

"Education begins the gentleman; but reading, good company and reflection must finish him."—LOCKE.

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OF THE

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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

For the Year 1879.

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GEORGE SHARP, Esq.

Vice-President :

GEORGE ROACH, Esq.

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WILLIAM LEITH,
ANGUS SUTHERLAND,
ISAAC B. McQUESTEN,

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GEO. E. TUCKETT,
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GEORGE DICKSON,

W. L. BILLINGS, M. D.

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I. B. McQUESTEN,

GEORGE DICKSON,
GEO. E. TUCKETT,

FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Members of the Hamilton and Gore Mechanics' Institute:—

Whilst rendering their annual statements and accounts, the Board of Directors have much pleasure in reporting a steady progress towards an improved condition of matters, so far as the interests of the Institute are concerned, than existed at the date of the last report. Although this improvement is small, yet, when we consider the depressed state of trade in the Dominion, which has caused other Institutes to fall behind both in income and number of members, we have great reason for congratulation.

The Directors also notice with pleasure the increased use of the advantages offered both in the reading-room and library, now made by all classes of the public. The number of members has increased from 1006 to 1047, and we have reason to believe that as regards membership and attendance, it is one of the most popular Institutes in the Dominion.

THE LIBRARY.

This important branch of the Institute has been a special object of care with the Board. During the present month the usual annual examination has been made, and we are pleased to be able to report that, although nearly 29,000 volumes have been issued during the year, but a very few volumes have been lost. The very complete system adopted two years ago for recording the issue and return of books has tended greatly towards this favorable result. During the year 340 volumes have been added, including some very valuable works in the different departments of literature. The Directors have also much pleasure in reporting that there has been an increased demand for books of a better class.

THE HALL.

Your Board have to report that, although the Hall Committee have been able to bring to Hamilton during the past season a larger number of good combinations than ever visited the city in any previous season, yet from the continued depression of trade, and the universal system of playing combinations for a percentage of the receipts, we have to report a falling off in this important source of revenue. With an improved state of business in the county, we hope to be able to report an increased revenue from this source.

EVENING CLASSES.

Your Board have much pleasure in reporting that the series of evening classes have been continued during the past winter with success. As many pupils were received as the rooms were able to accommodate. Classes were formed in book-keeping, writing and arithmetic. The attendance was good, and the improvement made by the pupils reflects great credit upon Messrs. Ballard and Sutherland, of the Collegiate Institute, to whose care they were entrusted.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Board have to lament the loss by death of our late worthy President, John R. Holden, Esq.; also one of the Directors, Kenny Fitzpatrick, Esq. Both gentlemen have for a number of years been zealous supporters of the Institute, and have devoted a large amount of time and ability to its interests.

J. KNEESHAW,
Secretary.

GEORGE SHARP,
Vice-President.

Statement of the Hamilton and Gore Mechanics' Institute for the Year Ending May 1st, 1879.

To Balance cash on hand.....	\$ 748 10		
" hall rent.....	\$2628 03		
" shop rent.....	815 00—		
" members' subscriptions.....	3443 03		
" Government grant.....	1485 00		
" evening class fees.....	400 00		
" sales old papers.....	73 75		
" extra books issued.....	11 25		
" sale of catalogues.....	18 40		
" Discounts.....	16 20		
	500 00		
			\$ 748 10
By interest on mortgage.....		\$ 1200 00	
" bank.....		155 67—	\$ 1355 67
" salaries.....			1395 92
" gas and fuel.....			1006 85
" evening classes under statute.....		147 71	
" book account.....		344 82	
" reading room.....		120 00	
" Ass'n of Mech. Ins.....		20 00—	632 53
" book account, novels.....		126 98	
" newspapers and magazines.....		229 13—	356 11
" insurance.....			116 10
" printing, binding and stationery...			252 35
" hall license.....			60 00
" expense acct., cleaning & sundries			212 17
" building and repairs.....			1016 65
" balance cash on hand.....			291 38
			\$6695 73

BALANCE SHEET.

To mortgage.....	\$15000 00		
" bills payable.....	1800 00		
" sundries.....	964 34		
" balance.....	30527 04		
			\$48291 38
By real estate and buildings.....		\$ 40000 00	
" library and furniture.....		8000 00	
" cash on hand.....		291 38	
			\$48291 38
" balance P. and L.....		\$ 30527 04	

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AUDITOR'S REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Hamilton and Gore Mechanics' Institute.

GENTLEMEN.—We have examined the statements of receipts and expenditures of the Institute for the year, from 1st May, 1878, to 30th April 1879, comparing them with the vouchers, and find the same correct.

J. H. SMITH,

Auditor for the Government.

Hamilton, May 23, 1879.

J. BOWES.

JNO. G. BOWES.

NEWSPAPERS.

Supplied gratuitously from their respective offices and agents.

