

Mechanics' Institute

OF

SAINT JOHN, N. B.

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The Right Hon. JOHN BARON LISGAR, G. C. B., G. M. G.
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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading of Minutes.
2. Reports of Standing Committees.
3. Reports of Special Committees.
4. Proposals for Membership.
5. Monthly Statements of Funds.
6. Secretary and Treasurer.
7. Deferred and Unfinished Business.
8. New Business.

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ANNUAL REPORT, A. D. 1887-88.

To the Members of the St. John Mechanics' Institute :

The President and Directors, in submitting their Annual Report, regret that it does not exhibit the Institute's affairs to be in so prosperous a condition as they would desire ; but while there has been a serious decrease in the revenue during the year, the total indebtedness has not materially increased.

There has been a falling off in the rents of over \$1,200 during the year ; and for the past two years the sale of Subscribers' tickets has been unusually small as compared with previous years.

For some time past it has been found impossible to make the regular payments due the Building Society, and on the 8th instant the principal and interest overdue the Society amounted to \$1,605.00, and no funds in the Treasurer's hands to meet it. This, however, is the only amount pressing for immediate payment, as nearly all current expenses due to April 1st have been paid.

Owing to urgent demands having been made by the Building Society for the payment of overdue amounts, a special meeting of the Members was called on January 12th, and a complete statement of the Institute's affairs was submitted to the meeting. After considering the whole matter, the

Directors were authorized to take the necessary steps for disposing of the property, and winding up the Institute's affairs.

The building and property were advertised for sale by tender, but no tenders were received, and efforts to effect a sale on private terms were unsuccessful.

It is now half a century since this Institute was founded, and during all that time it has exercised a very great influence in aiding the general literary, scientific, and artistic culture, not only of our own citizens, but to some extent, at least, that of the whole Province. It seems a great misfortune that after all the trouble and expense of providing this building and its appliances, and after so long and prosperous a career of usefulness, it should now be sacrificed, without energetic efforts being made by its friends to save it.

The management of the Institute has never been governed by any cast-iron rules, but has always endeavoured to meet the requirements of all classes of the community, as far as possible, with the means at their command, so that just now it would seem difficult to suggest anything to supply the place which the Institute has occupied in this community for so long a period.

The Board is exceedingly grateful to the gentlemen who have so kindly lectured, gratuitously, during the past season, and also to the "St. John Amateur Dramatic Company" for the excellent entertainments which they gave during the year.

Statements of accounts in the usual form are submitted herewith.

The following is the programme for the past Lecture Course :

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Jan. 9—	P
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1887.

Nov. 29—Concert by the Nellie Brown-Mitchell Concert Company of Boston.

Dec. 5—PROF. ANDERSON, President of Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Subject, "Hamlet."

" 12—REV. J. AMBROSE, Digby, N. S. Subject, "Our Fisheries and the Three-Mile Limit."

" 19—REV. WM. DOLLARD, St. Stephen. Subject, "The Ballad Poetry of Ireland."

1888.

Jan. 9—PROF. BURWASH, A. M., Mt. Allison University. Subject, "Suggestions of Science."

" 16—EDWARD JACK, Esq., C. E. Subject, "The Capture of Constantinople by the Crusaders."

" 23—Concert by the ARION QUARTETTE.

" 30—REV. L. G. MACNEILL, M. A. Subject, "The Heathen Hindoo and the way we captured him."

Feb. 6—GEO. E. FENETY, Esq., Fredericton. Subject, "Longevity."

" 13—PROF. J. G. MACGREGOR, D.Sc., Dalhousie College, Halifax. Subject, "Shooting Stars."

" 20—PROF. W. F. STOCKLEY, A. M., University N. B., Fredericton. Subject, "Emerson."

" 27—PROF. S. W. DYDE, A. M., University N. B., Fredericton. Subject, "Shakespeare."

Mar. 5—Entertainment by St. John Amateur Dramatic Company.

MR. MORTON L. HARRISON'S Orchestra of nine pieces performed on each lecture evening from 7.30 to 8 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. COLLIER,

President.

F. S. SHARPE,

Recording Secretary.

ST. JOHN, N. B., April 9th, 1888.

ST. JOHN, N. B., *April 3rd*, 1888.

To THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS
Of the Saint John Mechanics' Institute.

