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THE FRASER INSTITUTE.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The accounts for the past year, (ending June 30th, 1890.) duly audited, are submitted with this Report. They show all the details of the receipts and disbursements of the corporation during the year.

The revenue derived from the basement of the Institute building amounts to \$1,424.91, being a fair increase upon that of the past year. It is probable that this may be further increased during the current year, as the large hall is in frequent request.

The revenue from the farms is about the same as in previous years.

In consequence of failure to lease some of the offices in the Fraser Buildings, their rental has fallen considerably below that of last year, and although, as respects the offices, there is now a slight improvement, the nett revenue from the buildings generally has diminished by over one thousand dollars. Every effort has been made to lease it. During the present year one store is vacant; but it is expected that a tenant for a period of years will shortly be arranged for.

The current expenses of the Library have increased \$46.63, notwithstanding that every effort has been made towards economy.

The general expenses of the corporation, however, have not materially increased, the difference being more than covered by a sum of \$179.85, expenses of the Fraser Buildings omitted from the last Annual Report; and an increase of over \$150.00 in the taxes upon the Fraser Buildings. But for these two items the total current annual expenses would have shown a small reduction on those of last year.

The attendance at the Library, for the past year, shows a fair increase, but the number of persons who now avail themselves of the Library by borrowing books, is much larger than heretofore, and is increasing. Schedule VI gives the details of the attendance, and contains a comparison of its numbers with those of previous years.

In accordance with the intention expressed in last year's Report, a considerable addition was made to the Library in the autumn of last year, by the purchase in England of a large number of valuable books.

Schedule VII contains a list of the donations of books during the past year, being 1056 volumes.

An alphabetical catalogue has been prepared in accordance with the intentions expressed in last year's Report, and its printing is nearly completed. This catalogue is intended to facilitate the use of the Library as a circulating library; and copies of it will be distributed at cost price, which will be practically nominal. It is intended also, to prepare and print a catalogue by subjects, the better to facilitate reference to the large number of valuable and instructive books on almost every imaginable subject, which are now to be found in the collection.

The Board has arranged with the Faculty of Law of McGill College, for the conversion of a large room into a Law Library, in which the Law books of the Faculty, as well as those belonging to the Institute, are placed. This room is under the charge of a gentleman appointed by the Law Faculty; and the arrangements made, enable visitors to the Fraser Institute and Library, to consult the entire Law Library so constituted. The Board trusts that this will be found of great advantage to Law students, and others desirous of information on legal subjects, as constituting practically a free Law Library both select and extensive.

The Board begs to call attention to the position of the finances of the Institute, in the hope that persons interested in education, and in the spread of useful knowledge generally, will, from time to time, appropriate some small portion of their means, towards extending the Library, and increasing its efficiency. The Board is acting strictly upon the principle, that under no circumstances should it embarrass itself with

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debts, and it confines the remuneration of its staff, and the purchase of books, strictly within the bounds of its income. A reference to the statements submitted will show, that without further assistance, further purchases of books cannot be made, and the Institution will consequently, be unable to keep pace with the literary progress of the world. It has already received generous donations from its Governors and others, by means of which it has been enabled to purchase within the last two years, over 5,000 volumes of much needed books. The purchase of the best works among those which are being daily issued by the publishers, is a necessity, if the Institution is to be kept up to the standard required in Montreal. And as stated in the last Report, the Board is particularly desirous of increasing the collection of books upon North America, especially Canada. Many books of the best class, have been reduced, by use, to a condition which requires them to be rebound, and efficiently to carry out this object would need a further considerable sum. Any assistance which persons interested in the spread of useful knowledge, may see fit to afford, towards the purchase of books, and towards rebinding those requiring it, will be gratefully received by the Board; and will be carefully applied to the purpose which may be specified by the donor in making the donation.

