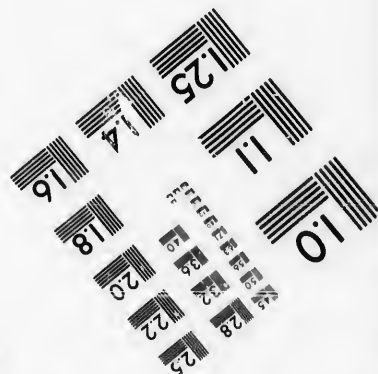
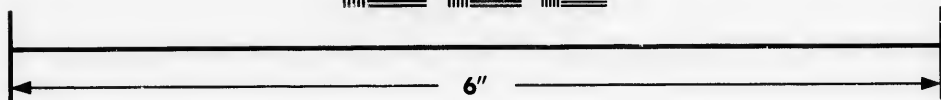
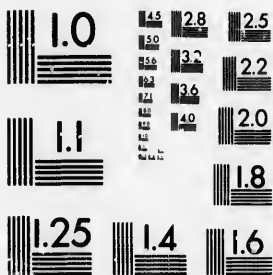


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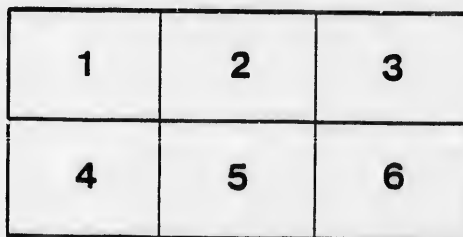
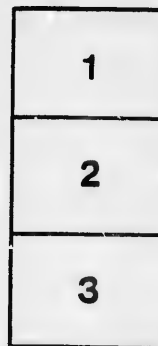
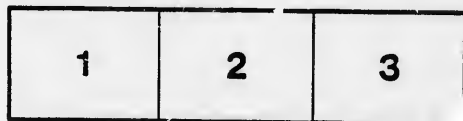
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**ACT OF INCORPORATION,**

**AS AMENDED,**

**AND**

**BYE-LAWS**

**OF THE**

**MECHANICS' INSTITUTE OF MONTREAL.**



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# ACT OF INCORPORATION.



ANNO OCTAVO VICTORIÆ REGINÆ

CAP. XCIII.

An Act to Incorporate *The Mechanics' Institute of Montreal.*

[29th March, 1845.]

**W**HEREAS an Association hath been formed in Preamble. the City of Montreal, in this Province, by divers persons engaged as Mechanics and otherwise, resident in that City and the neighbourhood thereof, under the name of *The Mechanics' Institute of Montreal*, for the purpose of forming a Library and Reading Room, and of organizing a system of instruction by means of Lectures and Classes, for the use and benefit of those who are or may hereafter become members of the said Association; And whereas the persons hereinafter named Office-bearers of the said Association, acting in behalf of the members thereof, have by their Petition to the Legislature, represented that the said Association was originally founded in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, with the object of affording instruction to its members in the principles of the Arts, and in the various branches of Science and useful knowledge, necessary or advantageous to the said Associates in their pursuits in life; And the Petitioners have further represented, that the benefits derivable from the said Association,

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would not only be secured, but be greatly enhanced, by the incorporation of the members thereof, and have prayed that they may be so incorporated; And whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petitioners, subject to the provisions and enactments hereinafter made: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled, *An Act to Re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the

Certain persons incorporated as the "Mechanics' Institute of Montreal."

same, That John Ostell, Thomas McGinn, William Footner, William Telfer, Charles Garth, Andrew Cowan, George Dickenson, John Fletcher, William M. Miln, John Lambert, John Hilton, James Morice, William Watson, Charles Shrimpton, Donald McNevan, James Turner, John George, and Joseph Busby Bronsdon, with all such other persons as now are, or, being duly competent, may hereafter be associated with them for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned, and their successors forever, shall be one Body Politic and Corporate, in deed and in name, by the name and style of *The Mechanics' Institute of Montreal*, and shall by that name have perpetual succession, and a Common Seal, and shall have power, from time to time, to alter, renew, or change such Common Seal at their pleasure, and shall by the same name, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, be able and capable to have, take, receive, purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy, to them and their successors as aforesaid, to and for the uses and purposes of the said Corporation, any messuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments of what nature, kind or quality soever, situate, lying and being within this Province, not exceeding in yearly value the sum of one thousand pounds currency,—and also to take, receive, purchase, acquire, have, hold and possess, (provided the same do not exceed a like sum in

Common Seal.

