



THIRTY-SIXTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Toronto Mechanics' Institute,

WITH AN

ABSTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE .

ANNUAL MEETING, 13th MAY, 1867.

TORONTO:

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SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE PAST YEAR,

1. FINANCE.

J. J. WITHROW, 1st V.P., DANIEL SERY, Chairman, WM. Edwards, Treasurer, F. W. Coate, HENRY LANGLEY, JEREMIAH CARTY 2. LIBRARY. W. H. SHEPPARD, Chairman, RICHARD LEWIS, HENRY E. CLARK, BENJAMIN LANGLEY, WM. HAMILTON, JR., JOHN COWAN,

W. A. Foster. 3. LECTURE.

W P. MARSTON, Chairman, RICHARD LEWIS, W. P. MARSTON, *J. H. BIGHEY, GEODGE CARROLL, *WM. HALLEY,

1. The Finance Committee also acts as a Ruilding and Letting Rooms Committee

2. The Library Committee has charge of the Classes also.

3. The Lecture Committee has charge of all Entertainments

* On the decease of Mr. J. H. Richey, Mr. Wm. Halley was appointed his successor.

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The Annual Report of Secretary, and on the m seconded by Mr. F. A. and adopted.

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Toronto Mechanics' Institute.

ANNUAL MEETING, 1867.

The Annual Meeting was held in the Lecure Room on Monday Evening, 13th May; J.J. Withrow First Vice-President occupied the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Annual Report was then read by the Secretary, and on the motion of Mr. Halley, seconded by Mr. F. A. Rattray, was received and adopted.

Messrs. Murray, Cowan, and Anderson were appointed by the Chairman to act as scrutineers of the ballot.

It was moved by Mr. Dawbarn, and seconded by Mr. Robt. Maitland, that the Board of Directors be requested to cause a thorough canvass of the City, for the purpose of augmenting the membership .-- Carried.

Mr. Ince gave notice that he would move at the next quarterly meeting, that such

alterations be made in the By-laws as shall in future dispense with election for memberships.

The Chairman then declared the following Officers elected, there being no opposition :---

JOHN J. WITHROW, President. W. P. MARSTON, 1st Vice-President. H. E. CLARKE, 2nd The scrutineers reported the following .

Directors elected ;-

F. W. CUMBERLAND,

D. SPRY,

H. LANGLEY,

J. CARTY,

W. H. SHEPPARD, F. W. COATE, X

JOHN DOWNEY. The meeting then adjourned.

JOHN MOSS,

WM. HALLEY,

W. S. LEE.

ROBT. WILKES,

THOS. MCCROSSON,

Secretary.

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Toronto, 13th May, 1867.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1867.

Your Directors, in retiring from office at this, the close of the Institute year, and in accordance with its by-laws, beg to present to the members the following Report of their proceedings, and of the present position of the Institute.

Their predecessors, in the last Annual Report, went so fully into tabular comparisons of the past with previous years, that it is not now necessary to pursue that course, any further than to compare the present results with those of 1866.

The property held by the Institute is estimated at the same value as at the close of the past year—the additions made to the number of books in the library, and the fitting up of the large class room, since the date of last report, being considered by your Directors as fully equivalent to the loss by ordinary wear and tear of the building and furniture. Full details of the assets and liabilities will be found in appendix A to this report.

THE MEMBERSHIP.

During the year there has been but a slight increase in the membership of the Institute ; but in anticipation of the probable increase of population, consequent upon the establishment of the Local Government in Toronto, and by devoting more earnest attention to this important department, it is believed that a much larger increase may be secured during the ensuing year. The number of members at the date of last Report was.....

Subscribers..... Honorary Members...... Life Members.....

Making a total of..... From which deduct—by deaths, removals and withdrawals..... Leaving New Members and Subscribers admitted during the year..... Total Classified thus— Life Members..... Honorary Members.....

Members. Subscribers Total

THE FINANCES.

