

The attendance at the Library, for the past year, shows a fair increase, but the number of persons who now avail themselves of the Library by borrowing books, is much larger than heretofore, and is increasing. Schedule VI gives the details of the attendance, and contains a comparison of its numbers with those of previous years.

In accordance with the intention expressed in last year's Report, a considerable addition was made to the Library in the autumn of last year, by the purchase in England of a large number of valuable books.

Schedule VII contains a list of the donations of books during the past year, being 1056 volumes.

An alphabetical catalogue has been prepared in accordance with the intentions expressed in last year's Report, and its printing is nearly completed. This catalogue is intended to facilitate the use of the Library as a circulating library; and copies of it will be distributed at cost price, which will be practically nominal. It is intended also, to prepare and print a catalogue by subjects, the better to facilitate reference to the large number of valuable and instructive books on almost every imaginable subject, which are now to be found in the collection.

The Board has arranged with the Faculty of Law of McGill College, for the conversion of a large room into a Law Library, in which the Law books of the Faculty, as well as those belonging to the Institute, are placed. This room is under the charge of a gentleman appointed by the Law Faculty; and the arrangements made, enable visitors to the Fraser Institute and Library, to consult the entire Law Library so constituted. The Board trusts that this will be found of great advantage to Law students, and others desirous of information on legal subjects, as constituting practically a free Law Library both select and extensive.

The Board begs to call attention to the position of the finances of the Institute, in the hope that persons interested in education, and in the spread of useful knowledge generally, will, from time to time, appropriate some small portion of their means, towards extending the Library, and increasing its efficiency. The Board is acting strictly upon the principle, that under no circumstances should it embarrass itself with

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