



EIGHTH REPORT

OF

THE FRASER INSTITUTE

1886



MONTREAL
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1886

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EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The accounts for the past year, ending June 30th, have been duly audited, and are appended to this report. The disturbance of investments caused by the provision of funds for the construction of the Fraser Buildings, renders it difficult to make an exact statement of revenue for the past year; and such a statement, if made, would be of no value as indicating the condition of the finances of the Institute. The accounts, therefore, deal with the entire receipts and disbursements, as well of revenue as of capital; but the schedules appended indicate the distinctions required for the appreciation of the receipts and disbursements of capital and revenue respectively.

The current expenditure has been economised as much as possible, and the expenses of management of the Library have not exceeded the expectations of the Governors. The total amount of such expenses is \$1,927.92, the details of which are to be found in Schedule I.

In consequence of the delay in the completion of the Buildings, they were for the most part unfinished and unfit for use on May 1st last, consequently, many offices were not leased at that date, and some were leased at a deduction from their estimated value. I am pleased to report, however, that most of them are now under lease, and applications are being gradually received for the remainder. Schedule V shows the

extent to which they were leased on June 30th last; and since that period the remaining store, and several of the offices have been let. The Board feel confident that the whole will be placed under lease by May 1st next, and that the revenue will reach the estimate made of it.

Since the opening of the Free Library of the Institute, on October 15th, 1885, the attendance has been satisfactory. During the half-year ending June 30th last, the estimated attendance was 9,783, the average daily attendance being 65; and since that date there has been a gradual but sensible increase.

The Institute has received a large number of valuable books during the past year, and an interesting collection of stuffed birds, which latter may be said to form the first contribution to the contemplated Museum. Lists of these donations are appended.

The Hon. Sir Donald A. Smith, and Messrs. R. B. Angus and Duncan McIntyre have become members of the Executive Committee of the Institute, and Mr. R. B. Angus has been elected a member of the Board of Governors.

The expenditure for the completion of the Fraser Buildings has reached a sum exceeding the means of the Institute by about \$8,000. The sum of \$4,000 has been paid on account of the cost of the High School Buildings, part of which is now occupied for the purposes of the Institute; and it is very desirable that the debt upon this property should be further reduced, to the extent of, say, \$6,000. This would leave the Institute free of rental, the interest on the portion of the buildings not required for it being sufficient to pay the interest on the balance of the purchase money. Moreover, the Governors earnestly desire to improve the Library, with a view to extending its usefulness by constituting it, to a considerable extent, a lending and circulating library. For this purpose at least \$5,000 are required. Thus a sum, in all of about \$20,000, is urgently needed to place the Institute in a position to give full effect to the advantages it is calculated to confer. That is to say:—

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To pay off the balance of the cost of construction of the Fraser Buildings, about	\$8,000
To reduce the debt on the Institute Buildings, about.....	6,000
To increase the collection of English books, and constitute the library a circulating library, about	5,000

The Governors and the Executive Committee have given their anxious consideration to these requirements of the Institute. Sub-committees have been formed for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions from citizens interested in the establishment of a free library. A moderate proportion of the money required for the building fund has been obtained; and three gentlemen have subscribed \$500 each towards the library fund, on condition that the remainder of the \$5,000 is raised by the end of the year.

It is hoped that the citizens of Montreal will recognise the fact that an earnest effort is being made, by the governing body of the Fraser Institute, to establish in Montreal a really efficient free public library; and that the small measure of assistance which is now required to place the institution on a sound, practical, business, footing, will be cheerfully subscribed for.

J. J. C. ABBOTT,

President.

MONTREAL, December 31st, 1886.

Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fraser

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand July 1st, 1885.....	\$ 474.89
Rents derived from King's Post Farm.....	1,224.00
“ “ “ Knox do	1,230.00
“ “ “ McMartin do.	254.50
“ “ “ St. Sacramento Street Property	67.50
“ “ “ Fraser Buildings	68.76
“ “ “ High School Property	1,037.46
Dividends on Stock in Merchants Bank.....	588.74
“ “ Citizens Insurance Co.....	45.00
Interest on McLaren mortgage.....	105.00
From Mercantile Library Association.....	1,293.85
“ Sale of Merchants Bank Stock.....	19,470.00
“ Robert Hamilton, loan.....	30,000.00
“ Insurance Company, for damage by fire to barn on King's Post Farm.....	70.00
Subscriptions to Building Fund (see <i>Schedule III.</i>)	11,450.00

