

To pay off the balance of the cost of construction of the Fraser Buildings, about	\$8,000
To reduce the debt on the Institute Buildings, about.....	6,000
To increase the collection of English books, and constitute the library a circulating library, about	5,000

The Governors and the Executive Committee have given their anxious consideration to these requirements of the Institute. Sub-committees have been formed for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions from citizens interested in the establishment of a free library. A moderate proportion of the money required for the building fund has been obtained; and three gentlemen have subscribed \$500 each towards the library fund, on condition that the remainder of the \$5,000 is raised by the end of the year.

It is hoped that the citizens of Montreal will recognise the fact that an earnest effort is being made, by the governing body of the Fraser Institute, to establish in Montreal a really efficient free public library; and that the small measure of assistance which is now required to place the institution on a sound, practical, business, footing, will be cheerfully subscribed for.

J. J. C. ABBOTT,

President.

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