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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
QUEBEC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
11th January, 1848.

IN accordance with the By-Laws, the subjoined Report is respectfully submitted to the Members of the Quebec Library Association, by the Directors who have been entrusted with the management of its affairs during the past year.

Amongst the first duties which devolved on the Board, was that of providing for the vacancy caused by the refusal of Mr. W. G. Wurtele, to accept the Office of Treasurer, to which he was elected at the last Annual Meeting of the Association, and, after some little difficulty and delay, this was very satisfactorily effected, by the appointing of Mr. James Dyke, who, although elected, as the members will recollect, to a seat at the Board of Directors, consented to perform the more arduous duty of Treasurer. Mr. Musson, jr., was named a Director in lieu of Mr. Dyke, and has taken his share in the proceedings of the Board throughout the year.

As the English Periodicals procured from Messrs. Willmer & Smith had been received, in a very irregular manner, the Board transferred their order for these publications to Messrs. Wiley & Putnam, New

York, and it is satisfactory to be able to observe, that the Association has been benefitted by the change, both in the cost of the Magazines, and the manner in which they have been received. Some alteration was made in the Newspapers obtained for the Reading Room. One or two weekly papers, and several periodicals in the French language, have been substituted, without increase of expense, for the Journal des Débats and Le Siècle, Parisian Daily Papers, which were very costly, and were read by comparatively few of the members: the Albany Argus, the New York Literary World, the New Brunswicker, the St. John's (Newfoundland) Morning Courier, the Charlottetown (Prince Edward) Islander, the Montreal Courier, and the Morning Chronicle, have been procured this year, in addition to those formerly received, and the following is a correct list of the Magazines and Newspapers, which are now to be found in the Reading Room:—

REVIEWS.

London—The Quarterly Review,
 The Westminster and Foreign Quarterly,
 Edinburgh Review.
 Paris—Revue des Deux Mondes,
 Revue Administrative,
 Revue d'Instruction Publique,
 Quebec—Revue de Legislation et Jurisprudence.

MAGAZINES.

London—Fraser's Magazine,
 Colborne's U. S. Magazine,
 Edinburgh—Blackwood's Magazine,
 Dublin—University Magazine,
 Paris—Le Magasin Pittoresque,
—Le Correspondant,
 New York—The Knickerbocker,
 Hunt's Merchants' Magazine,
 Montreal—The Album Littéraire et Musical,
 The Literary Garland,

The Army List,
 The Navy List.

NEWSPAPERS.

EUROPEAN.

London Evening Mail,
 " Morning Chronicle,
 " Bell's Life,
 " Atlas,
 " Illustrated News,
 " Pictorial Times,
 " Punch,
 " Courrier de L'Europe,
 Liverpool Albion,
 " Willmer & Smith's European Times,
 Edinburgh—Scotsman,
 Glasgow Herald,
 Limerick Chronicle,
 Paris—Journal du Dimanche,
 Illustration Universel.

PROVINCIAL.

Toronto Globe,
 " Colonist,
 Montreal Herald,
 " Gazette,
 " Pilot,
 " Courier,
 " Minerve,
 " Mélanges Religieux, (a donation),
 Three Rivers Journal,

PROVINCIAL.

Berthier—L'Echo des Campagnes,
 (a donation),
 Halifax—Novascotian,
 St. John's (N. B.) Chronicle,
 New Brunswicker,
 St. John's (Newfoundland) Morning Courier,
 Charlottetown (P. E. I.) Islander,
 Quebec Gazette,
 " Official Gazette,
 " Mercury,
 " Morning Chronicle,
 " Berean, (a donation),
 " Canadien,
 " Journal de Québec,
 " L'Ami de la Religion et de la Patrie, (a donation),
 St. Thomas—L'Echo de la Presse,
 (a donation),

UNITED STATES.

New York Commercial Advertiser,
 " Herald,
 " Albion,
 " Courrier des Etats-Unis,
 " The Literary World,
 Albany Argus,
 Boston Atlas.

The following is a list of the Lectures which have been delivered during the past year, under the auspices of the Association:—

- " Natural Sleep," by J. Painchaud, M. D.
- " Domestic Education," by the Rev. D. Marsh.
- " Les Cheveux, la Barbe, et la Couleur de l'Homme," by J. Painchaud, M. D.
- " Progress and Habits of Colonial Society in North America," by the Honble. A. W. Cochran, D. C. L.
- " Les Gaulois et les Francs jusqu'à Clovis," by August. Soulard, Esq.
- " Un coup d'œil sur les inventions et découvertes scientifiques les plus récentes," by N. Aubin, Esq.