In this connection the Board desires to remark upon the work on which they are engaged, that the revenue derived from the bequest of the founder, serves to administer in an orderly and efficient manner, the existing collection of books, now comprising about twenty thousand volumes; exclusive of law books, and of the collections of the German Society, and of the Horticultural Society, which together number about four thousand volumes more. There are two large reading rooms, one of which, containing the Mackay collection of pictures is appropriated to ladies, and these rooms are supplied with the leading Magazines and literary periodicals. Special facilities are provided for Students engaged in literary work, and the rooms are open every day in the week, during lengthy hours, free in every sense, for the use of the public.

These advantages are provided without public aid; or any assistance beyond that derived from a few persons interested in

the spread of knowledge, whose contributions are mentioned in Schedule II. In other parts of the Dominion, free libraries are supported by municipal taxation, but circumstances render that difficult, if not impossible, in the province of Quebec. The Board, therefore, ventures to hope, that in view of the advantages to the public which this Institution provides, and of the limited and restricted means at its disposal, the citizens of Montreal, who already rank so high as benefactors of education, will aid in placing its Free Library upon a footing commensurate with the needs of their wealthy and cultured city.

J. J. C. ABBOTT,
President.



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Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements of the Fraser Institute for the Year ending June 30th, 1890.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand July 1st, 1889. \$516.06
 Revenue Account (see *Schedule I*) 12,890.22
 Donations (see *Schedule II*) 5,250.00
 Hopkins Barnes, Payment on Life Policy 1,500.00
 Advance by Hon. J. C. Abbott 239.95

DISBURSEMENTS.

Current Annual Expenses (see
 Revenue Account, *Schedule I*) \$13,582.78
Furniture Account.
Library.—Stool, New Signs
 over door, Electric Bell, Shel-
 ving. 41.32
Fraser Buildings.—Ladder and
 Window guards 10.00 51.32
Library Account.—New Books,
 Magazines, Binding and
 Cartage. 1,804.98
Fraser Buildings.—Construction
 Account, (making total cost of
 Buildings, exclusive of site =
 \$66,886.52) 182.25
High School Property.—Hon. J.
 C. Abbott, on account of
 purchase money 3,831.24
 Paid sundry repairs and for Fur-
 niture (*Schedule IV*) 80.37
 Cash on hand July 1st, 1890. 3,911.61
 863.29
 20,396.23

MONTREAL, 19th JULY, 1890.

Audited and found correct PHILIP S. ROSS, C. A.

SCHEDULE 1.*Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on General*

RECEIPTS.

RENTS :—Fraser Buildings.....		\$8,409.69
High School Property.....		
The Hospital.....	590.00	
Institute Building Rents :—		
Hail and adjoining rooms	1,279.41	
Societies meeting in Institute	145.50	
	<u>1,424.91</u>	
		<u>2,014.91</u>
King's Post Farm.....		1,010.00
Knox Farm.....		1,200.00
McMartin Farm.....		250.00
Interest on account in Molsons Bank.....		5.62
		<u>12,890.22</u>
Balance carried to debit of capital.....		692.56
		<u>13,582.78</u>
		<u>13,582.78</u>
Total.....		<u>13,582.78</u>