Property.



yearly value) to and for the same uses and purposes, any goods, chattels, gifts, or benefactions whatsoever, --and shall and may, by the same name, be able and capable to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, in all Courts of Law and places whatsoever, in all and singular actions, causes, pleas, suits, matters and demands whatsoever, in as large, ample and beneficial a manner and form as any other Body Politic and Corporate, or any persons able and capable in Law, may or can sue, implead, or answer, or be sued, impleaded, or answered, in any manner whatsoever.

Suing and being sued.

II. And be it enacted, That in all and every suit or suits in law, which may hereafter be instituted against the said Corporation, service of Process at the residence of the President or either of the Secretaries, shall be sufficient to compel the said Corporation to appear and plead to such suit or suits; any law, custom or usage to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding.

How process shall be served on the Corporation.

III. And be it enacted, That for the management of the affairs of the said Corporation, there shall be elected, by the Members of the said Corporation, and by a majority of the votes of the Members present at the Special or Annual Meeting provided for, the following Officers—a First Vice-president, a Second Vice-President, a Third Vice-President, a Fourth Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, and a Cabinet Keeper, and twelve other Members, who, together with the Officers hereinbefore named, shall constitute and form the General Committee of the said Corporation, and at least one half of the said General Committee shall be elected from among the operative Mechanics then Members of the Corporation.

What Officers shall be appointed.

General Committee.

IV. And be it enacted, That the Annual Meeting for the election of the said Officers and Members to compose the said General Committee of the said Corporation, shall be held at the place in which the usual meetings of the said Corporation are held, on

Annual election of Officers and Members.

Proviso.

the first Monday in November in each and every year: Provided always, that whenever the said first Monday in November shall happen on a Holiday or *Fête d'Obligation*, the said Annual Meeting shall take place in manner hereafter provided; and the said Officers and Members thereat elected, shall serve in the said offices during the year then next ensuing, and until others being elected in their stead shall enter upon the discharge of the duties of their offices as hereinafter provided; and if by reason of any matter or thing soever the election so to be had and made on the first Monday of November as aforesaid, shall be prevented, or shall not be had or made, then, and in every such case, it shall be competent to the Members of the said Corporation and their successors, or to the major part of such of them as may be present at a meeting to be called by the President or Vice-President for the time being, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, and held as soon after as shall be convenient, to proceed to and make the election of a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Librarian, and Cabinet Keeper, and twelve of the Members, who, with the Officers aforesaid, shall constitute and form the General Committee as aforesaid, and the election so made shall be as valid and effectual as if they had been made on such first Monday in November: Provided always, that the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, Librarian and Cabinet Keeper, with the twelve other Members aforesaid, to be elected at any general election of Officers under and by virtue of the provisions of this Act, shall not enter upon nor act in the discharge of their respective offices, until the Monday next ensuing after such general election.

Proviso.—  
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V. And be it enacted, That until the first election of Officers shall take place as hereinafter provided, the present Officers of the said Association shall be and continue to be the Officers of the Corporation hereby created, and that the President, or, in his absence from the City of Montreal, the First Vice-

President of the said Corporation, shall within three months after the passing of this Act, cause notice to be given to such of the Members of the said Corporation as shall be then resident in the said City of Montreal, (by public advertisement, to be published ten days at least previously in one or more newspapers at Montreal,) to meet at the place in which the usual meetings of the said Corporation are held at such time as he shall, in and by such notice, appoint; and the said Members, or the major part of such of them as shall be then present, shall at the time so appointed, proceed to the election of a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Third Vice-President, and a Fourth Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian and Cabinet Keeper, as also twelve other Members to form with the Officers aforesaid the General Committee of the said Corporation, and of such other Officers and servants as to them shall seem meet; which said Officers shall from the time of their election to their respective offices, continue therein until the First Monday of November then next ensuing, and from thenceforth until others be chosen in their places and shall enter upon the duties of their offices in the manner aforesaid.

First election.

