

to their successors the consideration of what measures are necessary to procure and place on exhibition such a valuable collection as this would undoubtedly be.

Your Sub-Committee appointed a delegation to visit the Provincial Exhibition held in the city of Toronto, in the month of September last; the result of which visit appears from the report of Messrs. G. Weaver and David Brown, which is herewith submitted.

The Classes of the Mechanics' Institute for the winters of 1865-6 were visited and examined by a Committee consisting of Dr. Dawson and Mr. Murray, and in consequence of their favourable report, a sum of \$80 was appropriated for their aid by the Sub-Committee.

These Classes have again resumed their operations; and, considering the benefits they confer, and for the purpose of enlarging their usefulness, your Sub-Committee, at the beginning of the present session, expended a sum of \$100 in the purchase of such models and blocks as were required to fully carry out the objects of the classes, and these are now among the assets of the Board.

The long expected Dublin Exhibition Medals were received during the past summer, and those awarded to Montreal Exhibitors were distributed by the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture, at a meeting of the Board, held on the 18th September.

During the year now closed a new element—delegates from the Art Association of Montreal—was introduced into the composition of the Board, under the provisions of the amendments of 1864 to the Act incorporating this Board, thereby proving that the operations of this Board have not been wholly deprived of public interest; and your Sub-Committee sincerely trusts that every succeeding year will exhibit not only an increasing interest, but largely increasing means of carrying out the great and noble objects for which this Board was organized.