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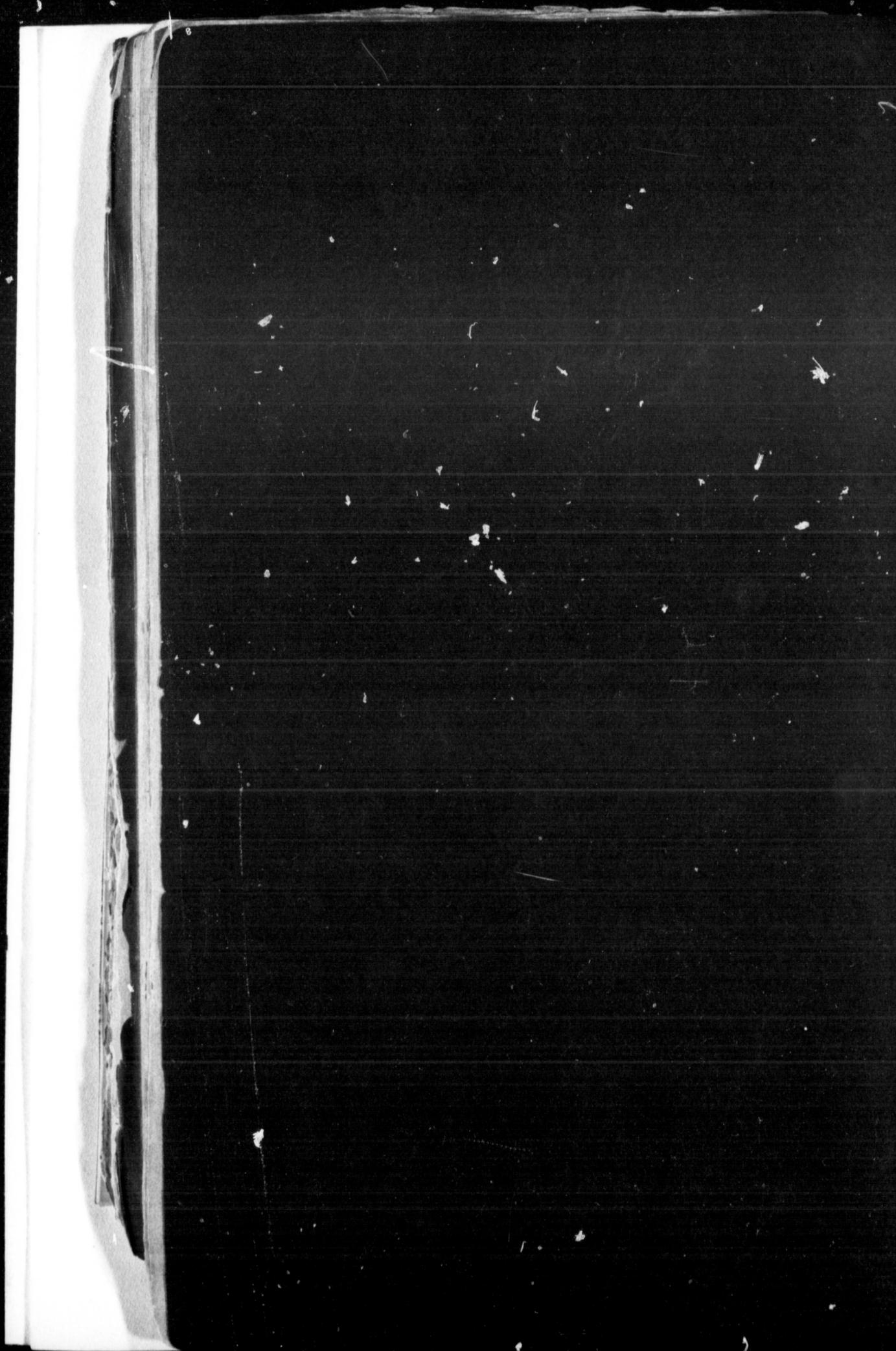
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# Toronto Mechanics' Institute.

