

# Mechanics' Institute

OF

SAINT JOHN, N. B.

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

Sir A. H. GORDON, J. H. MCGREGOR, T. O. PAINE.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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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.

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*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 :

1887.  
Nov. 29—Co

Dec. 5—Pr

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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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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.  
 King, S.  
 Knox, Ja.  
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 Lee, G. J.  
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 Lordly, A.  
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 Lovett, A.  
 Marshall  
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 March, J.  
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 Merritt,  
 Melrose,  
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 Miller, J.  
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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  
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Willis, E. LeRoy  
Woodrow, James

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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
	<u>\$ 4,291 79</u>	<u>\$ 3,389 91</u>

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
	<u>\$ 4,291 79</u>	<u>\$ 3,389 91</u>

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ABSTRACT  
OF  
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
	<u>\$25,530 39</u>

## LIABILITIES.

Debentures, ... ..	\$ 640 00
Building Society, amount overdue with interest to 8th April, 1888, ... ..	\$1,577 79
Building Society, to Mature, ... ..	1,394 11
	<u>2,971 88</u>
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
	<u>\$25,530 39</u>

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