SCHEDULE 1.*Revenue Account for the year ending June 30th, 1890*

<i>The Institute.</i>		
Annual expenses (see <i>Schedule III.</i>)		\$3,065.44
<i>High School Property.</i>		
Interest on unpaid balance of purchase price:—		
To G. T. Ry. Superannuation Fund.	635.24	
" L. J. Sergeant	420.00	
" Hon. J. J. C. Abbott.	250.92	
	<hr/>	1,306.16
Insurance—Hospital	\$12.00	
" Building (Inst.)	53.00	
	<hr/>	65.00
Running Expenses of the ground floor of the Institute building (see <i>Schedule VI</i>)	308.25	
	<hr/>	1,679.41
<i>King's Post Farm.</i>		
Interest on mortgage held by Mrs. Buckland	126.00	
Insurance upon farm buildings	34.70	
	<hr/>	160.70
<i>Knowl Farm.</i>		
Interest on mortgage held by Rev. Jas. Green	200.00	
Insurance upon farm buildings	25.50	
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<i>McMartin Farm.</i>		
Insurance upon farm buildings	2.70	
	<hr/>	2.70
<i>Fraser Buildings.</i>		
Interest on mortgage held by Robt. Hamilton	2,750.00	
Insurance upon Buildings	237.49	
do Rent	40.37	
Current Annual Expenses (see <i>Schedule V.</i>)	3,783.50	
Expenses passed over from year 1888.89	179.85	
	<hr/>	6,991.21
<i>Annuity to Alex. Fraser</i>		1,000.00
<i>Current Expenses.</i>		
Stationery	14.98	
Printing	59.75	
Auditors Fee for 1889	25.00	
One year's rent of Telephone	29.00	
Legal	6.00	
Postage	8.56	
Miscellaneous—Small charges	17.87	
Notarial	296.66	
	<hr/>	457.82
Total		\$13,582.78

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MONTREAL, 19th July, 1890.

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SCHEDULE II.

Statement of Subscriptions to the Fraser Institute

J. H. R. Molson	\$16,000.00
Hon. J. J. C. Abbott	4,000.00
R. B. Angus	2,000.00
Hon. Justice Torrance	1,000.00
Peter Redpath	1,000.00
Hugh McLennan	1,000.00
W. C. McDonald	1,000.00
T. Workman	1,000.00
D. McIntyre	1,000.00
Sir D. A. Smith	1,000.00
W. B. Cummings	250.00
O. S. Wood	250.00
Geo. Hague	250.00
Andrew Allan	250.00
G. W. Hamilton	50.00
Anon	126.38
	\$30,176.38
1889-90.	
Will of late T. Workman	4,000.00
Hon. J. J. C. Abbott	1,000.00
Charles Cushing	250.00
	5,250.00
	\$35,426.38

SCHEDULE III.

*Statement of the current Annual Expenses of the
Institute for the year ending June 30th, 1890.*

Salary of Librarian	\$800.00
" Assistant No. 1	265.00
" " No. 2	240.00
" " Extra	55.50
" Caretaker	360.00
" Hall Porter	221.25
Taxes	93.12
Gas for Institute and Caretaker's house	364.10
Heating	255.26
Cleaning, Charing, and removing snow	65.47
Water Rates	54.90
Insurance upon Library	82.50
Expenses on account of Institut Canadien..	54.60
" " " Montreal Book Club.	10.00
" " " Library Periodicals.	1.85
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Miscellaneous repairs &c., Plumbing.....	39.35
Matting	32.25
Double Windows	12.17
Tools and Hose for Caretaker	22.45
Miscellaneous	30.42
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	136.64
Printing Notices	5.25
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	\$3065.44

SCHEDULE IV.*The Fraser Institute Building—Basement Story.*

1.—CONSTRUCTION REPAIRS AND FURNITURE—	
Flag Staff	\$ 7.00
Repairs	28.00
Ventilator	25.59
Additional Chairs and Signs	19.78
	<u>80.37</u>
2.—RUNNING EXPENSES—	
Heating	\$ 127.62
Lighting	124.50
Share of Taxes	47.60
Cleaning	8.53
	<u>\$308.25</u>

SCHEDULE V.

*Statement of Current Annual Expenses of the
Fraser Buildings, for the year ending June
30th, 1890.*

Salary, Caretaker	229.75	
“ Elevator Man	228.25	
		458.00
Gas		184.80
Water Rates		6.50
City Taxes		850.65
Heating, Coal and Wood		672.65
Elevator expenses.—Water Power	1,167.47	
Repairs	54.75	
		1,222.22
Putting on and taking off double windows		30.00
Repairs.—Carpentering	22.40	
Plumbing	189.29	
Plastering	73.53	
Roofing	8.88	
Cleaning &c., for tenants	28.46	
		322.56
Printing Circulars		1.00
Miscellaneous expenses		35.12
		<u>3,783.50</u>

SCHEDULE VI.