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Institute for the Year ending June 30th, 1886.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid R. Moat, interest on mortgage on St. Sacrament St. Property ..	\$ 1,200.00
" Alex. Fraser, interest on mortgage on King's Post Farm ...	144.00
" Robert Hamilton, interest on mortgage on Fraser Buildings ..	273.49
" Rev. James Green, interest on mortgage on Knox Farm	240.00
" Grand Trunk Ry., Superannuation Fund, interest on mortgage on High School Property	726.00
" L. J. Seargeant, do. do. do. do.	480.00
" Molsons Bank, interest on overdraft95
" Alex. Fraser, annuity	1,000.00
Repaid Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, on account of price of High School Property	4,000.00
" Geo. W. Hamilton, advance and interest	3,100.77
Paid Taxes on King's Post, Knox and McMartin Farms	60.75
" City Taxes on High School and St. Sacrament Street Prop- erties	824.83
" Insurance, Fraser Buildings	330.30
" " Mackay Pictures	19.35
" " High School Property	25.00
" " H. Barnes' Life	37.52
" for Books and Binding	249.67
" for Furniture for Library	195.80
" Architect (Hospital and High School Property)	100.50
" Contractors for Fraser Buildings (see <i>Schedule IV</i>)	49,105.94
" Balance of expense for repairs, alterations, plumbing, blinds, furniture, &c., incidental to opening the Library	752.07
" Salaries of Acting Librarian, Assistant, and Porter	1,202.50
" Lighting Library	227.15
" Heating do.	283.54
" Repairs, Carriage of Books, and petty expenses during year ..	118.58
" On account of Institut Canadien	199.70
" Sundry Expenses incidental to opening and leasing the Fraser Buildings	118.95
" Balance of costs of Suit for rent of Knox Mill	211.43
" Set of Account Books and Stationery	209.15
" Postage, &c.	12.40
" Printing 7th Annual Report, &c.	110.65
" Commission on Collections, &c.	23.13
Cash on hand June 30th, 1886	1,795.58
	\$67,379.70

Audited and certified,

PHILIP S. ROSS, C. A.

MONTREAL, September 28th, 1886.

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SCHEDULE I.

Statement of current Annual Expense of the Library.

Salary of Acting Librarian.....	\$ 600.00
" Assistant	300.00
" Caretaker	300.00
Lighting	227.15
Heating	283.54
Taxes	142.59
Insurance upon Books and Shelving.....	20.34
Cleaning and Charing	13.50
Carriage of Books and Birds.....	10.87
Petty expenses.....	29.93
	<u>\$1,927.92</u>

The above is exclusive of the cost of the Building and of the Insurance upon it.

SCHEDULE II.

Abstract of attendance at the Library for the six months ending June 30th, 1886.

	Morning.	Afternoon.	Evening.	Total
Actual attendance during the six months.	2385	4758	2640	9783
Average attendance per diem.	16	31	18	65

SCHEDULE III.

Statement of Subscriptions paid into the Building Fund of the Fraser Institute.

Hon. J. J. C. Abbott.....	\$4000.00
Hon. Justice Torrance.....	1000.00
R. B. Angus.....	1000.00
Peter Redpath.....	1000.00
Hugh McLennan.....	1000.00
W. C. McDonald.....	1000.00
J. H. R. Molson.....	1000.00
T. Workman.....	1000.00
W. B. Cummings.....	400.00
O. S. Wood.....	250.00
Geo. Hague.....	250.00
Andrew Allan.....	250.00
G. W. Hamilton.....	250.00
	50.00
	<u>\$11,450.00</u>

SCHEDULE IV.

Statement of Cost of Fraser Buildings to date, June 30th, 1886.

Lamontagne Bros.,	for	Masonry.....	\$12,000.00
W. Clendinning & Sons	"	Iron Founders' Work.....	1,108.20
J. & H. Taylor,	"	Iron Guides.....	1,856.00
Thos. W. Peel,	"	Brickwork.....	8,500.00
Sim son & Peel,	"	Carpentering.....	11,700.00
James & Co.,	"	Roofing.....	1,666.90
James Kimber,	"	Painting and Glazing.....	2,200.70
R. Mitchell & Co.,	"	Plumbing and Heating.....	4,100.00
W. E. Hale & Co.,	"	Elevator.....	2,201.00
J. Morrison & Co.,	"	Plasterers' Work.....	2,700.00
C. D. Edwards,	"	Safes.....	950.00
City Corporation,	"	Waterpipes & Vaulting Privileges..	123.14
			<u>\$49,105.94</u>

SCHEDULE V.