Such Officers to continue in office until the first annual election.

VI. And be it enacted, That if at any time or times, it shall happen that any of the persons chosen to fill the said offices, respectively, or to be Members of the General Committee, shall die or be removed from the said offices, or resign, during the period for which they shall have been respectively elected, then in every such case it shall be lawful and competent for the remaining Officers and Members of the Committee, or the major part of such of them as may be present at any duly appointed meeting, to choose a Member or Members of the Corporation, to fill the office or offices so vacated or to be a Member or Members of the Committee: Provided always, that the person or persons who may be thus elected, shall retain the said office or offices, and be a Member or Members of the Committee only until the

Mode of filling casual vacancies in the offices or Committee.

Proviso.

Officer or Officers, Member or Members, in whose place he or they shall have been appointed would have gone out of office.

Who shall be Members of the Corporation.

Ordinary Members.

Corresponding Members.

Honorary Members.

How Members shall be proposed and admitted.

Three-fourths of the Members present requisite to an election. *Quorum* necessary.

VII. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall consist of an indefinite number of Ordinary, Corresponding and Honorary Members, all of whom shall be chosen according to the forms and under the restrictions and conditions hereinafter prescribed; the Ordinary Members being those who shall pay and contribute to the funds of the said Corporation, such annual subscription as may, from time to time, be enacted by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Corporation; the Corresponding Members being those who reside at a distance from the City of Montreal, but who shall have no vote at any of the meetings of the said Corporation, and shall not be eligible to any of the offices thereof; and the Honorary Members being those only who being distinguished for their scientific attainments, shall be admitted, without payment, to all the privileges enjoyed by Ordinary Members, except the right of voting at the election of the said General Committee.

VIII. And be it enacted, That all propositions for the election of New Members of the said Corporation, whether Ordinary, Corresponding or Honorary Members, shall be made in writing, at an ordinary meeting of the General Committee, by a Member thereof, and seconded, in writing, by another Member thereof; and the name of the person so proposed, together with those of the proposer and seconder, shall be placed in some conspicuous part of the room or place where the meetings of the said Corporation are usually held, and shall there remain until the next Ordinary, General, or Annual meeting of the said Corporation, at which time the election on the said proposal shall take place: Provided always, that the affirmative votes of three-fourths of the Members present at any such Meeting of the Corporation, shall be requisite for the due election of any such Member, and the *Quorum* necessary at any such meeting to render it competent to proceed to

the election of any Ordinary Member shall be ten ; for a Corresponding Member, twelve ; and for an Honorary Member, sixteen.

IX. And be it enacted, That at all Ordinary Meetings of the said General Committee, <sup>Quorum at</sup> Seven <sup>meetings of</sup> Members shall be a competent <sup>the Commit-</sup> <sup>tee or of the</sup> <sup>Corporation.</sup> Quorum to proceed to all the usual business of the said Committee, except in such cases as are herein otherwise specially provided for ; and whatever question, matter, or thing shall be proposed, discussed or considered at any such meeting, or any other meeting of the said Committee, or of the said Corporation, shall be finally determined by the majority of votes of the Members present at such meeting, except as herein otherwise provided for.

X. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation and the said General Committee of the said Corporation may hold <sup>Committee</sup> <sup>may hold</sup> <sup>extraordina-</sup> <sup>ry</sup> <sup>meetings.</sup> extraordinary meetings, to be called and summoned in such manner and form as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Corporation : <sup>Provido as to</sup> <sup>Quorum.</sup> Provided always, that such extraordinary meetings of the Corporation shall not be competent to proceed to the business to be submitted to the said meeting, unless fifteen Members thereof are present, nor such extraordinary meetings of the Committee unless there be seven Members present.

