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ANNUAL REPORT 1881-82

To the Members of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1882

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The number of tickets issued to subscribers during the year has been twenty-four in excess of the number issued during the previous year, and there has been a proportionate increase of funds from this source.

The rental of the Hall has also been \$452 in excess of the amount realized from the same source during the previous year.

The larger demand for the Hall has doubtless been partly caused by the numerous who have been elected, and which were anticipated in the month of May, A. D. 1881.

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ANNUAL REPORT 1881-82.

To the Members of the Mechanics' Institute of Saint John :

THE history of the work of the Institute for one year usually closely resembles the history of its work for any other year within a recent period. Like other similar institutions, the Institute has necessarily been affected by occasional periods of depression, but, unlike many others, it has steadily resisted and overcome depressing influences, and, without receiving any extraordinary assistance at any time, has made steady progress in accomplishing good results and in retaining popular support.

The number of tickets issued to subscribers during the past year has been twenty-three in excess of the number issued during the previous year, and there has been a proportionate increase of funds from this source.

The rental of the Hall has also been \$487 in excess of the amount realized from this source of income during the previous year.

The larger demand for the Hall has doubtless been partly caused by the improvements which have been effected, and which were completed in the month of May, A. D. 1881.

In December, 1880, Mr. G. Ernest Fairweather was selected by the Board to prepare a scheme of alterations to comprise the improvement of the entrance, the seating of auditorium, the introduction of side balconies, and the construction of a separate entrance to end gallery, and of a permanent proscenium.

In the following January Mr. Fairweather submitted his plans and an estimate of \$5000 for the cost of the work proposed. These plans were adopted, and a Committee appointed to attend to the necessary work until completion.

The repairs and improvements executed under the direction of the Committee, and to the entire satisfaction of the Board, comprise the following:—

The staircases at the sides of the principal hall were removed, and their place supplied by a central flight leading directly from the corridor doors to the street, leaving a ticket office on one side and entrances to the library etc. on the other. As the distance from these doors to the front of the building is too short to admit of the required number of steps in this flight, the lower ones are continued outside the building and covered by a porch 10 feet wide and 7 feet deep, and, in order to decrease the length of this staircase, the grade of the street has been slightly raised in front of the building. The side-walk in front of the property has been covered with asphalt pavement, and the areas formed between the street line and the building are protected by an ornamental cast iron railing. The corridor communicating from head of main flight of stairs to auditorium has been widened and its floor made level. The staircase formerly leading to the gallery from second floor has been retained for access to front rooms on third floor, but the door-way communicating with gallery from third floor hall has been filled in with an iron grating, which, while confining the occupants of the gallery to their own staircase, affords an inlet of fresh air from the window opposite.

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The ceilings and walls of the auditorium, the pillars and cornice of the proscenium opening, and the walls and ceilings of the corridor and main hall have been painted. (The gallery front is still sadly in want of similar treatment.) The gas lighting of the Hall has been arranged so as to be under control from the stage. The chandeliers have been removed and their place supplied by two cart-wheel lights under ventilators in the ceiling, and bracket lights along the gallery front. The benches have been removed from the main floor of the auditorium and the whole of the house, excepting the end gallery, where the benches are retained, has been re-seated with folding opera chairs of patent three-ply veneer on cast iron standards. The seating capacity has been increased by about two hundred.

About one-half of the main roof of the building and the roofs of the stair-case annexes at front have also been re-shingled.

The total cost of the work, of which an abstract is appended, was \$4948.34, being \$51.66—or, if the amount charged as paid on account of shingling, which formed no portion of the contemplated improvements, is deducted—about \$100 less than Mr. Fairweather's estimate.