“Modern Monumental Literature, with notices of Kindred Observances towards the Departed,” by the Honble. A. W. Cochran, D. C. L.

“The Normans,” by J. C. Fisher, LL. D.

“Sketches of Ancient Art,” by J. C. Fisher, LL. D.

And, as it is perhaps scarcely necessary for the Board to observe, the thanks of this Association are eminently due to the gentlemen above named, as, chiefly, to their disinterested and valuable assistance is to be attributed all that has been done towards the promotion of one of the leading objects for which the Association is incorporated, viz:—“organizing a system of instruction by means of Lectures.” The Board has also to remark that several Literary and Scientific Gentlemen of this city have promised to aid the Association by giving Lectures, occasionally, throughout the winter, and that for admission to these Lectures, it has been determined to make a small charge, not exceeding 1s. 3d. each Lecture, to be paid by all who attend them, with the exception of Ladies, or Children in charge either of a parent or other adult relative, or friend. In taking this step, the Directors have not been uninfluenced by the desire of relieving the funds of the Association of part, if not the whole, of the very considerable expense of lighting, heating, and furnishing the Lecture Room, for the advantage, on many occasions rather of the public at large, than that of the members; but they have been chiefly moved by the knowledge that several of those who have favoured the Association with Lectures, and intend again to do so, desire such a measure to be adopted, so that the persons (gene-

rally idle boys,) who, too often, by their rude interruptions, have annoyed both the Lecturer and those listening to him, may be kept away. The Directors have only further to state that they venture to expect for the Lectures of this season, even a larger attendance than was had for those of last year, believing that the members of the Association, or, indeed, the public generally, will not subject the gentlemen, who prepare Lectures without fee or reward, at considerable sacrifice of time, with much care and research, to the mortification of delivering them to thin audiences.

The Directors perceived soon, and with regret, that the funds of the Association were not sufficient to allow the purchase of any of the more expensive works, which it is necessary to procure for the Library, if the Association is to follow in their rapid progress, modern science and literature; and, with the hope of being enabled to supply the wants of the Library, the Board petitioned the Legislature, at its last Session, for a grant in aid of the funds of the Association. The petition was not acceded to, but as grants of money were accorded to several Literary Institutions of the Province, of a nature near akin, if not similar to that of the Quebec Library Association, the Directors would recommend to their successors in office to apply again to the Provincial Parliament, at its next Session. Although the Directors have thus been unable to improve the Library as much as they desire, they have not failed to keep it supplied with most of the lighter literature of the day: amongst other books of this kind, Sir Geo. Simpson's Overland Journey

round the World; Sir F. B. Head's *Emigrant*; Mrs. Butler's *Year of Consolation*; and the later works of Dickens, D'Israeli, James, and the other principal Novelists of the time have been added to the Library. The members have also doubtless observed, with pleasure, that the duplicate works contained in the Library of the House of Assembly were granted to the Association and the Toronto Athenæum, in equal proportions: the books thus acquired, of which a list is subjoined, are not perhaps very valuable; but this donation is to be prized as an evidence that the Association is recognised by the popular branch of the Legislature, as one of the chief Literary Institutions of the city. The Library has been increased, during last year, to the extent of 33 volumes by purchase and 155 volumes by donation, and now consists, including the books of the Old Quebec Library, and those given by the House of Assembly, of 7,333 volumes. During the past year, 11,560 volumes have been circulated amongst 232 members, and there are at present 540 volumes in circulation.

The Directors for the past year have not been able, formally, to close the arrangement, which virtually has subsisted between the Trustees of the Quebec Library and the Quebec Library Association, and as it is not clearly apparent, whether for some months past Trustees have been appointed in the manner required by the Ordinance, which Incorporates "The Trustees of the Quebec Library," the Directors apprehend difficulty in the completion of this long protracted negotiation, or of any other, with the Trustees, which may become necessary. This is greatly to be regretted, inasmuch as holding the Old Quebec