XI. And be it enacted, That the said Corporation shall, from time to time, for ever hereafter, have <sup>Corporation</sup> <sup>may make</sup> <sup>By-laws for</sup> <sup>certain pur-</sup> <sup>poses.</sup> power to make, constitute, ordain, and establish, repeal, alter or amend, such By-Laws, Rules and Regulations (not being contrary to this Act or to law) as they shall judge proper for the mode of election of the said General Committee ; for prescribing their functions and the mode of discharging the same ; for the admission of new Members ; for the government of the Officers and Members of the Corporation ; for prescribing the amount, collecting, and appointing the time of payment of the annual contributions of the Ordinary Members to the funds thereof ; for regulating the times and places, and mode of sum-

moning of the ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the said Corporation, or of the General Committee; for suspending or expelling such Members as shall neglect or refuse to comply with the By-Laws and Regulations: and generally for the managing or directing of the affairs and concerns of the said Corporation: provided always, that no such By-Law, Rule or Regulation, or any repeal, amendment or alteration thereof, shall have effect, unless the same shall have been announced and read at a meeting of the General Committee, at least fourteen days previous to its being submitted for the adoption thereof by the said Corporation, at a meeting at which at least fifteen Members shall be present, nor unless the same shall be adopted at such last mentioned meeting, by at least three-fourths of the Members then present.

Proviso—as to the mode of passing such By-Laws.

Corporation may be required to give statements of its receipts and expenditures.

Statements of its property to be laid annually before the Legislature.

Present property and liabilities of the Association transferred to the Corporation.

Members not to be individually liable.

XII. And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, or person administering the Government of the province for the time being, or for any or either Branches of the Provincial Parliament, from time to time, to require from the said Corporation, or from the General Committee thereof, true statements under oath (which oath any Justice of the Peace is hereby authorized to administer) of the receipts and expenditure of the said Corporation: and a statement of the real and personal Estate held and enjoyed by the said Corporation, shall be laid before each Branch of the Provincial Legislature, within fifteen days after the opening of each Session thereof.

XIII. And be it enacted, That the property, real and personal, now held by the Association hereby incorporated, or by any party in trust for them, shall be and is hereby vested in the said Corporation, which shall be responsible for all debts and obligations of the said Association, and may recover and enforce all claims and obligations in favour thereof.

XIV. And be it enacted, That no Member of the said Corporation, shall, in his private or natural capacity, be liable for any debt or obligation contracted by the said Corporation.

XV. And be it enacted, That nothing in the present Act contained shall affect, or be construed to affect in any manner or way whatsoever, the Rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, or of any person or persons or of any Body Politic or Corporate, such only excepted as are herein mentioned. Saving of rights not expressly affected.

XVI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall be held and considered to be a public Act, and as such be judicially taken notice of, held and considered, in all Courts of Justice, and by all Judges and Justices of the Peace, and by all others whom it may concern, without being specially pleaded. This Act to be a public Act.

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AMENDED ACT OF INCORPORATION.

23 Vic. Cap. 137.

An Act to alter and amend the Act incorporating the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal.

[March, 1860.]

WHEREAS the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal, Preamble.  
a body corporate and politic, constituted as such under and by virtue of the Act of the Legislature of this Province, passed in the Eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal," 8 Vict. c. 93 have by their petition in that behalf prayed for certain amendments in the Act relating to the said Corporation, and it is desirable to grant the prayer of the said Petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows:—

I. It shall and may be lawful for the said Corporation to have, take, receive, purchase, acquire, hold, possess and enjoy to them and their successors, to and for the uses and purposes of the said Corporation, any messuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments of what nature, kind or quality soever, situate and being within this Province, not exceeding in value the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, and also to take, receive, purchase, acquire, have, Power to hold real property and to take by bequest.

Proviso. hold and possess (provided the same do not exceed in value a like sum), to and for the same uses and purposes, any goods, chattels, gifts, benefactions or bequests whatever: Provided always that no Will shall be valid and sufficient to pass any real or personal estate to the said Corporation, unless such Will shall have been executed by the Testator six Calendar months prior to his decease.

Service of legal process on President or Secretary. II. In all or every suit or suits at Law, which may be hereafter instituted against the said Corporation, service of process upon the person of the President, or either of the Secretaries, shall be necessary to compel the said Corporation to appear and plead to such suit or suits; any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Election of Officers and General Committee. III. For the management of the affairs of the said Corporation, there shall be elected by the members of the said Corporation, and by a majority of the votes of the members present at the special or annual meetings thereof, the following officers:—a President, a Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Librarian, and a Cabinet-keeper, as also six other members, who, with the officers hereinbefore named, shall constitute and form the General Committee of the said Corporation; and at least two-thirds of the said General Committee shall be elected from among the operative mechanics or manufacturers then members of the Corporation.