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned, appointed to audit the books of the Curator and Treasurer, beg to report that, after a careful investigation, they find the same to be correct and kept in the usual systematic manner. The amounts received by the Curator have been paid over to the Treasurer, and that officer has disbursed them in accordance with the order book.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES ADAM, }
 J. B. HAMM, } *Auditors.*

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Boyd, H
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 Barnes, J
 Barbour,
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 Baird, G
 Bayard, I
 Barber, J
 Best, W
 Beverly,
 Beakcall,
 Bell, A.
 Bell, Th
 Betts, H
 Blake, G

LIST OF MEMBERS, 1887-88,
OF
Saint John Mechanics' Institute,

ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,
On April 9th, 1888.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Boyd, Hon. John
Brass, E. J.
Daniel, Thomas
Fleming, William
Gray, Hon. John H.

Humbert, Thomas C.
Knowles, Joseph S.
Lawrence, J. W.
Wishart, John

Adam, James
Alward, Silas
Allen, W. Watson
Allison, Dr. L. C.
Allwood, William
Armstrong, John S.
Austin, H. A.
Barnes, James E.
Barbour, Moses C.
Barbour, George L.
Baird, Geo. F.
Bayard, Dr. William
Barber, James
Best, William F.
Beverly, Fulton
Beakcall, George
Bell, A. H.
Bell, Thos. W.
Betts, Hiram
Blake, George

Botsford, Dr. LeBaron
Bowes, A. G.
Bostwick, C. M.
Breeze, William
Breeze, Dudne
Bruce, Dr. M. F.
Bunting, William F.
Burpee, Hon. I. (Est.)
Bustin, Thomas
Bustin, A. T.
Butcher, Fred. R.
Carleton, John L.
Carvill, George, (Est.)
Christie, Dr. James
Christie, Alexr.
Chisholm, D. P.
Clarke, Frank
Clarke, Clement P.
Clinch, D. C.
Connor, John

Cooper, Hedley V.
 Court, William
 Copp, John R.
 Collier, W. E.
 Crookshank, Robert W.
 Cruikshank, Robert
 Crawford, W. K.
 Cushing, Geo. B.
 Curry, L. A.
 Cushing, Andre
 Daniel, Thomas W.
 Davenport, Rev. J. M.
 DeMill, A. H.
 Dole, W. P.
 Dodds, Andrew
 Drury, John
 Dunlop, Joseph K.
 Earle, S. Z., M. D.
 Elkin, Edward C.
 Ellis, Geo. W.
 Emerson, Robert B.
 Estabrooks, Theodore H.
 Estey, T. Winslow
 Estey, James A.
 Everett, Charles A.
 Everett, Henry L.
 Fairweather, G. E.
 Fairweather, Fred. R.
 Farren, William
 Ferguson, B. (Estate)
 Ferguson, Clarence H.
 Fisher, Edwin
 Fisher, George S.
 Fisher, Chas. (Estate)
 Fielders, John
 Finn, Michael
 Fleming, James
 Flewelling, Geo. W.
 Flood, Carson
 Fowler, Joseph A.
 Fotheringham, Rev. T. F.
 Frink, R. W. W.
 Fry, Wm. H.
 Furlong, Thomas
 Gale, E. W.
 Gilmour, Andrew
 Gilbert, Harold
 Glazebrook, A. J.
 Gorbell, F. J.
 Goodwin, A. L.
 Godsoe, Amos T.
 Greig, William
 Grant, J. Macgregor
 Hayward, W. H.
 Hamm, J. B.
 Hay, George U.
 Hanington, Thomas B.
 Hayward, Samuel
 Hay, Thomas L.
 Hall, Thomas H.
 Harding, Dr. W. S.
 Hanington, Fred. E.
 Hetherington, Dr. Geo. A.
 Horn, William H.
 Howe, Jonas
 Hutchinson, W. (Estate)
 Hutchison, George
 Jack, D. R.
 Jack, I. Allen
 Jordan, Samuel G.
 Jones, Hon. Thomas R.
 Jones, E. C.
 Jones, Simeon
 Johnston, Dr. Chas. H. L.
 Kain, Francis
 Kay, J. Murray
 Kaye, Edmund G.
 Kelly, John
 Kennedy, James
 Kinnear, Charles F.