## ANNUAL MEETING—1865.

The Annual Meeting of members took place in the Lecture Room on Monday evening, 8th May; about one hundred members being present; F. W. Coate, Esq, President, in the Chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Annual Report was then read, and on motion of Mr. Halley, seconded by Mr. Geo. Harcourt, was received and adopted.

The President appointed the following members scrutineers of the ballot: Messrs. C. W. Bunting, T. H. Ince, A. J. Mason, J. M. Bond, T. H. Carroll, and W. J. Harper. The following gentlemen were reported by the scrutineers and declared by the President elected:—

*President,* F. W. CUMBERLAND.

*1st Vice* " DANIEL SPRY.

*2nd* " " JOHN J. WITHROW.

*Treasurer,* WM. EDWARDS.

*Directors,*

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| W. P. MARSTON,    | ROBERT HAY,     |
| GEORGE CARROLL,   | JEREMIAH CARTY, |
| J. H. RICHEY,     | RICHARD LEWIS,  |
| H. E. CLARKE,     | F. W. COATE,    |
| BENJ. LANGLEY,    | DR. CONNON,     |
| WM. HAMILTON, Jr, | HENRY LANGLEY.  |

It was moved by Mr. Walter S. Lee, seconded by Mr. Daniel Spry, "That the thanks of

the Institute are due and are hereby tendered to the auditors, Messrs. H. Joseph and George Murray, for their valuable services during the past year."

Mr. Edwards, having given notice at the previous quarterly meeting, moved, seconded by Mr. Withrow, an amendment to By-Law No. 3, section 4, sub-section 7, "That they (the Directors) shall at their first meeting after their election appoint from their number the following Committees, namely: a Finance Committee, which shall also attend to the repairs of the building and to the renting of rooms; a Library and Reading Room Committee, which shall also attend to the organization and superintendence of Classes, and a Lecture Committee, which shall also attend to the management of Reunions and all similar entertainments." The motion was adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Dr. Connon, "That the Board of Directors be requested so to amend the regulations of the Reading Room, that it be closed on Christmas day and Good Friday in each year."

Several amendments were moved, one with a view of closing it on the Queen's Birthday; another on all public holidays, but the motion above was adopted and all amendments lost.

A vote of thanks to the scrutineers closed the proceedings and the meeting adjourned.

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# ANNUAL REPORT—1865.

The Board of Directors, in accordance with the Constitution, beg to present the Thirty-fourth Report of their proceedings, and of the general affairs of the Institute. In discharging this duty it gives them great satisfaction to be able to state that although great depression has been experienced in almost every branch of business, the prosperity of the Institute has not been affected, nor its usefulness impaired.

## THE MEMBERSHIP.

At the date of the last Annual Report there were

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| Members.....   | 704         |
| Subscribers.....   | 199         |
| Life Members.....  | 81          |
| Honorary Members.....  | 18          |
| <b>Total.....</b>  | <b>1002</b> |
| From which deduct for deaths,<br>removals, and withdrawals.. | 497         |
| <b>Leaving.....</b>  | <b>505</b>  |
| To which add new members ad-<br>mitted during the year.....  | 183         |
| New Subscribers.....   | 281 464     |
| <b>Making the present Membership</b>                         | <b>969</b>  |
| <b>Classified thus :</b>                                     |             |
| Members.....   | 668         |
| Subscribers.....   | 202         |
| Life Members.....  | 81          |
| Honorary Members.....  | 18          |
| <b>Total.....</b>  | <b>969</b>  |

It will thus be seen that notwithstanding the constant fluctuations of a population like that of this city, during a season also of great financial difficulties and depression, the Membership of the Institute has decreased but 33 during the year.

