

RESOLUTIONS
Clinton, Nov. 18, 1880.

To the Secretary of the

Mechanics' Institute

Sir,

I am instructed by the Directors of the Clinton Mechanics' Institute and Library Association to send you a copy of the enclosed Resolutions, and to respectfully request you to lay them before your Board for consideration. Should they meet the approval of your Directors, I beg to suggest that they should make their views known to the Member representing them in the Provincial Legislature, and endeavor to enlist his aid in bringing about the required changes in the law.

I may state that, so far as regards the financial suggestions, the Resolutions embody substantially the system under which our Institute has been hitherto successfully conducted. For several years past our Municipality has given accommodation to our Institute in the Town Hall, and has granted us yearly a considerable sum, to aid in meeting our expenses. In return we have been able to give our community the advantages of a good library and reading-room, with evening classes held during the greater part of the year; and, in view of suggestions which have been recently made, we are preparing to establish a scientific museum.

We cannot doubt that if the proposed changes in the law are made, other municipalities will cheerfully grant the amount required to ensure the efficiency and public usefulness of their Institutes.

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Secretary, Clinton Mechanics' Institute.

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PASSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CLINTON
MECHANICS' INSTITUTE AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,
OCTOBER 27TH, 1880.

Moved by Dr. Worthington, (Town Councillor) seconded by Mr. Malloch, and resolved,

That the name "Mechanics' Institute," which is not sufficiently comprehensive, and is to some extent misleading, should be changed to "Public Institute," or to some other name which will show that the Institutes are intended for the benefit of the whole community.

Moved by Mr. Combe, seconded by Mr. Whittingham, and resolved,

That the Institutes should be recognized as essential parts of the educational system of the Province, and as entitled to public support equally with the Public Schools and the High Schools.

Moved by Mr. Forrester, (Mayor of Clinton) seconded by Mr. McGarva, and resolved,

That the functions of the Public Institute should be to furnish to the municipality to which it belongs the benefits of a public library, a reading room, evening classes, and a scientific museum, open to all persons on reasonable terms.

Moved by Mr. Hine, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, (Town Councillor) and resolved,

That the local municipality should be required to furnish, in return for the benefits accruing to it, suitable accommodation for the Institute, and also to contribute yearly to its funds an amount equal to one half of the amount which the Institute receives from the Provincial Treasury.

Moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Watts, and resolved,

That the transfer of the Institutes to the Department of Education renders the Association of Mechanics' Institutes superfluous, while the amount paid to that Association forms a serious deduction from the funds of the Institutes, without any adequate return.

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Moved by Mr. Johnson (Seconded by Mr. Thompson) and carried.

That the Institute should be organized as a public institution, and be entitled to public support, equally with the public schools and the High Schools.

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That the local municipalities should be required to furnish as rooms for the Institute according to the suitable recommendations for the Institute and also to contribute yearly to its funds an amount equal to one half of the amount which the Institute receives from the Provincial Treasury.

Moved by Mr. Johnson (Seconded by Mr. Thompson) and carried.

That the transfer of the Institute to the Department of Education requires the assent of the Mechanics Institute Association, while the amount paid to that Association for a license to operate the Institute, without any adequate return.