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#### Rotary Luncheon

day, the following address was delivered by Miss Ella Morris, Librarian at the House of Assembly:-

Mr. Chairman and Rotarians: You, who have the encouragement of the Tourist traffice so much at heart, will appreciate my embarrassment when I am sometimes asked by visitors, "Have you a Public Library?" And when I answer "No our Public Library was destroyed in the Great Fire," they again ask, "When did the fire occur?" I very reluctantly answer, "1892." This, indeed, is a reflection on our community. We should have a Public Library, and the number of its volumes should at least be equal to the population of the city.

some historical facts in connection with Libraries and Literary Clubs or-1809. In the years 1811 and 1812 the taken over for a public reading room. Records of 1822 disclose a Library meeting presided over by Dr. Carson. At this meeting, Chief Justice Hon. Francis Forbes was re-elected Presi-

the Library has been printed." was printed. The Committee rejoiced ing room, Concert Hall, and Library at the reduction in newspaper stamp were all steam heated, but had open duty. Mr. John M. Brine was then fire places as well. The first lecture secretary. The report of the follow- given in the new building was delivered ing year continued to show satisfac- by His Lordship Bishop Jones. His

In 1848 a new institution was ordent, and Mr. Allan Fraser, Secretary, ernment of the day decided to take with detailed particulars of the Goods 600 books were ordered at a cost of them over and add them to the Legone hundred and sixty pounds; many islative Library, which was done on donations were received; and suitable April 30, 1898. apartments were rented in Brick House. The Institution formally opento become Patorn, to which His Ex-

cellency sent the following reply:-"It is with great pleasure I comply with your request, for I am satisfied I cannot more wisely, and, at the same time, more effectually promote the best interests of Newfoundland, than in lending my assistance to a Society, having for its objects the general spread of knowledge, and the social and intellectual improvement of the inhabitants. .....increased advantages of education, happiness

and wealth." In 1849 a lecture was delivered by Doctor Joseph Shea, on Physiology. Archibald addressed the audience, and

spoke of the contemplated formation of the "Mechanic's Institute." A large number of those present subscribed to the new undertaking, and in the following year, 1850, the "Mechanic's Institute" kas formed. Attorney General Archibal was elected President, and the committee consisted of Dr. Joseph Shea, Mr. John Kent, and Mr Andrew Milroy. Mr. Allan Fraser was secretary. Shortly after, a most interesting lecture was delivered by Commissary Oliver Goldsmith, on "China"; on this occasion an alliuminated map was used by the lecturer. The "Mechanic's Institute" must not be confused with the Incorporated Mechanic's Society which was founded in 1827, and which, two years

hence, will celebrate its Centenary. In the year 1862, the Annual Meeting of the St. John's Athenaeum took I shall endeavour to cite for you Reading room, the Young Men's Litganized in St. John's in the years erary and Scientific Club, and the gone by: In 1810 there existed a Mechanic's Institute. The secretary Library—probably earlier; at least in was Mr. D. W. Prowse. The foundaannual meetings of this Library were was laid in 1875. On this occasion, in tion stone of the Athenaeum Building held in the Court House. The population of St. John's at this time was twelve thousand. In the year 1820 F. Bennett, Hon, Ambrose Shea op-Simon Solomon, proprietor of the Free Mason's Tavern had placed The Hon. Mr. Shea traced the history therein, boxes where newspapers were kept for the perusal of his customers; and an apartment in his house was ers who had devoted their talents to the public, and created a taste for literature which the building now being erected would foster and develop. It would also be an ornament dent, Thomas Brooking, Treasurer; to the city. Sir Hugh Hoyles conand the committee consisted of Dr. gratulated those who had laboured Carson, Newman W. Hoyles, Robert for the success of the undertaking, Wakeham, James Clift. Chief Justice and dwelt on the many advantages Forbes, it will be remembered, was the community would derive from the the composer of "The Banks of New- Institution. Whilst many had given foundland." A report of this Library their aid, notably the Hon. Mr. Ben-Committee dated 1833, States that nett, Sir Hugh felt that there was one "the price of shares, notwithstanding who was deserving of special conthe number and value of the books in gratulation and thanks. He referred the library, continue at five pounds to the Rev. Moses Harvey, whose inper share. In addition to this there defatigable labours both in lecturing is an annual subscription of one and writing in regard to the Athepound sterling. The number of share- naeum, as well as by his wide diffusion holders is unlimited. A catalogue for of information outside the Colony, had done much to refute the pro-A report of the St. John's Library paganda of ignorance and prejudice and Reading room, dated 1837, expres- which had so long prevailed with resed satisfaction on the flourishing gard to the resources, climate, and condition of the Organization. The characteristics of Newfoundland and number of volumes was 490 exclusive its inhabitants. He it was who had of reviews, and new books were be- given the biggest service to the couning ordered from New York. The Messrs. Southcott, and the first number of shareholders was stated to Messrs. Southcotte, and the first be 82, and a catalogue for the Library meeting was held in 1879. The Read-