## THE FINANCES.

The Financial position of the Institute continues to improve. With a balance against it at the commencement of the year of \$1116 31, your Board have now to Report that by constant effort and extraordinary exertions they have succeeded in reducing the balance to \$321 23.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the year :

| RECEIPTS.   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Balance, Cash in hand,<br>1st May, 1864.....                | \$99 83.           |
| New Members and sub-<br>scribers.....                       | \$808 00 .         |
| Old do. do.   | 1,349 75 .         |
| Rents from all sources..                                    | 3,168 41 .         |
| Notes discounted at Bank<br>of Toronto.....                 | 3,535 90 .         |
| Interest on Bank Acc't.                                     | 9 10               |
| Net profits of the Re-<br>union Committee....               | 524 45             |
| Profits of the Exhibition                                   | 195 51             |
| Newspapers sold.....  | 42 16              |
| Fines and Fees.....   | 75 26              |
| Catalogues.....   | 13 86              |
| Lost Books paid for....                                     | 8 50               |
| Set Chess Men Sold....                                      | 5 00               |
| Old materials sold—<br>smoke pipe, sashes<br>and stove..... | 19 00              |
| Sundry breakages paid<br>for.....                           | 3 60               |
| Class pupils paid.....                                      | 286 00             |
| Northern R. R. Co. for<br>Classes.....                      | 100 00             |
| Receipts from Classes<br>Soiree.....                        | 19 94              |
|   | <b>10,163 84</b>   |
|   | <b>\$10,263 67</b> |
| EXPENDITURE.  |                    |
| Books.....  | \$350 95           |
| Binding.....  | 171 65             |
| Newspapers and Magazines.....                               | 208 96             |
| Postage.....  | 120 43             |
| Printing.....   | 40 25              |
| Advertising.....  | 58 62              |
| Stationery and Blank Books.....                             | 43 75              |
| Fuel.....   | 422 47             |
| Gas.....  | 860 50             |
| Water.....  | 80 00              |
| Insurance.....  | 136 00             |
| Repairs and Improvements.....                               | 309 71             |
| Interest.....   | 1,104 00           |
| Salaries.....   | 1,356 65           |
| Additional assistance.....                                  | 139 88             |
| Classes.....  | 335 45             |
| Paid Notes Discounted at Bank of<br>Toronto.....            | 4,400 00           |
| Sundries.....   | 27 33              |
| Ice.....  | 5 00               |
| Balance, Cash in hand.....                                  | 92 07              |
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THE LIBRARY.

Whether regarded as a educational influence, or as a source of high intellectual enjoyment, the Library of a Mechanics' Institute is one of the most important of its departments, and has the first claim to the support of its members. In order to meet the constant demand upon its resources and to make it in every respect an efficient public library your Board have felt themselves justified in acting with the greatest liberality consistent with a just economy. Hence they have not only promptly supplied all new works of acknowledged merit and attractiveness in proportion to the demand for them, but in the encouraging condition of their finances they have felt themselves authorized to grant one hundred dollars, in addition to the regular expenditure of \$25 per month, for the replacing of old but useful works, lost or worn out, and for the purchase of other works of high standard in various departments of literature never yet introduced into the Library. These additions amount to 704 volumes. The number of books in the library at the date of the last examination was 6100, from which deduct those worn out and lost 250, leaving 5850, to which add 704, making a grand total of 6554 now at the service of the Institute. This great and constant increase of the Library is already overcrowding its shelves, and it will no doubt be one of the duties of the new Board to take into consideration the enlargement of their present library accommodation. In addition to the above statistics the following summary of the number and character of the books taken out during the year is important and interesting :

|                               | Vols. in Library. | Issued.       |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Biography.....                | 570               | 1,246         |
| History.....                  | 624               | 914           |
| Miscellaneous.....            | 474               | 1,045         |
| Novels and Tales.....         | 1,923             | 20,383        |
| Poetry and the Drama.....     | 216               | 660           |
| Periodical Literature.....    | 960               | 2,667         |
| Science and Art.....          | 565               | 772           |
| Religious Literature.....     | 130               | 283           |
| Voyages and Travels.....      | 487               | 1,010         |
| Illustrated Works of Value... | 176               |               |
| Library of Reference.....     | 429               |               |
|                               | <u>6,554</u>      | <u>28,980</u> |

