

CONSTITUTION

INCONVENIENCES having been experienced by the Committee and Members of the YORK MECHANICS' INSTITUTE under the then existing Regulations, the property having increased, and custody thereof incurring greater expense, it was considered advisable to alter and amend such Rules as experience had shown required it. Notice thereof was given, according to Article No. 29 of the Constitution, at the Quarterly Meeting held on the 22nd day of October, 1839, and the following Rules were proposed in place of the then existing Constitution, to be agreed to or disallowed at the next Quarterly Meeting; at which last-named meeting, held on the 21st day of January, 1839, the election of a new Committee occupied the attention of the members until late in the evening, and the subject was adjourned until Friday, the 27th day of March, 1839, when the following Constitution was adopted:

ARTICLE I. That from the passing of this Constitution, all former Rules are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE II. That this Society shall be called the **TORONTO MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.**

ARTICLE III. Its object to be the diffusion of Scientific and Literary Knowledge, by a Library of reference and circulation—by the formation of a Museum of specimens in Zoology, Geology, or other subjects of Nature, Science, or Manufacture, by Classes, by Conversations, by opening a Reading Room, or any other method the Committee may judge necessary.