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OTTAWA MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

The annual meeting of this Institution was held on the 6th of March. From the report it appears that the Institute is in a very satisfactory position. By the way, it is more fortunate than any of its sister Institutes, in receiving an annual legislative grant of \$300.

The Directors, at the close of its fourteenth year of existence, report that for the first time in several years it is entirely free of debt.

"This pleasing result is mainly due to the indefatigable exertions of the Managing Committee, who, feeling the necessity of a vigorous effort to wipe off the debt, amounting to upwards of two hundred dollars, which has for some years been pressing upon the institution, and the desirability of leaving it to their successors in office in sound financial condition, determined to test the liberality of their fellow citizens by soliciting subscriptions towards paying off the outstanding liabilities. The generosity of the responses to this appeal exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its promoters, resulting, as it did, in the collection of no less a sum than \$210 75."

The number of ordinary members appear to have been increased since the beginning of the *Institute* year, from 290 to 438—or a total increase of 140 members and other subscribers. This has arisen to a great extent, no doubt, from the large addition of government employees to the city population. The receipts of the year were:—

Cash on hand	\$ 3 44
Members' subscriptions	591 25
Rent of Hall	189 54
Legislative grant	300 00
From concert	241 41
Paper, &c., sold	53 15
Special Donations	210 75

\$1,589 54

The expenditure:—

For papers and periodicals	\$ 205 58
Gas, rent, fuel, &c.	751 76
Expenses of Concert	150 18
Printing and postage	90 61
Insurance	14 00
Books and binding, &c	46 50
Salary of custodian	315 18

1,573 81

Balance in hand

\$ 15 73

Available assets

\$ 131 73

Liabilities

105 70

Apparent surplus

\$ 26 08

Two hundred and forty-one visitors have been introduced during the year; 26 newspapers and magazines have been supplied to the Reading-Room by purchase, and 12 as donations. The Library contains about 2,000 volumes of books, about 100 of which had been re-bound during the year, and 100 added by purchase. The number of issues of books during the year was 2936.

The directors close their report by bearing testimony to the zeal and efficiency of the custodian of the Institute, Mr. J. B. Steacey.

We have received no list of names of the office-bearers elect.

HAMILTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

The annual meeting of this Institute was held on Friday, the 22nd of February, 1867. The President, Thos. Mollwraith, Esq., briefly stated the objects of the meeting. The minutes of previous annual meeting having been confirmed, the Secretary read the report of the directors for the past year, from which we learn that the number of members on the 1st of February, 1866, was 431; elected during the year, 136—total 567; retired during the year, 120; remain in good standing on the books, 447.

The receipts and expenditures for the past year were as follows:—

RECEIPTS.

	\$	cts.
To Balance from last year	11	70
" Subscriptions to 1st February, 1867	1036	41
" Hall Rent	1143	06
" Donations	645	00
" Paper Sales	113	23
" Reunions	108	64
" Show Cards	23	00
" Rent	130	00
" Book Sales	106	97
" Gore Bank, &c.	5	56
	\$3328	72

EXPENDITURE.

	\$	cts.
By Cash paid for Insurance	50	00
" " Magazines	42	16
" " Newspapers	115	05
" " Building Repairs, &c.	370	84
" " Gas Account	341	50
" " Salaries	679	44
" " Cleaning Hall and Room	80	63
" " Mortgage to Canada Life Company	1100	00
" " Fuel	125	64
" " Postage	70	93
" " Printing	51	24
" " Books and Bindings	91	65
" " Reunion Expenses	54	38
" " Art Exhibition	1	00
" On hand	149	26

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