Day of Annual meeting altered. IV. The Annual Meeting for the election of the said Officers and Members to compose the General Committee of the said Corporation, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be held on the first Monday in September in each and every year, instead of on the first Monday in November as before provided.

Corporation to consist of Ordinary, Annual Subscribing, Corresponding. V. The said Corporation shall consist of an indefinite number of Ordinary, Annual Subscribing, Corresponding, and Honorary Members; all of whom shall be chosen according to the forms, and under the restrictions and conditions before and hereinafter



prescribed, the Ordinary Members being those who are now Life Members of the said Corporation, or who shall hereinafter become Members for Life, and who shall pay and contribute to the Funds of the said Corporation, such a sum as may from time to time be enacted by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Corporation; the Annual Subscribing Members being those who shall pay and contribute to the Funds of the said Corporation such annual subscription as may from time to time be enacted by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the said Corporation; the Corresponding and the Honorary Members being entitled to all the privileges enjoyed by other Members, except as before excepted in the Act incorporating the said Institute.

VI. For the Election of new Members of the said Corporation, whether Ordinary, Annual Subscribing, Corresponding or Honorary Members, it shall be sufficient that the proposal be made in writing by one Member of the said Corporation, and seconded in writing by another Member thereof, at any ordinary meeting of the said Corporation, at which time the Election on the said proposal shall take place; subject always to the provisions of the eighth clause of the Act aforesaid.

VII. At all ordinary meetings of the said General Committee, five Members shall be a competent quorum to proceed to all the usual business of the said Committee, except in such cases as are otherwise specially provided for.

VIII. The said Corporation shall from time to time, forever hereafter, have power to make, constitute, ordain and establish, repeal, alter or amend By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for prescribing the amount, collecting and appointing the time of payment of the Ordinary and Annual Subscribing Members to the Funds thereof.

IX. So much of the Act aforesaid as may be inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this Act, shall be, and is hereby repealed.

X. This Act shall be held to be a Public Act.

ing, and Honorary Members.

Mode of proceeding to the election of new members.

Quorum at ordinary meetings of General Committee.

Power to make By-Laws extended.

Inconsistent provisions of 8 Vict. c. 93 repealed.

Public Act.

et-keeper, as also six other members, who, the officers hereinbefore named, shall constitute the General Committee of the said Corporation; and at least two-thirds of the said General Committee shall be elected from among the operative mechanics or manufacturers then members of the Corporation.

7. The Annual Meeting for the election of the Officers and Members to compose the General Committee of the said Corporation, shall, from and after the passing of this Act, be held on the first day in September in each and every year, instead of on the first Monday in November as before provided.

8. The said Corporation shall consist of an indefinite number of Ordinary, Annual Subscribing, Corresponding, and Honorary Members; all of whom shall be chosen according to the forms, and under the provisions and conditions before and hereinafter

subject always to the provisions of the Act as amended by the Act aforesaid.

VII. At all ordinary meetings of the said Committee, five Members shall be present to constitute a quorum to proceed to all the usual business of the said Committee, except in such cases as may be otherwise specially provided for.

VIII. The said Corporation shall from and after the date hereof forever hereafter, have power to make, ordain and establish, repeal, alter or amend, Rules and Regulations for prescribing the mode of collecting and appointing the time of holding the Ordinary and Annual Subscribing Meetings, and the Funds thereof.

IX. So much of the Act aforesaid as is inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this Act, shall be, and is hereby repealed.

X. This Act shall be held to be a Public Act.

# BY-LAWS, RULES & REGULATIONS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

Officers, Members, and Affairs of the Mechanics' Institute of Montreal

Amended and Passed 22nd October, 1860.

Object. I. The object of the Institute is to afford to its Members instruction in the principles of the Arts, and in the various branches of Science and useful knowledge, necessary or advantageous to them in their pursuits in life, by means of a Library, a Reading Room, Lectures and Classes.

## Classification of Membership.

Ordinary Members.

II. Ordinary Members are those who are now Life Members of the Institute, or who shall hereafter become Life Members, either by a cash payment of Twenty Dollars, or by giving Books or other articles available for the purposes of the Institute, of the value of Thirty Dollars.