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Abstract of Attendance at the Library for the year ending June 30th, 1890.

	MORN.	AFT.	EVE.	TOTAL
Actual attendance during the past year.....	8,208	21,164	8,001	37,373
Number of times open	343	343	297	343
Average attendance <i>per diem</i>	24	58	27	109

(2)

Comparison of Attendance during the ten months ending June 30th.

	MORN.	AFT.	EVE.	TOTAL
Average attendance <i>per diem</i> 1886-7.	21	46	17	84
" " " "..... 1887-8.	26	49	22	97
" " " "..... 1888-9.	23	52	27	102
" " " "..... 1889-90.	24	66	27	117

Comparative Statistics of Attendance per month during last year.

Average daily attendance	MORNING.	AFTERNOON.	EVENING.
Largest	Feb'y & March = 29.	Feb'y = 83.	Nov. = 34.
Smallest	May & June = 19.	July = 34.	Sept = 17.

N. B.—In comparing the different figures given above, it should be borne in mind that the Library is closed in the evenings during the months of July and August.

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SCHEDULE VII.

*List of Donations of Books for the year ending
June 30th, 1890.*

	VOLS.
ABBOTT, HON. J. J. C.....	99
ANGUS, R. B.....	4
ANON.....	22
ARCHIVES DEPT. OTTAWA.....	2
BALLOU, M. M., BOSTON.....	2
BEAUJEAN, ALFRED.....	12
BOODLE, R. W.....	50
CAUCHON, N.....	23
CITY OF MONTREAL.....	2
CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY.....	1
DAVIES, TRY.....	15
DAWSON, G. M.....	3
DEPOSIT DEPARTMENT.....	28
DOMINION GOVERNMENT OTTAWA.....	25
EVANS, T. A.....	3
FULTON, J.....	1
GAGNON, HON. C. A. E.....	1
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, OTTAWA.....	8
GODFREY, D.....	4
HUNT, T. S.....	8
LYMAN, H.....	1
MCGILL UNIVERSITY.....	2
MCLENNAN, FRANCIS.....	67
MANCHESTER FREE LIBRARY.....	3
MASSICOTTE, E. Z.....	3
MONTREAL BOOK CLUB.....	88
NATIONAL LIBRARY, ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.....	15
PEDDIE, ESTATE MISS.....	219
PICKEN, EBEN.....	1
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, QUEBEC.....	1
REAL ACADEMIA DE CIENCIAS DE MADRID.....	2
RINTOUL, W. H. & SISTER.....	264
ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.....	1
SEARGEANT, L. J.....	33

Forward, 1,0

	Brought forward,	1,015
STEPHENS, G. W.		2
STEPHENS, ROMEO H.		7
TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY		1
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN		1
WATT, D. A. P.		3
WITNESS OFFICE.		21
WOTHERSPOON, I.		6
	Total,	<u>1,056</u>

The Governors of the Fraser Institute take this opportunity to thank the proprietors of the following newspapers and periodicals for free copies :-

Gazette, Herald, Montreal Medical Journal, Canada Medical Record, University Gazette, Astronomy and Meteorology, Journal d'Agriculture, Canadian Trade Review, Canadian Church Magazine, Canadian Record of Science, Real Estate Record, Book Buyer, Dominion Grocer, Canadian Journal of Fabrics (Montreal.)

Merchant, Canadian Advance, Canadian Horticulturist, (Toronto) Canadian Bibliographer, Canadian Church Magazine, and Mission News (Hamilton). Philanthropist, Carpenter and Joiner (New York). Journal of Science and Art (Cleveland, O.)

Church Missionary Intelligencer, Jewish Intelligence, Tonic-Sol-Fa Reporter, Imperial Federation, Vegetarian Messenger, English-womans Review, India's Women (London, Eng.)

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