

# Mechanics' Institute

OF

SAINT JOHN, N. B.

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## 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. 1883-84.

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*To the members of the Mechanics' Institute of St. John :*

IN submitting their report for the past year, the President and Directors cannot but regret to have to refer to the fact that, during that period, they have not received from the members and the public generally, that support which might reasonably have been expected. This is shown by the amount realized from the sale of members' tickets and certificates during the past year, being \$300.50 less than the sum obtained from these sources in the next preceding year. The fact that the Lecture Course was not opened by a grand musical entertainment has been suggested as a reason for this ; but it is submitted that, considering that the course was arranged with special reference to the Centennial year of the City, that almost all the subjects selected for the lecturers had special reference to that year, and that the gentlemen who lectured had generally acquitted themselves, as lecturers, to the satisfaction of the public on previous occasions, this reason cannot be accepted by the Board as entirely satisfactory. In this connexion it may not be out of place to state that, much as the members may desire to secure the aid of music in connexion with the annual course, the experience of the Board for many years leads them to assert with confidence that the expenditure of larger amounts than the financial condition of the Institute has always justified, has not been able always to secure such musical talent as is required to meet the popular demands. The satisfactory character of the closing concert by a local musical society, however,

would seem to suggest the possibility that it may not be necessary in the future to seek abroad, at great expense, for what can be obtained at home on more reasonable terms, and that in this department a leading idea of the managers for many years may prevail — namely, to make as much use as possible of native talent and culture.

In connexion with the Course it may not improperly be claimed that the lectures upon two peculiarly practical subjects — Agriculture and Technical Education — have not only pleased the hearers, but have tended, somewhat specially, to advance the material interests of the Province at large, as well as the City in which they were delivered.

The unexpected deficiency in income from the sources indicated has been met in part by the economical management of the course, but very largely through the liberality of some of the lecturers. Of these, Mr. Goldwin Smith, although he had travelled from Toronto for the purpose of delivering his lecture, not only refused to permit the Board to defray any portion of his expenses, but returned the customary fee of fifty dollars to the Institute for the library; while Dr. Bayard, Mr. Alward and Mr. I. Allen Jack each returned his fee, the two former for the use of the library, the latter for general purposes of the Institute.

The receipts from all sources have been more than \$200 in excess of those for the previous year, but the expenditure has necessarily been heavy, and, in consequence, the balance in hand is small and is insufficient to meet the total amount of unpaid current liabilities. The principal items of expenditure of an extraordinary nature have been, \$730 in reduction of the funded debt; \$404 spent in plumbing and other necessary work in connexion with the dressing rooms in rear of the hall, which have thereby been rendered comfortable and adapted to the wants of

persons hiring, who had previously been much dissatisfied; and \$296.95 for the furnace mentioned in last year's report. In addition to the work in the dressing rooms, the stage facilities have been greatly improved by taking down the ceiling, and thereby affording good opportunities for shifting and otherwise working the scenes; and new flooring has been laid on the platform; and the proscenium has been altered and improved.

The following donations have been made to the Museum by the gentlemen named, namely:—A donation of fossil plants from the Spring Hill Mines, by Mr. William Hall, Superintendent of the Mine, at the instance of Messrs. J. Magee and R. P. Starr; and a stuffed Iguana, presented by Captain Moran. Mr. Frederick T. C. Burpee has also very kindly cut and polished some of the fossil trees in the Museum, by which the appearance of the same has been much improved. In connexion with this department it may be stated that a peculiarly interesting discovery has been made during the past year, it having been ascertained that a little image which has been in the collection for an unknown period without having attracted special attention is an "Osirid" of great antiquity, and, to archeologists and other students, of considerable value. This object, which is only a few inches in length, is supposed to be at the same time an effigy primarily of a deceased Egyptian priest, and secondarily of the god Osiris, the word Osirid meaning "an image or likeness of God," in the likeness of whom the deceased was made. The inscription upon the Osirid, which is in hieroglyphs, is unfortunately in part defaced. What remains has, however, been translated by Prof. T. O. Paine, LL.D., Professor of the Semitic Languages, of Boston, and a member of the American Oriental Society. It is in effect the expression of the wish

of the dead man that his friends should address him and permit him to take part in their pleasures as when he was with them.

The Board takes this opportunity to thank the several gentlemen named, and all others who, in various ways, have aided in the work of the Institute during the past year.

The prize of \$200, offered to the writer of the best essay on the history of the City and County of Saint John, was awarded to Mr. D. R. Jack, on the recommendation of Messrs. Geo. J. Chubb, W. H. Venning, and William P. Dole, who were selected by the Board to examine and report upon the competing essays.

The following is the programme of the regular course of lectures and entertainments during the past season:—

1883.

Nov. 19—GOLDWIN SMITH, LL. D., M. A. Subject—"The History of Political Satire."

