

tions and authorized the selection of £250 worth of books. General Domville, father of the colonel, was authorized by the British War Office to make a selection of books published under their direction, and the British Museum, which is the storehouse of a vast number of duplicate books, also made a generous donation. Others also contributed. The result was the nucleus of the St. John Free Public Library. Although acting on his own initiative and conducting all the correspondence, when the books had arrived Colonel Domville established a trust placing the books he had obtained practically under the control of the Common Council of St. John which is duly recorded.\*

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proceedings, surplus copies of works of any description or new works, if they should think fit, and it is also expected that Her Majesty's Government may be found willing to so far, at least, come to our aid as to furnish copies of the Statutes, the Statistical Reports as well as all Reports of Surveys, Geological Meteorological, Marine and others published under its orders.

It would hardly be considered delicate, or within the bounds of propriety, to extend this appeal to the Government, or the scientific or literary societies and institutions in the United States; but at the same time the warm and heartfelt sympathy shewn to us after the fire, and which can never be forgotten, would induce us to suppose that we should not meet with a repulse, should we approach any of them in this matter.

\*The Trust Deed is dated December 3rd 1880, and is made by James Domville to Charles R. Ray, then Mayor of the city, and conveys the books, then under the control of James Domville, to a Board of Trustees consisting of Charles R. Ray, James Domville, A. C. Smith, William Elder and W. F. Hatheway. The trustees took over the books, and they were placed in a room in the Market building, but as there was no funds at the disposal of the trustees, and the time was not considered opportune to make a public appeal, the library was not opened. In the winter of 1883, the position of the library was laid before the Common Council and that body was asked to prepare a bill to go before the legislature to provide for the establishment of a Free Public Library in St. John.