

the spread of knowledge, whose contributions are mentioned in Schedule II. In other parts of the Dominion, free libraries are supported by municipal taxation, but circumstances render that difficult, if not impossible, in the province of Quebec. The Board, therefore, ventures to hope, that in view of the advantages to the public which this Institution provides, and of the limited and restricted means at its disposal, the citizens of Montreal, who already rank so high as benefactors of education, will aid in placing its Free Library upon a footing commensurate with the needs of their wealthy and cultured city.

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