

# SUPPLEMENT.

## MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

At a very numerous and highly respectable Meeting of the Inhabitants of Fredericton, convened at the County Court House, on the evening of Tuesday the 6th instant, to consider the expediency of organizing a Mechanics' Institute in this Town.

The Hon. Thomas Baillie having been called to the chair; and William Watts, Esquire, appointed Secretary, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1st. On Motion of C. Fisher, Esquire, seconded by Mr. T. T. Smith, and supported by L. A. Wilmot, Esquire,

Whereas Mechanics' Institutes have proved eminently advantageous for the diffusion of knowledge, and the development and encouragement of genius,

*Resolved*, as the opinion of this Meeting, that it is very desirable that a Mechanics' Institute should be immediately established in Fredericton, provided the co-operation of the Community can be secured in affording the necessary means for its respectable establishment and support, and that such an Institution is entitled to the sympathy and support of all classes of the Inhabitants.

2d. On motion of Asa Coy, Esquire, seconded by Mr. William Morgan, supported by John Simpson and L. A. Wilmot, Esquires, Whereas a large sum of money called "The Fredericton Improvement Fund," has been produced by the sale of certain Public Lands in the Town, the greater part of which has been expended, and a balance of about two hundred pounds yet remains *unappropriated*; and whereas in the opinion of this Meeting such balance could not be more legitimately applied than towards the erection of a suitable Building for a Mechanics' Institute; therefore

*Resolved*, That an humble Petition be prepared and presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, praying His Excellency to direct the balance of the said Fund now in hand to be paid over to the Managing Committee, hereafter to be appointed, so soon as a site shall have been procured and a suitable Building contracted for.

3rd. On motion of George Roberts, Esquire, seconded by Samuel W. Babbit, Esquire,

*Resolved*, That a Subscription List for Members be opened at the present Meeting, and that from the subscribers a Committee be appointed to prepare a draft of Bye Laws, to be submitted for consideration at the next Meeting.

4th. On motion of Mr. James Willox, seconded by Mr. Thomas Smith,

*Resolved*, That the following persons do compose the Managing Committee, *ad interim*, viz:—Messrs. John Davis, Wm. Morgan, S. D. McPherson, L. A. Wilmot and John Simpson, Esquires, and that they make immediate inquiries, respecting a site for a suitable Building, and report thereon at the next Meeting, and at the same time submit a plan, specification and estimate of such a Building as they may deem necessary to be erected for the purposes contemplated by this Meeting.

5th. On motion of Asa Coy, Esquire, seconded by L. A. Wilmot, Esquire,

*Resolved*, That while this Meeting fully admits the necessity of a Mechanics' Institute for the intellectual improvement of its Members, it should bear in mind that he is the best friend of Mechanics who patronizes Domestic Manufactures

This Resolution passed by acclamation and with cheers.

On the adoption of this Resolution, one hundred and twenty five persons subscribed as members, from which the following Committee were selected under Resolution third.

Hon. Thos. Baillie,	Charles Fisher, Esquire,
L. A. Wilmot, Esquire,	A. Coy,
John Gregory,	John Simpson,
Wm. Watts,	

And it was ordered that it be the duty of this Committee to prepare the Petition to His Excellency mentioned in Resolution second.

On motion of L. A. Wilmot, Esquire,

*Ordered*, That an adjourned Meeting be held in the County Court House on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock, and that the proceedings of this Meeting be published in the papers of the Town.

Mr. L. A. Wilmot moves—

That the Chairman leave the Chair, and that the same be taken by John Simpson, Esquire, when the thanks of the Meeting having been voted to the Hon. Thomas Baillie, and to the Secretary, the Meeting joined in three hearty cheers to the Queen, and adjourned.

The whole proceedings of the Meeting were distinguished by singular unanimity and enthusiasm.

THOMAS BAILLIE, *Chairman*.

W. WATTS, *Secretary*.