

for Dec. 1864; but any further information required will be furnished on application.

W. EDWARDS,

Secretary.

DUBLIN EXHIBITION.

The Hon. the Minister of Agriculture has placed at the disposal of this Board a small sum of money, for the purchase of "Objects of Arts and Manufactured Articles," with a view to securing, at the forthcoming Dublin Exhibition, a "restricted and cheap exhibition of our products, but characteristic and attractive."

The Objects required by this Board will not include natural products, woods, furs, or Indian curiosities, as such will be provided for through other agencies than this Board; nor can bulky or heavy articles be received, even if offered on the mere condition of transporting them, for two reasons: first, the want of space in the Dublin Exhibition Building, and the character of the exhibition; second, the want of sufficient funds for the forwarding of such goods.

Manufacturers and others possessing suitable articles, must communicate with the Secretary of this Board, at once, as the time is so exceedingly limited.

We would suggest, as suitable objects to send home, Tools peculiar to the requirements of this country; manufactures of WOOL, FLAX, COTTON and HEMP; small articles manufactured of WOOD, STONE, GLASS and LEATHER; specimens of MAPS, and of BOOKS written or printed, or written and printed, in Canada; PAPER and paper manufactures; Chemical and Medicinal Preparations; and Art Views and Sketches, illustrative of Upper Canada.

It is much to be regretted that the time is so limited for collecting specimens; but as this matter is beyond the control of the Board, they have to rely on the prompt assistance of those immediately interested to ensure any degree of success.

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Secretary.

Transactions of Societies.

HAMILTON AND GORE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Hamilton and Gore Mechanics' Institute, was held on Friday, the 24th February, 1865.

Thomas Mollwraith, Esq., the President, occupied the Chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. Stuart, Mr.

Thos. M. Simons read the Annual Report of the Directors, of which we give the following abstract:

Number of Members.

The number of Members on the 1st of February, 1864, was	484
Members have been elected during the year, numbering	103
	— 587
Deduct number of those who have retired during the same period ...	92
	— 495
From which deduct also those over six months in arrear	52
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And there remain in good standing on the books ...	443

Finance.

The Receipts and Expenditures for the past year are as follow:

Receipts.		\$	cts.
To Balance from last year		110	16
" Subscriptions to 1st February, 1864 ...		1072	15
" Hall Rent		1381	07
" Donations		323	00
" Paper Sales		159	16
" Reunions		780	85
" Show Cards		24	00
		\$3855	42
Expenditure.		\$	cts.
By Cash paid for Magazines		33	95
" " Newspapers		301	28
" " Building Repairs, &c ...		210	43
" " Water Rates		5	00
" " Gas Account		477	80
" " Outstanding Debts		593	40
" " Salaries		735	35
" " Cleaning hall and room ..		81	33
" " Mortgage to Canada Life Company		550	00
" " Fuel		92	14
" " Postage		74	84
" " Printing		20	55
" " Books and Binding		119	84
" " Reunion Expenses		417	11
" in hand		142	60
		\$3855	42

Library.

The number of volumes added to the Library during the year has been	180
of which 160 were purchased, and 20 were donations.	
The total number of volumes at the date of the last Report was	2844
	3024
Deduct damaged and incomplete works	45

The number of volumes in the Library on the 1st inst. was therefore 2979
The number of volumes issued during the year was 6711, or an average daily issue of over 21 volumes.

The following gentlemen presented books to the Institute during the year: Thos. Mollwraith, Esq.,