrose
- 5. Robert A King
- 6. Charles Wolfe
- 7. W. Blair
- 8. George A. Keyworth
- 9. A. Gilmore
- 10. ~~J. H. Hall~~ ^{J. H. Hall}
- 11. James W. Steba
- 12. M. Britt
- 13. William Oliver
- 14. James Oliver
- 15. Charles Auburn
- 16. George Shepherd
- 17. J. H. Hewitt
- 18. J. H. Hall
- 19. Charles Nettleton
- 20. W. Hayes.
- 21. James Peck
- 22. Geo. Hindcliff
- 23. William Hall
- 24. Albert Lucas
- 25. William Lucas
- 26. J. Stormont
- 27. R. M. Stewart
- 28. Andrew White
- 29. John White
- 30. A. Allen
- 31. William King
- 32. Thomas Paskell
- 33. W. Calmore
- 34. J. Bennett
- 35. John McQuire
- 36. J. Kelley
- 37. J. W. Saffron

37 in all

24¹/₂ Infanterie Street
Printer
Clerk

Mechanic
5. Blarney Street
141 Magdalen Street

Apprentice
Apprentice
School boy
Apprentice
Apprentice
Apprentice
Machinist
Book-maker
Apprentice
Machinist
Apprentice
Office boy
Machinist
Machinist
Apprentice
Scower
Machinist
Apprentice
Clerk
Carpenter
Apprentice
Apprentice
Apprentice
Apprentice
Apprentice
Labourer
Apprentice
Machinist
Shoemaker
Labourer
Machinist
Apprentice
Apprentice
Steam fitter
Machinist
Moulder
Apprentice

45 Jaquay Court
1309 N. Dame Street
657 Mignonne Street
967 N. Dame Street
17 Champlain Street
625 Mignonne Street
49 Papineau Avenue
457 Duchesne Street
701 Mignonne Street
105 Compagnie Street
~~606 St. Paul~~
33 Rozelle Street
157 Dalhousie St
53 Craig Street
53 Craig Street
967 N. Dame Street
12 Grain Street
108 Lagaudet Street
615 Mignonne St
2 Grain Street
43 Grain Street
Albert Street
30 Plessis Street
15 Mignonne St
995 Ste Catherine St
995 Ste Catherine St
181 Dufferin Street
108 Lagaudet Street
81 Shan Street
104 Shan Street
4 Montcalm St
17 Champlain St
629 Mignonne St
Mignonne Street
Molson's Brewery
Champlain
72 Parthenon Street
157 Shan

37 in all
Total - First Class 2; Second Class 10; Third Class 37 = 49 in all
An motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Gow, the above were elected members.
The Finance Committee passed the following resolution for payment: - G. R. Powell
Louis Fortin \$149.85 Ephraim Gougeon \$50.00

Mr. Davis's Motion
Report of Finance Committee

The meeting thereafter adjourned

Financial Statement for November 1888

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1	Richardson & Son (Rent)	125	00	5	D. Rutherford & Co on 9c	500	00
"	Hanson Bros,	100	00	9	Stamps		50
"	J. O. Maherty	16	67	10	James Wright, Wash, on 9c	50	00
2	Kramer & Schart	22	10	14	Montreal Gas Co	118	00
"	Mont. Rolling Mills	75	00		do do do (P.D.C. Branch)	43	20
"	J. B. Hutchison ⁸⁷⁵⁻⁴ Rent ²⁴⁻¹¹ do ⁴⁵⁻⁸⁸ Rent	79	00	17	Robert Reid, in full	385	00
"	R. Harrower " ³¹⁻²⁵ do " ⁴⁵⁻⁸⁸	77	13	"	Alex. Craig on 9c	500	00
"	G. B. Burland (Rent)	67	50	"	Just Mallinson, on 9c	1500	00
3	J. K. Baggott	6	00	"	Great Trencher T. Co. examining		
"	H. Sanders	375	00		Institute Building	35	50
5	Cooper, Munson	2	00	"	do do, examining titles	32	00
7	James Kerby	50	00	19	D. Rutherford & Co on 9c	1000	00
9	Caquon & Perkins	75	00	24	Stamps		50
10	James Wright, as per certificate for Rent	50	00	27	500 Post cards for finance state,		5 00
12	David Brown (Rent)	36	00	30	J. R. West Co balance on 9c of Cont	443	00
13	W. J. Thomas	37	50	"	William Johnson Salary	58	33
17	Great Trencher T. Co. on 9c of loan	4000	00	"	A. B. Hamilton "	43	33
"	Montreal Building Society	30	00	"	Geo Ward "	30	00
23	Ch. Bissett	50	00	"	A. Downie "	40	00
27	Royal Building Society	30	00	"	Geo Humphries	20	
30	Cooper, Fairman & Co	287	50	"	Elvira Boy	16	25
"	Geo W. Cameron	175	00	"	Woman for cleaning	10	00
"	John Ross on 9c	17	50	"	Men cleaning windows	4	50
"	Geo. Dibley & Sons	56	25	"	Women "	6	00
"	Henry & Eldredge on 9c	30	00	"	Woman scrubbing floors	5	25
"	A. C. Hamonage	16	00		Laundries (Montreal Building)		08
	Collected by President for P.D.C. (1/5)				Scrubbing soap		08
7	James F. McDougall	25	00		Bk Comm. on cheque	25	
"	Robert F. Wright	25	00		3 new dustless soap	75	
5	Hugh Ross (Rent)	400	00		Scrubbing dish	15	
8	John Philip Withers	56	25		Woolenham & Workman	75	
30	Membership fees	487	00		Total supply, King's notes	4 20	6 18
"	Sale of books & papers	3	00		Laundries (P.D.C. Branch)		
"	Tickets for classes	10	50		Carfare	2 50	
"	" " " (P.D.C. B)	31	00		Scrubbing	1 50	
					Stamps	25	4 25
		6945	50			4858	19
Balance from Oct		609	70	Balance to Dec		4677	01
						7535	20

The Mechanics Institute January 25th 1889.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock

Members present.

Present - Lieut. Col. A. G. Stevenson, President on the Chair; William Rutherford, Vice President; James Moore Treasurer; Thomas Nichol, M. Secretary; Robert Irvine, Past President; Messrs Smith, Garth, Wright, Gow, Larnford, Bulmer, White, Cook and Kelley, Ph. D.

Minutes read and approved

The Minutes of the meetings of Dec 6th, 17th and 24th were read and, with some slight amendments, approved.

President's report on loan of \$8,000

The President reported that a temporary loan of \$8,000 had been effected, in accordance with the resolution passed at the meeting of Dec 17th - the terms being 5^{1/2}% per annum.

Letter from the Council Committee

The Secretary read a letter from the Council Committee, urging the General Committee to illuminate the central building during Council week. After some discussion, it was moved by Mr Garth, seconded by Mr White, and carried, that the General Committee do not see their way clear to comply with the request.

Mr Garth's motion, re said letter.

Report of the Finance Comm.

Mr Gow, from the Finance Committee, reported that the following accounts had passed the several sub-committees: -

House Committee

1 Water Rates (a Downie)	7 25
2 Robert Murrell & Co (Brass paper files)	14 75
3 The Mays Manoff Co (two window guards)	17 81
4 Rott Warriner (Lock)	2 50
5 Messrs King (Chairs)	57 00
6 L. Futen (wood for St. John's Branch)	15 00

Library and Reading Room

1 W. Drysdale & Co (Stationery)	6 45
2 " " (Books)	37 56
3 " " (binding)	10 65
4 Wm Foster Brown (Books)	1 27
5 "Business" (advertisings)	13 50
6 "Star" (")	10 88

Mr Wright's motion re Report of Finance Comm.

It was moved by Mr Wright, seconded by Dr Kelley, and carried, that the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted, and the accounts ordered to be paid.

Report of the House Committee

Mr Rutherford read the Report of the House Committee, as follows: - that all the Offices are occupied, except Nos 14 and 27; the lighting of these rooms is not good. Either more light, or a

reduction of rent is recommended; putting in an extra window in each room is preferred as being the most profitable. Room No 7 being found unfit for use because of the great heat arising from the heating pipes passing under the floor, it is recommended that this defect be remedied as soon as possible. It has been reported to the House Committee that parties especially the tenants of Rooms 3 and 5 - have created office-rooms to other business men. It is recommended that this be prevented in future by a stringent clause on the leases. It is further recommended that all tenants sign a lease before they occupy the room and that, unless by special agreement, all leases shall be for one or more years, the rents to be payable monthly. In the matter of renting offices, it is recommended that discretionary power be given the Chairman of the House Committee to modify the rental or other conditions, whenever, in his opinion, it is in the interest of the Institute to do so. It is recommended that Matthew Hutchinson D.C.L. be employed in any matter of rent collection or other matter requiring immediate attention.

Mr Rutherford's motion He was moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Lampard, and carried that the Report of the House Committee be received and adopted.

Report of Library Com. Mr Lampard, from the Library Committee, reported verbally that the committee had purchased a few books

Report of Lecture and Class Committee Dr Kelley, from the Lecture and Class Committee, reported verbally that the East End Classes were prosperous.

Names of East End Local Committee The following gentlemen compose the local Library Committee of the East End Branch, namely, Walter Drake, Walter H. Laurie, S W Wells, F C Capton, John Burrell, Mallory Palmer, and J Hamilton.

The Telephone, Attention having been drawn to the location of the telephone some discussion took place, when the matter was referred to the House Committee for consideration and report.

Report of the Membership Committee, Mr Lampard, from the Membership Committee reported that the committee had agreed to ask the General Committee for the sum of forty dollars to be used by them in putting out posters and cards advertising the Institute and its advantages. The Committee further report a membership of 51 at the East End Branch. The following were reported for membership in the Institute

Life Member	1 Leo W. Davidson D.C.L.	Advocate	190 St James Street
Trust Class Members	<u>1 in all.</u> 1. Ephrem Gougeon 2. John Burrell	Contractor & pressman	Magdalen Street 171 Jacques Carlier St
Second Class Members	<u>2 in all.</u> 1 Geo A Wolger 2 James Blake 3. W K Dring 4 W D Black 5. A M Jeffrey 6. W J Fricker 7. L J Rathbone	Mechanic Labourer Agent Mechanic Book-keeper Clerk	69 Moreau Street 29 St Adolph, Street 22 Sussex Street 199 Dockett Street 57 Canning Street 26 Maple Avenue. 18 Paris Street
Third Class members	<u>7 in all</u> 1. Thomas O'Shan 2. W J Jackson 3. Charles Kuchan 4. William Merryfield 5. W James Hall 6. John Shuttleworth 7. Francis Black 8. John Black 9. Wm Jey Wright 10. W Lye 11. W. Musson	schoolboy school girl Apprentice Office boy Apprentice Clerk Cigar maker Plumber Grocer Apprentice Message boy	Côte d Antoine, 25 Mansfield Street 57 Congregation Street 34 Shaw Street 615 Magnonne Street 47 Gain Street 280 Panet Street 280 Panet Street 1047 Probedame Street 142 Dockett Street Custom House.
Recapitulation	Life members 1 ; Trust Class 2 ; Second Class 7 ; Third Class 11 = 21 in all		

Mr Rutherford's motion It was moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Sampson, and carried, that the Report be received and adopted, that the individuals above named be elected members of the Institute, and that the request for money to be used in advertising be referred to the Finance Committee,

The Meeting thereafter adjourned,
A. A. Stevenson
President.