The Treasurer's statement, as audited and published in detail in Appendix B shows total receipts for the year \$7,478 31; expenditure, \$7,251 87; balance in hand \$226 64.

Your Directors had hopes of being in a position to have reduced the mortgage dek on the building during the year. The fact of the floating debt, of some \$4,000, having been paid off during the previous five years of occupation, led them to anticipate a proportionate success in the reduction of the larger debt alluded to. Various causes have tended to disappoint them in their expects tions, some of which will be apparent of perusal of the subsequent clauses of this Report.

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at the date of the last annual report was..... Added during the year by purchase

Bound up from Reading-Room ...

Total..... Lost and worn out during the year

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	1866.	1857.	1866.	1867.
Biography	581	587	1125	871
History	649	657	876	714
Miseellaneous	561	377	1165	1012
Novels and tales	1991	2170	20234	19001
Poetry & the Drama	233	235	681	510
PeriodicalLiterature	1043	1110	2177	3331
Science and Art	577	590	767	585
ReligiousLiterature	256	163	377	252
Voyages & Travels	498	503	676	1045
Illustrated Works	214	221		
Library of Refe'nce	455	458		

Kon Directors cannot but express their regret that the larger proportion of issues, upwards of two-thirds of the whole, continues to be in the department of "Novels and Tales." Notwithstanding that many of these are works of a standard or instructive character for this class of publications, it yet indicates that sufficient attention is not given to the more practical and useful works contained in the library.

Next to Novels and Tales, and in the following order, the issues were respectively in Biography, Periodical Literature, History, Science and Art, Poetry and the Drama, Voyages and Travels, Religion, and Miscellaneous Works.

Your Directors would earnestly and es pecially urge the younger members of the Institute, upon whose present conduct in life, and course of reading and studies depends so much their future success, to avoid at least the lighter department of Fiction,

and study such works as shall fit them for the sterner and more practical duties of life.

The issue of a number of copies of the standard Reviews and Magazines, at a charge of two cents per day, each, has been successfully continued during the year. The project which originated with their predecessors, of opening a "Ladies' Reading-Room," has not yet been accomplished, owing to the want of a proper room for the purpose not being at the disposal of your Directors.

THE EVENING CLASSES.

The importance of this department of the operations of the Institute was so fully dwelt upon in the report of last year, and again in the report presented at the public awarding of Prizes during the past month, that it is scarcely necessary to enter into any lengthened remarks on this occasion. Your directors caunot, however, refrain from urging upon parents and employers of youth engaged in business, the duty of both morally and practically supporting so efficient and economical a means of instruction as the Institute thus supplies. It is not while boys are attending school, as a general rule, that the importance of sound and useful instruction is impressed upon their minds; and were it otherwise, there are many branches of study necessary for the mechanic and practical man, that the ordinary schools of the country afford no means of becoming acquainted with. The actual requirements of business bring these studies home to the minds of the thoughtful, and the Institute secures competent teachers, and furnishes all the other necessary facilities for the acquirement of such instruction; and blind indeed to their interests must be the youths, and the parents and employers of such, who need instruction and yet fail to avail themselves of it when so liberally offered. Were the leading Mechanics and Manufacturers to follow the generous example of the Directors of the Northern Railroad, this department of the Institute might constitute it a "People's College" -a pride to our Mechanics and an honor to our Metropolitan city.

The following classes were organized on the 15th of October, and closed by examina-

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tions on the 18th of March last-a term of five months :---

Subjects.	Teachers.	No. of p 1865-6 1	upils
Bookkeeping and			300-1
Penmanship Mr.	J. D. Odell	61	75
Arithmetic and			
Mathematics Mr.	Henry Brown	20	- 36
Architectural and	-		
Mechanical draw-			1
ing Mr.	James Smith	16	11
Ornamental Draw			
ingMr.	Richard Baiger	at., 15	14
French Mor	isieur E. Pern	et 16	16
Elocution & Pho-			
ography Mr.	Richard Lewis	53	20
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Totals	••••••	181	172

The following is the list of examiners, and the prizes awarded, in the respective classes :

BOOM-KEEPING.—Examiners, Messrs. A. Gemmel and John Cowan—1st prize, James Bain; 2nd do., J. D. Robinson; 3rd do., P. McGregor.

