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OF THE  
**Montreal Sailors' Institute,**  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING 31st JANUARY, 1871,  
TOGETHER WITH THE  
REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING  
AND  
LIST OF OFFICE-BEARERS.

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ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
"The Montreal Sailors' Institute,"  
MONTREAL, 25th APRIL, 1871.

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ROOMS OF THE INSTITUTE,  
283 *Commissioner Street*,  
Montreal, 25th April, 1871.

The Annual General Meeting of the Subscribers to the Montreal Sailors' Institute was held this day as above.

Mr. T. S. Brown was called to the chair.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 23rd February, 1870, which were sustained, and immediately afterward<sup>s</sup> the report of the year's operations.

It was moved by Mr. R. Muir, seconded by Mr. W. Leslie,

"That the Report now read be received and adopted, and that it be printed and circulated to the subscribers."—Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Alex. McGibbon, seconded by Mr. John Ritchie,

"That the following parties be a Committee for the purpose of carrying out the operations of this Institute, for the season of 1871, viz.:

President.

ANDREW ALLAN, Esq.

Vice-Presidents.

GEORGE MOFFATT, Esq., and JOHN McLENNAN, Esq.

Treasurer.

JOHN RANKIN, Esq.

Secretary.

P. S. ROSS, Esq.

## Committee.

Messrs. DAVID TORRANCE,  
 PETER REDPATH.  
 JOSEPH MACKAY,  
 J. P. CLARK.  
 CHAS. ALEXANDER.  
 JAMES JOHNSTON.  
 ANDREW ROBERTSON.  
 T. J. CLAXTON.  
 J. C. BECKET.

Messrs. THOS. RIMMER.  
 R. MUIR.  
 JAMES BROWN.  
 A. McGIBBON.  
 T. S. BROWN.  
 J. C. McLAREN.  
 JOHN RITCHIE.  
 W. CLENDINNING.  
 WILLIAM LESLIE.

—Carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. W. Clendinning, seconded by Mr. T. J. Claxton :

“ That the Committee of Management for the year 1871 be recommended to take steps to procure, if possible, a visitor for, and permission to visit in the Montreal General Hospital, such sailors as may be necessitated to use it; and that a small circular be prepared to distribute to the Captains on arrival, to procure information as to the men sent to the Hospital; and a record of these be kept in the Institute, with the visits made.—Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Alex. McGibbon, seconded by Mr. P. S. Ross:

“ That the following named gentlemen be a Committee for the purpose of taking steps to procure a site for a building for the use of the Institute, and also to consider of the raising of a Building Fund, viz: Messrs. Hugh Allan, Andrew Allan, George Moffatt, J. McLennan, J. Rankin, T. S. Brown, T. J. Claxton, W. Clendinning, A. McGibbon, and P. S. Ross, with power to add to their number.”—Carried.

After a few other motions of minor importance, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the meeting was closed.

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF

“THE MONTREAL SAILORS’ INSTITUTE,”

For the Year 1870.

During the past year (1870) this Institute has added largely to its formerly deserved celebrity. Owing to the Committee appointed last year being both numerous and efficient, the benevolent objects of the Institute as originated by Mr. J. P. Clark, have been zealously carried out. Various new features were introduced making it still more popular with our Seamen, and drawing forth their hearty thanks, so that as might have been expected, the attendance at the rooms was materially increased, and its Writing, Reading and Coffee tables more extensively patronized. The Rooms have been crowded night after night, on some occasions indeed uncomfortably so. As the increased attendance requires greater liberality in the supply of newspapers, books, writing-paper, envelopes, pens and light, all supplied to the men gratuitously, so the expenses have been increased in proportion. It is to be hoped the subscribers will bear this in mind. To show the increase, we give the following statistics viz.

Attendance for the year at the Rooms from the opening of the season, on the 23rd April till the close on the 14th of November was	- - -	15,470
Last year per report, it was only	- - -	8,647
Showing an increase of two thirds or	- - -	6,823 visitors.
Letters posted by the Superintendent this year		2,690
Last year only		1010.

The behaviour of the Seamen has been entirely satisfactory, and on all occasions quiet and orderly, leaving little room for improvement in this respect.

The Committee appointed by you last year divided itself into sub-Committees, on Rooms, Finance, and Sabbath services, and it may be as well to treat of these separately.

