

## PROCEEDINGS OF INSTITUTES.

**Toronto Mechanics' Institute.**

The Quarterly Meeting of the Members of this Institution was held on Monday, the 18th of November; the President, Rice Lewis, Esq., in the chair.

The board of Directors, in their report submitted to the Meeting, congratulated the Members on meeting them in their New Hall, undoubtedly one of the most complete of its kind on the continent.

The report alluded to the great expense incurred in decorating the Music Hall; and in finishing and furnishing the numerous rooms in the building, (31 in number besides passages) which, with the steam heating apparatus now nearly completed, will exceed the amount at the credit of the Board by about one thousand dollars. To raise this large sum of money it is proposed to hold a Bazaar, or EXHIBITION SALE, in connection with the Inauguration of the Building, on the 23rd and 24th of December (instant); and the Directors rely on the Active Cooperation of the Members in Making, and obtaining from their friends, contributions of Ladies' Work, Mechanical Specimens, and Articles of Utility and Ornament. Several valuable specimens have already been presented, and a Committee of Ladies have announced their determination to do their utmost in furtherance of this object.

The hope previously entertained respecting the increased prosperity of the Institute, when it should remove to its new premises, has been fully realised in the increase to the number of its members; and should the increase continue for the next six months, in the same ratio as in the past the Membership will have doubled itself within the year. The Library has also been increased during the same period by nearly 1,000 volumes; and the Reading Room has received many important additions.

The report also stated that arrangements have been made for establishing classes in Free hand Drawing and Painting, Architectural and Mechanical Drawing, Elocution, and the Theory and Practice of Music; and invites the support of the members to this important department of the Institute.

The Board has made no arrangements for a regular course of Lectures during the coming season, but will embrace any opportunities that may occur for securing the services of Lecturers on appropriate subjects, without interfering with ground already occupied.

The Report was unanimously adopted.

The Members generally expressed themselves as well satisfied with the Management of the Board of Directors, in the several departments of the Institute, and gratified at the progress the Institute is making, when the Meeting adjourned.

## THE SECOND VOLUME OF THE

*Journal of the Board of Arts & Manufactures*  
FOR UPPER CANADA.

## ENLARGEMENT OF THE JOURNAL.

This number will close the First Volume of the Journal of the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Upper Canada. When the Board for Upper Canada issued their prospectus in December, 1860, they did not look upon the proposed issue of a monthly periodical devoted to the encouragement of Arts and Manufactures in the light of an experiment, which might fall to the ground through neglect or indifference, they considered it to be their duty to embrace and secure by every means at their disposal, opportunities of affording encouragement and assistance to home industry. In no way could this object be better attained than by a medium through which its operations and those of kindred institutions could be made known in the Province, and many of the intellectual wants of a numerous class engaged in manufacturing industry throughout the country, supplied if made known.

In all respects, with the exception of correspondence, has the Journal met with the anticipations of its promoters. As it is impossible with the means at our disposal to obtain information respecting local progress or local wants, we again call attention to that paragraph in the prospectus which refers to the coöperation of others. "All who are engaged in industrial pursuits, capable of improvement or extension, can recognize the advantages which a journal of the character proposed is capable of conferring; and it is earnestly hoped that many will be willing to contribute information as to what is *now doing* in Canada, and suggestions as to *what may be done* with profit to individual enterprise and advantage to the Province." Such, however, has been the share of encouragement awarded to this Journal, that the Board has determined to enlarge it by four additional pages in each number, or 48 pages in the volume. The monthly issue will also be printed on a larger sheet, and supplied with a cover, stitched and cut. These improvements will, we trust, be met in a liberal and encouraging manner by Mechanics' Institutes, Reading Associations, and private individuals. The Journal is supplied at the following rates:—At \$1 per annum for single copies, or to Clubs of ten or more at 75 cents per copy; to members of Mechanics' Institutes, and of Literary, Scientific and Agricultural Societies, through their Secretary or other Officer, 50 cents per annum per copy.

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