Annual Subscribing Members.

III. *Annual Subscribing Members* shall be those who shall pay and contribute to the funds of the Institute the Annual Subscription hereinafter prescribed.

Junior Members.

IV. Apprentices and youths under eighteen years of age, elected annual Subscribing Members, shall be styled *Junior Members*, and shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting, nor be eligible to office.

Corresponding Members.

V. *Corresponding Members*.—Persons residing at a distance from the City of Montreal

may be elected Corresponding Members, and shall on the occasion of any visit to Montreal, enjoy and possess all the privileges of other Members, except those of voting and holding office.

VI. *Honorary Members* shall enjoy and possess all the privileges enjoyed by other Members, except the right of voting at the election of the General Committee. Honorary Members.

#### Admission of Members.

VII. All persons shall be proposed and elected Members of the different classes in the manner prescribed by the 6th Section of the Act, 23 Vict. cap. 137, amending the Act Incorporating the Institute, subject, however, to the provisions of the 8th section of the original Act, 8th Vict. cap. 93. And all propositions for the election of Members shall be made in writing, and shall contain the full name, occupation and address of the person proposed. Election of Members.

VIII. Persons elected Members shall sign a declaration to the effect that they will keep and observe the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Institute. Persons elected to sign Declaration.

IX. No Member shall be admitted to the rooms or meetings of the Institute, unless he produce his card, if required. Members to produce cards if required.

X. A Register of Members shall be kept by the Recording Secretary, who shall cause a list of all the Members qualified to vote, or to hold office, to be placed in some conspicuous part of the Reading Room, for at least eight days previous to each Annual Meeting. Register of Members to be kept by Recording Secretary.

XI. Any Member may resign by sending his resignation, in writing, to either of the Secre- Resignation of Members.

taries ; but if such Member owe any subscription, or fine, or have any Book in his possession, his resignation shall not have any effect until he shall pay, or return the same.

Members  
violating By-  
Laws.

XII. Any Member who shall violate any of the By-Laws of the Institute, or any of the Rules and Regulations made by the General Committee for the management of the Library, Reading Room, Lectures, or Classes, or shall refuse to pay his subscription within three months after the same becomes payable, shall be liable to be fined in a sum not exceeding five shillings, or to be suspended or expelled upon motion made and passed at any meeting of the General Committee, by a majority of two-thirds of the Members present thereat.

How to be  
punished.

#### Annual Subscription.

Annual Con-  
tribution or  
Subscription

XIII. The Annual Contribution or subscription payable by annual subscribing Members shall be, by Master Mechanics, Merchants and Gentlemen, Fifteen Shillings ; by Journeymen Mechanics and Clerks, Ten Shillings ; and by Junior Members, Five Shillings currency.

Annual Sub-  
scription.

XIV. The Annual Subscription shall be payable on the first day of August in each year. Persons elected Members after that day in any year shall pay the subscription due on the said day ; but persons elected after the first day of February in any year, shall only pay one-half the amount thereof as their subscription, up to the first day of August then next. And that in order to entitle a Member to vote for the election of Officebearers, or be eligible for office for the current year, his subscription must be paid on or before the 22nd August.

When pay-  
able.

### Election of Office-bearers.

XV. The Annual Meeting for the election of Officers and Members to compose the General Committee, shall be held on the first Monday (not being a Holiday or Fête d'Obli-<sup>Annual Meeting.</sup>gation) in September, in each year; and notice of the said meeting shall be given by advertisement, to be published in one or more newspapers, for at least six days previous to the day of meeting.

XVI. Previous to the election, the President shall appoint three Members, not being Mem-<sup>Scrutineers to be appointed.</sup>bers of the General Committee, to act as Scrutineers thereat.

XVII. The Officers and Members to compose the General Committee shall be elected by Ballot in manner following:—Each of the members present, qualified to vote, shall write upon a slip of paper the name of the person he may desire to vote for as President, which slip of paper he shall deliver to the President, who shall, in his presence, deposit the same in the ballot box, and the President, having ascertained that all the members present wishing to vote have done so, shall declare the Ballot to be closed; and the Scrutineers shall forthwith proceed to ascertain the number of votes given for each person, and also the total number of votes recorded, and to report the same in writing to the President, who shall announce the same to the meeting; and if any person has received an absolute majority of all the votes given, he shall be held and declared to be duly elected, but if no person has received an absolute majority of the votes given, a further ballot or ballots shall take place until an

Election of Officers and Members of General Committee.

election is made. And a President having been elected, the meeting shall proceed in like manner to the election of each of the other Officers, and then to that of six Members to compose, with the said officers, the General Committee.

