

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The Annual Report—What has been done during the Past Year.

Following is the annual report of the directors of the Godefrich Mechanics' Institute, which was submitted and approved of by the board on Friday evening last (23rd ult.).

The Board of Directors have much pleasure in laying before this meeting a full statement of the workings of the Institute for the past year. The accounts have been audited and found correct and show the Institute in a better condition financially than it even was before, the receipts being \$1,100.69 which leaves a balance in hand of \$95.11.

The following is the librarian's report, showing the number of books in the library, with their classification; the number of books added since the last annual meeting and the number issued from the library during the year. There are now 1,718 books in the library, and of which have been added during the past year. The classification of the books is as follows:—History, 212; biography, 176; fiction, 428; voyages and travels, 133; miscellaneous, 181; poetry and the drama, 63; religious, 65; science and art, 226; periodical literature, 89; books of reference, 24; literature, 121.

There have been 3,804 books issued from the library during the year, and the tastes of the readers can be seen from the following classification:—History, 150; biography, 225; voyages and travels, 322; fiction, 2,196; miscellaneous, 321; books of reference, 6; science, and art, 180; poetry, 60; religious literature, 188; periodical literature, 206. Readers of fiction appear to be largely in the ascendant, with voyages and travels coming in for second place, closely followed by miscellaneous and biography.

We might call the attention of the Institute to the condition of some volumes of fiction now out of repair. On the reading room tables are to be found 2 daily papers, 9 weeklies, 5 illustrated papers, 13 magazines and 2 scientific papers. At the present time the membership is 183, and the classification is as follows: Mechanics, 42; ladies, 12; farmers, 9; youths 6; others, 124.

The evening classes during the fall and winter were well attended: A drawing class of 31 pupils, under the instruction of Miss Seemiller; also a class taught by Miss Lowe; a book-keeping class of 19, taught by W. R. Robertson, and Mr. McGraw had a class of 10 in arithmetic. This is a larger number of pupils for classes than has been shown for any previous year. The attendance was good, and the classes continued the greater part of the winter.

In accordance with a motion passed at the last annual meeting catalogues of the library were procured. Shortly after that meeting an offer was made to the board for the printing of the catalogues free of charge, provided that advertisements would be allowed to be inserted in a certain number of copies. The board felt satisfied that the catalogue being made an advertising medium would not detract anything from its usefulness, and accepted the offer, giving the Institute a first class catalogue and not costing a single cent.

The amount saved by this transaction would be at least \$50. In consideration of the necessity of the books being called in shortly after this meeting so that the librarian's book can be closed and new accounts opened for the year just commencing. There are new roll and record books sent from the association of Mechanics' Institutes, showing new mode of keeping record of books taken from the library, which it may be well for the new board to take into consideration. The board have caused a great saving to the Institute by buying cheap editions of a large number of books, and binding them in plain covers, doing the work themselves, thus giving a great amount of reading matter for a very small amount of money, and would advise the new board to still add to the library largely this class of books, as they stand more handling than cheap cloth binding, and are just as convenient for readers.

The membership is larger now than at any time previous, but still far below the number it should be for a town of this size, and no doubt could be considerably increased by a little canvassing by the board or other members of the Institute. The attendance at the reading room has been better this year than any year heretofore, which shows that there is a growing interest in the usefulness of the reading room, and we trust that next year may still be greater.

The public cannot fail to see that in no other way can there be had so much reading for so small an outlay.

Colborne.

The Court of Revision for the township of Colborne held its first sitting on Monday, 26th May, 1884. The members having taken the oath required, the following cases were disposed of, viz:—D. Fisher's assessment was reduced \$400; S. Bissett's assessment on lot 1, 4th con., was reduced \$200; J. Betzner was placed on the roll as owner part block G.; R. D. Morris was placed on the roll as farmer's son. The roll was then examined by the court, when it was moved by J. Beck, seconded by C. McHardy, that it be accepted as correct.—Carried.

The court then arose and the council formed. Minutes of last meeting read adopted. The clerk explained to the council that he had proceeded to London as directed, and interviewed the hospital authorities in regard to the patient, I. Sharp, and they—the hospital staff—having decided not to keep him any longer, he had him placed under the care of the Sisters of Charity in the Mount Hope Orphan Asylum, at the sum of \$115 per year, effecting a saving to the township of about \$70 per year. A letter was received from the secretary of the above institution wishing the council to pay half yearly in advance. The council decided to pay the 12th June and 12th December in each year, and hoped this would be satisfactory. The claim of Mr. Morrish, for loss of horses was again discussed, when the council came to the conclusion that there was no negligence on their part, and hence no liability. Account of R. Stewart, for statute labor performed by him, stating that he had

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TWO MINUTES LATER.

A second explosion occurred, this time in Pall Mall. This shattered the windows of the Carlton Club, and considerably injured other structures in that vicinity, tearing up the roadway so that it was impassable. The rumors became current that Victoria Station was blown up, but investigation showed it to be unfounded. Three minutes after the Pall Mall explosion,

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could be carried on successfully in the very heart of the city in spite of the vigilance of the police gives rise to a feeling of insecurity and dismay. The police think that several dynamites must have started out just after dusk, each going directly to a previously elected spot and depositing the explosives in such a matter-of-fact way as to attract no attention. The singling out Scotland Yard as one of the points of attack was, of course, a piece of bravado intended to show complete defiance to the authorities. The police are maddened by tonight's evidence of the incompetency, and are the subjects of ridicule at the clubs and other resorts where the matter is discussed. The number of persons in the hospital suffering from injuries caused by the explosions is twelve.