The cost of the work has been defrayed—

By loan from the St. John Building Society, -	\$4000 00
“ Private contributions, - - - - -	580 09
“ Sale of chandeliers and cushions, - - - -	25 65
“ Sale of chairs, - - - - -	94 00
“ Net proceeds of operas at re-opening of Institute, - - - - -	218 60
“ Net proceeds of lecture (outside of the regular course,) by Mr. I. Allen Jack, - -	30 00
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The Board takes this opportunity to thank those of the citizens of St. John who contributed to the much needed work. It has not been considered necessary to publish the subscription list, but this can be seen by any member desiring to obtain information in this regard. A small balance of subscriptions, which remains in hand, will probably be appropriated in painting the gallery.

The President and Directors are also exceedingly grateful to the proprietors of the city papers for advertising the operatic performances at the re-opening of the Institute at an almost nominal charge.

The Board has disposed of the Organ for the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars.

Every effort has been made to keep the expenses within a reasonable limit, but, having the conduct of so many

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departments, the Board necessarily finds it difficult to practice extreme economy without unsatisfactory results.

Two members of the Directorate, Mr. Alward and Mr. Jack, have each assisted in this direction by delivering lectures during the past course free of charge.

The following donations have been made to the Museum:—

By Mr. E. F. Dunn, silver ore from Bathurst silver mines, N. B.

By Mr. S. P. Osgood, Galena ore from Lubec, Me.

“ “ “ Copper ore from Blue Hills, Me.

“ “ “ Mexican onyx.

The Lecture Course, which was very successful, comprised the following lectures and entertainments on the dates named:—

1881.

Nov. 28.—Grand Concert by the “Lotus Glee Club,” of Boston; Miss Gertrude Franklin, Prima Donna, Soprano.

Dec. 5.—Prof. Walter Smith, State Director of Art Education, Mass. Subject, “Household Taste,”

“ 12.—Prof. Chas. McDonald, M. A., Dalhousie College. Subject, “How we got to Jupiter and back.”

“ 19.—Rev. F. Burns, D. D., Halifax. Subject, “In Westminster Abbey with Dean Stanley.”

1882.

Jan. 9.—Rev. D. D. Currie. Subject, “The Loyalist Idea.”

“ 16.—Hon. Judge Stevens. Subject, “Desire for Fame.”

“ 23.—Mr. Silas Alward, M. A. Subject, “Our Western Heritage.”

“ 30.—Mr. I. Allen Jack, B. C. L. Subject, “The Political Destiny of Canada.”

Feb. 6.—Hon. Judge Skinner. Subject, “Magna Charta.”

" 27.—Rev. Edward Sullivan, D.D., Montreal. Subject,
"Leap Frog."

" 20.—Grand Concert, by the "Oratorio Society," under
the direction of Mr. Peiler, consisting chiefly
of selections from Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of April, 1882.

T. A. RANKINE, *President.*

T. B. HANINGTON, *Recording Secretary.*

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LIST OF MEMBERS, 1881-82,
OF
Saint John Mechanics' Institute,

ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
on April 10th, 1882.

LIEE MEMBERS.

Boyd, John
Daniel, Thomas
Fleming, William
Gray, Hon. John H.
Humbert, Thomas C.

Knowles, Joseph S.
Lawrence, J. W.
Smith, William F.
Wishart, John

Allison, Frank O.
Allison, Dr. L. C.
Allen, W. Watson
Alward, Silas
Adam, James
Allwood, William
Armstrong, E. J.
Armstrong, John S.
Barbour, William V. C.
Barnes, James E.
Bunting, William F.
Bustin, Thomas
Brass, Edward J.
Best, William F.
Bent, George R.