Financial Statement for December, 1888

Financial Statement for
December, 1888

20	1	A McKim (Rent)	15	00	20	5	Alex Craig on % of contract	350	00
	3	Juvenile Templars ^{8 duty} 2.75 ea	6	00		8	S. Brown, (bank from #101 C.B.)	5	69
		J.C. Pinsky (Rent)	20	00		9	James Knight on % of commission	300	00
		Cooper, Union	2	00		10	G.W. Reed on % of contract	400	00
	7	Coal Exchange	25	00		11	J. Harrison & Son, balance of amt	386	00
	12	Royal Templars (to Oct 30, 1888)	14	00		11	Christy & Co. P.C. Pat. to Nov 30, 1888	178	10
	13	Jr. Rom. Balance of Rent to Nov 30, 1888	20	00			" (Trans)		50
	18	James Moore (cash loan)	8000	00		12	W. Kent 6 m/ Pat. to Dec 9, 1888	715	00
	19	Male domes building club	2	00		12	W. J. Cook (repairs)	19	95
	21	A. Tice, on % of Rent a desk with	8	00		13	Journ. of Comm. (Lacey ledger)	7	00
	22	J. L. Durandt (Rent)	2	00		15	Guarantee Co. (N.Y.)	7	50
	24	Prot. Susaney Aylam (Rent)	56	25		18	A. Craig, balance on full, Christmas '88	682	00
	31	Membership fees	204	00		22	D. K. Hays & Co. on % of contract	2000	00
		" Sale of Catalogues	1	50		26	Hyatt, balance in full	1850	00
		" Ticket for classes		50			" Rogers & King, balance in full	10	59
		dr dr dr (#101 C.B.)	1	50			" G. F. Gould and ed. reading book	6	00
		dr dr dr (E.C. Branch)	26	50		27	Postal cards & stamps	75	
							" James Knight, balance of comm.	250	00
							" Geo. House as per %	2	70
							" Louis Fortin (wood)	19	75
							31 G.W. Reed, balance in full,	444	00
							" William Johnson (Salary)	58	33
							" A.B. Hamilton "	43	33
							" A. Downie "	40	00
							" George Humphries "	20	00
							" Clinton boy (snacks) "	15	00
							" woman (clerk) "	15	00
							" dr (extra)	4	00
							" Man assisting in moving		50
							" Sundries (Centre building)		
							3.20		
							1.00		
							50		
							remy. adhs N.Y. Lott Co. Corp		4.70
							10		
							50		
							Drunk glass Banister bread		00
							25		
							2 slop盆 (W. Kenan) 2/10's		75
							25		
							Chamois Repair done handle		60
							1.50		
							2 brushes 3/24 o/s		3.10
							1.50		
							2 floor dohs Saw & axe		2.50
							2.00		
							2.40		12.25
							Sundries #101 C.B. Branch		
							Carriage of furnace		1.50
							2.00		
							Car fare washing double window		3.15
							1.00		
							Lunch burger & in door book		95
							5.95		5.95
							Sundries East End Branch		
							Car fare		80
							80		80
									788.99
							Balance from Nov	2677	01
									11075.26
							Balance to January	5190	27
									11075.26

The Mechanics' Institute. For 25. 1889

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 p.m.

Members present

Present. - Lieut Col, G. A. Merriam, President, in the Chair; William Rutherford, Vice President; Thomas Field, Secretary; Robert James, Past President; Messrs Lampard, Bulmer, White, Gow and Gow

The Minutes of Meeting of January 28th were read and approved.

Accounts ordered to be paid

The following accounts were ordered to be paid.

1. Louis Foden	7. 50
2. Hess, Brothers	1. 28
3 Montreal Gas Company	113. 25
4 dr dr dr (Cleaning)	2. 20
5 dr dr dr (PSTC)	53. 55
6 Marks, McLennan & Co	39. 70
7 Montreal Star (admg)	8. 16
8 Montreal Herald (reprints)	12. 00
9 D. Bentley & Co	84. 40
10 W ^m Frost, Brown & Co	432. 35

Financial Report for January, Report of House Comm.

Mr Gow read the Financial Report for January; (next page)

That 26 offices are unlet, that applicants are undecided, and the House Committee inclines to believe that it would be better to put the matter into the hands of an agent that clock faces have been put in the tower, that a balance of \$1137.62 is due on rental up to 7th 1st (list in hands of Jutt) that no change should be made in the position of the telephone.

Adoption of House Committee's Report.

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Bulmer, and carried, that the Report of the House Committee be adopted.

Mr White's motion re agent.

Moved by Mr White, seconded by Mr Lampard, and carried that authority be given to the House Committee to engage a party to rent the offices.

Mr Rutherford's motion authorizing the President to call a Meeting of the Members.

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Lampard, and carried that the President be authorized, should he deem it necessary, to call a meeting of the membership for the purpose of considering the advisability of pulling the temporary loan of Ten thousand dollars on the same footing as the loan of Fifty thousand dollars.

Report of Library Committee. Mr Irvine read the Report of the Library Committee, and recommended that Mr Young, our late Junitor, be allowed to have use of library

Mr Irvine's motion. Moved by Mr Irvine, seconded by Dr. [unclear] and carried, that the Report of the Library Committee be received and adopted.

Report of Membership Comm. Mr Lampard read the Report of the Membership Committee as follows:-

	Cents	of 50 Cts
old members not paid	24	8
First class	27	28
Second "	1	2
Third "	58	38

New members, 2 life; 9 First Class; 12 Third Class

Mr Lampard's motion. Moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Rutledge, and carried, that the Report of the Membership Committee be received and adopted.

Electing of new members. Moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Balmer, and carried that the following individuals be elected members of the Institute:-

Life members
 1. William Owen Contractor 92 Mansfield Street
 2. Mr Felix Casey Manufacturer 60 St Antoine

First Class Members
 2 in all
 1. Thomas J Nuttal butcher 625 Wellington Street

Second Class members
 1 in all.
 1. A. M. Miller Commercial Traveller 47 Tupper Street
 2. J. Howell Clerk 957 Dore Street
 3. Henry Green Brass Polisher 89 La Gauchet Street
 4. W. Leroux Clerk 98 Labonte Street
 5. W. F. Coon Belmont Hotel
 6. Edwin Checkley Clerk Mechanics Bank
 7. Mr Joseph 19 Milton Street
 8. Mr McCook 69 Dubond Street
 9. H. Channon Clerk 3041 Notre Dame Street

Third Class members.
 12 in all.
 1. W. Johnston Apprentice at Kenneth Campbell's
 2. Alex. Fraser 69 St Antoine Street
 3. Arthur W. Rae Office boy 575 St Hubert Street
 4. John A. Bremner School boy Outremont
 5. John Bailey School boy 492 St Hubert Street
 6. Henry S. Sample Student 904 Sherbrooke Street
 7. George Hanna Clerk 29 Tupper Street
 8. A. C. Jenkins 275 St Ch. Borromee's Street
 9. W. Coe School boy 158 Vite Street
 10. Charles Cooke Clerk 85 Duke Street
 11. George Haulty Apprentice 185 Magdalen Street
 12. Mr A. Stobo School-girl 33 Royal Street

The Meeting thereafter adjourned
 A. A. Stevenson,
 President.

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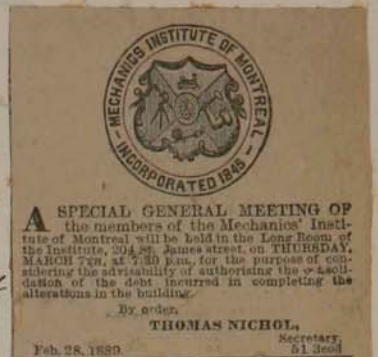
The Mechanics' Institute, March 7. 1889
A Special General Meeting of the Membership of the Institute
was held this evening at 8:20 p.m.

Present, -

Present: - Lieut-Col. Henson, President, Messrs William Rutherford,
Matthew Hutchinson D.C.L., James Moore, Henry Lampard, Henry
Garth, John B. Hutchinson, Raphaelon Lijé, Robt Forester, T. Duncan,
Robert Hamilton, W. Jones, Frank Payne, John Nolan, Thomas Nichol M.D.

Purpose of Meeting

The President read the advertisement
calling the Meeting, explaining the matter
at length, adding that it was proposed
to borrow the ten thousand Dollars author-
ized by Act of Provincial Parliament on
the same advantageous terms as
the fifty thousand Dollars already borrowed.



Dr Hutchinson's
motion.

It was moved by Matthew Hutchinson D.C.L., seconded by
William Rutherford, and carried unanimously, that
the members of this Institute, present at this Special
General Meeting, duly called and held for the purpose,
do approve of and hereby specially authorize the
borrowing from the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien
a further sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, for a term of
Twenty five years, with interest at the rate of five
and a half per centum per annum, with a sinking-
fund sufficient to extinguish the said loan at the end
of the said period and upon and subject to such other
terms and conditions as are contained in a deed of loan
by the said Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien to this Institute passed
before W. H. Mackay M.P. on September 24, 1888

And as further security for the repayment of said loan and
interest that the following immovable property belonging to the
said Institute be specially hypothecated, namely "the lot of ground
known and designated as Cadastre lot number one
hundred and sixty-five (165) of the official plan
and book of reference of the West tract in the
City of Montreal and situate and being at the
corner of St James and St Peter Streets in the City
of Montreal, containing sixty-two (62) feet in front
on St James Street and one hundred and seven
feet (107) in depth on St Peter Street with the build-
ing thereon erected."

and that the President and Secretary of this
Institute be and are hereby authorized to sign the
requisite deed of obligation and mortgage required
by the said Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien.

And further that the said sum of money so obtained be applied to the payment of a floating debt of the Institute for the same amount which had been expended during last year in the improvement of the building,

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

R. A. Stevenson
President.

The Mechanics Institute, March 25. 1889

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 pm

Members present

Present. — Lieut Col. A. A. Stevenson, President, in the Chair; Wm Rutherford, Vice-President; Jas Moore, Treasurer; Thomas Nichol, Sec; Messrs Lampard, Kelly Ph. D; Walter Bulmer, Gairth, Wright and Gow.

Minutes read and approved.

The Minutes of the February General Committee Meeting were read and approved.

Davidson & Ritchie & Co

The President read Messrs Davidson and Ritchie & Co (\$32) when it was moved by Dr Kelly, seconded by Dr Nichol, and carried, that the said account be accepted and ordered to be paid.

Reading of Financial Statement for January.

Mr Gow read the Financial Statement for January, 1889 (see next page).

Report of Finance Committee.

Mr Gow read the Report of the Finance Committee as follows;—

The following $\frac{1}{2}$ were recommended to be paid:—
(Honble Com) Corporation of Montreal, Water Rates to Nov. 1888, \$747.15
& (H) Gougen, work done at St at St Branch 13.60
Lodging Com) Expenses of Colisses 595.00

The Treasurer reported only about \$50 on hand at present, and as the above $\frac{1}{2}$ should be paid soon, the Finance Committee would recommend that the General Comm. make a temporary loan of fifteen hundred dollars to meet the claims due at present.

Mr Gow's motion.

