

A few new works have also been added to the library worthy of notice, among which are the masterpieces of the Industrial Exhibition of 1862, in three magnificently illustrated volumes; the exhibited Machinery of the same Exhibition; three volumes of the proceedings of the British Association for 1861-'62 and '63, and two volumes of the transactions of the British Association for the promotion of Social Science for 1862-'63.

With a view to exercise the strictest possible economy in management, the Sub-Committee made an arrangement during the past year, by which the duties of Assistant-Secretary are filled, the Exhibition building superintended, and constant attendance secured at the Board-room at a nominal cost; it will be noticed, however, that the accommodation afforded by the room now occupied is scarcely adequate, and in accordance with a resolution passed at the last quarterly meeting, a committee was appointed to confer with the Officers of the Mechanics' Institute, with a view of effecting some arrangements for increased accommodation on terms that might be mutually advantageous. No action has yet been taken in the matter, and it is desirable to come to some understanding on the subject before the 1st of May next.

The usual petitions for amendments to the Act incorporating the Board and the Patent laws, were forwarded to Parliament last session, but nothing has been done in the matter.

The Government Bill to amend the Patent laws, appears to have been lost sight of altogether, and Canadian legislation on the subject is still such as to be worthy of the Dark Ages.

In accordance with the requirements of the Act 24 Vict., Cap. 21, a register of Trade-marks and Designs, secured under the Act has been opened, and copies of all Trade-marks and titles of designs up to the 19th inst., have been received from the Department of Agriculture, and entered therein, where they are open to the inspection of the Public.

As reported last year, the only Mechanics' Institute affiliated with the Board is that of Montreal, indeed the withdrawal of the small Government grant some years ago, and subsequent failure to provide the promised aid in lieu thereof, through the ministrations of the Board, has proved fatal to nearly all the Institutes in Lower Canada.

The usual classes in connection with the Montreal Institute, were suspended last year, in consequence of extensive alterations in the building, but they have been again organized this winter with great promise of success.

Architectural and Mechanical drawing, and the English rudiments are the branches taught, and the pupils number close on 100. Your Sub-Committee recommend to their successors an early examination of these classes with a view to affording the usual grant in aid from the Board.

The Treasurer's Statement, which is now submitted, shows a balance of \$1486.47 at the credit of the Board.

All which is nevertheless respectfully submitted.

Certified a true copy.

(Signed,)

A. MURRAY,

Secretary.

(Corporate Seal.)