Buchanan, John
Burpee, Hon. Isaac
Beattie, Frank N.
Bent, Gilbert
Burbidge, G. W.
Botsford Dr. Le Baron
Bell, T. W.
Bustin, A. T.
Bennet, Rev. Dr. James
Butt, W. F.
Breeze, Dudne
Belyea, R. M.
Barbour, George L.
Barber, James
Blake, George

Beck, John
 Bell, C. C.
 Bale, Frederick
 Boddie, Henry G.
 Burpee, George F.
 Burnham, C. E.
 Breeze, William
 Bowes, A. G.
 Bostwick, C. M.
 Burdett, W. F.
 Betts, Hiram
 Baird, W. T.
 Bullock, Thomas
 Crookshank, Robert W.
 Christie, Alexander
 Christie, Dr. James
 Coholan, Dennis
 Chamberlain, Montague
 Crothers, Samuel
 Cowan, John
 Caldwell, Dr. George
 Cruikshank, Robert
 Court, William
 Chisholm, D. P.
 Christie, J. J.
 Cushing, Andre
 Caird, Charles
 Crookshank, T. Otty
 Corbett, Donald
 Copp, John R.
 Collier, W. E.
 Clark, Clement P.
 Carvill, George
 Correll, J. W.
 Currie, Rev D. D.
 Curry, L. A.
 Clark, W. W.
 Cameron, James R.

Daniel, Thomas W.
 Dole, W. P.
 Dodds, Andrew
 Dunn, James L.
 Drury, John
 Dunlop, James K.
 Demill, A. H.
 Dunham, D. E.
 DeBury, Count Robert
 Dunn, R. C. J.
 Daly, Paul
 Denniston, J. A.
 Ewing, William
 Everett, Charles A.
 Elder, William
 Everett, George F.
 Ewing, Robert
 Earle, S. Z., M. D.
 Emerson, Robert B.
 Estey, T. Winslow
 Everett, Henry L.
 Estey, James A.
 Estey, Fred. A.
 Edwards, Robert H.
 Everett, William E.
 Fisher, Edwin
 Fisher, George S.
 Fleming, James
 Flood, Carson
 Furlong, Thomas
 Fowler, Dixon J.
 Ferguson, B. (Estate)
 Fairweather, G. E.
 Fairweather, Fred. R.
 Fraser, John
 Ferguson, James R.
 Fish, John A.
 Gilmour, Andrew

Gerow, G.
 Grant, J.
 Gale, E. V.
 Hanford,
 Hannay, J.
 Henderson
 Hayward,
 Hamm, J.
 Hanington
 Hastings,
 Hay, George
 Harding, C.
 Holly, Sha
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 Howe, Joh
 Horn, Wil
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 Harrison, J.
 Harding, I.
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 Harding, C.
 Hazelhurst
 Irvine, Joh
 Jordan, Sar
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Gerow, George W.
 Grant, J. Macgregor
 Gale, E. W.
 Hanford, Thomas
 Hannay, James
 Henderson, George A.
 Hayward, W. H.
 Hamm, J. B.
 Hanington, J. P.
 Hastings, John (Estate)
 Hay, George U.
 Harding, George F.
 Holly, Shadrack
 Hanington, Thomas B.
 Howe, John
 Horn, William H.
 Hatheway, Warren F.
 Hayward, Samuel
 Hay, Thomas L.
 Hall, Thomas H.
 Hazen, William
 Harrison, Jeremiah
 Harding, Dr. W. S.
 Horncastle, Joseph
 Harding, Charles E.
 Hazelhurst, J. W.
 Irvine, John E.
 Jordan, Samuel G.
 Jones, Hon. Thomas R.
 Jack, I. Allen
 Jack, Henry
 Jones, E. C.
 Jardine, Alexander C.
 Jordan, John M.
 Jardine, Robert
 Jordan, W. W.
 Jones, Simeon
 Kinnear, Charles F.

