

Sciences, History, Travels, Biography, Fiction, etc., etc. They are beautifully bound, and are a most valuable acquisition to the Library.

The Governors avail themselves of this opportunity to express their thanks to Mr. Peter Redpath (who has always manifested great interest in the affairs of the Institute), for his care, in the selection and purchase of books in Europe.

The Board (in addition to the above), is indebted to many friends of the Institute for donations of books. 282 volumes having been received during the year from various sources. The Consul-General of France, le Comte de Turenne, kindly procured from the French Government a complete set of the reports "Exposition Universelle de Paris, 1889," a list of these presentations will be found on Schedule VII.

Through the kindness of the Commissioners of Patents, the Patent Office records, from the founding in 1875 to 1892, have been furnished to the Library gratis, and a promise conveyed that the records will hereafter be sent free of all cost, as issued. This proves a great boon to the citizens of Montreal, enabling those who desire to obtain information on matters relating to patents, to do so, without the expense and delay of sending to Ottawa.

The Board is desirous of again drawing the attention of the public of Montreal to the fact that the revenue derived from the bequest of the Founder has hitherto been barely sufficient to defray the cost of maintenance of the Library on the most economical footing, leaving no surplus for the purchase of new books, for which they have been and continue to be, dependent on the generosity of friends, and the Board begs to urge upon those who are interested in the