Statement of estimated Rental from the Fraser Buildings.

OFFICE No.	RENTED. RATE PER AN.	STILL TO RENT. RATE PER AN.	OFFICE No.	RENTED. RATE PER AN.	STILL TO RENT. RATE PER AN.
1	\$200.00		Forw	rd. \$3700.00	\$1425.00
2	250.00		24	75.00	
3	400.00		25	250.00	
4	350.00		26	125.00*	
5	300.00		27		150.00
6			28	125.00*	
7			29		125.00
8	1050.00		30		100.00
9			31		75.00
10	300.00		32		125.00
11	400.00		33		200.00
12			34		200.00
13	200.00		Store	1,200.00*	
14		200.00	Do.		1,500.00
15		200.00			
16		150.00			
17		100.00			
18		150.00			
19		100.00			
20		25.00	Rented.....		\$5,475.00
21		250.00	Still to rent.....		3,900.00
22		250.00	TOTAL.....		\$9,375.00
23	250.00				
Forward	\$3,700.00	\$1,425.00			Taxes payable by the Institute.

*These rentals will be increased to \$150 and \$1,500 respectively for succeeding years.

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*To the President and Governors
of the FRASER INSTITUTE :*

MONTREAL, October 1st, 1886.

GENTLEMEN,—I have audited the books of the Institute for the year between July 1st, 1885, and June 30th, 1886. The vouchers for the disbursements are complete and satisfactory, and the statement of revenue and expenditure is full and explicit, and has been certified by me. The postings from the subsidiary account books to the main ledger, and also all additions of accounts, are correct. So far as the current operations of the Institute are concerned, the Records are well kept and satisfactory.

All respectfully submitted.

PHILIP S. ROSS,
Chartered Accountant,
AUDITOR.

LIST OF DONATIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1886.

I.

BOOKS.

	VOLS.
MR. H. ABBOTT.— Parliamentary Reports and Statutes.....	13
HON. J. J. C. ABBOTT.— Canadian Economics.....	1
L'ACADÉMIE FRANÇAISE.— Recueil des Discours, Memoires, Rapports, Documents; Comptes Rendus, etc.....	34
ANONYMOUS.— History, Biography, Travels, Belles Lettres, Science, Philosophy and Theology.....	300
MR. D. A. ANSELL.— Viardot's translation of Cervantes' Don Quichotte, illustrated by Gustave Doré and finely bound.....	2
MR. J. H. BARTLETT.— Pamphlet by donor on the Manufacture of Iron.....	1
CAPT. BENTON.— Lectures, journals, essays and pamphlets on Vegetarianism and Dietary Reform; also covers for same.....	10
HON. J. BLANCHET.— Jugements et délibérations du Conseil Souverain de la Nouvelle France.....	1
PROF. BOVEY.— Applied Mechanics, by donor.....	1
BOTANIC GARDEN (Montreal).— First Annual Report, 1885.....	1

	Mr. H. BRIDGES.—	
	History and Fiction	6
	BRITISH ASSOCIATION, Montreal Committee of.—	
	Canadian Economics	1
	CENTRAL BOARD OF HEALTH (Montreal).	
	Sanitary Pamphlets	4
	MR. D. S. CONNER.—	
	Handbook of Sculpture	1
	MR. W. T. COSTIGAN.—	
	Sanitary Handbook	1
	M. R. DANDURAND.—	
	Voyage au Pays des Brahmes	1
	SIR J. W. DAWSON.—	
	Acadian Geology, by donor	1
	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Quebec).—	
	Le Journal d'Agriculture	1
	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Ottawa).—	
	Brymner's Report on Canadian Archives	1
	MISS J. DOW.—	
	Belles Lettres and Theology	4
	MR. J. BAKER EDWARDS.—	
	Belles Lettres and Science	5
	MRS. R. GARDNER.—	
	Harpers' Weekly for 1885 (unbound)	1
	GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE.—	
	History, Biography, Travels, Belles Lettres and Educational	100
	MR. J. S. HALL.—	
	Illustrated Times, 1855 to 1871 (bound)	20
	MR. J. HORN.—	
	Reports of various Societies	12
	HOUSE OF COMMONS (Ottawa).—	
	Meteorological Chart	1
	MR. J. KERRY.—	
	Numbers of the four Quarterlies and Blackwood, and other maga- zines (unbound) 600, say	100
	MR. W. B. LAMBE.—	
	Works on Canada, by Hearne and Mackenzie	2

