

During the past winter your Council have permitted the Numismatic Society and the Montreal Literary Club to hold their meeting in their rooms on evenings not specially devoted to our own Society, and at a reasonable rate for fuel and light.

Your Council would further suggest, and in accordance with the amended act of Parliament, that the number of Vice-Presidents should not exceed nine, and that the Council should also consist of nine members.

Your Council would beg leave further to state, that they have received a communication from Mr. Leeming, calling attention to the fact that the remains of the late Rev. Mr. Sommerville are at present in the old Protestant burying-ground in Dorchester street, and calling on the Society to assist, conjointly with the Corporation of the Montreal General Hospital, the Trustees of St. Gabriel Church, and a clergyman now resident in Quebec, for the removal of the body to the Mount Royal Cemetery, and also the Monument at present erected over his remains. Your Council would therefore suggest that some action be taken in this matter at as early a period as possible.

They have also received a communication from the Board of Arts and Manufactures, in which it sets forth that it has "in its hands a considerable property, subject to a ground-rent, and burthened with hypotheques so large as to consume all its annual grant, and render the Board unable to carry on its proper operations, viz., to increase and maintain its free Library, to establish and keep up a Museum of Industrial Products, and to promote the education of mechanics and artizans.

"The property thus held has been set apart for the use of scientific and literary bodies who might wish to erect buildings for their accommodation, having been acquired with a view to such uses. In fact the Board has considered itself, in some sort, a trustee for these other public bodies, either existing or projected. But the members of the Board, hitherto disappointed of relief from the Provincial Government, feel that they cannot continue to hold this property for a much longer period, at a cost so great as the abdication of their own functions under the statute, and are therefore desirous, as speedily as possible, to come to an arrangement—if it be possible—with your own and other societies, by which a building-site may be transferred to you on easy terms, and co-operation secured between the Society and this Board in promoting objects which we may have in common.