King, H.
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 Knox, Ja.
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 Leonard,
 Lee, G. I.
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 Lovett, A.
 Marshall
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 March, J.
 Macrae,
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 Melrose,
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 Miller, J.
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King, Hon. G. E.
 King, S. T.
 Knox, James
 Lantalum, Edward
 Leonard, Charles H.
 Lee, G. Herbert
 Lester, Edward H.
 Livingston, W. H.
 Longmaid, Richard
 Lordly, A. J.
 Lordly, W. A.
 Lovett, A. W.
 Marshall, John R.
 Matthew, Geo. F.
 March, John
 Macrae, Rev. Dr. D.
 Mackay, W. M.
 Magilton, Joseph A.
 Merritt, T. Gray
 Melrose, Robert
 Milligan, Jas. (Est.)
 Miller, John
 Moore, Herbert W.
 Morrison, John McB.
 Moore, Edward R.
 Mott, J. A. S.
 Murdoch, Gilbert
 Munro, Frank
 Murdoch, William
 McLaren, Dr. Lawrence
 McLellan, Hon. David
 McArthur, R. D.
 McCafferty, Francis
 McGivern, Richard P.
 McLeod, Ezekiel
 McLaughlan, D. J.
 McCready, J. E. B.
 McLean, W. M.
 McCoskery, Wm. F.
 McIntyre, John

McMillan, John
 McPherson, John
 Nicholson, J. W. (Estate)
 O'Brien, Richard
 Outram, E. D.
 Palmer, Hon. A. L.
 Parks, John H.
 Payne, R. A.
 Peters, Alex. N.
 Peters, B. Lester
 Peacock, Geo. B.
 Pender, James
 Peters, William
 Phillips, James
 Potts, Joseph W.
 Potts, Benj. F.
 Porter, W. Alex.
 Powers, Mark N.
 Price, Jas. A.
 Purchase, Wm. R.
 Pullen, James H.
 Quigley, R. F.
 Rannie, William
 Raymond, Thomas F.
 Reed, Thomas
 Reynolds, James
 Ritchie, Hon. R. J.
 Ritchie, Joseph H.
 Richardson, Israel T.
 Robinson, James
 Rogers, Richard
 Robertson, E. M.
 Robinson, Morris
 Saer, Rev. J. B.
 Scammell, Joseph H.
 Scholl, E.
 Secord, James E.
 Shaw, James
 Sharpe, F. S.
 Shaw, C. S.

Sinclair, Arch.
Skinner, A. O.
Skinner, Hon. C. N.
Smith, Robert F.
Smith, George F.
Stothart, Thomas
Starr, R. P.
Stuart, Rev. Wm.
Straton, James
Stewart, John
Stockton, C. A.
Sullivan, John R.
Tapley, Archibald
Tapley, John
Thorne, W. H.
Thomson, Robert, Jr.

Tippet, A. P.
Trueman, A. I.
Turnbull, Charles G.
Tufts, Frank
Turnbull, W. W.
Ward, Chas. (Estate)
Wetmore, C. N.
Weldon, C. W.
Whitney, George W.
White, Jas. E.
White, Dr. Walter W.
Whittaker, Edward L.
Willet, David
Willet, John
Willis, E. LeRoy
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STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT.

ABSTRACT
OF
RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES
AND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

EXPENDITURE

For Year ending 31st March.

	1887.	1888.
Light and Fuel,	\$ 848 61	\$ 630 17
Salaries,	641 68	700 00
Funded Debt (Building Society),	198 06	121 94
Interest,	184 38	12 00
Lectures and Expenses,	619 50	765 98
Museum,
Reading Room,	107 20	93 65
Building,	301 76	119 48
Ground Rent,	260 00	260 00
Insurance,	350 00	262 50
Library,	117 37	101 40
Apparatus and Diagrams,	2 00
Hall,	16 98	46 15
Incidentals,	71 46	196 25
Cash Balance,	31 54	80 39
	\$4,291 79	\$3,389 91

RECEIPTS

For Year ending 31st March.

	1887.	1888.
Cash Balance 31st March,	\$ 6 09	\$ 31 54
Rents,	3,043 20	1,966 20
Members' Certificates,	10 00
Members' Tickets,	1,165 00	1,155 00
Donations,	10 00
Miscellaneous,	57 50	237 17
	\$ 4,291 79	\$3,389 91

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
OF MECHANICS' INSTITUTE,

MARCH 31, 1888.

ASSETS.

Building and Furniture, say,	\$18,000 00
Museum,	3,650 00
Apparatus and Diagrams,	800 00
Library,	3,000 00
Cash Balance,	80 39
	\$25,530 39

LIABILITIES.

Debentures,	\$ 640 00
Building Society, amount overdue with inter- est to 8th April, 1888,	\$1,577 79
Building Society, to Mature,	1,394 11
	2,971 88
Orders to pay,	77 42
Due to date: Interest on Bonds, Ground Rent, Gas, and Subscriptions for Library and Reading Room, about	411 00
Balance,	21,430 09
	\$25,530 39

1888.
630 17
700 00
121 94
12 00
765 98
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93 65
119 48
260 00
262 50
101 40
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46 15
196 25
80 39
3,389 91

1888.
\$ 31 54
1,966 20
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