PENMANSHIP.—Examiners, Messrs. A. Gemmel and John Cowau—1st prize R. W. Foster; 2nd do., George Brent; 3rd do., Wm. Rennie.

ARITHMETIC AND MATHEMATICS.—Examiners, Messrs. J. Brown, M. A., and A. McMurchy, B. A.—1st prize, G. W. Hodgetts; 2nd do., E. Burke.

ARCHITECTURAL AND MECHANICAL DRAW-ING.—Examiner, Mr. Kivas Tully—1s prize, W. Wallace ; 2nd do., G. Anderson ; 3rd do., George Roberts.

ORNAMENTAL DRAWING,-Examiners, Mr. Kivas Tully and Miss Sutherland-1st prize, Annie Webster; 2nd do., E. Dack; 3rd do., J. Pollock.

FRENCH.—Examiner, Dr. Campbell—1st prize, S. S. Stephenson ; 2nd do., G. Hume.

The receipts and expenditure connected with the classes have been as follows :---

Dr.—Amount received from pupils, other than apprentices of N. R.

CrPaid teachers	29/19	.00	\$536	50
" Printing and adver-				
tising	20	00		
" Gas and heating " Prizes	44			
"Fitting up class	4.1	00		
rcom	108	85		
			\$585	85

Balance over-expended...

\$49 35

Although the foregoing accounts show a deficit of \$49.35 against the classes for the past session, they are not fairly chargeable with that balance; as included in the expenditure, is the sum of \$108.85 for permanent fittings for class-room, a proportion of which should be chargeable against class expenses of future years.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

• From various causes, not necessary to be discussed in this report, the profits arising from the several entertainments have been much less than for the previous year. The total receipts from this source of revenue for the year ended May, 1866, were \$5,095 42; expenditure \$3,715 37; profits \$1,580 05. The total receipts for the year just closed have been \$3,279 31; expenditure \$2,950 C4; profits \$329 27; or \$1,050 78 less profits than for the previous year.

Classifying the various kinds of entertainments, the following are the results :--

R	eceipts	. E	xpenditr	
Four Oratorios	\$673	22	\$494	96
Five Operatic Concerts.	613	62	528	40
Nine Concerts and Re- unions	000	00	010	0.74
Three Glee Club Con-	920	00	916	07
certs	127	07	123	01
Mr. Vandenhoff's Read-			,	
ings	573	65	503	26
Mr. Pope's and Mr 'Tav-				
erner's Readings	49	12	87	51
One Excursion	322	00	296	20
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THE EXHIBITION

The seventh exhibition in connection with the Institute was opened on Wednesday, the 20th of March, and closed on Wednesday, the 3rd of April-being open altogether thirteen days. The total receipts (at 10 cents each admission) were \$627 10; expenses \$465 97; leaving a balance of profit to the Institute of \$161 13: or less than the profits on the exhibition of 1866 by \$190 00, and of the previous year by \$34 38. These results for the present year were to a great extent owing to the very unfavor able state of the weather during the earlier days of the exhibition; and in part from the fact of the novelty of these exhibitions having to a certain extent passed away.

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Although scarcely any of the articles exhibited had been shown before, yet the committee of management in their report to the board, say :- "They have grave "doubts as to the propriety of attempting to "continue these exhibitions annually-" certainly not, unless they can be more "varied in their several features from year "to year, than has been the case so far. "These exhibitions have, undoubtedly, been "both interesting and instructive, tending " to create a taste for the beautiful in nature "and art where it did not before exist, and "improving it where it already had an exist-"ence; and their discontinuance altogether "would be a cause of regret to many; but "from the experience gained by your con-" mittee, it appears evident that new material " for continuing these exhibitions on a simi-"lar plan is becoming every year less "available."