It will be seen that a very large proportion of these books are works of fiction. It would have been more gratifying to have reported a more extensive reading of works of a higher order, but it is satisfactory to know that the utmost care is taken to exclude all works of a doubtful or improper tendency; and although the balance of reading is largely in favor of works of fiction, it will be seen that the aggregate number of all other works of a more solid character is very high.

THE READING ROOM.

The Reading Room still continues to maintain its high character for efficiency and

attractiveness. It has been supplied with the best British and American newspapers and magazines, a list of which may be found in Appendix A.

**EVENING CLASSES.**—The establishment of Evening Classes for the instruction of those who have failed in securing the advantages of early education is as essential to a complete Mechanics' Institute as its Library and Reading Room. The Board of Directors are conscious that no feature of the Institute has higher claims upon them than that of adult education; and although their efforts in this regard have not been financially successful, they are satisfied that the trifling sacrifice made to establish this important element of a Mechanics' Institute has been fully justified by the good results already produced; and they trust that under all circumstances the future managers of the Institute will continue to direct their labours to the development of this great object, satisfied that their efforts will be crowned with ultimate success. Whatever may be done in this direction your Board believe that the success chiefly depends upon a judicious selection of competent teachers, and that in this regard the most liberal expenditure will prove the best economy.

During the past session seven classes were organized.

A Book-keeping and Penmanship Class under Mr. Orr; an English Class under Mr. R. Mitchell; an Elocution Class under Mr. Lewis; an Arithmetic Class under Mr. Henry Brown; an Architectural and Mechanical Drawing Class under Mr. John Tulley; A French Class under Mons. E. Pernet, and an Ornamental Drawing Class under Mr. Baigent.

RECEIPTS.

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Fees from 104 pupils.....           | 286 00          |
| Donation from Northern R.R. Co..... | 100 00          |
| Receipts from Soiree.....           | 19 94           |
|                                     | <u>\$405 94</u> |

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Paid Teachers.....           | \$273 00        |
| Paid for Prizes.....         | 68 25           |
| Fuel, Gas, Printing, &c..... | 70 00           |
| Advertising and Printing...  | 22 85           |
| Monies Refunded.....         | 9 85            |
| Expenses of Soiree.....      | 57 00           |
|                              | <u>\$500 95</u> |

Balance against the classes....\$95 01

As usual, at the close of the class session, a large number of valuable prizes were offered by your Board to be competed for by the pupils, and the following gentlemen appointed examiners:—

- REV. DR. SCADDING,
- MR. FRANCIS CHECKLEY, of U. C. College,
- MR. M. W. COOK, of Bryant, Stratton & Co.'s College,
- MR. ALEX. GEMMELL, of John Macdonald & Co.'s.
- MR. HENRY MARTIN, late Drawing Master,
- MR. JAMES SMITH, Architect.

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At a public Soiree, presided over by Rev. Dr. Ryerson, prizes were awarded to the following pupils:—

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| Richard Woodsworth..  | 1st prize | Book-keeping, |
| William Wesbroom....  | 2nd       | "             |
| Samuel Bartlett.....  | 1st       | Penmanship,   |
| Fred. Macdonald.....  | 2nd       | "             |
| Wm. Beattie.....      | 1st       | French,       |
| Miss Smith .....      | 2nd       | "             |
| Robert Palen .....    | Special   | "             |
| George R. Hume .....  | 1st       | Orn. Drawing, |
| Miss E. Bartlett..... | 2nd       | "             |
| Henry Crew.....       | 1st       | A. & M. "     |
| Geo. R. Baker.....    | 2nd       | "             |
| Miss Thompson .....   | 1st       | Arithmetic,   |
| George Richey .....   | 2nd       | "             |
| J. D. Nasmith .....   | 3rd       | "             |
| Wm. Graham.....       | Special   | "             |