Dec. 3—EDWARD JACK, C. E. Subject—"The Interior of New Brunswick; or, Five Weeks in the Home of the Moose, Caribou, Beaver and Bear."

" 10—G. HERBERT LEE, M. A. Subject—"Laughter, One Hundred Years Ago and Now."

" 17—WM. BROWN, C. E., P. L. S., Professor of Agriculture, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ontario, etc. Subject—"Canadian Folks and Farms."

1884.

Jan. 7—I. ALLEN JACK, B. C. L., B. A. Subject—"Social and Political Changes in New Brunswick in 100 Years."

" 14—W. P. DOLE, M. A. Subject—"Art and the Artists of 100 Years Ago and of To-day."

" 21—REV. D. MACRAE, D. D. Subject—"Science in Relation to Thought and Fact during the Past Century."

" 28—C. F. FRASER, Principal of Institute for the Blind, Halifax, N. S. Subject—"Political History of the U. E. Loyalists."

- Feb. 4—WILLIAM BAYARD, M. D. Subject—"Progress of Medicine, Surgery, and Hygiene in 100 Years."
- " 11—J. E. MACGREGOR, D.Sc., F.R.S.E., Dalhousie College, N. S. Subject—"Technical Education; its Progress and Importance."
- " 25—SILAS ALWARD, D. C. L. Subject—"A Day in the Heart of England."
- Mar. 10—Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert by "The St. John Oratorio Society."

The statements of the accounts for the past year, and of the existing assets and liabilities, as customary, together with the report of the Auditors, are submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted this fourteenth day of April, A. D. 1884.

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., *April 8th*, 1884.

TO THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF THE SAINT JOHN  
MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

*Gentlemen:—*

We have made a careful examination of the books of the Curator, and of the Treasurer of the Institute, for the year ending 31st March last, and find the same correct.

They have been kept in a neat and systematic manner.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HAMM, }  
F. S. SHARPE, } Auditors.

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LIST OF MEMBERS, 1883-84,  
OF  
**Saint John Mechanics' Institute,**

ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING  
On April 14th, 1884.

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

Allen, Geo. W.  
Austin, H. A.  
Allison, Dr. L. C.  
Allen, W. Watson  
Alward, Silas  
Adam, James  
Allwood, William  
Armstrong, John S.  
Barbour, William V. C.  
Barnes, James E.  
Bunting, William F.  
Bustin, Thomas  
Best, William F.  
Bent, George R.  
Buchanan, John  
Burpee, Hon. Isaac  
Bent, Gilbert  
Breeze, William  
Bullock, Thomas

Bayard, Dr. William  
Berryman, Dr. John  
Botsford, Dr. LeBaron  
Butt, W. F.  
Breeze, Dudne  
Barbour, George L.  
Barber, James  
Blake, George  
Blois, Osborne  
Beck, John  
Boddie, Henry G.  
Burpee, George F.  
Bowes, A. G.  
Blair, Andrew  
Blair, Alfred C.  
Bruce, Rev. George  
Bostwick, C. M.  
Betts, Hiram  
Baird, W. T.



Kain, Francis  
 Knodell, G. A.  
 Kaye, Edmund G.  
 Kaye, J. Murray  
 King, Hon. G. E.  
 Kennedy, James  
 King, S. T.  
 Knox, James  
 Longmaid, Richard  
 Logan, Wm. J.  
 Logan, William  
 Lawrence, George C.  
 Lee, Robert  
 Lantalum, Edward  
 Lordly, A. J.  
 Leonard, Joseph H.  
 Livingston, W. H.  
 Lee, G. Herbert  
 Lovett, A. W.  
 Magee, John  
 Murdoch, Gilbert  
 Merritt, T. Gray  
 Marvin, W. S.  
 Marshall, John R.  
 Moore, Edward R.  
 Matthew, Geo. F.  
 Munro, J. J.  
 Magee, W. C.  
 Murray, A. S.  
 March, John  
 Melrose, Robert  
 Myers, Jacob W.  
 Macrae, Rev. Dr. D.  
 Murdoch, William  
 Matthews, S. F.  
 Miles, J. C.  
 McGivern, Richard P.  
 McAvity, Thomas  
 McLaren, Dr. L.  
 McLeod, Ezekiel

McClelland, Thomas  
 McLean, W. M.  
 McCafferty, Francis  
 McLeod, George  
 McLeod, Howard D.  
 McArthur, R. D.  
 McIntyre, Robert  
 McVicar, W. M.  
 McMillan, James  
 McPherson, John  
 Maclellan, Thomas  
 McFarlane, Rev. A. J.  
 Nase, Phillip  
 Nicholson, Jno. W. (Estate)  
 Northrup, H. W.  
 Nichols, John D.  
 O'Brien, Richard  
 Otty, Allen C.  
 Outram, E. D.  
 Patton, Robert  
 Purchase, Wm. R.  
 Peters, Alex. N.  
 Potts, J. W.  
 Potts, Thomas  
 Pringle, Robert  
 Powers, Mark N.  
 Peters, B. Lester  
 Palmer, Hon. A. L.  
 Peacock, George B.  
 Parks, John H.  
 Peters, Charles H.  
 Pender, James  
 Perkins, E. L.  
 Pullen, James H.  
 Payne, R. A.  
 Puddington, Mrs. R. E.  
 Quigley, R. F.  
 Rankine, Thomas A.  
 Rankine, Alexander  
 Robertson, Duncan, (Est.)