The Rooms Committee, under the active and energetic conveyance of Mr. T. S. Brown, conducted their operations with promptness and efficiency. The number of news-papers and Periodicals provided for the tables, was worthy of either the Mechanics' Institute, or the Merchants' Exchange, and Books to the value of about sixteen dollars, relating to seafaring duties, were purchased and placed at the disposal of the men.

For the particulars of these supplies, gratuitous and otherwise, and the sources from whence obtained, a glance at the accompanying list will inform the subscribers, and we are sure they will be surprised at the extent of sympathy manifested, and gratified to see how largely the men themselves have contributed of foreign matter to the tables. Some of the seamen regularly brought English news-papers, and others as occasion served. The benefactions in Papers and Magazines, have been so numerous that they cannot be named in the body of the report, but there is deserving of mention here the supply of Ice, for the season from D. Morrice, & Co.; of Stationery, to the amount of \$6.65 from Morton, Phillips & Co.; of two Chandeliers, from P. S. Ross, and a magnificent statue of a Sailor larger than life from W. H. Baldwin, ship-builder, Quebec. This latter was alluded to in the news-papers of the day as follows:—

The figure, which is of colossal and graceful proportions, projects slightly from one of the windows, and as seen from below in neat blue shirt, white pants, and waving the traditional hat as a welcome, is so natural that the gazer at once imagines that one of the real flesh and blood sailors is making a *tableaux vivant* of himself.

The attitude is finely expressive of welcome, and it seems strange that it should be so appropriately designed to convey this impression, considering that its present employment is not the purpose for which it was originally intended. A little spice of romance attaches to the figure. The Committee of the Institute, desiring to have some distinguishing sign-board, wrote down to some friends in Quebec to ascertain if they could procure a figure-head of

a vessel, and its cost. At once Mr. W. H. Baldwin made offer gratuitously of this one, and no sooner was the offer accepted [which we believe was promptly done] than, notwithstanding all the cares of his business in the construction of two large vessels, the same day he removed it to a carvers to have some repairs done to it and to put in applepie order. But for this prompt action of Mr. Baldwin's, not often manifested in charitable actions, this gifted figure would have perished in the flames that consumed so large a portion of our sister city and Mr. Baldwin's yard and contents. His generosity and large heartedness deserved immunity from loss, but we can only sympathise with him under the very heavy calamity since it did come. We believe other Quebecers, viz, Messrs Dinning & Webster, looked after its shipment, and the Richelieu Company carried it free of charge.

The sub-Committee on Rooms also inaugurated a series of concerts under control of the Committee, free of charge, the Seamen providing performers, and of these Concerts nearly a round dozen were given, the chair being generally filled by T. S. Brown, Esq. Several citizens graced the platform with their presence and addressed to the men a few words of encouragement, but there were also on several occasions a sprinkling of ladies present, wives and friends of members of Committee whose presence gave an extra stimulus to the performers and satisfaction to the audience, who feel and appreciate any marks of interest exhibited in their behalf.

When the time came round for their Annual festival, which has generally been a tea-meeting of a quiet nature, and to which the men are well accustomed, they desired on this occasion to show in some way their appreciation of the benefits they were receiving. This is a practical answer to the question, are the Sailors thankful to the subscribers *who support* the Institute. After some discussion it was resolved that they would make the festival a Concert, for the benefit of the Hospital of Montreal. As usual the Sailors with three exceptions [Messrs S. Campbell, W. L. Maltby, and C. Andrews, who kindly volunteered] provided the Musicians, and scarcely any Concert in the city of Montreal, has given as much pleasure as this. On this occasion Mr. Wm. Fortin, Boatswain of the ship Lake Michigan, seconded by Mr. Macallister, moved as follows viz:—

“ In the name and on behalf of the Sailors of vessels visiting the port of Montreal, and of those of them being here present, I beg to move a vote of thanks to the subscribers, donors, and other friends of the Montreal Sailors' Institute for their kind remembrance of us

and for the comfortable Rooms provided, and for the reading, writing, and religious facilities afforded us in them." I need not say anything to induce those on whose behalf the motion is made to give it a hearty support. Those who used the rooms know their benefits, and I say confidently that I have never seen an Institution so well conducted or so fitted to attract as that of Montreal. If the same provision were made for the welfare of Sailors in other countries, many of them would be better men than unfortunately they were. May God bless all our benefactors and I ask you fellow seamen for three rousing cheers, to show that you all second the motion. The cheers were given with a vigour that showed a full concurrence in the resolution and the Chairman said that after such a demonstration, it was unnecessary to go through the formality of putting the resolution to the meeting. The proceeds of this Concert, amounting to *ninety four* dollars, was duly handed over to the Montreal General Hospital, at the request of the Sailors.

