

The correspondence which followed the receipt of the circular by those to whom it was addressed is very voluminous and was all done by Colonel Domville during his spare moments while at Ottawa, busy though he was the greater part of the time. It was before the days that stenographers and type writers were in general use and all of the letters, and many copies are in Colonel Domville's own handwriting. From the beginning he was greatly encouraged in his work by the energetic manner in which many to whom the circular was addressed, took up the work. In addition to contributions, Colonel Domville received many kind words of encouragement from donors of books and cash, and in replying to several of these he wrote that the handsome manner in which his request for assistance had been responded to, assured the success of the project. The circular was sent out early in 1879 and in 1880 there had been forwarded to St. John many cases of books which were stored to await further arrivals. These came from a variety of sources, not only in the British Empire, but also from all the governmental departments at Washington and many of the States as well. It was a splendid start but there were many difficulties yet to overcome—notably a lack of interest in St. John, which was chiefly to be benefitted. There was an excuse for this it is true. St. John was passing through the most critical period in its history. The building boom that had followed the fire was over, and in 1879 and 1880 the people realized for the first time the severity of the blow that had overtaken them. Old firms that were considered as reliable as the Bank of England com-

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At the meeting of the Council at which this memorial from the Trustees was read, the Bill committee was instructed to prepare a bill carrying out the wishes of the Trustees. This was done and the bill became law.