Moved by Mr Gow, seconded by Dr Kelly, and carried, that the accounts passed by the Finance Committee be ordered to be paid, and that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted to borrow fifteen hundred dollars be adopted — and that the remainder of the Report be referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

Financial Statement for February, 1889

Financial Statement for January, 1889

Financial Statement for January, 1889		Financial Statement for February, 1889	
1	Richard & Sons ^{#125.00} y) Parkes ^{#10.00}	135	00
"	A Fine, sold 3 chairs for Rent	75	
"	do do " 1 desk " "	6	00
2	H. G. Allen & Co	70	00
"	Building Society	2	00
2	Hugh Ross	400	00
"	Stewart & McDonald, for R Harrower	93	75
"	W. J. White	50	00
"	J. O. Flaherty	16	67
"	A. McKern	15	00
4	Estates & Buildings sold ^{Contra} 1000 (Rent)	12	00
"	James Crossley	10	00
"	G. B. Burland	80	00
"	Montreal Rolling Mills	75	00
"	Coopers' Union	2	00
5	The Barber & Ellis Company	45	00
"	H. J. Sanders	375	00
"	J. S. Kirby	100	00
"	J. C. Dunlop (on 4%)	15	00
"	Daniel Brown	36	00
"	Hanson, Brothers	200	00
9	J. O. Withers	56	25
12	General Committee (Rent)	100	00
"	C. R. Richardson	67	50
13	Montreal Mutual Bldg Soc.	50	00
15	Jas. Bayne Stock Assoc.	6	00
16	Loans Mortgage Company	4	00
20	J. C. Dunlop	5	00
27	Lyell Campbell (P. S. C. Co.) ^{to Dec 31 1888}	12	00
"	Warrens Bay (25% for commission)	37	75
"	Cooper, Tammes & Co	287	50
"	R. K. Thomas (Rent)	12	00
"	Royal Building Society	30	00
28	Membership Fees	162	00
"	Sale of old papers	11	95
"	Sale of Catalogues	1	50
"	" 1 basket (P. S. C. Co. Brand)	50	
		2562	92
Balance from Jan		1521	98
		4084	90
1	A Fine, for Rent 1 chair		25
"	do do " " 1 desk	6	00
2	Rott Harrower (new bed)	2	50
6	Stamps		50
"	Registering letter		00
7	Stamps (for Annual Reports)	4	00
14	James Bone on 4% of loan	2500	00
"	W. F. Brown & Co (books)	1	27
"	Stamps		50
15	Louis Fortin (wood, P. S. C. Co.)	15	00
19	Wes, Bros, 90 chairs	57	00
"	Ward & Dale & Co (books)	58	07
"	do do (books)	14	53
"	do do (stationery)	8	78
"	J. D. Druggall & Son (business adv)	10	88
"	R. Mitchell & Co (10 paper files)	14	75
"	Maple Leaf Co (hair guards)	17	81
"	Star (advertising)	13	50
"	Journal of Commerce, to Aug 30, 1888	30	00
21	City Mont. (Donnie's table, rules)	7	25
28	W. Johnson (Salary)	58	33
"	A. B. Hamilton "	43	33
"	George Ward "	28	00
"	George Humphries "	20	00
"	A. Downie "	40	00
"	Clarata Boy " (4 weeks)	16	00
"	Women's Clean " "	12	00
"	do do (extra)	2	50
Sundries (Conte Building)			
2	Keys ⁵⁰ Toilet Co 1 gal oil ^{1.10} 2.10		
	Soda & Soap ⁵⁰ Paste ²⁰ 70		
	Floor cloth dusting brush ⁴⁹ 49		
	Chamois leather 50		
	Removing waxes 80		
	Warren Schief (cotton) 25	4	84
Sundries (P. S. C. Co. Branch)			
	Carfare ^{2.20} Scrubby floor ^{1.50} 3.70		
	Stamps & Soap 17	3	87
Sundries (East End Branch)			
	Car fare 20		20
		2965	03
Balance for to March		1119	82
		4084	85

Report of the House
Committee.

Mr Rutherford read the Report of the House Committee as follows:— That in
virtue of the authority given them at the last meeting of the
General Committee, Messrs Knight and Bradley have been appointed Agents for
letting the Offices - with authority to make deduction to the extent of 10% if it is
absolutely necessary.

Mr Rutherford's motion

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Dr Kelly, and carried, that the Report of
the House Committee be received and adopted.

Verbal Report from the
Library Committee

A verbal report from the Library Committee stated that the Manchester, balances and a
few novels had been purchased.

Report of Lecture and Class
Committee

Dr Kelly read the Report of the Lecture and Class Committee, at the P. H. C.
Branch, 35 papers on Drawing, Gley, and 41 in Arithmetic. In the Centre, the classes,
both French and English, have been small but efficient,
about 50 on the roll of all the classes. The balances of the Teachers, novices, are
as follows:—

Mr Gammell. (P. H. C. Branch)	\$125.00
do (Centre Building)	\$ 75.00
do (East End B.)	\$100.00
Mr Powell (P. H. C. B.)	\$ 125.00
Mr Glegg (Centre Building)	\$ 75.00
Mr Mitchell (East End B.)	\$ 75.00
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	\$ 575.00

Dr Kelly's motion

Moved by Dr Kelly, seconded by Dr Nichol, and carried, that
the Report of the Lecture and Class Committee be received
and adopted

Report of the Membership
Committee,

Mr Lampard read the Report of the Membership Comm.
as follows:— Names of those who gave donations to
the Point St Charles Branch, and who are to be life
members of the Institute:—

1. Jonathan Brown	\$100.00
2. Joseph Watson	\$100.00
3. John A. Pillow	\$100.00
4. Wm W. Ogilvie	\$100.00
5. Edward Murphy	\$100.00
6. Henry Archibald	\$100.00
7. Robert R. Dues	\$100.00
8. William Johnson	\$100.00
9. D. A. W. Baskill	\$ 25.00
10. Jas R. Lowden	\$ 25.00
11. Geo W. Hanna	\$ 25.00
12. William Chackan	\$ 25.00
13. R. W. Blackwell	\$ 25.00
14. Moses Malone	\$ 25.00

Mr Lampard's motion.

Moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Dr Nichol and carried,
that the Report of the Membership Committee be received
and adopted

In addition to these life members, the following students were, on motion of Mr Lampson, recommended by Dr Nichol, elected Members of the Institute: -

First Class members

- I. 1. Samuel Tenley Gentleman 2 Bishop Street
- 2. Edmond Jules Barbier Banker 30 St James Street
- 3. R. A. Lamb Michael Clerk Beaver Hall Hill (O'Brien's)
- 4. W. H. Knight Accountant 13 Oxenden Avenue
- 4 in all

Second Class members

- II 1. R. de Saintyng. Clerk 143 Baymont Street
- 2. R. J. Boyle Accountant City Hall
- 3. A. W. Merrell Clerk 26 Lemoine Street
- 4. L. Joseph D. Papeneau Penographer St Henri
- 5. G. B. May Clerk 397 St Paul Street
- 5 in all

Third Class members

- III 1. M. J. Furryhough school-boy 149 Bureau Street
- 2. Fred. J. Bell Office boy 90 Gorman Street
- 3. A. W. Burtstein 52 Comville Street 52 Comville Street
- 4. Walter McFarlane Apprentice Cote St Antoine
- 5. Albert Draycott school-boy 221 Champlain Street
- 6. Michael Riley Mechanic 157 Hurville Street
- 7. John Riley school-boy 157 Hurville Street
- 7 in all

Total of Members

Life Members 14; First Class 4; Second Class 5; Third Class 7 = 30 in all.

Loan of \$10,000

The President stated that the loan of Ten thousand Dollars, authorized by the General Meeting, had been effected with the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien @ 5 1/2% to June 1, 1889, and 5 1/2% with sinking fund, after that date.

Mr Gow's motion re. letting Offices,

Moved by Mr Gow, seconded by Mr Bulmer, and carried, that the General Committee follow the House Committee to use their discretion as to rent in renting the Offices in the Building

The Meeting there after adjourned

A. A. Stevenson
President,

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 p.m.

Members present.

Present. - Lieut-Col. A. G. Stevenson, President, in the Chair; Wm Rutherford, Vice-President; James Moore, Treasurer; Thomas Nichol, Secretary; Robert Davin, Past President; Messrs Garth, Bulmer, Lampard, Cook, White and Ald, Kennedy.

Reading of Minutes.

The minutes of last regular Meeting were read and approved.

Communication from Gen. Hall, Junr.

A communication was received from George Hall, Junr. Secretary of the Association of Working Men's Clubs, to whom the Secretary was ordered to send a copy of our last Annual Report.

Reading of Financial Statement for March, 1889
Report of Financial Comm.

Mr Lampard read the financial statement for March. (see next page)

Mr Moore, from the Financial Committee, reported the following accounts: -

1. Gazette Printing Company	\$5.90
2. Journal of Commerce	\$3.10

Mr Moore's motion re said Report

Mr Moore moved, seconded by Dr Nichol, that the Report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted. Carried.

Report of House Committee

Mr Rutherford read the Report of the House Committee: - recommending that doors from St Peter Street be put in the office now occupied by Hanson, Brothers - should a suitable tenement office.

Mr Rutherford's motion re said Report.

It was moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr White, and carried, that the Report of the House Committee be received and adopted; and that the statement of accounts, prepared by Mr Johnson, be handed to the Finance Committee.

Report of Library Committee

Mr Lampard read the Report of the Library Committee: - that the U.S. Government donated vol 21 & 22 of the 10th U.S. census; that he had donated the Dictionary of the Language of Numbers; that the set of de Balzac's novels is almost complete, and that, under present circumstances the Library Committee will not spend much money on books.

Mr Davin's motion re Report of Library Committee

It was moved by Mr Davin, seconded by Mr Garth, and carried, that the Report of the Library Committee be received and adopted.

Report of Membership Committee.

Mr Lampard read the Report of the Membership Committee - a list of names was submitted of such persons likely to be

Financial Statement
for March 1884.

Financial Statement for March 1884.

1	J B Murchison (Rent)	75	00
"	A McKim (")	15	00
"	A C Hamming & Co. (")	16	00
"	James Knight (")	50	00
"	Thomas Parkes (")	10	00
4	Good Samaritan Lodge	25	00
"	Geo W Cameron (Rent)	115	00
9	John Tullon (")	12	50
"	Coopers Union	2	00
7	Coal Exchange	12	50
8	J C Penley	20	00
12	Hagson & Perkins	75	00
	By Lempard for old papers	25	
14	Geo Dibley & Son (Rent)	56	25
15	Swimming Club	2	00
16	A C Hamming & Co	16	00
18	James Crossley	10	00
19	John Row (on 9c)	27	50
20	Board Treasurers Transc. Credits		
	Reserve Mortgage Loan	10,000	00
"	E J Barber, Sub. to Oct 31 1881	8	25
22	James Stewart & Co (Rent)	50	00
27	W T Thomas	37	50
28	Jas Leslie (Sub. to W C B. and)	10	00
30	Insurance Underwriters Assoc	15	00
"	Membership fees (including W Women's life membership fees)	89	00
	Sale of Cigarettes	1	05
"	Notes (E C Branch)	1	50
"	Sale of old papers	10	50
"	do do do (W T Thomas)	12	50
		22	80
		10835	10
Balance from Jan		1114	82
		11954	92

1	D Bentley & Co (Printing)	64	40
	W T Brown, Paper & Room & H B Charles Branch	433	25
	to Katherford for balance on full	455	00
6	Hart, Brothers (1 chair)	1	25
	Handed (receipts to Dec 30 1883)	12	00
	Wether (car)	8	10
8	J M Matheson on 9c of contract	300	00
9	L Foster, wood for W C B. Branch	39	70
	Mulroy to Lennan	39	70
"	Journal of Comm ply note head	3	50
"	St. Marks 2 cards W C B	1	10
13	Stamps		50
20	E J Barber note given		
12	monthly rents for	10,000	00
	6 mt entered on same	300	00
	5 days " " "	5	25
	Bank Credit to Union T Co for Exam of deed for 2 mt notes of \$10,000	10	00
30	W Johnson (Salary)	58	33
"	A B Hamilton "	43	33
"	A Downie "	40	00
"	Geo Humphries "	20	00
"	George Ward "	31	00
"	Eleuter Boy (5 weeks)	20	00
"	Woman Cleaning	15	00
"	do do (other)	3	75
"	Cleaning snow generally	4	00
	Sundries (Conte Building Soap & Soda Toilet Co ⁵⁰ 1.50 Car fare 1 gal oil ⁹⁰ 1.40 2 gal oil Soap & Soda ¹⁰ 1.30 Laces Soap & Soda ¹⁰ 20	4	00
	Sundries W C B Branch Sawblowing ^{1.50} Car fare ^{2.30} 3.80 Carriage of wood Matot ¹⁷ 92	4	72
	Sundries East End Branch Car fare		50
		11895	04
Balance to April		59	88
		11954	92

life-members, and it was agreed to have copies of the list made out and given to each member of the General Committee. It was also agreed to have a list of deceased life-members made, and to print the same in the Annual Report.

Mr Lampard's motion re said Report.

It was moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Smith, and carried, that the Report of the Membership Committee be received and adopted.

Election of Members.

The following individuals were elected Members of the Institute, on motion of Mr Lampard, seconded by Dr Nichol.

Life members.

- | | | | |
|--------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Life members | 1. Thomas Furse | Contractor | 40 breast street |
| | 2. R George Hood | Builder | 10 Richmond Square |
| | 3. Charles S J Philly, | Stationer | 32 St Mark Street |
| | 4. Thomas C Bulmer | Stationer | 60 St Antoine |
| | 5. John W Galt | Engineer | 28 St Denis Street |

First class members.