The Rooms sub-Committee, have furnished the tables with seventeen of the current newspapers many of them daily. A list of these appears at the end of report.

The Committee regret exceedingly the uncomfortable nature of the Rooms, and earnestly beg to direct the attention of the subscribers to the absolute necessity of providing better accommodation. A new building is very much needed, and it is believed that if put up for them the Sailors would very soon provide articles sufficient to furnish a museum of foreign curiosities, a matter which would make the Institute an object of attraction to strangers visiting this city, and judging from previous liberality the Committee feel that an appeal on this behalf will be liberally met when made.

The Demand for Coffee, Bread and Butter, being 4885 Cups is a material increase amounting to 1139 over and above the number called for in 1869. This is very satisfactory, as it may be taken in the light of a guage of the temperance feeling among the men. Every cup lessening much the demand for whiskey.

The superintendent reports that the letters committed to his care to post have been this year 2690, being an increase over last year of 1010 so that more than double has been written. Many are

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posted by the writers themselves, so that this report only shews a proportion of them. Of the letters so posted (as a matter of curiosity only, and to shew the probable nationalities of the writers) reports state that 1170 went to England, 900 to Scotland, 61 to Ireland, 372 British America, 148 United States, 17 Norway, 9 Sweden, 6 Holland, 3 Denmark, 2 Cape of Good Hope, 1 Prussia, and 1 to France.

The Sub Committee has to express great satisfaction with the services of the Superintendent Mr. David Linton, which have been rendered with a hearty good will that makes it to him a labour of love, and the Committee believe that a great deal of the success of the Institute is due to the indefatigable exertions of Mr. and Mrs. Linton.

The operation of the Finance Sub-Committee now come under review. Owing to the active exertions of the Rooms Sub-Committee, the expenses of the Institute were considerably increased. The larger sale of Coffee also resulted in a greater loss viz : eighteen Dollars and eighty-five cents.

This Sub-Committee also printed a report including the Charter of the Institute and authorised the supply of fruit to the Sailors at the Concerts. It has also paid off the balance owing to Mr. J. P. Clark of \$277. 98. to which sum Mr. Clark generously reduced the amount from that of \$595. 91 as per last year's report, thus making the Institute an absolute donation of \$ 317. 93, part of the arrears of former years, as well as a subscription of 25.00 to this years' funds. With all these demands the Sub-Committee have been unable to present themselves free from debt which will be seen from the Treasurer's statement herewith, to be \$105.89, \$100 of rent due on 1st May causing the Institute to open the year with about \$ 205 of liability. The Sub Committee trusts however that the deficiency will be wiped out this year 1871, and recommend the subscribers to rally round the Institute heartily and cheerfully. There is certainly great cause of rejoicing in the amount of support given to this object. The Collectors have been Messrs. R. Muir. A. Robertson, P. S. Ross, and Superintendent.

Many of the seamen have on several occasions expressed a desire to pay something towards the expenses but the Sub-Committee have considered that it is better not to allow of this for prudential reasons.

Special thanks are due to Captain J. Wylie of the S. S. Austrian

for two collections made by him resulting altogether in \$30, which being quite voluntary on his part was extremely gratifying, the Sub-Committee would certainly feel obliged to any others who should do likewise.

