

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

"THE MONTREAL SAILORS' INSTITUTE,"

For the Year 1870.

During the past year (1870) this Institute has added largely to its formerly deserved celebrity. Owing to the Committee appointed last year being both numerous and efficient, the benevolent objects of the Institute as originated by Mr. J. P. Clark, have been zealously carried out. Various new features were introduced making it still more popular with our Seamen, and drawing forth their hearty thanks, so that as might have been expected, the attendance at the rooms was materially increased, and its Writing, Reading and Coffee tables more extensively patronized. The Rooms have been crowded night after night, on some occasions indeed uncomfortably so. As the increased attendance requires greater liberality in the supply of newspapers, books, writing-paper, envelopes, pens, and light, all supplied to the men gratuitously, so the expenses have been increased in proportion. It is to be hoped the subscribers will bear this in mind. To show the increase, we give the following statistics viz.

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| Attendance for the year at the Rooms from the opening of the season, on the 23rd April till the close on the 14th of November was | - - - | 15,470 |
| Last year per report, it was only | - - - | 8,647 |
| Showing an increase of two thirds or - | - | 6,823 visitors. |
| Letters posted by the Superintendent this year | | 2,690 |
| Last year only | | 1010. |