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The Daily Telegraph says:—"Who are the victims? They are harmless pedestrians. Yet they are maimed at hazard, to bring joy to the souls and money to the pockets of Russia and his shameless American crew. There will be a terrible day of reckoning for these dynamites, and it is not far distant." The Post says:—"It is imperative that England insist forthwith that America shall no longer harbor dynamites. England and America are happily at peace, and between friendly Powers certain obligations exist which it is impossible to ignore without seriously endangering the maintenance of amity."

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THE WORLD OVER.

As Mirrored in the Columns of our Outside Contemporaries.

An eight-year-old passing:—"Dude is a common noun, neuter gender, because it's a thing." Miss Annie Lynch, the daughter of a farmer living about two miles from Dunville, was drowned in the Grand River Saturday night. She said she was going down to the bank to fish. Nothing further is known, as she was never seen alive afterwards. On it becoming late and she did not return, search was made, and her body was found in shallow water, a little piece down the river. It is supposed she lost her footing on V. R. Moore's bridge, and fell into the water there.

James Brayley, Hamilton, says: "I read the testimonials for McGregory's Sneezy Cure and found I had not to go to New York, Philadelphia, Louisiana or Texas to find living witnesses of its value, we have plenty of persons right here to prove its merit. I got a bottle and it helped me right away. I was as bad with Billious Fever and indigestion as I think any one could be. I have taken three bottles and am nearly well and can eat any kind of food without it hurting me. I may say I am better than I ever expected to be. Free trial bottles at G. Rhynas."

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BOOTS AND SHOES NEW GOODS. REMEMBER I Have the Largest Stock, The Latest Styles, The Most Reliable Goods, And the Lowest Prices, Please Call & Examine. NO TROUBLE WATEVER TO SHOW GOODS. E. DOWNING, Crab's Block, Corner East street and Square. Godefrich, May 8th, 1884.

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W. H. RIDLEY, OF THE PEOPLE'S STORE, GODEFRICH, is now opening out A LARGE AND WELL ASSORTED STOCK OF NEW GOODS COMPRISING READY-MADE CLOTHING, HATS and CAPS, A FULL LINE OF STAPLE DRY GOODS, which he is prepared to sell cheaper than the cheapest for CASH. Good Value in every line. GRAND CLEARING SALE! The subscriber is also clearing off the Remainder of His Winter Stock at Heavy Discount Prices. OVERCOATS previously sold for \$4, \$8 and \$10, can now be had for \$2, \$4 and \$5 respectively. SUITING CLOTHS, which ranged from \$5 to \$1, have been reduced to from 50c to 80c, and other goods in proportion. Call and inspect the Goods and Prices whether you buy or not. IF YOU WANT BARGAINS CALL AT "THE PEOPLE'S STORE." Godefrich, Feb. 23, 1884. W. H. RIDLEY, Cor. Kingston-st. and Square

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Eustace, I THE SEA FIGHT— "Can you make I commander. 'She's a frigate, I own size, though las 'Good,' said the C great satisfaction. 'She's on the larb 'Ah, and she she canvas, I see.' 'Yes,' returned t her foresail and r mizzon top sail is a mat is shivering. I more sail we must cl 'And what about Captain's next query 'I'm just trying to She lies about a quat er off, and is a small like the build of the phin.' 'May she not be th ed the Captain. 'Si Roads only a few n should be in these w 'The Falcon it is, Lieutenant. 'I kno white strip along her 'Ah, I never had a four gun brig,' ren 'They are so liable t they come across a fr see and take the Fal of this French eagle.' 'They're waiting Saughton, 'but the b 'So! that looks li me the glass, Saught on for action.' 'Boatswain! shot tenant, 'best all the rose sharp on the qui with swift celerity th pecting and waiting order rushed to the g also were mustered a ship, and a boarding ed, outlass in hand, I was now ready for th feet silence resigned o broken only by the of gave directions to the The two frigates we each other, and on vessel everything set for action. Suddenly hoisted her colors a windward. The Hec colors, but in silence her object being to prevent the attempt They were now ne other for the British antagonist the French a vessel which they matched them in gun there was therefore t work before them, a thought of overcom superior force. The of the Hector was; the Cornete, the latt fire, which came wit among the sails and British vessel. To a steered a bow and a still kept silent—a l galling fire none but seamen can accomp motionless every ma the gunners with fi hear the order announc ing no undue impati of them glanced ruf sails fluttering from ed rigging hanging fr 'Wait a bit,' said whisper to Eustace, the gun. 'By the give him if for that; But the Cornete and resolved to ms present relative posi her broadside to b while the latter coul fire, and scorned to shot by making a Frenchman, therof he could deliver sev the same immunity cripple the Hector's mercy. While there to reach a proper the Cornete filled, again on the sar another broadside o This safe game she three times, till Ca he could never re desired, and he gav the Hector's course fo to windward. pected measure suc vessels being now direction, found th broadside at pistol 'Now give it to h Saughton, wildly in his hand. Scarcely was the simultaneous flas side and a deafen broke the silence w maintained, while enveloped the w