The Sub-Committee on Sabbath and Religious services, convenor T. J. Claxton, Esq., has very successfully carried out its operations. The attendance of the men on Sabbath evening has not been so large as is to be desired. The conductors Messrs. Young and Ritchie are however satisfied with the attention and decorum manifested in the meetings. On several occasions some from amongst the men took part in the exercises in a strain that shewed them no strangers at a throne of grace. Bills were issued inviting the presence of the seamen and other means adopted to draw them to the services. Tracts are regularly distributed to each vessel leaving port and 18 English Bibles, 1 German, and 1 Swedish have been sold during the season of 1870, and 42 of the men induced to sign the pledge with every appearance of keeping it. A book for the enrollment of the names of intending abstainers which the men are aware of, it having been opened at the suggestion of one of themselves, is kept on the superintendent's desk. A few of the men pledge themselves only for the time they are ashore renewing the pledge, each successive return their principal aim being to have this pledge, to urge in resisting the allurements of companions when landed after a sea voyage. It will be seen therefore that here is another illustration of the advantages of the Institute. The name is prominently placed before the eyes of their mates as that of an abstainer and here at the same time is a place of resort where the individual is safe from any temptation. The Sub-Committee believe if facilities were given in the shape of a retired room where a prayer meeting could be held without interfering with the quiet of the reading-room that such would be held on week day evenings. It is to be hoped a more comfortable building will be soon placed at the disposal of the Sailors.

All respectfully submitted by

P. S. ROSS, *Secretary.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DR. "The Montreal Sailors' Institute in Account with J. P. CLARK." CR.

To Collections, \$993.19, and Ticket, 50c.,	\$993 69	By paid for Furniture, &c.,	\$ 15 50
" Balance due Treasurer,	105 89	" House Expenses, Rent, Salary, &c.,	660 86
		" Expenses attending Concerts, Annual Meeting, &c.,	36 18
		" Loss on Sale of Coffee,	18 85
		" Books and Papers, Stationery, Advertising, Printing, &c.,	90 21
		" James P. Clark, old balance reduced by him from \$591.95 to \$277.98,	277 98
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		April 22—Balance due Treasurer,	\$105 89

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FOR 1870.

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J. Rankin, . . . . .	25 00	Sutherland, Hardie & Fleming, . . . . .	5 00
P. S. Ross, . . . . .	25 00	C. H. Baldwin & Co., . . . . .	5 00
T. J. Claxton & Co., . . . . .	25 00	John C. Watson, . . . . .	5 00
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James P. Clark, . . . . .	25 00	Whitehead & Cassils, . . . . .	5 00
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David Torrance & Co., . . . . .	20 00	Robert Allan, . . . . .	5 00
Robert Muir, . . . . .	15 00	T. M. Thomson, . . . . .	5 00
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T. & F. Ross & Co., . . . . .	10 00	Winn & Holland, . . . . .	4 00
Alfred Brown, . . . . .	10 00	Mrs. Gunn, . . . . .	4 00
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Buchanan, Leckie & Co., . . . . .	10 00	J. C. Beckett, . . . . .	3 00
J. H. E. Molson, . . . . .	10 00	W. P. \$1, Rev. M. B. \$1, . . . . .	2 00
Mrs. Maguire, . . . . .	5 00		
Alex. Walker, . . . . .	5 00	Total - . . . . .	\$910 00
S. H. & J. Moss, . . . . .	5 00		
Thomas May & Co., . . . . .	5 00	Captain Wylie, 2 trips of S. S.	
H. & A. Nelson, . . . . .	5 00	Austrian, . . . . .	\$30 05
Reford, Dillon & Co., . . . . .	5 00	Morton, Phillips & Co., . . . . .	6 65
W. Glendinning, . . . . .	5 00	Commission on sale of Stamps, . . . . .	46 49
N. S. Whitney, . . . . .	5 00	Soiree Ticket, . . . . .	0 50
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Plimcell, Warnock & Co., . . . . .	5 00		
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 Montreal Gazette—1 paper from Publisher.  
 Montreal Herald—1 paper from Publisher.  
 Canada Scotsman—1 paper from Publisher.  
 Toronto Leader—1 paper from Publisher.

#### OTHER BENEFACTIONS.

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 W. H. Baldwin—Figure Head Life Size Sailor.  
 P. S. Ross—2 Coal Oil Bronze Chandeliers, and use of Albanian Stove.

#### PAPERS REGULARLY ON THE TABLES.

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Daily Herald, 1 copy.	Edinburgh Scotsman.
Daily Gazette, 1 copy.	Edinburgh Review.
Toronto, Ont.—Daily Leader, 1 copy.	Glasgow Citizen.
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