Barrie Weekly Examiner.	Hamilton Daily Times.
Berlin " Telegraph.	Paris Transcript.
Caledonia Weekly Sachem.	Paris Weekly Star.
Dundas " Banner.	Peterborough Examiner.
" " Standard.	Woodstock Weekly Sentinel.
Haldimand " Advocate.	" " Times.
Toronto " New Dominion.	St. Thomas Journal.
London " Iron.	Toronto Daily Globe.
Milton " Champion.	Toronto Daily Mail
Halton " News.	Cobourg Star.
Hamilton Daily Spectator.	East Kent Plaindealer.

The Toronto Christian Guardian, presented by John Calvert, Esq.

The Canada Gazette, presented by Hon. H. B. Bull.

The Ontario Gazette, " " J. M. Williams, M. P. P.

The following Periodicals are purchased and placed on the table:—

CANADIAN.

Montreal Daily Herald.	Toronto Daily Mail.
" " Gazette.	" " Globe.
" Illustrated News.	Hamilton Daily Times.
Toronto Monetary Times.	" " Spectator.

AMERICAN.

New York Daily Tribune.	New York Scientific American.
" " Herald.	" " Supplement.
" Harper's Illustrated.	Chicago Tribune.
" Leslie's "	Buffalo Commercial Advertiser.
" Daily Graphic.	

BRITISH PAPERS.

London Daily Times.	London Army & Navy Gazette.
" Weekly Dispatch.	Glasgow Herald.
North Devon Journal.	Dublin Warder.
Manchester Weekly Courier.	London Punch.
London Field.	Bell's Life in London.
" Engineer.	Illustrated London News.
" Engineering.	" " Graphic.
" Athenæum.	Inverness Courier.
" Saturday Review.	

MAGAZINES.

Atlantic Monthly.	Sunday at Home.
Argosy Magazine.	Harper's Magazine.
American Agriculturalist.	Littell's Living Age.
Blackwood's Magazine.	London Society.
Rose-Belford's Magazine.	London Lancet.
Canadian Entomologist.	Manufacturer and Builder.
Chamber's Journal.	Edinburgh Review.
Cornhill Magazine.	Westminster Review.
Good Words.	Scribner's Magazine.
Leisure Hour.	Popular Science Monthly.

LIBRARY MEMO.

Number of Books in Library at date of last Report.....	6,351
Added during the year by purchase.....	340
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	6,691
From which deduct worn out and lost.....	56

Total Volumes in Library at this date..... 6,635

Number of Volumes issued during the year, 28,430, an average daily issue of over 95 volumes.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN EACH CLASS CIRCULATED DURING THE YEAR.

History.....	1,457
Voyages and Travels.....	1,828
Biography.....	720
Works of Reference.....	472
Miscellaneous.....	1,511
Essays.....	261
Periodical Literature.....	835
Popular Science.....	873
Mechanics.....	281
Religious.....	206
Poetry.....	321
Fiction.....	19,665

Total..... 28,430

MEMBERSHIP.

The total number of Members returned in last Report.....	1,006
New Members admitted during the year.....	177
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	1,183
From which deduct deaths, removals, withdrawals, and in arrear....	136

Total number on Roll at this date..... 1,047

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

Honorary and Free Members.....	45
Ordinary Members.....	497
Mechanics.....	245
Ladies.....	134
Youths.....	126
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	1,047

ANNUAL MEETING.

Friday Evening, May 31, 1879.

In the absence of the Vice-President, Dr. BILLINGS was called upon to act as Chairman.

The Annual Report was read by the Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN moved, seconded by Mr. SUTHERLAND, the adoption of the report, which was carried, the Secretary being ordered to get the usual number of copies printed.

The election of Directors was then taken up, when the following gentlemen were elected, on motion of Mr. WRIGHT, seconded by Mr. LAVEN :—

President—George Sharp.

Vice-President—George Roach.

Directors—John A. Bruce, William Leith, Angus Sutherland, Isaac B. McQuesten, Andrew T. Wood, W. L. Billings, M. D., G. E. Tuckett, J. Moodie and G. Dickson.

Mr. ROACH moved, seconded by Mr. SUTHERLAND, that Messrs. John Bowes and J. G. Bowes be appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.—Carried.

Mr. MCQUESTEN moved, seconded by Mr. LEITH, that a vote of thanks be passed to the various publishers who have kindly supplied papers gratis during the year.—Carried.

On motion of Mr. LEITH, seconded by Mr. SUTHERLAND, a vote of thanks was returned to the auditors for the past year.

Mr. SUTHERLAND moved a vote of thanks to the Superintendent. He thought they had reason to congratulate the members on the good financial position of the Institute, the principal credit being due to Mr. Kneeshaw.

Mr. ROACH said he agreed with the previous speaker's remarks, and thought that the Institute was fortunate in having such a manager. Mr. Smith, the Government Inspector, had expressed himself as highly pleased with the state of the Institute and its management.

The resolution was then carried.

Mr. KNEESHAW returned his thanks, and said he had received great assistance from the members of the Board.

Mr. ROACH returned thanks for the election of himself and Mr. Sharp as President and Vice-President.

A vote of thanks was then tendered to Dr. Billings, and the meeting separated.