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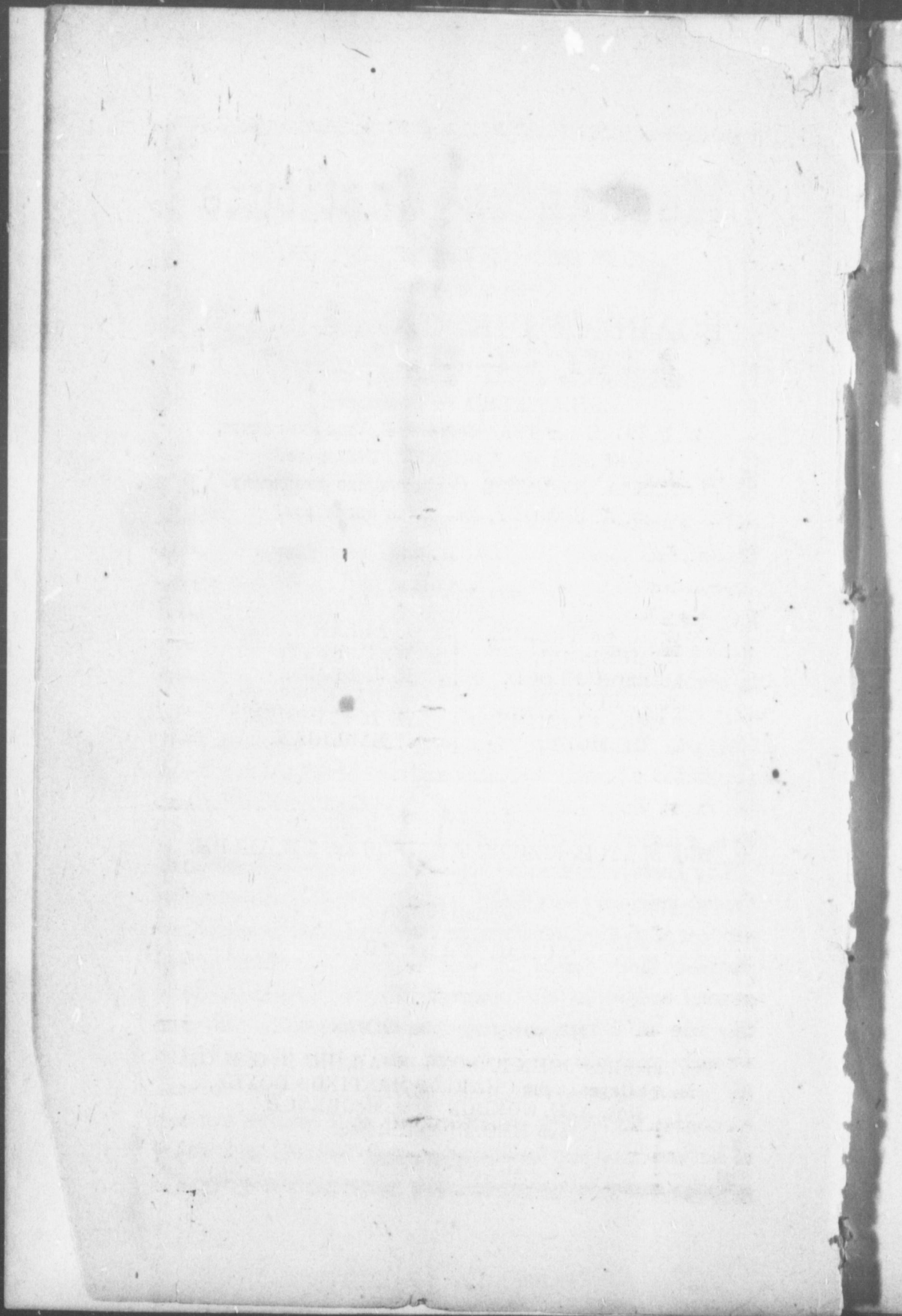
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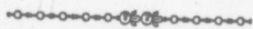
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# ANNUAL REPORT.



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

The President and Directors, in presenting their Annual Report, find pleasure in stating, that notwithstanding the unprecedented pressure of the times during the past year, they have been able to meet their liabilities and somewhat reduce the sum total of indebtedness. Under more favorable circumstances, with the system of economy adopted, they feel satisfied it could have been materially lessened. In order to wipe out the floating debt, they negotiated a further loan of twelve hundred dollars from the Saint John Building Society, making, with a former loan, a liability to that Institution of \$1540.94.