Rankine, John  
 Reed, Thomas  
 Rannie, William  
 Reed, James  
 Ritchie, Hon. R. J.  
 Reynolds, James  
 Raymond, Thomas F.  
 Robinson, Elias H.  
 Rankine, Frank  
 Read, Rev. John  
 Rand, Stephen  
 Robinson, Wm. C.  
 Stockton, A. A.  
 Stothart, Thomas  
 Sinclair, Arch.  
 Slipp, Joseph  
 Starr, R. P.  
 Smith, William M.  
 Smith, Robert F.  
 Straton, James  
 Shaw, James  
 Sheraton, A. B.  
 Smith, George F.  
 Sears, John  
 Stewart, Luke  
 Stewart, John  
 Stockton, C. A.  
 Somerville, T. H.  
 Seely, John  
 Skinner, Hon. C. N.  
 Sharpe, F. S.  
 Spurr, J. deW.

Sears, Edward, Jr.  
 Schurman, David J.  
 Thomas, James U.  
 Taylor, James G.  
 Tuck, Dr. W. H.  
 Turnbull, Charles G.  
 Theall, Miss  
 Tippet, A. P.  
 Tufts, Frank  
 Thorne, W. H.  
 Trueman, A. I.  
 Tapley, Archibald  
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 Travis, Jeremiah  
 Thomas, William  
 Turner, J. D.  
 Venning, James A.  
 Whitney, George W.  
 Willet, David  
 Woodrow, James  
 Wilson, W. J.  
 Wright, John A.  
 Waterbury, Mrs. Wm.  
 Wedderburn, Hon. Wm.  
 Wetmore, C. N.  
 Waters, Fred. W.  
 Wisdom, Freeman W.  
 Weldon, C. W.  
 Warner, Gen. D. B.  
 Weston, Samuel  
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## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

EXPENDITURE.	1883.	1884.
Light and Fuel,.....	\$ 538 66	\$ 661 80
Salaries,.....	700 00	700 00
Funded Debt,.....	680 06	730 98
Interest,.....	320 00	276 00
Lectures,.....	1,186 25	655 40
Reading Room,.....	121 13	112 25
Museum,.....	.....	.....
Building and Ground Rent,.....	375 05	696 52
Insurance,.....	350 00	350 00
Library,.....	96 75	144 26
Hall,.....	68 66	448 10
Incidentals,.....	114 22	107 87
Prize Essay,.....	.....	200 00
Balance of Cash on hand,.....	352 15	40 20
	\$4,902 93	\$5,123 46
RECEIPTS.		
Cash Balance from previous Year,.....	\$ 414 67	\$ 352 15
Rents,.....	2,525 00	3,041 30
Members' Certificates,.....	58 00	32 00
Members' Tickets,.....	1,504 00	1,322 00
Miscellaneous, Catalogues, Papers, &c.,.....	401 26	376 01
	\$4,902 93	\$5,123 46

## ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

*Expenditure for Year ending 31st March, 1884.*

Light and Fuel,.....	\$ 661 80
Salaries, .....	700 00
Funded Debt,.....	730 98
Interest, .....	276 00
Lectures,.....	655 40
Reading Room,.....	112 25
Building and Ground Rent.....	696 59
Insurance,.....	350 00
Library.....	144 26
Hall, (Repairs, &c.,).....	448 10
Incidental Expenses,.....	107 87
Prize Essay,.....	200 00
Cash Balance 31st March, 1884,.....	40 21
	<u>\$5,123 46</u>

*Receipts for Year ending 31st March, 1884.*

Cash Balance 31st March, 1883.....	\$ 352 14
Rents, .....	3,041 30
Members' Certificates,.....	32 00
Members' Tickets,.....	1,322 00
Miscellaneous, (Catalogues, Papers, and Prize Essay Fund),.....	376 01
	<u>\$5,123 46</u>

## ABSTRACT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

OF MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, MARCH 31, 1884.

### ASSETS.

Building and Furniture, say.....	\$18,000 00
Museum,.....	3,650 00
Apparatus and Diagrams,.....	800 00
Library, .....	3,000 00
Cash Balance,.....	40 21
	<u>\$25,490 21</u>

### LIABILITIES.

Debentures.....	\$ 640 00
Building Society, (Monthly Loans,).....	595 60
Building Society, (Half Yearly Loans,).....	3,000 00
Orders to pay,.....	325 05
Balance, .....	20,929 56
	<u>\$25,490 21</u>