At this meeting F. W. Cumberland, Esq., presented the Institute, on behalf of the Northern Railway Company, with a cheque for one hundred dollars to assist in paying the expenses connected with the classes. This is the third year a similar amount has been presented, and your Board feel deeply indebted to Mr. Cumberland and his co-directors for their great kindness. The thanks of the Institute are also due to those gentlemen who gratuitously gave their services as examiners.

THE REUNIONS.

These entertainments have lost none of the popularity and attractiveness which distinguished them in the first year of their establishment, and whilst they have been a source of large income to the Institute, your Board have reason to trust that they have had an excellent moral and social influence. The Committee of Management have been indefatigable in their efforts to secure the best available professional and amateur assistance to carry out their objects, and have constantly exercised a due watchfulness to sustain their respectability and prevent any exhibition which might be offensive to good taste. The readings of Mr. Vandenhoff have not only been eminently successful as a financial enterprise, but from their high character have no doubt exercised an important influence on the public mind, and given to the Institute a stronger claim to public respect and support.

The Directors again desire to express the obligation they are under to those ladies and gentlemen who have so liberally given their services to this enterprise, and whose efforts so often delighted the public and contributed so largely to the success of the Reunions.

An excursion to Niagara Falls undertaken in the spirit of the Reunions and for the same purpose—the pleasure and entertainment of the members of the Institute—failed in a financial point of view, owing to circumstances

which may easily be avoided on any future occasion. In every other respect it proved a most agreeable and satisfactory affair; and the financial loss was afterwards amply covered by extraordinary efforts made for that object by the Reunion Committee.

THE EXHIBITION.

The Exhibition has proved one of the most important and satisfactory enterprises of the year. The articles exhibited were of the most interesting and attractive character, and the liberality shown in lending specimens of the fine and decorative arts and manufactures, often costly and rare and highly valued by the owners, deserves and has received the thanks of all who had the privilege of viewing them. It must have been very gratifying to the projectors of this experiment, and to those who so generously aided it by their contributions, to have observed the large and delighted crowds of spectators who assembled on each day in the Exhibition rooms; and it is highly to the honour of these mixed assemblies and satisfactory to all, to have to state that although there were altogether upwards of 6,000 visitors, scarcely any article was injured or lost. The great success of this undertaking will no doubt encourage future Boards to imitate the good example set them. Such efforts are peculiarly appropriate to the character of a Mechanic's Institute, and especially calculated to carry out its designs as a popular educational agency.

The Board of Directors feel it their duty in closing their Annual Report to express their approbation of the valuable and faithful services of Mr. Longman, and of the other officials of the Institute, to whose labors so much of its success is due.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. W. COATE,  
President.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

TORONTO, 8th May, 1865.

The undersigned appointed to audit the books of the Mechanics' Institute for the financial year ending the 30th April last, beg to report:

That they have carefully examined the books and vouchers, and compared them with the Treasurer's report, which they find correct.

The Auditors find the Secretary's books continue to be kept with the same care and accuracy that have heretofore elicited the approbation of former auditors.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. JOSEPH,  
GEORGE MURRAY, } Auditors

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, TORONTO MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, 1st MAY, 1865.

| LIABILITIES.                                 | ASSETS.                                 |
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| Loan on Building and Ground .....\$18,400 00 | Real Estate.....\$50,000 00             |
| *Sundry Liabilities..... 396 30              | Library and Furniture ..... 7,042 31    |
| *Note under discount ..... 200 00            | *Members' Subscriptions due..... 115 00 |
| Balance down..... 38,321 08                  | *Rents due ..... 68 00                  |
|  | *Cash in hand ..... 92 07               |
| \$57,317 38                                  | \$57,317 38                             |

\*Examined, compared with the Ledger and found correct.