The Lecture Committee, departing from the plan adopted the two previous years, did not deem it advisable to secure the services of *foreign* lecturers, and they feel that the result has justified their action in this respect, considering the general success of the course. The income derived from the sale of tickets amounted to \$1205, while the sum actually paid out to Lecturers, and to the Music Union for one Concert, was only \$570. It has become a question for serious consideration, whether the number of lectures may not be advantageously lessened and other entertainments introduced in lieu thereof.

The following programme for the 38th annual course of lectures was duly carried out.

Nov. 22—Rev. G. M. W. Carey, A. M.—Subject, “Westminster Abbey.”

“ 29—Prof. G. E. Foster, A. B.—“Poetry.”

Dec. 6—Rev. D. MacRae—“The Antiquity of Man.”

“ 13—Rev. G. M. Grant, A. M.—“Nineteenth Century Morality in Pulpit and Press ; in Politics and Trade.”

“ 20—Prof. David Allison, A. M., D. C. L.—“John Stuart Mill.”

Jan. 3—Grand Concert by Music Union.

“ 10—G. R. Parkin, A. M.—“Social Problems in England and Canada.”

“ 17—Prof. H. Y. Hind, A. M.—“A forecast of the future of the Maritime Provinces.”

“ 24—Rev. G. W. Hill, A. M.—“Iona, Staffa and the Vale of Glencoe.”

“ 31—James Hannay Esq.,—“Louisburg.”

Feb. 7—Prof. R. V. Jones, A. M.—“Man's Outlook from Borderland.”

“ 14—I. Allan Jack, A. B.—“The individual in Canada ; his functions and powers.”

Owing to the pressure of financial difficulties and the determination of your Board of Directors to lessen, as far as possible, the liabilities, they have not been enabled, from the receipts of the Institute, to make any addition to the Library. This is a matter of serious regret, it being unquestionably one of the most important services of the Institution. What has been done in this direction is owing to the generosity of two of our spirited citizens, R. P. Butler and J. S. Bois DeVeber, Esquires. The former of these gentlemen donated the sum of forty dollars, to be expended in the purchase of books. With this sum 27

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volumes of choice and recent productions were placed upon the shelves of the Library. Mr. DeVeber's donation of one hundred dollars was expended in the purchase of 27 monthly magazines, for one year, which are allowed to circulate as other books. At the end of the year they can be bound, and thus made to form a valuable acquisition to the Library. These periodicals, which embrace the leading and most valuable of England and America, are eagerly sought after, and their continuance beyond the year has become almost indispensable. Your Directors trust that similar gifts, on the part of liberal minded citizens, will follow, evidencing a desire on their part to make this Library what a City of the size and pretensions of Saint John demands it should be. The books on charge as per catalogue are 4335. Of this number, only 3168 are placed upon the list as "good;" 519 have been lost: 456 are out of repair; 192 have been issued in past years and not returned by parties, who have been notified to do so. It is to be regretted that those who are charged with these books cannot be brought to consider it a duty either to return them or make good their loss to the Institute.

The Reading Room is regularly supplied with 26 papers from England, the United States and the Dominion of Canada, consisting of weeklies, semi-weeklies, tri-weeklies and dailies; also one Art Journal, five Reviews and four Magazines. During the year several English papers were kindly donated by R. P. Butler, Esq. Notwithstanding the Reading Room is so well supplied with reading matter and is open daily from 2 o'clock, p. m., until half-past nine, but few, comparatively speaking, avail themselves of the advantages it affords. The Curator reports that during the past year the daily average attendance has not exceeded eight persons.

During the Summer the ceiling of the Lecture Hall was colored, the walls were painted and fastening boards added to the seats.

For the want of funds your Directors have been compelled to leave the Museum in the same state in which it has been for several years, as a considerable sum would be required to re-classify and re-arrange, in a proper manner, the articles it contains.