- 5 in all.
- | | | | |
|--|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | 1. S W Wells | Superintendent | 29 Dupresne Street |
|--|--------------|----------------|--------------------|

Second Class members

- 1 in all.
- | | | | |
|--|---------------|-------|--------------------|
| | 1. W E. Eaton | | 448 St Lawrence St |
| | 2. Edward Law | Clerk | Charon Street |

Summary of Members.

life. 5; First Class 1; Second Class 2; 8 in all.

The Meeting thereupon adjourned.
 A. N. Stevenson
 President.

The Mechanics Institute, May 28. 1889.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 p.m.

Members present

Lieut-Col, Ad. Stevenson, President, in the Chair; Wm Rutheford, Vice Pres; James Moore, Treasurer; Harry Lampart, Acty Secretary; Messrs Bulmer, Kennedy, White, Cooke, Garth, Gow and Kelley Ph.D.

Report of House Committee.

The House Committee submitted the following Report:— That since last monthly meeting, owing to complaints and a protest because of real or imaginary damp in the back vaults, by Mr White, occupying Room No 28, your Committee were obliged to purchase from one of the tenants a small safe at a cost of \$50, for his temporary use, until a ventilating pipe could be put into all the vaults, which was done by Mr Mattinson, notwithstanding all this, Mr White claims a reduction of \$75 for damage received, and has tendered a cheque for \$25 (instead of \$50) for rent due May 1st. To avoid a law-suit your Committee recommends that he be paid \$12.50, and the cost of protest (\$5); all this without prejudice.

Hanson Brothers took their office for one month from May 1st and, when vacated they will be at once converted into stores, yielding additional rent. The office on ground floor vacated by McDonald, has been rented by James Stewart & Co for \$55.

Mr Rutheford's motion

It was moved by Mr Rutheford, seconded by Mr Garth, and carried, that the Report of the House Committee be received and adopted.

Report of Finance Comm.

The Finance Committee submitted the financial statement for April. (see next page.)

Accounts passed

The Finance Committee also passed the following accounts and the General Committee ordered the same to be paid:—

1. Dawson, Brothers	\$4.40	(see list below)
2. Gazette Printing Company	\$6.90	
3. Journal of Commerce	\$3.44	
3. The "Star" (Garbun & Co)	\$7.20	

Report of Library Comm.

The Library Committee submitted the following accounts, which the General Committee ordered to be paid:—

1. Dawson, Brothers	\$4.40
2. W. Drysdale & Co (Stationery)	8.00
3. " " " (Books)	9.41
4. " " " (Binding)	42.85
5. Wm Foster Brown & Co	14.17

Report of Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee submitted the following names as candidates for membership, when it was moved by Mr Lampart, seconded by Mr Bulmer and carried, that they be elected.

Life Members

- 1. J. H. Huskisson
- 2. Charles Mackery
- 3. Robert Beckham
- 4. Richard Hensley
- 5. William Lees
- 6. Duncan Gordon

- Contractor
- Contractor
- Contractor
- Jeweller
- Manufacturer
- Engineer

- Cote St Antoine,
- 259 Bathurst Street
- St James Street
- 300 St James Street
- 120 Mansfield Street

First Class Members

- 1. Thomas Hoodie
- 2. W. J. White
- 3. George O'Hara

- Gentleman
- Advocate
- Gentleman

- 86 St Peter Street
- Mechanics Institute Building
- 226 1/2 Myddelen Street

Second Class Members

- 1. W. Merrill
- 2. C. S. Brown
- 3. W. Blunden
- 4. C. D. Jamin
- 5. J. D. Bonolly
- 6. J. Moorey
- 7. Charles Bale
- 8. P. J. McKeen

- Agent
- Clerk
- Book-keeper
- Stenographer
- Stenographer
- Machinist

- 26 Lemon Street
- Temple Building
- 133 Bligny Street
- 1048 Notre Dame Street
- 27 Mulberry Street
- 895 Wellington Street
- 1846 Ontario Street
- Federal Telephone Co.

Third Class Members

- 1. Fred. Smith
- 2. J. J. Moorey
- 3. Andrew Hill
- 4. Wm. Hobbs
- 5. Percy Longman

- school-boy
- office boy
- apprentice
- office boy
- apprentice

- Cote St Antoine
- 712 Lagardetiere Street
- 157 Ferdinand Street
- 703 Lagardetiere Street
- Heart & Harrison

Summary

5 in all.
 6 Life Members; 3 First class members; 8 Second class members; 5 Third = 22

The Meeting thereafter adjourned

[Signature]

The Mechanics Institute, June 24. 1889

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8.10 p.m.

Members present

W. Rutherford, Vice President, in the Chair; Robert Durin Past President; Thomas Nichol, Secretary; Messrs Garth, White, Lampard, Wright and Gow.

Minutes Read & Approved.

The Minutes of last Regular Monthly meeting were read and approved.

Financial State, for May.

Mr Wright, from the Finance Committee, read the Financial Statement for May (see next page).

Statement of probable receipts & expenditure

Mr Wright also read a statement of probable receipts and expenditure from Nov 1. 1888, to Oct 31. 1889, (in hands of Superintendent)

Report of Finance Committee

Mr Wright then read the Report of the Finance Committee:— The following 9, from the House Committee are recommended to be paid:—

J. Mattenson	(Ventilation & Vents)	65.00	
do do	(Furniture)	36.63	101.63
Alps Craig	(Painting &c)		56.50
Royal Electric Light Co	(Light for quarter)	113.52	
do do	(Lamp fixtures)	16.55	129.87
Corporation of Montreal	(Water 6 mf 1/2 May '89)		923.98
Gas Co. of James Street	(Gas 7.25 2.50 45.45)		55.20
R.A. Keelat	(Ice)		6.00
A. Ahearn	(Mug Safe)		2.50
			<u>1275.98</u>

In addition to these amounts, the sum of \$715.00 is due to Mr Reed for interest, and \$175.00 to James Moore for the same, and as there is only a small balance of cash on hand at present and as the receipts for the next two months will be needed to pay running expenses, this Committee would recommend that the General Committee authorize the President and Vice, to make a temporary loan of two thousand dollars.

Mr Wright's motion re Report of Finance Committee

Moved by Mr Wright, seconded by De Nichol, and carried, that the Report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted.

Report of House Committee

Mr Rutherford read the Report of the House Committee:— that no offices have been let since the last Monthly Meeting, and that they have instructed Messrs Wright and Durin to reduce rents for the balance of the year. The offices formerly occupied by H. Anson, has been altered into stores, an agreement for the supply of coal has been made with Mr G. W. Cameron at \$6.85 and 6.10 per gross ton.

Mr Wright's motion re Report of House Comm.

It was moved by Mr Wright, seconded by Mr Garth and carried, that the Report of the House Committee be received and adopted.

Report of Library Comm.

Mr Lampard read the Report of the Library Committee, as follows:-
 that the following 90s, has been passed, and sent up to the General
 Committee; "Wynndale & Co" \$50.26 (4 Dawson, Bost \$4.40 (3 1/2 Brown \$14.19);
 that the following donations were received and duly acknowledged:
 "Transactions of the R.C. of Canada vol 6" (2) Revised Statutes of Canada
 1887; that the Annual stock-taking of the Library will
 commence on July 5th; no book to be issued after July 8th

Mr Darwin's motion re
 above Report,

Moved by Mr Darwin, seconded by Mr Lampard and carried, that
 the Report of the Library Committee be received and adopted,
 and that the accounts be sent to the Finance Committee

Mr White's motion re Holiday
 for Library employees.

Moved by Mr White, seconded by Mr Wright and carried, that the
 Chairman of the Library Committee be authorized to grant the
 usual holidays to the Librarian and Assistant Librarian.

Report of Membership Comm.

Mr Lampard, of the Membership Committee, submitted the following
 names of candidates for membership, when it was moved by
 Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Wright that they be elected:-

Life Members:-

- | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Robert Boncus | Coal Merchant | 1025 Dorchester Street |
| 2. Edgar McDougall | Apprentice | 1074 Dorchester Street. |
| <u>2 in all.</u> | | |

Second Class Members

- | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
| 1. Walter Livermore | Carpenter | 665 Dorchester Street |
| 2. J. Marshall | Black | 94 Magdalen Street. |
| 3. J. Jenkins | Black | 576 Wallington Street |
| 4. J. H. Crowley | Black | 558 Dorchester Street |
| 5. C. Mason | Black | 543 La Garabotiere Street |
| 6. Miss Sawhert | Student | St. Anne's |
| <u>6 in all.</u> | | |

Third Class Members.

- | | | |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------|
| 1. George J. Allen | Schoolboy | Lachine Road, |
| 2. J. Williams | Apprentice | Hughes & Stephenson |
| <u>2 in all.</u> | | |

Summary of Members elected, 2 life members; 6 Second Class members; 2 Third Class members, or 10 in all.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned.

J. M. Dickson
 Sec. Recruit.

The Mechanics Institute, July 22, 1889.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 o'clock.

Members present.

Lieut-Col. A.A. Stevenson, President, in the Chair; W^m Rutherford, Vice-President; J.W. Moore Treasurer; Henry Lampson, acting secretary; Messrs Gow, Garth, Wright, and Cook

Report from Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee submitted the financial statement for June, and the following accounts for payment:

<u>From House Committee</u>	Ramsay & Son (glazing shop window)	\$ 5. 00	
	W Rutherford & Son (furniture)	\$105. 00	
	" " (sawdust)	1. 50	
	"Business" Office	12. 00	\$ 118. 50
<u>From Lectures & Class Comm.</u>	A W Loran (notices)	3. 20	3. 20
<u>From Library Committee</u>	J Lowell (2 copies Directory)	5. 00	
	"Scott's American Journal"	2. 50	
	Whistlephone	1. 00	
	Guarantee Compy (A B Hamilton)	2. 50	\$ 11. 00
			140. 70

Mr Wright's motion & Finance Comm's Report

Moved by Mr Wright, seconded by Mr Gow, and carried, that the Report of the House Committee be received and adopted.

Report of House Committee

The House Committee submitted the following Report:— that one of the St Peter Street shops has been let at \$300, and that rooms 16, 30, 36 and 37 have all been let to May 1st 1890, at rentals amounting to \$368, thus adding \$668 to our income.

Mr Rutherford's motion re Ho. Comm. Report.

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Gow, and carried, that the Report of the House Committee be received and adopted.

Report of Library Committee.

The Library Committee made verbal report that, not having completed their stock-taking, they were unable to make a written report.

Membership Report.

The Membership Committee submitted the following names of candidates for membership in the Institute:—

First Class Members.

1 J. Phillip Scott	black	W Don & Company
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Second Class Members

1 L W Tavuch	Clerk	69 K. Office
2 J J Kane	Agent	43 St Vincent Street
3 James Black	Mechanic	Magdalen Street
4 Andrew Hardie	black	Longueuil
5 A W Kneeland M.A.	Teacher	51 Shaw Street
6 Walter Spenser	Agent	153 Drolet Street
7 H Robillard	Clerk	558 Craig Street
8 Jos Mulholland	Agent	898 Donbaster Street
9 W Roberts	Book-keeper	642 Craig Street.

Second Class, continued

10 R. Bunde	Clerk	405 Horse Street.
11 A. Mackey	agent	88 Mansfield Street

Third Class Members,

11 in all,

1 James Hilton	Office-boy.	356 Richmond Street
2 Robert Howden	black	52 Bakery Street
3 H. Beard	school-boy.	109 Simpson Street

Summary of Members,

1. First Class; 11 Second Class; 3 Third Class, = 15 in all.

Mr Lampard's motion

Moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Moore, and carried, that these be duly elected members of the Institute.

The meeting therefore adjourned.

A. H. Stevenson, President

The Mechanics Institute Aug 26. 1889

The Regular Meeting of the General Committee was held this Evening at 8.10 pm

Members Present.