Kain, Francis
 Knodell, G. A.
 Kaye, Edmund G.
 Kay, J. Murray
 King, Hon. G. E.
 Kennedy, James
 Kidd, L. H.
 King, S. T.
 Knox, James
 Kerr, Hugh
 Longmaid, Richard M.
 Logan, William
 Logan, James
 Logan, William J.
 Lawrence, George C.
 Lindsay, Matthew
 Leavett, R. T.
 Lee, Robert
 Law, Alexander
 Likely, Thomas
 Lordly, A. J.
 Lowe, Charles E.
 Livingston, W. H.
 Lee, G. Herbert
 Lawrence, B. R.
 Lovett, A. W.
 Lee, Thos. W.
 Magee, John
 Murdoch, Gilbert
 Merritt, T. Gray
 Marvin, W. S.
 Masters, George
 Marshall, Robert
 Marshall, John R.
 Moore, Edward R.
 Matthew, George F.
 Murdoch, William, Jr.
 Mott, James A. S.

Manks, D. M.
 Maxwell, W. H.
 Matthew, S. F.
 Macrae, Rev. Dr. D.
 Merritt, W. H.
 Majilton, Joseph A.
 Magee, W. C.
 Murray, A. S.
 March, John
 Melrose, Robert
 Milligan, James
 Moore, W. A.
 Murray, Christopher
 Myers, Jacob W.
 Miles, John C.
 McGivern, Richard P.
 McLaughlan, Mrs. Wm.
 McLaren, Dr. L.
 McLean, Allen
 McGirr, Samuel
 McLeod, Ezekiel
 McAvity, Thomas
 McClelland, Thomas
 McLean, W. M.
 McCafferty, Francis
 McLeod, George
 McLeod, Howard D.
 McLellan, David
 McDonald, Mont.
 McLean, Archibald
 McArthur, R. D.
 McIntyre, Robert
 McDermott, Alexander
 McMillian, James
 Nase, Phillip
 Nowlin, George V.
 Nicholson, John W.
 O'Brien, Richard

Powers, Mark N.
 Peters, B. Lester
 Peters, William
 Palmer, A. L.
 Price, James A.
 Peacock, George B.
 Parks, John H.
 Parks, William J.
 Peters, Charles H.
 Prince, W. L.
 Pender, James
 Peters, Thomas A.
 Perkins, E. L.
 Pullen, Jas. H.
 Parlee, William
 Pugsley, G. R.
 Payne, R. A.
 Peters, A. W.
 Peiler, Ernst
 Puddington, Mrs. R. E.
 Rankine, Thomas A.
 Rankine, Alexander
 Robertson, Duncan
 Rankin, John
 Richardson, Israel T.
 Robertson, Christian A.
 Ritchie, Mrs. Geo.
 Ruddock, Andrew B.
 Reed, Thomas
 Rannie, William
 Reed, James
 Robinson, G. L.
 Ritchie, R. J.
 Reynolds, James
 Riley, James M.
 Schurman, David J.
 Stockton, A. A.
 Stodhart, Thomas

Starr, R. P.
 Smith, Will
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Starr, R. P.
 Smith, William M.
 Smith, Robert F.
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 Steeves, Gorham D.
 Straton, James
 Steeves, Dr. J. T.
 Shaw, James
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 Smith, George F.
 Sears, John
 Stewart, Luke
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 Shaw, A. N.
 Stephens, F. T.
 Stockton, C. A.
 Short, John D.
 Somerville, T. H.
 Seely, Geo. B.
 Scott, William
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 Salter, A. C. A.
 Spiller, S. H.
 Skinner, Hon. C. N.
 Thomas, George E.
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Tufts, Frank
 Thorne, W. H.
 Trueman, A. J.
 Tapley, Archibald
 Tapley, John
 Travis, Jeremiah
 Thomas, William
 Thacher, T. H.
 Turner, J. D.
 Troop, O. V.
 Trentwosky, O. S.
 Venning, James A.
 Whitney, George W.
 Willet, David
 Woodrow, James
 Willet, John
 Wilson, W. J.
 Wright, John A.
 Ward, Charles
 Waterbury, Mrs. William
 White, James A.
 White, James E.
 Wedderburn, William
 Warwick, O. H.
 Wetmore, C. N.
 Waters, Fred. W.
 Wisdom, Freeman W.
 Weldon, C. W.
 Warner, Gen'l D. B.
 Yeats, John

ABSTRACT OF COST OF ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN HALL.

