

Moved by Mr. Hilton, seconded by Mr. Clarke, and Resolved—That the Committee be instructed to Memorialize the Government and Legislature to renew the Annual Grants formerly made to the Mechanics' Institutes of Upper Canada.

The Meeting then adjourned.

REPORT.

The Sub-Committee of the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Upper Canada, beg to submit to the Board the following Report of their proceedings for the past year:

Owing to the very limited sum placed at the disposal of your Committee, they have not been able to render the operations of the Board so useful to the public, or so advantageous to the several Institutes connected with it, as they otherwise might have done. They have, however, the satisfaction of reporting that in some departments of the Board's operations, considerable improvements have been made during their year of office.

Nine Mechanics' Institutes have been represented at the Board during the year, either by their respective Presidents, or by accredited Delegates, elected according to the statute, namely: Ayr, Cobourg, Dundas, Hamilton, Newcastle, Paris, Toronto, Whitby and Woodstock.

The withdrawal from the Mechanics' Institutes of all Government aid, has resulted in the total failure of some, and the paralyzing of the efforts of many others of these institutions, and will no doubt in a great measure account for the absence of a more general co-operation on their part with the objects of this Board. Your Committee look upon these institutions as Schools, or Colleges, for the adult mechanical and industrial classes of the community, affording them means of instruction, and of healthful recreation, so essential to their well-being, and such as is not to be obtained by them through any other agencies now in existence; and are therefore justly entitled to legislative aid corresponding to that given to societies for the encouragement of agriculture, and for purposes of general education.

Your Committee are gratified to know that some few of these institutions in the smaller towns, as well as those of the larger towns and cities, are not only self-supporting, but prosperous and progressive in their operation.

FINANCES.

The Treasurer's detailed Statement, herewith submitted, shows total Receipts for the year \$4,685 43; Expenditure, \$3,048 80; leaving a balance in hand of \$1,636 63. Besides this balance, there are assets due on account of the *Journal* of \$287 00, which leaves the whole amount in favor of the Board \$1,923 63.

FREE LIBRARY OF REFERENCE.

During the year nearly 200 volumes of valuable books have been added to the Library, which now comprises 449 folio and octavo volumes of Plates and Specifications of English, American and Canadian Patents; 100 volumes of Statutes and other Parliamentary publications of Canada; and 268 volumes of the latest Cyclopedias and works on the Fine and Decorative Arts, Manufactures, &c.; making in all about 817 volumes—a classified Catalogue of which has been published in the September number of the *Journal* of the Board for 1861, with the monthly addition in each subsequent number.

Your Committee have already acknowledged in the pages of the *Journal*, a donation from the Hon. the Commissioner of Patents for the United States, of 30 volumes of Reports, embracing drawings and abridged specifications of patents issued in the United States from the year 1850 to 1860, inclusive.

Since the Board took possession of its excellent suite of rooms in the new Hall of the Toronto Mechanics' Institute, in July last, the Library has been consulted by a large number of persons; and it will no doubt become more and more appreciated as it becomes better known, containing as it does so large a number of works—including some of the best British and American periodicals—of the highest practical value to the professional man, the decorator and the mechanic; and being entirely free for consultation, and more readily accessible than any other free library of a similar character in the Province.

MODEL ROOMS.

In consequence of a recent order of the Patent Office, all new models have to be forwarded to Quebec with the applications for patents, so that but few additions have been made in this department since the last annual Report. Your committee would however acknowledge a donation from Messrs. Maw & Co., England, of four large and beautiful frames of examples of their manufacture of tessellated pavements, and three frames of patterns; also some specimens of building and flagging stone by Mr. Pearson, from his quarries in Esquesing.

With a view to establishing a Museum of specimens of Foreign and Canadian Manufactures, your Committee have invited manufacturers to furnish specimens of their various productions, or of any natural products capable of being used in manufactures, for exhibition in the Rooms.

EXAMINATIONS.

In August last, your Committee issued programmes of Examinations of members of the Mechanics' Institutes, similar to the programme of the year previous; and also offered the sum of ten