H. JOSEPH, }  
GEO. MURRAY, } *Auditors.*

8th May, 1865.

\* The Items marked thus are the available assets and current liabilities of the Institute; by deducting the one from the other it will be seen that the balance against the Institute is \$321 23.

APPENDIX A.

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

**BRITISH.**

Army List,  
Art Journal,  
All the Year Round,  
Army and Navy Gazette,  
Artizan,  
Blackwood's Magazine,  
Builder.  
Civil Engineer and Architect's Journal,  
Chambers' Journal,  
Christian Work,  
Churchman's Magazine,  
Cornhill Magazine,  
Dublin Freeman,  
Dublin Warder,  
Economist (London),  
Edinburgh Review,  
Edinburgh Scotsman,  
European Times (Willmer & Smith),  
Good Words,  
Glasgow Citizen,  
Illustrated London News,  
Illustrated London Times,  
London Society,  
London Review,  
Macmillan's Magazine,  
Manchester Guardian,  
Mechanics' Magazine,  
North British Review,  
Patriot, (London),  
Press (London),  
Punch,  
Public Opinion (London)  
Quarterly Review,  
Saturday Review,  
Temple Bar,  
Times (London),  
Watchman (London),  
Westminster Review,

**AMERICAN.**

Atlantic Monthly,  
Buffalo Commercial Advertiser,  
Chicago Tribune,  
Cincinnati Price Current,  
Harper's Weekly,  
Harper's Monthly Magazine,  
Littell's Living Age,  
New York Daily Herald,  
" " Times,  
" " Tribune,  
" " World,  
" Shipping List,  
" Albion,  
" Independent,  
Phrenological Journal,  
Scientific American.

**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 who furnished the following Periodicals during the year:

Barrie Advance.....by the Publishers.  
" Spirit of the Age.... "  
Brantford Courier..... "  
Brantford Expositor..... "

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| British Canadian (Sarnia) . . . by the Publishers.     |             | Mitchell Advocate . . . . . by the Publishers. |   |
| Canadian Baptist . . . . .                             | "           | Messenger (Hamilton) . . . . .                 | " |
| Canadian Churchman . . . . .                           | "           | Norfolk Reformer . . . . .                     | " |
| "    Journal . . . . .                                 | "           | Owen Sound Times . . . . .                     | " |
| Canada Gazette . . . . .                               | "           | Owen Sound Advertiser . . . . .                | " |
| Christian Guardian . . . . .                           | "           | Ottawa Citizen . . . . .                       | " |
| Christian Journal . . . . .                            | "           | Queen's Bench Reports . . . . .                | " |
| Collingwood Enterprise . . . . .                       | "           | Stratford Beacon . . . . .                     | " |
| Cornwall Freeholder . . . . .                          | "           | Stratford Examiner . . . . .                   | " |
| Dundas True Banner . . . . .                           | "           | St. Catharines Post . . . . .                  | " |
| Echo . . . . .   | "           | Toronto Leader . . . . .                       | " |
| Guelph Mercury . . . . .                               | "           | Watchman (Toronto) . . . . .                   | " |
| Hamilton Times . . . . .                               | Wm. Halley. | Welland County Telegraph . . . . .             | " |
| Huron Signal . . . . . by the Publishers.              | "           | Whitby Chronicle . . . . .                     | " |
| Ingersoll Chronicle . . . . .                          | "           | Whitby Gazette . . . . .                       | " |
| Journal of Board of Arts and<br>Manufactures . . . . . | "           | Upper Canada Law Journal . . . . .             | " |
| London Daily Prototype . . . . .                       | "           | Upper Canada Journal of<br>Education . . . . . | " |

\* Withdrawn since the Annual Meeting.

