

ing 30th June, ultimo, \$1178.32; total expenditure, \$939.35; balance in hand, \$238.97. Outstanding liabilities about \$65, which are more than balanced by assets due on the *Journal* of the Board.

Professor Buckland suggested the desirability of the Board endeavouring to secure rooms in the Hall of the Board of Agriculture, should suitable accommodation be afforded; and that the Board might thus act jointly with the Board of Agriculture in establishing an Agricultural and Industrial Museum in the large rooms provided for that purpose. After full discussion it was

*Resolved*,—That Messrs. Langley, Sheppard and Carty be appointed a committee to confer with any committee the Board of Agriculture may appoint to consider such a joint occupation.

The President reported that he had received no communication from the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, as had been contemplated, relative to the Paris Exhibition. It was

*Resolved*,—That the several members of the sub-committee, residing in Toronto, do constitute a special committee to act upon any communication that may be received from the Government in relation to such Exhibition.

The Committee on Examinations reported that but two candidates had applied for examination this session; and that, as their papers of application had not been sent until some days subsequent to the date named in the programme for receiving such returns, the committee had not proceeded to appoint examiners.

It was suggested that if the several Mechanics' Institutes based their awards of prizes, in the respective classes, upon the examination papers submitted to the Board, instead of upon local examinations held, more success would attend the efforts of the Board, and with advantage to the Institutes and their classes.

The meeting adjourned.

W. EDWARDS, Secretary.

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### WHITBY MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The annual meeting of this Institute, was held on 6th of July. The officers of last year were re-elected, with one or two exceptions; to all of whom a vote of thanks was given for the very efficient manner in which they conducted the business of the Institute. The following is a list of the office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

"J. H. Perry, *President*; G. H. Dartnell, *1st Vice-President*; M. O. Donovan, *2nd Vice-President*; G. Y. Smith, *Recording Secretary*; Thomas Kirkland, *Cor-*

*responding Secretary*; J. Bain, *Treasurer*; H. Fraser, *Librarian*.

"*Managing Committee*.—M. Thwaite, George Cormack, Major Harper, John Ferguson, John Shier, R. J. Wilson, James Byrne, George Blake, J. H. Greenwood, B. J. Hickie.

From the annual report we learn that "an enlargement of the hall has been accomplished by the erection of a wing on the south 20 × 33 feet, two stories high, at a cost of \$671.00. The public hall is now the whole size of the main building, the library room, enlarged and otherwise improved, and suitable apartments provided for a reading room, and necessary committee rooms for the Institute. The building is now convenient and commodious for the purposes for which it was originally erected. To meet the extra cost of the addition, special subscriptions amounting to \$143, have been obtained, of which amount your secretary, (M. Thwaite, Esquire,) contributed the handsome sum of \$100, and \$500 has been raised on mortgage on the property, repayable in five years.

"The memberships for the year ending 1st April, number 114, showing a decrease from the year previous. The cost of membership is \$1 per year. For a town of 3000 inhabitants, with a wealthy surrounding country, the membership is certainly small.

"The usual course of lectures for the winter season were delivered, by gentlemen well qualified to perform that duty, and to whom your committee, on behalf of the Institute, desire to return their warmest thanks. The attendance at the lectures was but small, and during the year not a single lecture ticket was sold. The receipts at the door for lectures were \$2.40. It will be a question for your committee's successors to determine whether the lectures shall be continued, or some other means for public instruction and amusement be devised for the coming winter.

"The rents received for the year, amounted to \$219.32, of which amount there was received for casual rents \$147.32.

"The library contains about 1100 volumes. During the year 20 new volumes have been added. The number of readers 104, and number of volumes taken out 1470. The library is sadly in want of new works, and at the least 200 additional volumes should be obtained the coming autumn.

"But one re-union has been held, yielding to the funds \$9.10. Your committee suggest, that early and efficient steps be taken, for a course of re-unions affording amusement and instruction to the public and securing a revenue to the Institute.

"The requisite accommodation for a reading room, has now been provided, but whether it is advisable at this time, for the Institute to incur the necessary outlay to place a reading room on a successful footing, is a matter of serious consideration: while the expense of maintaining a good reading room is large the receipts at least are very precarious and fluctuating, and not unfrequently small in comparison with the outlay.

"During the month of August, your committee, in conjunction with the Oshawa Institute, organized an excursion to the Niagara Falls. The receipts were \$772.55, and expenses \$788.87, leaving a deficiency of \$16.32.

"Your property is now estimated at the following value:—

Building and real estate.....	\$1,800 00
Furniture, &c.....	400 00
Works in Library ..	700 90
	\$2,900 00