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\$1,450.

A comparison of the balance in favour
of the Institute at the date of the last re-
port, with the present balance, shews an
improvement of \$1,166.94 in favour of the
year just ended.

READING ROOM AND LIBRARY.

These important departments of the In-
stitute have received the careful attention
of your Directors, and they trust that their
labours in this regard have been such as
will meet with the approval of the mem-
bers.

The *Weekly Dispatch*, *Liverpool Journal*,
Canadian Mechanics' Magazine, and *Eng-
lish Mechanics' Magazine*, have been added
to the previously large supply of news-
papers and magazines provided for the
Reading-room.

During the past year another member
has been expelled for mutilating the ma-
gazines; but it is to be regretted that to
some extent this dishonest practice still
continues. It is recommended that crim-
inal proceedings be taken against the next
offender who may be discovered.

A new description of cover, suggested
by your first Vice-President, has been
adopted for the magazines—it has been
found to serve an excellent purpose in pre-
serving the magazines, and from advertise-
ments placed on the sides of these covers
the Institute obtains a yearly revenue of
\$39.

The books in the Library have been
placed in a satisfactory condition, and the
daily issue now exceeds 100 volumes.

The number of volumes at last report was	7,215
Withdrawn, worn out	427
Lost, and paid for,	8
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	6,780
Added during the year	577
Total	7,357

The cost of binding novels and maga-
zines has been \$51 10. The sum expended
for re-binding volumes has been \$186 56.

Your Directors tender their sincere
thanks to the friends of the Institute who
have kindly made donations of books dur-
ing the past year,—as per appendix,—also
to the proprietors and editors of news-
papers, who have generously forwarded
their papers for the use of the Reading-
room,—a list of which will be found at
ot the end of this report.

THE CLASSES.

During the past year (the fourteenth
session) the Classes have been highly suc-
cessful. As the Institute had no suitable
rooms for the purpose, the Directors en-
gaged apartments in the St. James' school
House which were eminently adapted for
the classes. Some expenses were neces-
sarily incurred in the purchase of desks,
&c., and an additional number of drawing
copies, required by the large increase of
pupils over previous sessions, these will
be available for further use.

The whole of the Classes have been un-
der the management of competent teach-
ers, who have been most assiduous in
their care and attendance, and have given
entire satisfaction to the pupils.

The annexed list of the various Classes
shews an increase in the number of pupils
equal to 25 per cent above the previous
session.

This fact will doubtless afford much
satisfaction, when it is remembered that
additional facilities are now offered else-
where in the city, which it had been fear-
ed might diminish the popularity of the
Institute Classes.

Your Directors hope that this will
stimulate the future management to still
greater energy in the organization of these
most effective and highly prized means of
education.

Although it has been necessary to incur
an additional expense of \$200 for rent of
rooms, your directors are happy to state
that, by improved arrangements and strict
economy, they have succeeded in carrying
the Classes through this session at a loss of
only \$59 61, against \$64 81 in the previous
session—and this has been done without
making any addition to the fees charged to
the pupils.

Your directors desire to tender their sin-
cere thanks to those gentlemen who kindly
performed the duty of examiners, and to the
President and second Vice President for
their kind donations of \$10 each, also to
Mr. W. C. Morrison for a handsome silver
medal—all presented to augment the
prizes submitted for competition, and
which, by these additions, amounted to the
value of nearly \$100. At the close of the
session the prizes were presented by the
President to the successful students.

Your Directors have again the pleasing
duty to place on record the liberality of the
Northern Railway Company of Canada,
through F. W. Cumberland, Esq., M. P. P.,
Managing Director, in donating the hand-
some amount of \$100 to the Institute in
aid of the Classes.