### Duties of Officers, &c.

Duties of the President. XVIII. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Institute, or of the General Committee, maintain order thereat, call name Sub-Committees, and in case of an equal division on any question, give the casting vote.

Duties of Vice-President. XIX. In case of the absence of the President from any meeting, the Vice President shall take the chair; and in the absence of both these officers the meeting shall choose a President *pro tempore*, and such President *pro tempore*, shall, for the time being, have and exercise all the authority and powers of the President.

Duties of Corresponding Secy. XX. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the Correspondence of the Institute, keeping and entering copies of all letters written by him in a book to be provided for that purpose.

Duties of Recording Secy. XXI. The Recording Secretary, who shall have the custody of the Common Seal, shall issue all notices relative to meetings of the Institute or of the General Committee, accurately and at large record the proceedings thereof in books to be kept for that purpose, sign all certificates of membership, receive all monies from members, and pay the same to the Treasurer, taking receipts therefor.

Absence of Secretaries provided for. XXII. In the absence of either of the Secretaries, the other shall perform his duties. In the absence of both, the President shall appoint

a Corresponding or a Recording Secretary, or both, *pro tempore*.

XXIII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all monies and hold the same, subject to the order of the General Committee; he shall not pay away any sum of money without first receiving an order therefor, signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and shall keep an account book, entering therein his receipts and disbursements, which book shall be laid before the General Committee at each meeting.

Duties of Treasurer.

XXIV. Whenever the monies in the Treasurer's hands shall amount to, or exceed the sum of Twenty-five Pounds currency, he shall forthwith deposit the same in the name of the Institute with some Banking Institution to be designated by the General Committee, and such Institution shall be instructed by it not to pay any sum of money on account of the Institute, unless upon cheques signed by the President, the Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

Funds.

XXV. The Librarian shall see that the books, Periodicals, and like articles in the Reading Room and Library are kept in good order, and properly arranged, and shall make and keep catalogues of the books in the Library in such form as may be ordered.

Duties of Librarian.

XXVI. The Cabinet keeper shall have the charge and arrangement of the museum, and shall keep a correct list of all articles of value, interest or curiosity therein contained. He shall see that all articles are properly labelled, and that the names of all donors to the museum are enrolled in a book to be kept by him for that purpose.

Duties of Cabinet Keeper.



Books and  
Papers to be  
produced  
when re-  
quired.

XXVII. The Secretaries, Treasurer, Librarian, and Cabinet keeper shall, whenever required, lay before any meeting, all books, papers and documents kept by them or in their possession.

Duties and  
powers of  
General  
Committee.

XXVIII. The General Committee, shall have the management of the affairs and business of the Institute, the care, superintendence, and control of its property and funds; shall have power to purchase, subscribe, and pay for books, periodicals, newspapers, maps, drawings, models, instruments, furniture, and all other necessary articles; to lease and pay for premises, to employ and pay a Superintendent and other servants; to procure Lectures to be delivered, to establish classes, to pay Lecturers and Teachers; to make Rules and Regulations for the management of the Library, Reading Room, Lectures and Classes, or any of them; to fine, suspend, or expel members violating any such rules or regulations: and shall have full power to execute any measures designed to promote the object of the Institute.

Sub-Com-  
mittees to be  
appointed.

XXIX. At the first meeting of the General Committee, held after the election in each year, Sub-Committees shall be appointed for the management of the Library, Reading Room, Lectures, Classes, Finances, Premises, and Membership, which Committees shall keep minutes of their proceedings and lay the same before the General Committee; but no such Committee shall incur any liability or purchase any article, without the previous sanction of the General Committee.

Annual Re-  
port to be  
made.

XXX. The General Committee shall lay before the Annual Meeting, in each year, a

Report on the affairs of the Institute containing the following, amongst other particulars :

*a.* The number of Members at the date of the previous Report.