John McPherson, amount of contract for carpenters' work,.....	\$2130 00
John McPherson, extras, \$255.51: shingling and job work, \$85.73,	340 94
	<u>\$2470 94</u>
Less deductions in front hall, \$25.00; in main floor, \$16.00,.....	41 00
	<u>\$2429 94</u>
Neilsen Bros., painting ceiling of auditorium,....	\$145 00
“ walls, \$30.00; proscenium, 45.00; corridor, \$50.00.....	125 00
	<u>270 00</u>
George Nixon, for plate glass in ticket office,.....	15 00
George Blake, amount of contract for plumbing,....	250 00
Robert Sutherland, for chairs, wall seats, &c.,.....	1675 09
James McDade, for ventilation pipe, &c.,.....	35 00
Extra insurance for carpenters' risk,.....	24 80
Armstrong Bros., for iron grating in rear of gallery,.....	9 48
Charges of Solicitor and Registrar in connection with mortgage,	8 40
G. Ernest Fairweather, architect, for commission,.....	229 95
Discount on uncurrent funds paid by subscribers,	68
	<u>\$4948 34</u>

ABSTRACT

Exp
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 Interest,.....
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ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.*Expenditures for the Year ending 31st March, 1882.*

Light and Fuel,.....	\$570 03
Salaries,.....	658 32
Funded Debt,.....	505 52
Interest,.....	196 00
Lectures,.....	1013 44
Museum,.....	60 00
Reading Room,.....	120 41
Building and Ground Rent,.....	359 38
Insurance,.....	350 00
Library,.....	186 75
Hall and Organ,.....	299 96
Incidental,.....	215 21
Cash Balance on hand April 1st, 1882,.....	414 67
	<u>\$4,949 69</u>

Receipts for the Year ending 31st March, 1882.

Rents,.....	\$2,610 00
Members' Certificates,.....	60 00
Members' Tickets,.....	1,584 50
Donations,.....	100 00
Miscellaneous, (Catalogues, Organ, &c).....	462 15
Cash Balance, 31st March, 1881.....	133 04
	<u>\$4,949 69</u>

ABSTRACT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

OF THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, 31st MARCH, 1882.

ASSETS.

Building and Furniture,.....	\$18,000 00
Museum,.....	3,650 00
Apparatus and Diagrams,.....	800 00
Library,.....	3,000 00
	<u>\$25,450 00</u>

LIABILITIES.

Debentures,.....	\$ 640 00
Building Society,.....	947 52
Loan,.....	3,800 00
Balance,.....	\$20,062 48
	<u>\$25,450 00</u>

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

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EXPENDITURE.		
Light and Fuel,.....	\$552 66	\$570 03
Salaries,.....	600 00	658 32
Funded Debt,.....	325 52	505 52
Interest,.....	24 00	196 00
Lectures,.....	863 03	1013 44
Museum,.....	3 20	60 00
Reading Room,.....	108 45	120 41
Building and Ground Rent,.....	351 31	359 38
Insurance,.....	414 00	350 00
Library,.....	211 62	186 75
Hall and Organ,.....	63 93	299 96
Incidental,.....	125 82	215 21
Cash Balance on hand April 1st,	133 04	414 67
	<u>\$3776 58</u>	<u>\$4949 69</u>
RECEIPTS.		
Rents,.....	\$2159 45	\$2610 00
Members' Certificates,.....	50 00	60 00
Members' Tickets,.....	1492 00	1584 50
Donations,.....		100 00
Miscellaneous, (Catalogues, Organ, &c),.....	66 39	462 15
Cash Balance, 31st March,	5 74	133 04
	<u>\$3773 58</u>	<u>\$4949 69</u>

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