The President and Directors, in concluding their Report, feel it would be useless to make an abstract of the estimated income or expenditure of the next year, those made on former occasions having so often proved incorrect. They would urge upon the incoming Board to abate not one jot or tittle in the efforts which have been made to reduce in every possible way the expenditure, and to exert every means to increase the membership and thereby increase the income as well as the efficiency of an old and popular Institution.

**SILAS ALWARD, President.**

**J. A. S. MOTT, Secretary.**

## Eligible

Boyd, John  
Daniel, Tho  
Fleming, W  
Gray, Hon.  
Humbert, T  
Kinsman, F

Armstrong,  
Austin, Hen  
Allan, J. Ho  
Alward, Sila  
Armstrong,  
Adam, Jame  
Appleby, Be  
Allwood, Wi  
Anderson, Ja  
Butler, Rich  
Barbour, Wi  
Barnes, Jame  
Breeze, Will  
Bunting, Wi  
Bustin, Thor  
Berton, Will  
Betts, Albert  
Brass, Edwar  
Blakslee, Asa  
Brown, Silas

## LIST OF MEMBERS

### Eligible for Office and Entitled to Vote.

#### LIFE MEMBERS.

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

Knowles, Joseph S.  
Lawrence, J. W.  
Merritt, Charles  
Smith, William F.  
Wishart, John  
Woodward, Isaac

Armstrong, John  
Austin, Henry A.  
Allan, J. Howe  
Alward, Silas  
Armstrong, Rev. Geo. M.  
Adam, James  
Appleby, Benjamin  
Allwood, William  
Anderson, James  
Butler, Richard P.  
Barbour, William V. C.  
Barnes, James E.  
Breeze, William  
Bunting, William F.  
Bustin, Thomas  
Berton, William J.  
Betts, Albert  
Brass, Edward J.  
Blakslee, Asaph G.  
Brown, Silas H.

Barnes, Joseph W.  
Butt, W. F.  
Breeze, Dudne  
Bent, Gilbert  
Barbour, Moses C.  
Burbidge, G. W.  
Belyea, R. M.  
Betts, Hiram  
Barbour, George L.  
Barber, James  
Broad, Hewlett  
Brock, Frederick  
Boyd, T. A.  
Bennett, Dr. John  
Bowes, A. G.  
Baskin, William B.  
Blake, George  
Boddie, Henry G.  
Crookshank, Robert W.  
Clinch, Robert T.

Chubb, Geo. James  
 Cruikshank, Robert  
 Court, William  
 Cameron, James R.  
 Corbitt, John  
 Chisholm, D. P.  
 Crawford, William K.  
 Causey, William  
 Christie, J. J.  
 Carle, T. C.  
 Card, Henry  
 Cushing, Andre  
 Clark, Goodhand  
 Devoe, John D.  
 Daniel, Thomas W.  
 Dole, W. P.  
 Dawson, David C.  
 Dudley, William W.  
 DeForest, George S.  
 Domville, James  
 Della Torre, William  
 Dunn, James L.  
 Donald, J. H.  
 Drury, John  
 Denham, Thomas D.  
 Dunlop, James K.  
 Dunn, E. F.  
 Demill, A. H.  
 DeBury, Robert  
 Everett, William E.  
 Estey, Fred. A.  
 Everett, Charles A.  
 Elder, William  
 Everett, Edwin J.  
 Everett, George F.  
 Earle, S. Z., M. D.  
 Emery, William  
 Evans, Rev. E.  
 Estey, T. Win slow

Emerson, Robert B.  
 Fairweather, Charles H.  
 Fisher, Edwin  
 Fisher, George S.  
 Flood, Carson  
 Fleming, James  
 Ferguson, James R.  
 Fielders, John  
 Figgures, J. F.  
 Fleming, Charles  
 Fairweather, Edwin  
 Fraser, John  
 Flaherty, Robert  
 Fairweather, James H.  
 Gilmour, Andrew  
 Gilmour, Thomas  
 Godsoe, William C.  
 Gerow, Geo. W.  
 Gerow, James  
 Golding, Robert  
 Graham, Mrs. H.  
 Godsoe, Amos  
 Grant, J. McGregor  
 Hutchison, George, jr.  
 Hegan, John  
 Harris, James  
 Hanford, Thomas  
 Hunter, Robert  
 Hegan, James  
 Hay, Albert S.  
 Hall, Thomas H.  
 Hay, Charles H.  
 Hunt, Henry G.  
 Hennigar, Thomas C.  
 Hanington, Thomas B.  
 Hayward, W. H.  
 Hunt, Mrs. H. G.  
 Hardwick, G. A.  
 Hocken, John