Present. - Lieut Col. A. H. Stevenson, President, in the Chair; James Moore, Treasurer; Thomas Nichol, Secretary; Robert Brinin, Past President; Messrs Lampard, White, Wright and Gow

Minutes confirmed

The Minutes of last Regular Meeting were read and confirmed.

Res from Finance Comm

Mr Gow, from the Finance Committee, submitted the following accounts, which were ordered to be paid, if found correct.

Mounted Gas Company (Central Building)	\$ 11.15
do do do (H N Cl B)	\$ 30.00
James Smith & Co (Ice)	\$ 5.00

Mr Gow also read the Financial Statement for July (see next page)

Report of Library Comm.

The Chairman of the Library Committee read the following Report: - That the Library was closed for stock-taking from July 8th till July 18th at which date there were in circulation 103 books, all of which have been returned with the exception of 4, namely, Nos 3516, 4687, 4776 + 5211, The following books were returned as having been lost during the year, namely Nos 1206, 1207 + 8378, also the following as not having been in stock since the opening of the new Library Hall, namely, Nos 228, 538, 878, 1348, 1438, 1387, 1663, 2047, 2048, 5624, 7748, 3155, 8529, 14996 + 14999.

The following accounts were checked and presented: -

Messrs Drysdale & Co (Library)	\$ 24.97
do do do (Rent)	\$ 73.98
Messrs Wm Foster Brown & Co (Library)	\$ 4.04

Report of Membership Comm. Mr Lampard, from the Membership Committee, submitted the following list of ~~new~~ applicants for membership:—

Second Class Members.

1. W. L. Foyth	Clerk	162 St James Street
2. Robert Stuart	Clerk	71 City Councillors Street
3. R. F. Gilson	Mechanical Engineer	31 Wellington Street
<u>3 in all</u>		

Third Class Members.

1. Miss Holdsworth		21 St Edward Street
2. W. Walton	Office Boy.	356 Richmond Street
<u>2 in all</u>		

Summary of Members
3 Second Class; 2 Third Class = 5 in all

Mr Lampard's Motion, re new members
Moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Irwin, and carried that these persons be elected members of the Institute.

Mr Lampard's motion re Barber, Ellis & Co
Moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr White, and carried, that in the event of no satisfactory arrangement being come to in the matter of Barber, Ellis & Co, that Mr Wright be authorized to make a seizure on the goods.

Wm Rutherford Vice President

The Mechanics Institute Sept 28. 1889.

The Regular Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8.20 p.m.

Members present. William Rutherford, Vice President, in the Chair; James Moore, Treasurer; Thomas Nichol, Secretary; Messrs Wright, Gow, Garth, Lampard and Kelley Ph.D.

Minutes confirmed The Minutes of last Regular Meeting were read and confirmed.

Report of House Committee Mr Rutherford read the Report of the House Committee: That Mr Mattinson has donated work to the amount of \$105.25 to the Institute; that the Sept reports an estimated revenue from offices of \$11,769⁵⁵/₁₀₀ for the current financial year; that something must be done to reduce the cost of motor power for the elevator; that James Stewart & Co refuse to pay rent unless they have access to the premises on Sunday; that the clerks of James Cooper insist on remaining in the building later than 10 p.m.

It was resolved that the Report of the House Committee be received and adopted and that the matter of Mr Cooper's clerks be referred to the House Committee.

Report of Finance Comm. Mr Gow read the Report of the Finance Committee; also the Financial Report for the month of August. (see next page)
The Report stated that the Finance Committee had passed the following accounts:—

1. Royal Electric Company	\$227.04	}	\$244.07
2. do do do (Lamps)	\$17.57		
3. G.W. Cameron & Co (boat)			\$ 789.16
4. James Mattenson (Heating HWB)			\$ 211.55
5. Herald (advg)			\$ 10.00
			<u>1255.13.</u>

Mr Knight's motion

Mr Knight moved, seconded by Mr Gow, that the Report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted, and that the accounts be passed to the Treasurer for payment.

Report of Library Comm.

Mr Lampard read the Report of the Library Committee, showing the following result of stock-taking:-

On shelf, Nov 1888	10,654
Books purchased	98
Magazines bound	57
Donations	13
Lost without record	3
" since alterations	18
In circulation	3
	<u>10,856</u>

Dr Kelley's motion

It was moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Dr Nichol, and carried, that the Report of the Library Committee be received and adopted.

Mr Lampard, from the Membership Committee, read the following list of Candidates:-

First Class -
8
Second Class
Third Class,

William Ross	Gentlemen	1565 Dundas Street
<u>1 in all,</u>		
1. A. L. Hogg	Book Keeper	8 Lorne Crescent
<u>1 in all,</u>		
1. R. A. S. Allan	Office boy	56 Victoria Street
2. Henry Seymour	Office boy	94 Fort St
3. A. B. Phillips	Office boy	St James Street
4. W. R. Macdonald	Office boy	112 Harley Street
5. John James	Office boy	25 Tournier Street
<u>5 in all,</u>		

Summary of Members

1 First Class; 2 Second Class; 5 Third Class = 7 in all

Dr Nichol's motion

It was moved by Dr Nichol, seconded by Mr Lampard, and carried, that the above named be and are hereby elected Members of the Institute.

Dr Nichol's motion re classes.

It was moved by Dr Nichol, seconded by Dr Kelley, and carried that the educational work of the Institute be continued, that \$1000 be granted towards Primary Classes, and that the Council of Arts and Manufactures be asked to assume the responsibility of the Drawing Class, was

The meeting thereafter adjourned.

A. A. Stevenson, President.

Oct. 28th

The Mechanics Institute Oct. 1889

The Regular Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 8 p.m.

Members Present.

Lieut-Col. A. A. Benson, President, in the Chair; W. Rutherford, Vice President; J. Moore, Treas.; H. Lampard, Acting Secretary; Messrs Gault, Bon, Wright, Kelly & Co.

Minutes confirmed

The Minutes of last Regular Meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr Rutherford's Report on Classes

Mr Rutherford read the report on classes, as follows:— That the Board of Arts and Manufactures had decided to grant a sum not to exceed One hundred and fifty Dollars towards the salary of a Drawing master, the Institute to provide a room, heated and lighted; that Mr Powell was approved of as Teacher; that classes will open on Nov 11.

Report of House Committee

Mr Rutherford read the Report of House Committee, as follows:— That up to date the Revenue received amounts to \$11,861.76, that is \$11,567.00 from the Central Building and \$294.75 from the St. Ch. Branch; that the sum of \$468.89 due for rent and taxes will bring the amount of to \$12,330.67; that the rooms are all let but nine; that both buildings have heating apparatus in good order

Mr Rutherford's motion

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Gault, and carried, that the report be received and adopted

Report of Membership Committee

The Report of the Membership Committee was received, when it was moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Gault, and carried, that the following persons be elected Members of the Institute,

First Class Members

1. James Smith Merchant 6 Ste at Antwerp

Second Class Members

- 1. W. Barker Clerk 149 Metcalfe Street
 - 2. W. Fisher Mechanist Madam
 - 3. John Laing Merchant Wallington Street
 - 4. Joseph Laing Mechanist Wallington Street
 - 5. George Dell Clerk 57 Anderson Street
- 5 in all.

Third Class Members

- 1. George V. Roberts Carpenter 597 Lagardere Street
- 2. Wm. Woodburn 231 Stanley Street
- 3. S. Archibald School-boy 113 Mackay Street
- 4. W. Bishop School-boy 21 St. Phillip Street
- 5. George Thomas Apprentice 189 Magdalen Street
- 6. Wm. H. Thomas Apprentice 189 Magdalen Street

Summary of Members

First Class 1; Second Class 5; Third Class 6; Twelve Members in all.

Letter from Mr Sanders

A letter was received from Mr Sanders, regarding painting the front of his shop; referred to the House Committee for consideration

Auditors appointed

The President appointed G. Amadeo and R. B. Shible as Auditors

Acceptance of offer of Board of
Arts and Manufactures.

It was agreed to accept the offer of the Board of Arts and Manufactures as to the
teaching of Drawing at the H.S.C. Branch, the subject of the other clauses of the
same branch was referred to the chairman of the lecture & class committee.

The Meeting therefore adjourned

A. A. Stevenson
President.

The Mechanics Institute Nov 25th, 1889

The Regular Meeting of the General Committee was held this evening
at 8 p.m.

Members present.

Lieut Col. A. A. Stevenson, President, in the Chair; William Rutherford V.C.;
James Moore, Treasurer; Thomas Dick M.D. Secretary; Robert Irvine
Past President; Meroy Gow, Wright, White, Garth, Lampard, Smith,
and Kelley M.A., Ph.D. Smith

Minutes Read and con-
firmed.

The Minutes of last Regular Meeting were read and confirmed

Report of Finance Committee

Mr Gow read the Financial Statement for October (next page)
and the following accounts were recommended for payment.

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Royal Electric Light Company | \$ 15.30 |
| 2. Alexander Craig | \$ 21.75 |
| 3. City of Montreal (Water) | \$ 816.51 |
| 4. Walter Willemson and Try | \$ 19.85 |
| 5. Montreal Gas Company (Centre) | \$ 3.05 |
| 6. do do do (H.S.C.B) | \$ 40.65 |

Mr Wright motion

Moved by Mr Wright, seconded by Mr Lampard, and carried,
that these accounts be referred to the Treasurer for payment.

Report of House Committee

Mr Rutherford read the Report of the House Committee as follows:-
that there are still nine offices unlet, and that all the windows,
both in the Centre and at the Branch, are ready for winter. Also
that the committee has not so far considered the letter
from Mr Sanders regarding painting the front of his shop.

Mr Rutherford's motion

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Mr Irvine, and carried, that
the Report of the House Committee be received and adopted.

Report of Lecture and Class
Committee

Dr Kelley reported verbally that thirty pupils were in the Drawing
class at Point St Charles, and fifty expected tonight.

Report of Membership Comm.

Mr Lampard read the following list of candidates when, on
motion of Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Gow they were elected
members of the Mechanics Institute of Montreal:-
(see page following Financial Report)

Life members.

1. Wm McNorth
2. James Beck
3. Thomas Beck

Merchant
Manufacturer
Manufacturer

69 Mansfield Street,
15 Ontario Avenue
167 Dunrover Street
1363 Dorchester Street

First Class Members

1. William Ross

Gentleman

Mile End.

Second Class Members

1. E. J. Quirk
- My. Spencer
- Rev. S. Eisenberg
- A. Madley
- A. Swindlehurst
- W. S. Hogg
- H. Shelberg
- F. J. Schwartz
- James Russell
- G. Chadwick
- George Sleep
- Fred. Pepper
- G. W. Adams

Blizzman
Printer
Book-keeper
Engineer
Sugar boiler
Bell Telephone
Fitter
Clerk
Fitter
Machinist
Soap maker

153 Drolot Street
2455 Ste Catherine Street
153 St George Street
235 Drolot Street
8 Larne Avenue
St Lawrence Sugar Co.
10 Union Avenue
144 Bourgeois Street
Rushbrook Street
105 Bourgeois Street
Rushbrook Street
at Shackan's

13 in all.

Third Class members.

1. W. Irvine
2. William Gouldthorpe
3. Andrew Lindsay
4. Daniel Currie
5. G. W. Robertson
6. William Walker
7. Thomas Bell
8. Wm W. Jacobs
9. W. Lammie
10. My. G. Haberer
11. John Beaufield
12. W. M. Britt
13. Lyons
14. Albert Close
15. Charles Jenkins
16. B. Libbin
17. James Pilkington

Apprentice
Apprentice
Apprentice
Printer
School boy
Printer
School boy
Printer
Apprentice
School boy
Apprentice
Apprentice
Apprentice
Apprentice
Apprentice
Apprentice

167 St. Hyacinthe Street
40 Duke Street
50 Duke Street
Morton & Phillips
30 Victoria Square
52 Concession Street
Morton & Phillips
16 Aurora Street
Morton & Phillips
22 Robin Street
100 Blany Street
Longueuil
Grand Trunk Street
483 Wellington Street
149 Conception Street
200 1/2 Bourgeois Street
38 De la Paix Street

17 in all

Summary of Members.