tory progress. An arrangement for subject was "A Visit to the Holy the interchange of papers with the Land." The Hall was crowded. The Halifax News Room had been made, Lecture Hall had a seating capacity and ninety volumes added to the lib- of one thousand. In 1883 the Rev. Dr. rary. The shareholders and sub- Harvey acquainted the committee that John's. The first scientific lecture been so long connected with the for reading." Carlyle asked, "Why no ever heard in the city was delivered Athenaeum that I have now fairly his Majesty's Library in each town, by Mr. J. B. Juke—his subject being earned the privilege of retiring in as well as his Majesty's Prison?" Geology." Mr. Juke was afterwards favour of younger and abler mem- "The Library is the workingman's "Geologist Royal." He was the au- bers. I need not add that I shall feel University." ther of "Excursions in Newfound- deep interest in the prosperity of the land" and "Geology of Newfound- Athenaeum." In the great fire of 1892, land." The secretary of the committhe Athenaeum perished. The late Mr. town has inhabitants. But books, like tee on this occasion was Mr. Richard Wm. Frew considered it the greatest Barnes, who is recorded as having, in loss that the town had suffered 1843, introduced the "Education Bill" through the fire. The committee obinto the House of Assembly. He was tained temporary rooms in the Seaalso the founder of the "Native So- man's Home, and on March 18th remobed to Tobin's Building on the In January, 1846, the incorporated Beach. They were there when the Society of Mechanics, founded a Lib- Bank Crash occurred in December, rary and Reading Room, Bishop 1894. In th winter of 1895 a collection Fleming presented the committee with was taken up by Mr. James Murray 200 books. He, when a Priest, had to help the Institution, and lectures been treasurer of the Society. Unfor- were given. The report for the year tunately, this splendid Library was says: "Many places have been visited, burned in the great fire of 1846. Few with no success in procuring rooms amongst us, to-day, have had the in- An effort was made to procure land tellectual treat afforded by the read- on Duckworth Street, but without ing the letter written by Bishop Flem- success. Had this plan succeeded, we ing to Mr. Thomas Maher, President might have a Library at present, as of the Mechanic's Society, on the oc- nothing keeps an Institution together casion of the presentation of the first like owning a Hall." In the spring of volumes of the library. The letter is, 1896 the Athenaeum Club moved into indeed, a classic, and I would like to the Evening Telegram building; there present it for the perusal and bene- they had the whole of the top flat and fit of the present generation. (The the rooms were bright and pleasant. However, things did not prosper, and from 1896 to 98, it was kept going ganized, and held its first meeting. with difficulty, and it was later closed. Mr. Kenneth McLea presided, and the After the fire, the books had been Mr. Kenneth McLea presided, and the After the fire, the books had been more than 3,000 trade headings, in-orom was crowded. E. M. Archibald, donated by Publishing Houses and cluding Attorney General, was elected Presi- friends, and for this reason the Gov-

In 1897 a course of Lectures was they sail, and indicating the approxi-opened by Archbishop Howley. Mr. mate Sailings. ed on November 24th. Mr. Wheatley M. W. Furlong opened the course with One-inch BUSINESS CARDS of Firms was appointed Librarian, and an ad- a lecture on the "Last Leaf." Canon dress was presented to Governor Sir Brown, another lecturer, delivered a Gaspard LeMarchant, requesting him fine address on "Soggarth Aroon." In 1902 the "Public Library Act"



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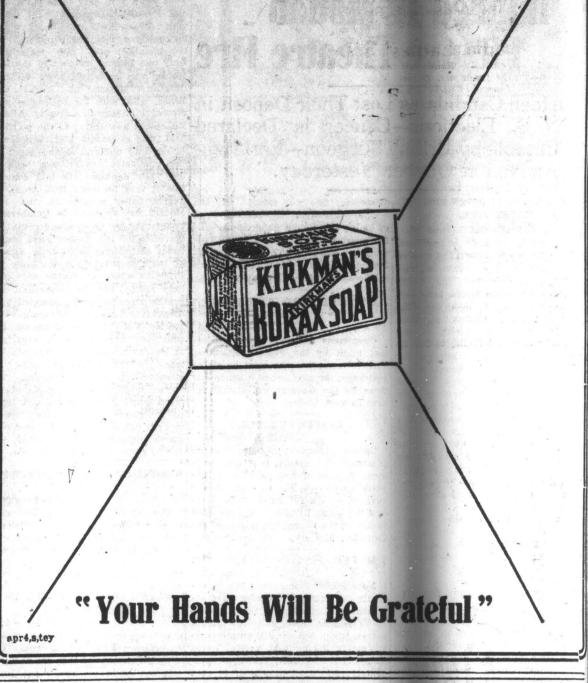
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