

## SPECIAL MEETING.

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A Special Meeting of the members of the Institute, was held on Saturday evening, May 19th, 1855; the President, G. W. Allan, Esq., in the Chair.

The President stated the object of the meeting, viz., to take into consideration a proposition made by the Provincial Government, to lease the new Hall of the Institute for four years, as Offices for Public Departments.

A memorandum,—forming the basis of agreement,—drawn up by Hon. H. H. Killaly, and approved of by the General Committee of the Institute, was then read by the Secretary, as follows:

“In the event of the new Mechanics’ Institute Hall being placed at the disposal of Government, during the time of its being carried on in Toronto (say for four years), the following is understood to be the basis of the arrangement to be entered into between the parties, viz.: The Government to be at liberty to divide and partition the interior to suit the wants of the several departments to be accommodated in it; but, on, or prior to, its being handed up to the Institute, the building is to be completed and left in the state in which it was intended it was to have been for the purposes of the Institute; that the Government shall pay the interest on the debt (£4,600) while they occupy the building; shall discharge the present liabilities of the building, or otherwise arrange with the respective parties for the same; they shall also keep the building insured,—during the time of its being occupied for public purposes,—for the sum of £6,000; and shall pay to the Institute the sum of £100 a-year, to cover the rent, &c., of the temporary accommodation of the Institute during the time the Hall is occupied.”