3 Life members; 1 First Class; 13 Second Class; 17 Third Class = 34 in all.

Annual Report of Library Committee.

Mr Robert Mevin, Chairman of the Library Committee, now read his Annual Report:— your committee have much pleasure in rendering a statement of the past year's labours. We have endeavoured as usual to meet the wishes of the members in procuring such books and papers as were suggested by them in the book kept for that purpose at every meeting we consulted said book, and took notice of the requests. We may not have met every case, but tried to do as much as the funds at our disposal allowed.

H. R. Butterford. President.

The Library and Reading Room have been kept in a credit-able manner, and from the absence of complaints we trust that the members using the same have been quite satisfied.

We have also used our best judgment in the purchase of new books, and as far as possible we met the desires of our readers, keeping within the limits of our appropriation.

The Library was closed for stock-taking on the 8th of July, and re-opened on the 18th, and during this short time every book was taken into account and seen personally by Messrs Lampard and Davis - except those in circulation at the time.

At the commencement of stock-taking there were 103 books in circulation, all of which were returned, except 4, which are set down as lost. Lost during the year from causes unknown, 3 - one being "The Bushmen's Carade" and vols I & II of "Trusley's life". Mr Maclean, the publisher of the first-named book, hearing of our loss, kindly donated another copy.

The following is a statement of the papers and Magazines on the table

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Fortnightly
Canadian	23	28	2	—
British	1	20	16	—
French	2	2	—	1
American	5	18	16	—
Australian	—	1	—	—
English & Co. = (2)				

The sales of old papers rediges \$48.50 being \$21.50 over last year.

Number of Books in Library (1888) 10664

Magazines bound during 1889 68

Books purchased (as follows:-) 136

- works of Fiction 75
- Juvenile books 19
- General literature 7
- Science 9
- Biography 7
- Voyages and Travels 10
- History 9

Donations 18

Dominion Government (including 3 blue books) 8

Quebec Government 4

United States Government 1

H. Minton 1 volume; W. Maclean 1 vol 2

Wm J. Knud 1; H. B. Boxer 1; De V. Chol 1 3

(added 1889) 222
18 222 10886

The expenditure during the year has been as follows:-

1 Reading Books 162.01.
 2 New Books 163.71 325.72
 (all of which has been paid)

3 Reading Room for Papers and Magazines 472.25

The number of Members using the Library during the year was 698, against 584 last year.

The circulation of books during 1889 was 15,622 against 10,437 of last year - an increase of 5185.

Your Committee refrained from purchasing books since Oct 31, leaving to their successors the choice they may deem - and no unpaid accounts.

As the time for making arrangements for the Reading Room would be too late for the new Committee, we have had tenders opened and contract made for the ensuing year.

The tenders were from W Drysdale & Co 430.51
 W Foster Brown & Co 433.90

W Foster Brown & Co, being the lowest tender, was accepted, and they were duly notified.

The appropriation for the year 1889 was \$4000.00
 Expenditure for the year 325.72

The whole respectfully submitted
 Robert Davison
 Chairman.

Mr Davison's Motion re Report of Library Committee

It was moved by Mr Davison, seconded by Mr Smith and carried, that the Report of the Library Committee be received and adopted.

Report (Annual) of the Lecture & Class Committee

Dr Kelly read the Report of the Lecture and Class Committee, as follows: - That classes were opened in the Central Building the Point St Charles Branch, and, through the kindness of the Protestant Board of School Commissioners, in Point Street School House; that for these schools the very best educational talent was obtained. Mr Powell of the H. I. R. whose work was so successful the previous year, Mr L. R. Gregg of the High School, Mr W. D. Mitchell of McCall College and Mr Isaac Gammall all B.A., all teachers and scholars of rare excellence.

The attendance was as follows: -

Point St Charles	Drawing	Mr Powell	45 pupils
"	"	Arithmetic	Mr Gammall 40 "
Central Building	French	Mr Gregg	15 "
"	"	English	Mr Gammall 12 "
Point Street	Eng. & Arithmetic	Mr Gammall	48 "
"	"	Eng. & Writing	Mr Mitchell 45 "

being a total of 285 pupils who availed themselves of the advantages offered.

The evidence of the most satisfactory progress of the pupils was given to your Committee in their frequent visits to the classes and in the work shown at the final examinations. For the 1889-90, your Committee accepted the offer of the

Annual Report of
Lecture and Class
Committee - Continued

Board of Arts and Manufactures, through the kindness of Mr Rutherford Vice President, namely, the payment of the Teacher of Drawing at St Charles Branch on condition that the Institute provide suitable accommodation, and that the regulations of the Board be complied with, this class has already about 40 members. Until the Government might schools were at work, your Committee deemed it inadvisable to open any other classes, but to aid the working men's Committee in securing suitable instructors at the Point and at Panet street, this has been successfully accomplished.

Representations are being made that quite a number of young women and also of boys under sixteen, at Point St Charles desire instruction in English French and arithmetic and should it be deemed advisable to continue the work of last year there under our auspices a two-weekly class under Mr Reid of McGill College might be formed immediately.

We leave to the in-coming Committee the important subject of Popular lectures

J W Kelley M.A., Ph.D.
Chairman

Motion of Mr ^{Gow} Smith
re ~~the~~ Report.

Moved by Mr ^{Gow} Smith, seconded by Mr Lampard, and carried, that the Report of the Lecture and Class Committee be received and adopted.

Dr Kelley's motion re
a teacher.

Moved by Dr Kelley, seconded by Dr Stuck and carried that a class be opened at the St Charles Branch and that Mr Reid be engaged as teacher at a salary of \$100 to \$150.

Annual Report of
Finance Committee

Mr Gow read the Annual Report of the Finance Committee as follows: - We, your Finance Committee, beg to submit the following statement for the year ending October 31, 1889, while preparing it we found that some of the accounts in the books were not kept properly, and with the consent of the President of the Institute and the Chairman of the House Committee and also with the approval of the Auditor, we have opened the following new accounts, viz: -
Profit & Loss %, showing revenue and working expenses.
Sinking Fund, showing how much is paid into the fund, yearly.
Separate accounts for the Point St Charles property and furniture, and mortgages on this property.
Three thousand Dollars have been written off Furniture Account for depreciation in old furniture and for damage by fire in 1887; this amount has been added to Real Estate Account.

The statements presented herewith are: -

First, Cash Statement for year showing: -

Balance from last year	609.70	
Receipts from all sources	34,367.40	34,977.12
Disbursements		34,876.63
Balance to next year		105.49

Statement of accounts due amounting to 1877.52, this with a temporary loan of \$6,000⁰⁰ from Mr James Moore, Treasurer, makes a floating debt of \$7,877.52.

In addition to this there is an account from Messrs D. Rutheford & Co of \$656.40 which was not sent in in time to be examined by the House Committee and so will have to stand over till next year. (This item is not admitted as correct)

Second. - Profit & Loss a/c showing a surplus of \$2468.08 on the year's business; this is about 3 1/2 % on the Capital, and has been transferred to the Credit of Capital Account.

Third. - Balance Sheet, showing assets \$119,215.90 and liabilities \$70,723.92, a balance of \$48,489.98

Fourth. - Capital account, showing the balance at Credit of this account \$48,489.98, an increase since Nov. 1887 of \$7,940.67 Subscriptions to the St Charles Branch, surplus of persons and balance of Insurance have been included in the above account.

Fifth. - Library and Reading Room, showing a deficit of \$1300; this account includes the expenses of St Charles Branch and teaching of all the Classes last winter.

Sixth. Receipts and Expenses of St Charles Branch, showing a deficit of \$605.25 - about \$200 of this was in the Classes.

Seventh. Estimate for next year. - showing: -

Revenue \$14,205.49

Expenditure (including balance of 1889) \$16,328.85

showing a deficit on cash of \$2,123.36 which may be reduced by any increase in rent above what has been received this year, and reduction in water account or any other expenses that can be reduced.

James Wright Chairman } Finance Committee.
John Gow Secretary }

Dr	Profit & Loss a/c.		Cr		
To Interest % (balance)	5012.	36	By Rent %	12,100	64
" Light %	801.	86	" Memberships Fees	1,521.	35
" Advertising	65	64	" Donations	410	00
" Postage	18.	91	" Class tickets	71	40
" Stationery	21	76	" Old Paper sold	78	50
" Wages & Cleaning	2921	34	" Catalogues sold	11	70
" Reading Room	478	40	" Sinking Fund (5 mos)		
" Insurance	409	95	(interest on \$4900 @ 5 1/2 %)	11	23
" Lectures & Classes	573	34			
" Taxes (Balance)	681	66			
" Heating	855	41			
" Water for Elevator	1671	16			
" Repairs (Balance)	132	35			
" Printing	82	20			
" Balance to Capital %	11736	34			
	2468	08			
	14,204.	42		14,204.	42

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Finance Committee,
Continued

Accounts for 1889 done and entered up

Wm Reid 6 mos interest to June 1 st	715.4	
do do 5 m/ " on 875 to 21/10	16.39	731.39
Royal Electric Light Co 9% to Aug 21		244.64
James Mattinson Balance on boat & steam fitting at Point St Charles Branch		287.33
G.W. Cameron, Coal for 1889-1890	789.16	
less Rent for Qa ending Aug 1.	175.4	614.16
		<u>1877.52</u>

Balance Sheet, Oct 31, 1889

Assets.			Liabilities.		
Real Estate (Centre) (Cost)	98783.	77	Credit Foncier Mortgage	34000.	00
do do (P.H.C.) "	5420.	50	Wm Reid Mortgage ^{25,000} interest ^{151.39}	26731.	39
Furniture (Centre)	1345.	67	Kearns Lodge Mortgage P.H.C.	2500.	00
do (P.H.C.)	921.	15	Howe McDonald " "	346.	40
Library (Cost)	12138.	09	James Moore (Temp loan)	6000.	00
Sinking fund	501.	25	G.W. Cameron 9%	614.	16
Cash	105.	49	Jas Mattinson 9%	287.	33
			Royal Electric Light Co	244.	64
			Capital (Balance)	48484.	98
	<u>119213.</u>	<u>90</u>		<u>119213.</u>	<u>90</u>

Dr Capital Account Cr

Mortgages on P.H.C. property	2846.	40	Balance Nov. 1888	44056.	90
Amounts charged to Real Estate 87/88	188.	00	P.H.C. Property	5000.	00
Balance (Oct 31, 1889)	48484.	98	Profit Loss	2468.	08
	<u>51,524.</u>	<u>98</u>		<u>51,524</u>	<u>98</u>

Dr Library, Reading Room and Classes Cr

To Paid for Papers	478.	40	By Members' Fees & Fines	1521.	35
" " " Teachers	585.	34	" Old papers sold	78.	50
" " " Wages	1500.	00	" Catalogues sold	11.	70
" " 2/3 Expenses at P.H.C.			" Tickets for classes	71.	00
" for lighty ledy cleaning etc	280.	00	" Interest	32.	94
" do do do (Centre)	583.	75	" Donations for P.H.C. Branch	410.	00
			Deficit	1300.	00
	<u>3425.</u>	<u>49</u>		<u>3425</u>	<u>49</u>

Dr Point St Charles Branch. Cr

To Paid wages	365.	00	By Rent received	294.	75
" " Gas	172.	00	" Fees from 121 Members	192.	00
" " Fuel	23.	85	" Papers sold	17.	75
" " Water	7.	00	" Tickets for Classes	33.	50
" " Cleaning, Car-fare etc	65.	55	Deficit	605.	23
" " Paper	88.	45			
" " Teachers	250.	00			
" " Patron \$2846.40 @ 6%	170.	78			
	<u>1143.</u>	<u>25</u>		<u>1143.</u>	<u>23</u>

Annual Report of the Finance Committee, Contd.

