

That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Clergymen who have conducted Divine Service in the Institution during the year, and also to the visiting Physician, Dr. Ross, for his gratuitous services.

It was moved by Mr. Holland, seconded by Mr. Gault:—

That a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Alexander, Chairman of the Poor Relief Committee, for his long and faithful services to this Institution.

Mr. Lyman read the proposed Amendments to the By-laws as recorded in the Minute Book.

On the suggestion of Mr. Clendinneng, it was agreed to strike out the last clause in Section VIII. "of Trustees" beginning with the words "and such responsibility."

The Chairman stated that these Amendments had been considered, and approved by the Board of Management, and also by the Board of Governors at a Special Meeting called some time since to take them into consideration.

Mr. Lyman then moved their adoption as now amended, seconded by Mr. Clendinneng.

All these various motions were carried by acclamation.

The Secretary was instructed to get a number of copies of the By-laws printed by Mr. Lovell.

Mr. Alexander drew the attention of the Meeting to the necessity of continued exertions being made to have a country house erected for the reformation of boys, and wished it kept before the public mind.

The Chairman stated that a Meeting of Life and Elective Governors would be held on Wednesday next at 3 P.M., to elect the new members of the Board of Management.

The Meeting then closed.

WILLIAM MURRAY,
President.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Board of Management of the Montreal Protestant House of Industry and Refuge, presented to the Board of Governors at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, 20th April, 1870.

Your Board have the honor to lay before the Governors and Subscribers the following statement of the affairs of the Institution for the year just closed:

INMATES.

The average number of permanent inmates for the past twelve months has been 88, showing a considerable decrease on the number of last year. The number of night lodgings given in the Night Refuge has been—

Males.....	5,597
Females.....	1,743

Total.....	7,340
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Showing also a decrease of 2,390 from last year. The number of inmates in the House on the 31st March was as follows:

Permanent Males.....	39
do Females.....	25
Night Refuge Males.....	24
do Females.....	7

Total.....	95
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SOUP KITCHEN.

There is also a slight decrease in the supplies given out from this branch of our work, the quantity being this year 29,980 quarts, against 33,656 quarts last year.

POOR RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The Poor Relief Committee have met, as usual, once a week during the winter months, and every two weeks in summer; all matters relating to the internal management of the Institution coming before them, the purchase of supplies, the admission and dismissal of inmates, &c. There has been a good attendance at the meetings of this Committee, and much interest is manifested in everything pertaining to the usefulness and prosperity of the Institution.

LADIES' COMMITTEE.

The Board are happy to state that the Ladies Committee have taken much interest in the Institution, and that two of their number visit the House from month to month. Some useful suggestions they have made regarding internal arrangements have been carried out with advantage.

LABOUR.

Your Board are glad to be able to report the continued success of the kindling wood manufacture. The utmost care is taken with this branch of our work, and it affords employment, more or less, to almost every inmate. The profit realized for the year, after paying expenses, is \$750.23—nearly equal to that of last year. Considerable expense has been incurred in the erection of a large fly-wheel and saw-mill to cut up the wood into blocks for splitting. There has been more wood sold this year than last, but the expenses have been heavier. Your Board are again indebted to the Hon. John Hamilton, or valuable gifts of lumber.

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