Hawes, I.  
 Harper, J.  
 Howe, Jo  
 Harley, J.  
 Hatheway  
 Hayward,  
 Horn, Wi  
 Hoyt, Ear  
 Inches, Cl  
 Jardine, A  
 Jordan, Sa  
 Jones, Ho  
 Jordan, W  
 Jordan, F  
 Jack, I. A  
 Jordan, J  
 Jack. Hen  
 Kinnear, J  
 Kinnear, C  
 Kerr, H. I  
 King, Hon  
 Kain, Fran  
 Keltie, Ro  
 Kenedy, W  
 Longmaid,  
 Lawrence,  
 Lawton, W  
 Logan, Wi  
 Lloyd, Joh  
 Logan, Jan  
 Lindsay, M  
 Lockhart,  
 Law, Alex  
 Lawrence,  
 Lovett, A.  
 Lockhart, I  
 Lynn, Thor  
 Likely, Th  
 Lordly, A.



Hawes, Israel B.  
 Harper, John  
 Howe, John  
 Harley, John  
 Hatheway, Warren F.  
 Hayward, Samuel  
 Horn, William H.  
 Hoyt, Earnest  
 Inches, Charles, M. D.  
 Jardine, Alexander  
 Jordan, Samuel G.  
 Jones, Hon. Thomas R.  
 Jordan, William W.  
 Jordan, Francis  
 Jack, I. Allan  
 Jordan, John M.  
 Jack, Henry  
 Kinnear, John H.  
 Kinnear, Charles F.  
 Kerr, H. L.  
 King, Hon. Geo. E.  
 Kain, Francis  
 Keltie, Robert  
 Kenedy, William  
 Longmaid, Richard M.  
 Lawrence, George H.  
 Lawton, W. G.  
 Logan, William  
 Lloyd, John F.  
 Logan, James  
 Lindsay, Matthew  
 Lockhart, Alexander  
 Law, Alexander  
 Lawrence, B. R.  
 Lovett, A. W.  
 Lockhart, Edward E.  
 Lynn, Thomas H.  
 Likely, Thomas  
 Lordly, A. J.

Lewis, William  
 Lee, William  
 Magee, John  
 Merritt, E. Miles  
 Murdoch, Gilbert  
 Merritt, T. Gray  
 Murray, Christopher  
 Mahoney, James  
 Milligan, James  
 Marvin, W. S.  
 Moore, W. A.  
 Matthews, S. F.  
 Moore, Robert  
 Miller, Alexander  
 Moore, Edward R.  
 Murdoch, John  
 Milligan, Robert  
 Morrissey, Mrs.  
 Matthew, George F.  
 Moulson, James  
 May, James S.  
 Murdoch, William, jr.  
 Mott, James A. S.  
 Morrison, William S.  
 Moran, James H.  
 Mahoney, Edward J.  
 Morrison, John M. B.  
 Mersereaux, A. J.  
 MacRae, Rev. Mr.  
 McDonald, Mrs. C. C.  
 McMillan, John  
 McGivern, Richard P.  
 McKenzie, W. R.  
 McLeod, Ezekiel  
 McAvity, Thomas, jr.  
 McClelland, Thomas  
 McGregor, Charles  
 McMillan, Hon. John  
 McDonald, Mont,

McNaughton, Robert  
 McLellan, Thomas  
 McAlister, John  
 McIntyre, Daniel  
 Nixon, George  
 Nase, Philip  
 Olive, William H., jr.  
 Olive, C. F.  
 Powers, Mark N.  
 Purdy, Mrs. John D.  
 Peters, B. Lester  
 Patton, Thomas  
 Peters, William  
 Potts, Joseph W.  
 Palmer, A. L.  
 Purchase, William R.  
 Pugsley, G. R.  
 Price, Benj. P.  
 Price, James A.  
 Peacock, George B.  
 Parks, William J.  
 Powers, G. F.  
 Reed, Thomas M.  
 Rankine, Thomas A.  
 Rankine, Alexander  
 Ring, Zebedee  
 Reed, James  
 Robertson, William A.  
 Robertson, Norman  
 Rankine, John  
 Robinson, T. M.  
 Richardson, I. T., jr.  
 Reed, Thomas  
 Robertson, Andrew D.  
 Robinson, James, jr.  
 Roberts, Henry W.  
 Roue, James  
 Rannie, William  
 Robinson, Thomas