*b.* The number of persons who have since that date ceased to be members.

*c.* The number of persons elected members during the preceding year.

*d.* The total number of members at the date of the Report.

*e.* The number of volumes added to the Library during the year, and the total number of volumes belonging to it at the date of the Report.

*f.* The number of issues of volumes during the preceding year.

*g.* A list of the newspapers and magazines received in the Reading Room.

*h.* A list of the lectures delivered during the year, showing the names of the lecturers and their subjects.

*i.* A list of the classes formed, the subjects taught in them, and the attendance on each.

*j.* A list of all donations received during the year.

XXXI. The General Committee shall also lay before the Annual Meeting, in each year, a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements during the preceding year, and of the liabilities and assets of the Institute at the date of the statement. Financial Statement.

#### Meetings.

XXXII. Ordinary General Meetings shall be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Ordinary General Meetings.

Extraordin-  
ary General  
Meetings.

XXXIII. Extraordinary General Meetings of the Institute may be called, upon the requisition, in writing, of fifteen members, or five members of the General Committee. All requisitions to contain a statement of the business it is intended to bring before such meetings.

Committee  
Meetings.

XXXIV. Ordinary Meetings of the General Committee shall be held on the second and fourth Mondays in each month, which meetings may adjourn unto another day. Extraordinary Meetings of the Committee may be called by the President at any time.

Quorum at  
General  
Meetings.

XXXV. At all Ordinary General Meetings, ten Members, and at Extraordinary General Meetings, fifteen Members shall be a *quorum* competent for the transaction of any business, except the Election of Corresponding and Honorary Members, the *quorum* requisite for the election of which is twelve and sixteen members respectively.

Quorum at  
Committee  
Meetings.

XXXVI. At all meetings of the General Committee five members shall be a quorum, competent for the transaction of business.

Hour of  
Meeting.

XXXVII. At all meetings either of the Institute or of the General Committee the Chair shall be taken at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

Questions,  
how to be  
decided.

XXXVIII. All questions, matters, and things, (except the adoption of By-Laws,) which shall be proposed, discussed, or considered at any General or Committee Meeting shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present. And all voting shall be by show of hands, but if at any General Meeting, it appears doubtful to any three members upon which side the majority is, tel-

lers shall be appointed, and a division take place, and the report of the Tellers as to the number on each side shall be conclusive.

XXXIX. The following shall be the order of proceeding at all General and Committee Meetings :—

Order of proceeding at Meeting.

1. Reading and adoption with or without amendment of the minutes of the previous Meeting.
2. Reading and consideration of letters and communications.
3. Reading and consideration of reports of Committees.
4. Reading proposals for, or new Election of, members.
5. Election of Office bearers at Annual Meeting.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Motions and Notices.

XL. The following Rules of Order shall be observed at General and Committee Meetings.

Rules of Order.

1. All motions shall be given in writing, with the names of the movers and seconders, to the Recording Secretary, and shall be read by the President.
2. No discussion shall be allowed upon any motion until it shall have been seconded, and been read by the President.
3. No Member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same question, nor longer than ten minutes on each occasion unless by leave of the President.
4. When there is a motion before the Meeting undetermined, no other motion shall be

received, unless it be a motion to adjourn, to postpone the consideration of the subject, or to amend the original motion.

5. A motion to adjourn, which shall always be in order, shall be decided without debate.

6. When there is more than one motion in amendment proposed, each of them shall be taken to be proposed in amendment of the last preceding one, and the question shall be taken on each, beginning with the one made last.

7. No discussion of a political or religious nature shall be allowed.

8. No motion for the reconsideration of a question decided shall be entertained, unless notice of such motion shall have been given at the meeting previous to which it is made, except by permission of the President and of the mover or seconder of the original motion.

9. No member of the General Committee shall retire from any meeting thereof, without obtaining the permission of the President.

#### By-Laws.

By-Laws  
passing of.

XLI. All By-Laws in force are hereby repealed, and no By-Law shall hereafter be submitted to any General Meeting for adoption, unless a copy thereof, together with a notice, that it is intended to submit the said By-Law to the said meeting for adoption, shall have been placed in some conspicuous part of the Reading Room for at least eight days previous to the day on which such meeting shall be held.

