

ANNUAL REPORT, 1871.

Mr. S. BRODIE, Secretary, read the annual report of the Directors, as follows:—

The Directors of the Toronto Mechanics' Institute, beg leave to present their report for the year ending May 1st, 1871, being the forty-first year of the existence of this institution.

During the year a change occurred in the *personnel* of the Board of Directors, under the following circumstances:—A resolution was passed at a meeting of the Board held on the 6th January, 1871, dispensing with the services of the Secretary, after the expiration of his years services [Feb. 4th]. On the evening of January 19th, a special meeting of the members was held pursuant to a requisition signed by twenty-four of the members, to take into consideration the resolution passed by the Board of Directors, and the propriety of calling upon them to withdraw and cancel the said resolution. At this meeting the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Bunting, seconded by Mr. W. S. Smart, "That in the opinion of this meeting the proposed dismissal of Mr. Brodie, the Secretary, by the Board of Directors, is not desirable at present, and that the Directors be, and are hereby requested to rescind the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Board dismissing the Secretary, and further, that it is the opinion of this meeting that Mr. Brodie has discharged his duties as satisfactorily as could reasonably be expected considering his very recent appointment." The Board of Directors did not deem it proper to take any action upon this until the Regular Quarterly Meeting which was held on February the 15th, the Secretary being in the meantime retained in the service of the Institute. At this meeting the following resolution was carried on the motion of Mr. Graham, seconded by Mr. Brunskill—"That this meeting appoints a committee of five to confer with the Directors upon the subject of their resolution passed at last meeting,

and to investigate the books of the Institute and the conduct of his duties by the Secretary, and to report thereon at the next meeting of the Institute, to consist of Messrs Clark, Murray, Arthurs, Boyd and Bunting." Messrs. Davison, McCrosson, Edwards, Hamilton, Marston, Jones, Walton, Taylor, Sheppard, and Withrow, considering this reflected upon their conduct, presented their resignations and subsequently Messrs. McOleunan and Gurney retired, not however until after Messrs. Lewis, Bigelow, Morrison, Sweetnam, Fensom, Graham, Ridout, Turner, Bunting, McMaster and Medcalf had been elected to fill the vacancies Messrs. Frazer and Steiner were subsequently added.

THE MEMBERSHIP.

At the date of the last annual report the number of members returned was.....	1,160
From which deduct for deaths, removals and withdrawals	596
Leaving	564
New members and subscribers admitted.....	400
Total.....	964
Classified thus:—	
Life members	76
Honorary members.....	13
Members.....	555
Subscribers.....	319
	963

Showing a decrease of 196 members during the year.

THE FINANCES.

A detailed statement of the receipts and expenditure of the year compared with the previous year will be found in appendix A, from which it will be observed that the

Total receipts were.....	\$7,264 83
Total expenditure.....	7,201 31
Leaving balance cash on hand....	\$63 52

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