Library, in some measure merely by sufferance, the Association is prevented from making many alterations in it, (such as selling obsolete, duplicate, or incomplete works, and substituting others, rebinding books, &c.,) which, though desirable, cannot be effected until the Association is in "permanent" possession of these books. Convinced of the necessity of merging, into one, the Old Quebec Library and the Association, the Directors have, with this end in view, followed the course adopted by their predecessors, of granting a life membership in the Association in return for a donation of a share in the Quebec Library, free of arrears, which is indeed the spirit of the still incomplete arrangement with the Trustees. The Association now comprises 29 life members so acquired; but as the old By-Laws of the Quebec Library make the approval of the Trustees necessary to the transfer of a share in the Library, even the shares obtained by the Association from the life members cannot be transferred to it until either Trustees of the Quebec Library, elected in the manner provided by their Charter, consent to the Act of the proprietors of the Quebec Library, who have become Life Members of the Association, or until the Charter, incorporating the Trustees of the Library, is repealed by law. These difficulties in the way of the junction of the two Institutions have occupied the attention of the present Directors, and they recommend the subject to the early consideration of their successors, merely remarking further, that, as a petition signed by several of the proprietors of the Library for a repeal of their Charter was presented to the Legislature at its last Session, and an Act in accordance with

the prayer of the petition was passed by the House of Assembly, it is not improbable that the difficulty will most easily be overcome by the concurrence of the proprietors of the Library in a second endeavour for a repeal of the Act which obstructs the complete union of the Quebec Library and the Quebec Library Association.

The Treasurer's Report exhibits a statement of the monetary affairs of the Association, and shews that that officer has now in his hands merely the sum of £8 13s. 9d., while several amounts are due by the Association for Oil, Stationery, Postages, Book-binding, &c., amounting together to, at least, £60. The financial resources of the Association have been closely examined and considered by the Directors, who are about to resign their charge, and a reference to Treasurer's Reports for the past years has made it apparent, to them, that the Annual Revenue of the Association, since its commencement, has been barely sufficient to defray its incidental expenses, the expenditure required for the Reading Room, and the cost of fuel, light, &c., for the Lecture Room, leaving nothing to be applied to the Library, an important, if not, as its name implies, the chief object of the Association. Thus it being evident that at the present rates of receipt and expenditure nothing can be afforded for the purchase of Books, and as the amount of the donations, in money, made by those who so liberally contributed from their means at the establishing of the Association, has been exhausted, (without, it may be remarked, giving an undue proportion to the Library Department,) it will, doubtless, be admitted, by all that provision must now be made

to maintain the Library in a state at least as attractive and useful as it has hitherto been. Convinced of the necessity of expending annually a considerable sum in the purchase of Books, the Directors have been unable to discover any mode of obtaining the amount required other than that of recommending an increase of 5s., annually, to the present low rate of subscription; this step the Directors have taken *very reluctantly*, and only after satisfying themselves that retrenchment either in the salaries of the Superintendent or Librarian, or in the expenditure connected with the Reading Room could not properly be made.

Considering, therefore, that even the increased rate to be proposed, is far from proportionate to the many advantages presented by the Association, and that it is not beyond the means of almost any class of the community, the Directors trust that the motion to the effect above mentioned, which will be presented this evening, will meet with a favourable reception.

All which is nevertheless respectfully submitted.

W. BENNETT,

Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Quebec, 11th January, 1848.

List of Books received from the Library of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and which were voted by the House, to the Quebec Library Association's keeping, last Parliament:—

