

Board was, in the early part of the year, transferred to the Reading Room of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal, under an arrangement by which the Reading Room was enlarged and a portion set apart for this Library, with a separate entrance for the public at all hours, whereby not only enlarged accommodation for the Board was secured, and a considerable saving in its expenses effected, but additional facilities were afforded to the public for reference to it.

The specifications and drawings of the English Patent Office have been regularly received and bound; but with the exception of these, your Sub-Committee have been unable to place any additional works on their shelves, for the reasons already set forth as circumscribing the efforts of the Board.

Your Sub-Committee, desirous of having a worthy representation of the manufactures of Lower Canada at the Paris Exhibition of 1867, opened up a correspondence with the Bureau of Agriculture on the subject immediately after entering upon their duties, but was unable to take any action until the latter part of August, owing to a want of information respecting the amount to be placed at the disposal of the Board for that purpose. Notwithstanding these difficulties, your Sub-Committee have no reason to be ashamed of the collection they have made, and believe that the representation of this section of the country will not be injured by the collection now made, and awaiting transportation to Paris.

As soon as your Sub-Committee was informed that the sum of \$4000 was all that was appropriated for the purchase of manufactures, the Secretary was instructed to write to the Minister of Agriculture, and remonstrate against its insufficiency for the purpose intended.

It is to be regretted that the recommendation of your Sub-Committee's predecessors, that a joint exhibition of the products of the two sections of the country, should be held previous to the transportation of the articles to Paris, has not been acted upon; as an