Robertson, George  
 Robinson, T. W.  
 Rutherford, Samuel  
 Ritchie, James  
 Schurman, David J.  
 Seeds, Mrs. Samuel  
 Scovil, Rev. William  
 Seely, Richard  
 Stewart, Luke  
 Sulis, John W.  
 Smith, Robert T.  
 Stewart, George  
 Sayer, John E.  
 Steen, Alexander  
 Sinnott, W. H.  
 Smith, James  
 Stephens, F. T.  
 Stockton, A. A.  
 Suffern, George  
 Stevens, S. E.  
 Stockton, C. A.  
 Seely, D. J.  
 Sharp, John  
 Stewart, John  
 Sharp, R. G.  
 Sturdee, H. L.  
 Stavely, Rev. A. McL.  
 Smith, R. Barry  
 Stodhart, Thomas  
 Starr, R. P.  
 Shaw, A. N.  
 Smith, John  
 Sherrard, John L. C.  
 Stevens, R. L.  
 Scovil, W. H.  
 Sparrow, Cornelius  
 Shereton, Robert  
 Sullivan, Dennis  
 Schofield, Samuel

Stead, M.  
 Smith, M.  
 Thomson,  
 Thurgar,  
 Thomas, C.  
 Thomas, C.  
 Trueman,  
 Thomas, J.  
 Troop, O.  
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 Vassie, Jo  
 Vaughan,  
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 Whitney,  
 White, Jan  
 Willis, Ed

Stead, Matthew  
 Smith, Mrs. H. B.  
 Thomson, William  
 Thurgar, John V.  
 Thomas, Capt. Henry  
 Thomas, George  
 Trueman, Charles D.  
 Thomas, James U.  
 Troop, O. V.  
 Turnbull, Charles G.  
 Turner, Robert  
 Titus, Fred. R.  
 Venning, John A.  
 Vassie, John  
 Vaughan, Henry  
 Vaughan, L. H.  
 Woodworth, J. L.  
 Whitney, George W.  
 White, James E.  
 Willis, Edward

Wedderburn, William  
 Whiting, William I.  
 Wilson, John  
 Willett, David  
 Warwick, O. H.  
 Willis, S. K.  
 Williams, John  
 Williams, F. S.  
 Wortman, W. F.  
 Wetmore, N.  
 Whittaker, Wm. C.  
 Welsh, William  
 Wright, John  
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 Wetmore, F. C.  
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### Abstract of Receipts and Expenditures.

#### EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING, APRIL 6TH, 1876.

Light and Fuel,.....	\$ 400 71
Salaries,.....	400 00
Funded Debt,.....	230 16
Interest on Bonds,.....	74 45
Lectures,.....	1,177 81
Reading Room,.....	216 17
Building and Ground Rent,.....	534 24
Insurance,.....	280 00
Library,.....	4 50
Hall and Organ,.....	219 98
Miscellaneous,.....	426 35
Cash on hand April 6th, 1876,.....	31 73
	<u>\$3,996 10</u>

#### RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING, 6TH APRIL, 1876.

Rent—Hall, &c.,.....	\$ 535 00
“ Schools,.....	570 00
Certificates of Membership,.....	22 00
Members' Tickets,.....	1,215 00
Miscellaneous,.....	453 70
Building Society,.....	1,200 00
Cash on hand April 6th, 1875,.....	40
	<u>\$3,996 10</u>

#### Abstract of Liabilities and Assets of the Mechanics' Institute, 31st March, 1876.

Building and Furniture,.....	\$20,420 00
Museum,.....	3,650 00
Apparatus and Diagrams,.....	800 00
Library,.....	3,000 00
Organ,.....	2,000 00
	<u>\$29,870 00</u>
Building Debentures,.....	\$ 822 00
Building Society,.....	1,540 94
Sundry Liabilities,.....	404 44
Balance in favor of the Institute,.....	27,102 62
	<u>\$29,870 00</u>