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MISS LIGHTHALL.— Educational	3
MR. H. H. LYMAN.— Imperial Federation, (a monthly journal)	1
MR. THEO. LYMAN.— Historical and Miscellaneous	11
REV. S. MASSEY.— History, Biography, Travels, Belles Lettres, and Theology	24
MR. J. H. R. MOLSON.— Proceedings Am. Ass. Adv. Sci. 1863, 1882 and 1884.....	3
NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (Montreal).— Canadian Record of Science, 1886	1
MESSRS. H. A. NELSON & SONS.— Parliamentary Journals, Reports, Proceedings, and Sessional Papers	94
M. L. J. A. PAPINEAU.— Complete Works of Voltaire; also volumes of History	66
PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY (Ottawa).— Supplementary Catalogue for 1885.....	1
MESSRS. PATTERSON & MORTON.— Temperance Lesson Book (3 copies).....	3
PROF. PENHALLOW.— Pamphlets by donor on Botany and Chemistry.....	12
PROTESTANT BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS (Montreal).— Report prepared for Intercolonial Exhibition.....	1
QUEBEC GOVERNMENT.— Jugements et Délibérations du Conseil Souverain de la Nouvelle France.....	1
HON. JUSTICE RAMSAY.— Parliamentary Reports and Registers.....	64
LATE T. W. RITCHIE (Estate of).— State Trials from Richard II to George III (5 vols.); also docu- ments bearing on the Colonial History of the State of New York	12
ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.— Report on Fellowships	1
MR. G. W. SIMPSON.— History, Biography, Travels and Belles Lettres.....	50
MR. G. W. STEPHENS.— History, Biography, Science, Travels and Theology; also some bound volumes of Illustrated London News.....	25

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3	Mr. R. D. STODART.— Modern British Drama.....	10
1	DR. SUTHERLAND.— Parkman's Old Regime in Canada.....	1
11	HON. JUSTICE TORRANCE.— Almanacks and Theology.....	3
24	MR. J. F. TORRANCE.— Ordway on Steam Pipes.....	1
3	MR. R. WHITE.— Parliamentary and other publications and documents.....	50
1	TOTAL.....	1,064

II.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BUILDING FUND.

(See Schedule III.)

III.

OTHER DONATIONS.

MESSRS. CARSLY & Co.—

A mat for the front hall.

M. LANCTOT.—

Medal of the Inauguration of the first Railway from Paris to Rouen.

SIR G. STEPHEN.—

A collection composed of 49 specimens of Stuffed Birds from the North-west, viz.,

Willow Ptarmigan (*Lagopus albus*), 17 specimens.*‡Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*).‡Prairie Hen (*Cupidonia cupido*).Canadian Grouse (*Canace canadensis*).American Quail (*Ortyx virginiana*).Black-bellied Plover (*Squaterola helvetica*).Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*).Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus minutus*).

* Shewing change of plumage during winter and summer.

‡ Specimens of both cock and hen.

- Green-winged Teal (*Nettion carolinensis*).
 Golden Eye (*Clangula glaucium*).
 Woodcock (*Philohela minor*).
 ‡ Long-tailed Duck (*Harelda glacialis*).
 Purple Grackle (*Quiscalis purpureus*).
 ‡ American Widgeon (*Mareca americana*).
 Razor-billed Auk (*Utamania tarda*).
 Black Duck (*Anas obscura*).
 ‡ Mallard Duck (*Anas boschas*).
 Short-eared Owl (*Asio accipitrinus*).
 Long-eared Owl (*Asio americanus*).
 Saw-whet Owl (*Nyctale acadica*).
 Marsh Hawk (*Circus hudsonius*).
 Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter fuscus*).
 Pigeon Hawk (*Esolon columbarius*).
 Snowy Owl (*Nyctea scandiaca*).
 Loon (*Colymbus torquatus*).
 Red-throated Diver (*Colymbus septentrionalis*).
 Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus*). §

‡ Specimens of both cock and hen.

§ The collection was named and determined by Mr. F. B. Caulfield.