The cordial thanks of the members of the Institute are due to the lady and gentlemen contributors, a list of whom is given in appendix D, for their generosity in lending so many articles of beauty and value for the occasion. It will rest with the Directors to

be elected this evening, to say whether or not there shall be an exhibition during the incoming year; and if so, upon the active co-operation of the members as to whether it shall be a success or a failure.

THE SECRETARY.

During the year your late secretary, Mr. George Longman, having accepted a more lucrative appointment sent in his resignation, which was accepted. From a large number of applications, sent in answer to a public advertisement, your Directors, after the most careful consideration of their respective qualifications, appointed Mr. John Moss to the vacancy. Of the zeal and activity of Mr. Longman, in the performance of his duties, you are well aware. Your Directors have no doubt but his successor, Mr. Moss, who has as yet been so short a time with you, will manifest an equal zeal for the interests and general prosperity of the institution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. CUMBERLAND, President



APPENDIX A

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, TORONTO MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, 1st MAY 1857.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
Loan on Building and Ground\$18,400 00 Sundry Liabilities	Real Estate. \$50,000 00 Library and Furniture 7,517 45 Members' Subscriptions due due \$172 40 Rents. 94 43 Cash on hand. 226 44
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APPENDIX B.

RECEIPTS.

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Balance cash on hand 1st May, 1866	Books $\$$ $\$$ $\$$ $\$$ $\$$ $\$$ $$$ <th< th=""></th<>
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APPENDIX C

*Temple Bar,

*Westminister Review

Return showing the Newspapers, Magazines, &c, with which the Reading Room is supplied.

BRITISH NEWSPAPERS

Athenæum, Army and Navy Gazette, Builder, (London) Dublin Warder, Dublin Freeman. Economist, (London) Edinburgh Scotsman. European Times (Willmer & Smith's). Glasgow Citizen, English Independent, *Grocer, Illustrated London News, 66 Times, London Review, Manchester Guardian, Horgan's British Trade Review. Pall-Mall Gazette, Punch, Public Opinion, (London) Press, (London) Saturday Review. The Times, "Watchman (London).

AUSTRALIAN.

†Sydney Morning Herald, † " Illustrated News.

BRITISH MAGAZINES.

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*Boys Own Magazines,	
*Belgravia,	Br
*Blackwood's Magazine,	
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North British Review,	Co
Quarterly Review,	Ca

AMERICAN. Atlantic Monthly, Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, Chicago Tribune, Harper's Weekly, Harper's Monthly Magazine, Herald of Health, Littell's Living Age, New York Daily Hearld, 66 " Times, " " Tribune, 66 World, 66 66 Shipping List, 64 Albion, 6. Independent, Scientific American,

New Jerusalem Messenger.

CANADIAN.

Canada Farmer. Hamilton Spectator, Kingston News, London Free Press, Montreal Gazette, Montreal Herald, Toronto Globe (2 copies). Toronto Leader do Quebec Chronicle. The Institute is under obligations to those ho have gratuitiously furnished the followg Periodicals during the year. : arrie Advance, by the Publishers. rantford Courier " Expositor.... 66 " ritish Canadian (Port Hope) ritish Canadian (Sarnia) 44 " ruce Review..... " illiard Cue. " anadian Baptist..... " anadian Churchman.... • 6 46 Journal..... " 66 Champion.... 44 unada Maple Leaf..... " anadian Home Journal (St. Themas) " anada Gazette " hristian Guardian.. ... " " Journal..... " ollingwood Enterprise . 66 ornwall Freeholder " inada Christ'n Advocate 66

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	Hamilton Times	Stratford Beacon	
	Huron Signal		
	Ingersol Chronicle	St. Catharines Post	
	Journal of Board of Arts	Simcoe News	
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	Mitchell Advocate	Woodstock Times	
- 8		York Herald	
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