Estimate for year 1890

Receipts		Expenditure	
Balance on Oct 21. 1889	105. 49	1889 9/2 due	1577. 58
Rent & Taxes	1250. 00	D. Rutheford & Co	656. 40
Membership fees	1500. 00	Int. on \$50,000 @ 5 1/2% 1 year	3,300. 00
Old papers, catalogues &c	100. 00	Sinking Fund	1,176. 00
		James Horne. (Interest)	324. 00
		St Peter's Church " (body)	150. 00
		" " " " (land)	20. 78
		Water for Centre	1700. 00
		Wages & Cleaning	2850. 00
		Light	660. 00
		Heating	850. 00
		Insurance	409. 95
		Library	400. 00
		Reading Room	475. 00
		Teaching	150. 00
		Printing	25. 00
		Advertising	50. 00
		Stationery	20. 00
		Postage	20. 00
		Repairs	300. 00
Deficit in Cash	2120. 36	Taxes	914. 40
	16328. 85		16,328. 85

Estimated Actual Business for 1889-90

Receipts as above		14,100. 00.
Expenses " "	16,328. 85	
less 1888-9 9/2 due	1577. 52	
less Sinking Fund	1176. 00	
less Library stock &c	400. 00	
less D.R. & C. &c. Def. &c	300. 00	
	3753. 52	12,575. 33.
		Surplus 1,524. 67.

Mr Wright's motion, re above Report

Moved by Mr Wright, seconded by Mr Gow, and carried, that the Report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted.

Annual Report of the House Committee.

Mr Rutheford read the Annual Report of the House Committee as follows:— The House Committee in submitting the usual Annual Report, are glad to be able to say that the Property under its care is all in the best of order.

The alterations and additions made to the property during the past year, that is, of a permanent character, are the heavy arrangements in the Point of Charles Branch and in Richard's stone where the pipes had to be altered, windows blocked up and new double windows put on. Hooks and Rails with chair-guards were put in the several offices and rooms, and the stores in St Peter Street were altered making the entrances by the sheds instead of by the passage.

The Elvish water &c has been a source of anxiety to your Committee, and inquiries have been made with the view of

reducing the expense but so far no definite arrangement seems to be available to take the place of water. Electricity as a motor power is fast coming to the front, and your committee would recommend its successors to continue enquiries. The number of Officers until is nine, and the letting value of unoccupied offices is about \$2,500

William Rutherford
Chairman

Mr Rutherford's motion
re above Report

Moved by Mr Rutherford, seconded by Dr. Nichol that the Report of the House Committee be received and adopted

Annual Report of
the Membership
Committee.

Mr Hampden read the Membership Committee's Annual Report as follows:— The following tabular statement shows the membership as compared with last year

	1888	1889
Honorary Members	12	12
Corresponding Members	9	9
Life Members	230	256
First Class Members	116	104
Second Class Members	365	312
Third Class Members	196	216
	928	909

thus showing a gain of 26 life members and 20 third class members, against a loss of 12 first class and 53 third class members.

The following analytical table shows how the first, second and third class members are located according to the central institution and the two branches, East and West:—

	Centre	West	East
First Class Members	93	10	1
Second Class Members	258	45	9
Third Class Members	108	64	44
	459	119	54

The following table shows how the membership stood at the West End Branch in 1889 as compared with 1888.

In 1888	First Class	14	Second Class	94	Third Class	102
In 1889	"	10	"	45	"	64
being decreases of		4		49		38

It will be seen by the above figures that we lost only 8 first class members at the centre and only 4 second class, while we have a gain in third class members of 58.

We have added the following names to our roll of life members:—

Thomas J Rutherford
James D. McDougall
H. Casey
William Oman

Jonathan Brown
Joseph Hickson
John A. Dullow
W. W. Gilman

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Membership Committee,
continued.

Hon. C. Murphy
W R Ives
D. A. McCullill
R Bonans
J R London
W. Shachen
M. Malone
Thomas Forde
Wm Gees
W Gordon

H. Archibald
W Johnson
R Kenaley
E. McDougall
G H Hanna
K W Blackwell
J C Bulmer
R G Hood
J. H. Garth
J H Hutchinson

and we have to record the loss of two life members during the year, namely, Thomas Workman and E. C. Gilbert.

Occupations of new members who have joined during the past year.

Occupation	1 st Class	2 nd Class	3 rd Class
Embroider	1		
Express-man	2		
agent		2	
clerk		15	15
stenographer		1	
accountant		1	
school boy			20
grocer			2
chemist		1	1
foreman		1	
steward		1	
Beers Pulver		1	
Machinist		14	52
Printer		1	
Blacksmith		1	2
Shoemaker		1	2
Moulder			4
Carpenter			6
Scourer			2
Steam-fitter			2
Jadog-apprentice			11
Boiler-maker			3
Plumber			1
Labourer			2
Cigar-maker			2

Mr Lampard's motion re
above Report.

Moved by Mr Lampard, seconded by Mr Garth and carried, that
The Annual Report of the Membership Committee be Received
and adopted

The meeting hereafter adjourned.
J. H. Garth

The Mechanics Institute, Dec 2, 1889

A special meeting of the General Committee was held this evening at 7.30 pm.

Members present.

W Rutheford, Vice President in the Chair; James Moore Treasurer; Thomas Nichol, Secretary; Ross Brown Past President; Messrs White, Gow, Lampard, Cook, Wright & Garth,

Reading of Draft of Annual Report,

The Secretary read the Draft of the Annual Report, when it was moved by Mr Wright, seconded by Mr Lampard, and carried that the Report be received and adopted.

The Meeting thereafter adjourned,
Wm Rutheford

The Mechanics Institute, Dec 2, 1889

Fiftieth Annual Meeting

The Fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Members of the Mechanics Institute was held this evening at 8 pm.

W Rutheford Vice President, in the Chair; James Moore, Treasurer; Thomas Nichol, Secretary; Ross Brown, Past President; Messrs White, Gow, Wright, Garth, Mcintosh, Lampard, Perry, Roberts, Mattenson, Deull, End, Glendinning, Stewart, Brown, Harper, and others.

Minutes of last Annual Meeting confirmed

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, which, on motion, were confirmed.

The Annual Report for 1889,

The Vice President called on the Secretary to read the Annual Report as follows:—
Gentlemen

Although we cannot make such a Report as that of last year, yet this our Jubilee Report speaks of nothing but progress. The educational classes I have been the largest and most successful ever organized in connexion with the Institute, and, notwithstanding the establishment of the Government night schools, we hope to do our part in the education of the mechanics of Montreal. The income from our property has almost come up to the estimate made a year ago, and, generally speaking, our finances are in a healthy state. The Library has advanced during the year, though the Library Committee felt the necessity of economy. The number of books in circulation has been larger than before. Some needed alterations have been made in

The Annual Report for 1889, continued - the Central Building, which, together with our building at Point St Charles, is in excellent order.

The Membership has retrograded somewhat in numbers, but a strong effort is being made to bring it up to a thousand.

All the property of the Institute, both in the centre and at Pt St Charles, is in first-class order. The principal improvement has been the alteration of the stairs on St Peter Street, making the entrance by the Street instead of by the passage. The heating apparatus at the Pt St Charles Branch and of Richards' store have been improved and various minor alterations have been made in all the offices in the central building.

At present the number of rental offices is nine, and it is hoped that there will soon be a demand for them situated as they are in the heart of the business part of Montreal.

The revenue from the Central Building has suffered somewhat from the large number of offices recently erected in the same part of the city. Still, the net revenue from rent, including \$277.25 of unpaid rent, is \$12,369.53, or \$633 below the income as estimated a year ago. If we had been able to dispose of the nine rental offices we would have come up to the highest estimate, namely \$14,500.

The fees from the Membership amount to \$1520.25 against \$1448.50 of last year an advance of \$72.25.

An improved system of Book-keeping is in contemplation which will greatly facilitate the work of the Finance Committee.

The following table shows the Membership as compared with last year:—

	1888	1889.
Honorary	12	12
Corresponding	9	9
Life	250	256
First class	116	102
Second class	365	312
Third class	196	216
	<u>928</u>	<u>907</u>

This is a gain of 26 in the Life Membership and of 20 in the Third class; while in the First class we lost 14 and in the Second class 53.

The following table shows how the Membership of the First, Second and Third Classes are arranged in the Centre and the two branches, East and West.

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	Centre	West	East
First class	93	10	1
Second class	258	45	9
Third class	108	54	44
	<u>459</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>52</u>

It may be remarked that within the past week we have had a considerable number of renewals, and also some new Members at the Point St Charles Branch. where the decrease has been the largest.

We have added the following names to our roll of Life Members:—

Thomas J Ruthford	G. U. Hanna
James S McDougall.	W. Stachan
J. Carey	K. W. Blackwell
William Oman	M. Malone
Jonathan Brown	J. B. Bulmer
Joseph Hickson	Thomas Forde
John A. Pillow	R. B. Hood
W. H. Ogilvie	William Tees
Wm. Edward Murphy	J. H. Garth
H. Archibald	D. Gordon
H. K. Lees	J. H. Hutchinson
W. Johnson	R. Hensley
D. McCastill	R. Cowan
J. K. London.	E. McDougall

We have to regret the loss of the following life Members during the year, namely, Thomas Workman and E. C. Gilbert.

The number of Books in the Library is now 10,886 being an increase of 222 for the year.

The number of volumes of Magazines bound up is 68, while the 135 volumes purchased are classed as follows:—

works of Fiction	75
juvenile books	19
Biography	7
Science	9
Voyages and Travels	10
History	9
General literature	7

Donations are as follows:— Dominion Government 8; Quebec Government 4; United States Government 1; Wm Maclear 1; H. Morton 1; Hon. J. K. Ward 1; F. N. Boyer 1; Dr. Bishop 1.

The expenditure during the year has been as follows:—

Binding	\$ 162.01
Books	\$ 163.71
Papers and Magazines	\$ 472.25
	<u>\$ 797.97</u>

The number of Members using the Library during the year is

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for 1889 - continued

698 as against 584 last year, and the circulation of books is 13,022 against 10,437 in 1888.

The following is a summary statement of the newspapers and Magazines placed on the tables in the Reading Room:—

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly
Canadian	23	23	2	—
British	1	20	16	—
French	2	7	—	1
American	5	18	16	—
Australian	—	1	—	—

and 2 English Quarterlies,

In November 1888 classes were opened in the Central Building, the Point St Charles Branch, and through the kindness of the Protestant Board of School Commissioners in Panel Street school-house, and for these schools the very best educational talent was obtained. Mr Powell of the U. T. R., Mr L. R. Gregor B.A., Mr J. A. Mitchell of McNeill College and Mr Isaac Hammall B.A., all teachers and scholars of the highest culture.

The attendance was as follows:—

Central Building	French	Mr Gregor	15
"	English	Mr Hammall	12
Point St Charles Branch	Drawing	Mr Powell	45
"	Arithmetic	Mr Hammall	40
Panel Street	Eng & Arith.	Mr Hammall	48

making 185 who availed themselves of the advantages offered. Evidence of the most satisfactory progress of the pupils was given in the frequent visits to the classes and in the work shown at the final examinations.

For the coming year the General Committee arranged with the Board of Arts and Manufactures to supply a teacher of drawing at the Point St Charles Branch, and this class already numbers about 40 members.

A tri-weekly class in English, French and Arithmetic will be at once opened in the Point St Charles Branch, under the able management of Mr Reid of McNeill College - free to members of the Institute.

As to the classes held in Panel Street school-house we would explain that this year the Government Night schools are held in the same place, so that our classes are in abeyance. We are not in possession of a Report from the local committee.

We leave the important matter of lectures to the new lecture and class committee.

Officers.

The gentlemen whose terms of office now expire are:— Lieut-Col. A. A. Stevenson, President, Wm Rutherford

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Vice President, James Moore, Treasurer; Thomas Nichol, Secretary, and of the General Committee Henry Stephen White, Henry Lampard, W.J. Cook, J. Smith and F.W. Kelly M.A., Ph.D., all of whom are eligible for re-election.

The Financial Statement for the year ending Oct 1st, duly audited, is appended.

The whole is respectfully submitted by the General Committee, trusting that their labours of the past year will meet with the approval of the membership.

Thomas Nichol M.D.