- Abbott*, [Chas.] A Treatise of the Law relative to Merchant Ships and Seamen, 1 vol., 8vo., London, 1812.
- Archives des Découvertes et des Inventions Nouvelles, faite dans les Sciences, les Arts et les Manufactures, tant en France que dans les pays étrangers, pendant l'année 1823; 1 vol., 8vo., Paris, 1824.
- Barbier*, [M.] Dictionnaire Anonymes et Pseudonymes, composés, traduit et publié en Français et en Latin—4 vols., 8vo., Paris, 1822.
- Beawes*, [Wyndham] [improved by Mortimer,] *Lex Mercatoria Rediviva*—1 vol., 4to., London, 1792.
- Begin*, [L. J.] The French Practice of Medicine, [a translation of *Begin's Treatise on Therapeutics*, by Xavier Tessier.]—1 vol. [only] New York, 1829.
- Bentham*, [Jeremie,—Jurisconsult Anglais] *Traité de Législation Civile et Pénale*—3 vols., 8vo., Paris, 1802.
- Bissett*, [Robt. LL. D.] *History of the Reign of George III.*—6 vols., 8vo., London, 1803.
- Boulay-Paty*, [P. S.] *Des Faillites et Banqueroutes*,] 2 vols., 8vo., Paris, 1825.
- Canada*—Report from the Select Committee on the Civil Government of—printed by order of the House of Commons, 22nd July, 1828.
- Chateaubriand*, [F. A. De] *Essaie Historique Politique et Moral, sur les Révolutions Ancienne et Moderne*—1 vol., 8vo., London, 1815.
- Clarendon*, [Edward, Earl of] *History of the Rebellion and Civil Wars of England*—6 vols., 8vo., [1st wanting] Oxford, 1807.
- Colquhoun*, [P., LL. D.] *A Treatise on the Commerce and Police of the River Thames*—1 vol., 8vo., London, 1800.
- Courtin*, [Mons. De] French translation of *Le Droit de la Guerre et de la Paix*, par M. Grotius, from the Latin—2 vols., 4to, Paris, 1687.
- Cremazie*, [Jacques] *Les Lois Criminelles Anglaises*—1 vol., 8vo., Quebec, 1842.
- Denisart*, [J. B.] *Collection de Décisions Nouvelles et de Notions relatives à la Jurisprudence actuelle*—4 vols., 4to., Paris, 1771.
- Franchere*, [G. Fils] *Relations d'un voyage à la Côte du Nord-Ouest de l'Amérique Septentrionale, dans les années 1810, 11, 12, 13 et 14*—1 vol., 8vo., Montreal, 1820.
- Gourgaud*, [Le Général] *Napoléon et la Grande Armée en Russie*—1 vol., 8vo., Paris, 1826.
- Gourville*, [Mons De] *Mémoires de*—2 vols., 8vo., Amsterdam, 1782.
- Hachette*, [M.] *Traité Elémentaire des Machines*—1 vol., 4to., Paris, 1819.
- Hallam*, [Henry] *The Constitutional History of England, from the accession of Henry VII, to the death of George II.*—2 vols., 4to., London, 1807.
- Histoire de la Révolution D'Espagne de 1820 à 1823*, [par un Espagnol, témoin oculaire,]—2 vols., 8vo., Paris, 1824.
- Hume*, [J. D.] *The Laws of the Customs*—1 vol., 8vo., London, 1829.
- Lacroix*, [S. F.,] *Elémens de Géométrie, à l'usage de l'Ecole Centrale de Quatre Nations*—1 vol., 8vo., Paris, 1814.

- Macpherson*, [David] Annals of Commerce—4 vols., 4to., London, 1805.
- Merlin*, [M.] Recueil Alfabétique des Questions de Droit—6 vols., 4to., Paris, 1819.
- Meilleur*, [J. B.] Cours Abrégé de leçons de Chymie—1 vol., 8vo., Montreal, 1833.
- Mirabeau*—Œuvres Choies de—8 vols, 8vo., Paris, 1821.
- Montaigne*—Essais de—4 vols., 8vo., Paris, 1802.
- Piton*, [Louis Arge] Voyages à Cayenne, dans les Deux Amériques, et chez les Anthropophages—2 vols., 8vo., Paris, 1805.
- Pownall*, [Thomas] The Administration of the Colonies—1 vol., 8vo., London, 1765.
- Ruffhead*, [Owen] The Statutes at large from Magna Charta to the end of the last Parliament, 1761—1st, 2nd, 7th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 18th, and 19th vols., London, 1763.
- Say*, [Jean-Baptiste] Traité d'Economie Politique—2 vols., 8vo., Paris, 1817.
- Soules*, [François] Histoire des Troubles de L'Amérique Anglaise—4 vols., 8vo., Paris, 1787.
- Steele*, [David] The Ship Master's Assistant and Owner's Manual—1 vol., 8vo., London, 1810.
- Stokes*, [Anthony] A View of the Constitution of the British Colonies in North America and the West Indies, at the time the Civil War broke out on the Continent of America—1 vol., 8vo., London, 1783.
- Thiers*, [M. A.] Histoire de la Révolution Française—10 vols., Paris, 1828.
- Winterbotham*, [W.] History of America—3 vols., 8vo., (4th volume wanting,) London, 1795.
- The Edinburgh Review—first 25 vols., and odd number, viz. :—45, 46, 46, 47, Part I.
- The London Quarterly—first 13 volumes (third wanting excepted) and odd numbers, viz. :—35, 36, 36, 37, 38, 38.

W. BENNETT,
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Quebec, 11th January, 1848.

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