Attendance at the Meeting of General Committee,

In compliance with one of the By-laws of the Institute the Secretary read the following list of attendances at the meetings of the General Committee:

Lieut-Col A.G. Stevenson	12
William Ruthven	14
James Moore	12
Thomas Nichol M.D.	10
Robert Irvine	9
F.W. Kelly Ph.D.	8
Stephen White	9
Henry Lampard	14
W.J. Cook	4
James Smith	2
James Wright	11
Henry Gairth	13
John Bulmer	5
John Gow	11
Alderman W. Kennedy	3

Proceedings of Annual Meeting, continued.

Mr Irvine moved, seconded by Mr White that the Annual Report be received and laid on the table for consideration, carried.

It was moved by Mr William Foster Brown, seconded by Mr Gow, and carried, that the Report now read be taken up for discussion.

Mr Wm Foster Brown moved, seconded by Mr Alfred Perry, that we now proceed to elect officers. The motion was lost.

It was moved by Mr Harper, seconded by Mr A.B. Stewart and carried, that the election of Officers be not proceeded with till the Report has been discussed.

The Secretary having read the Report, clause by clause, it was moved by Mr Brown, seconded by Mr Harper, and carried that the Report be adopted.

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The Election of Officers was now proceeded with, the President appointing Messrs Clendenning, Kelley and Thoms as Scrutineers. Messrs Hughes, Irwin, Stevenson and Rutheford were nominated for the President's chair, and on the second Ballot, Mr Rutheford was elected.

Messrs Wright and Harper were nominated for the Vice President's chair, when Mr Harper was elected.

Mr James Hone was re-elected Treasurer unanimously.

Messrs Stewart and Nichol were nominated for the Secretarieships, when Mr Stewart was elected.

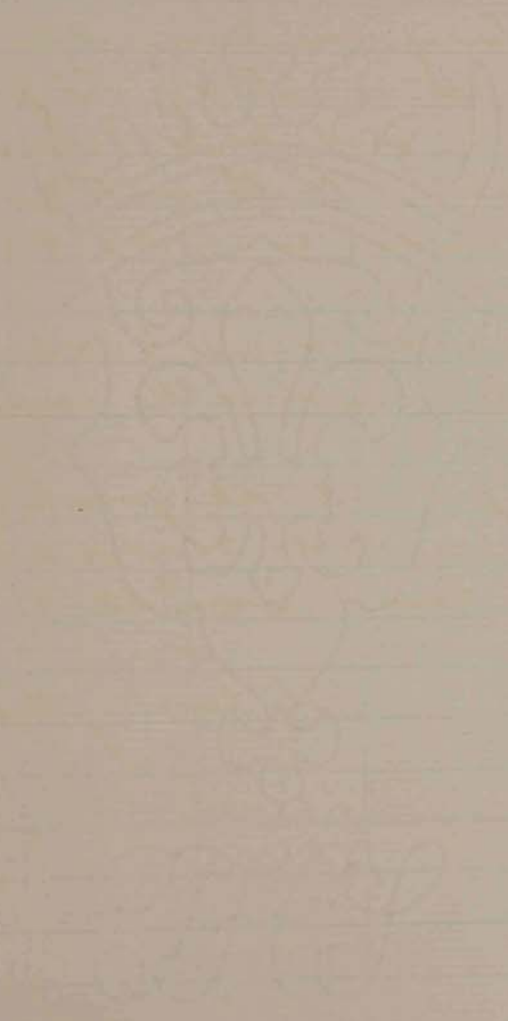
The following were nominated to serve on the General Committee in place of the five who now retire, namely, Messrs Lempard, White, Irwin, Nichol, Cook, Lavery and Mullenison. As the result of the ballot Messrs White, Irwin, Nichol, Lempard and Lavery were declared duly elected.

Mr Perry moved, seconded by Mr Wright, that the thanks in kind of the main door be removed. The motion was lost.

Votes of thanks were given to the retiring officers, to the scrutineers, to the auditors and to the retiring members of the General Committee.

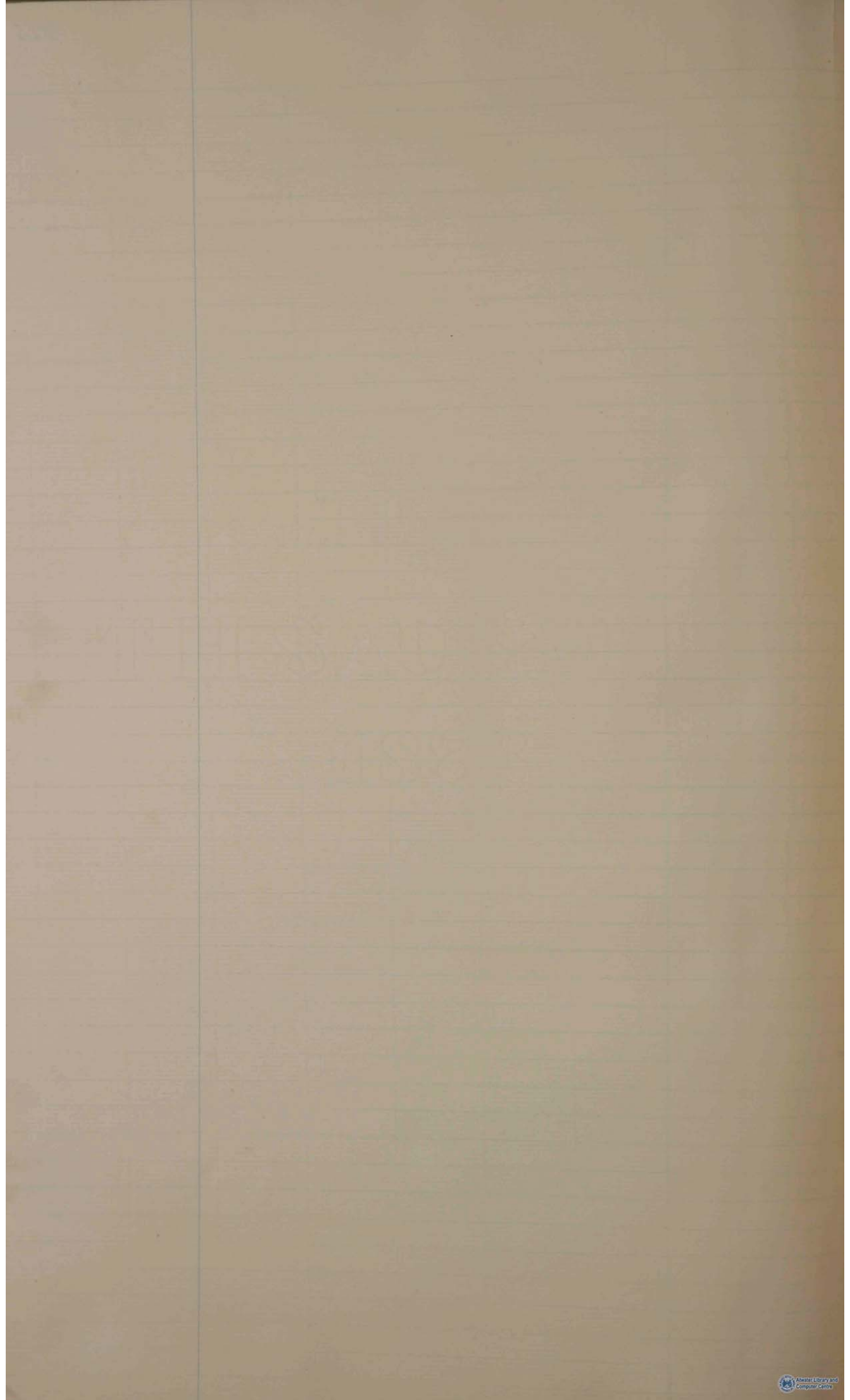
The meeting therefore adjourned.

Wm Rutheford - President





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THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—Attention is called to the advertisement in another column announcing that the half-yearly subscriptions to the Mechanics' Institute can now be paid, entitling the subscriber to the privileges of the Institute until November 1st next. The notice is issued at this particular juncture, in order that if the Merchants' Reading Room is to be closed, its frequenters may avail themselves of the advantages of the Mechanics' Institute. The reading room is now supplied with the leading newspapers and magazines of Europe and America, and is worthy the support of our citizens.

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 Souscription semi-annuelle, de cette date au 1er Novembre.
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THE MECHANICS' HALL.—The mortgage loan of the Mechanics' Institute for \$24,000 expired last Friday. It was borrowed at the rate of seven per cent. from the old colonial church fund, now the diocese of Montreal. Last Saturday it was renewed at 5 1/2 per cent., being taken by a private individual for ten years. The hall of late years has not been very remunerative, only yielding \$700, whereas in former years it yielded a revenue of from \$3,000 to \$4,000. It is proposed to remove the present library and reading room to the hall and to let the second floor for business purposes.

Mechanics' Institute.
 The Committee invite tenders for a loan of Twenty-six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000), for a term of ten years, which would form the first and only mortgage on the immovable property of the Institute.
 Sealed tenders, stating the rate of interest, to be sent in on or before WEDNESDAY, MAY 15th, at noon, addressed to the President,
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 MR. ROBERT IRWIN.
 The money will be required on the 8th June.
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THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—With reference to an item regarding the Mechanics' Institute—the proposal to let the second flat and remove the reading room into the Hall—we are informed that no such removal is contemplated, a proposition to that effect having been outvoted at a special general meeting recently held.

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MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.
 The ANNUAL MEETING will be held on MONDAY, December 1st, at 7:30 p.m.
 To receive Reports of Committees and for Election of Officers for the ensuing year.
 J. W. HUGHES, Secretary.
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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.
 To the Editor of THE TIMES:
 Sir,—It is very much to be feared that the movement in favor of starting a free library will be marred, and its usefulness postponed to the Greek Kalends; every one has some suggestion, but the most extraordinary part of the affair, is that the Mechanics' Institute is entirely overloaded. The Institute has now been in existence for about 45 years, and during the entire period, with changing fortunes, has furnished Montreal with the only library worth while. True there have been other efforts *c.g.*, the Mercantile Library and others, which from some cause or other have failed. The Mechanics' Institute is restricted in its operation through a mortgage of about \$20,000 or \$25,000, and if a vigorous effort were made to pay this off by public subscription, the amount unpaid for the interest on the mortgage would be available for library purposes, for be it understood that apart from this, the Institute under prudent management has contrived to live within its income of nearly 60, and to this mainly may be traced its existence through so many years. I know nothing of the value of real estate, but I expect that the premises as they stand to-day would be worth \$75,000 and with the library of nearly 10,000 volumes would form a very important commencement for the proposed new library. The location of the Institute is unquestionably the best in the city for a central free public library; and it would be, indeed, strange if the committee, who are all well-known citizens, and who give a considerable amount of their time to the management of the Institute, would be unwilling to co-operate with any proposal that would result in harmonious action towards giving the city a library worthy of the commercial capital of the Dominion, and surely before it is too late some arrangement might become to. It would be but reasonable that the Mechanics' Institute should have a proportionate representation on the Board of management, and that other matters be accommodated. At present, our great library is likely to be split up into fragments and the city left with two or three holes in the desert, unworthy, even of Little Pedlington or Hole-in-the-corner.
 I am,
 yours truly,
 C. W. B.

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Mechanics' Institute.
 To the Editor of THE STAR:
 Sir,—May I ask for space to correct an inaccuracy in your editorial in THE STAR of yesterday, with reference to the library of the Mechanics' Institute. You say the library is "but little used." The fact is, that out of an entire membership of 900, (including life-members, many of whom are non-resident), we have 633 members who use the library, showing an increase of 100 over last year, and we have issued 1,600 more volumes this year than last, the total circulation for the present year being 10,950 volumes. Besides this, we have in the library the largest collection of bound volumes of magazines (I believe) to be found in Canada, which are constantly at the service of members (and non-members also for that matter) for reference, and not being taken out of the library, to record in kept of the number of times they are consulted. I beg your courtesy to insert this "plain, unvarnished tale," and oblige.
 Yours respectfully,
 HENRY MOTT, Superintendent.
 November 27, 1883

