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AN ACT RESPECTING MECHANICS' AND LITERARY INSTITUTES.

(Assented to _____).

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE.

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1. This Act may be cited as "The Mechanics' and Literary Institutes Act".

ORGANIZATION AND OBJECTS OF INSTITUTES.

Mode of organization.

2. A mechanics' and literary institute shall be held to have been organized under the provisions of this Act, whenever thirty persons resident in any town or village incorporated or otherwise or in any township or two townships contiguous in either of which there is not already organized an institute under this Act, have signed a declaration setting out the amounts subscribed by each and naming the place where the institute purposes to carry on its objects and forwarded the same to the Provincial Secretary, with an accompanying certificate signed by one of the subscribers and verified before any person authorized to administer oaths or affidavits to be used in any Court of the Province, such declaration and certificate to be in form A in the schedule hereto.

Election of officers.

3. Upon the Lieutenant Governor in Council approving the organization of the proposed institute, the party making the certificate accompanying the same,

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or in his absence, any one appointed by the Provincial Secretary, shall call a meeting for the election of the various officers by public notice specifying the time and place of meeting published for two weeks in the nearest newspaper, or posted in five conspicuous public places in the town, village or township as the case may be, at least fifteen days before the time fixed for holding such meeting. Such meeting shall be held in the town, village or township, or one of the townships where the institute intends prosecuting the objects for which the same has been organized.

(2) The officers to be elected at such meeting shall be a president, vice president, secretary treasurer, auditor, and not less than five directors and the persons entitled to vote at such meeting shall be members.

Annual subscription.

4. Any person may become a member of a mechanics' and literary institute organized under this Act, by paying to the treasurer thereof yearly the sum of \$1. which shall be held to be due on the first day of each calendar year.

Purposes.

5. The objects of institutes organized under this Act, shall be to encourage mechanics, manufacturers and arts generally:

- (a) By having evening classes organized for the imparting of practical instruction to its pupils;
- (b) By establishing a library of books on one or more of the following subjects, viz: mechanics, manufacturers, agriculture, horticulture, philosophy, science, the fine and decorative arts, history, travels, poetry, biography and fiction.

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(c) Establishing a reading room.

Annual meet-
ing.

6. The annual meeting of every institute shall be held in the month of October in each year on the call of the president, who shall give eight days' notice thereof, by circular addressed and posted prepaid to each member of the institute, or by public notice published in the nearest newspaper, or by posting it in five conspicuous places, as provided in section 3 hereof, when there shall be elected a president, vice president, a secretary-treasurer, and not less than five directors and an auditor.

(2) If the president refuses or omits to call such meeting as herein provided, the same may be called by the vice president or any three members for any time during the month of November.

Voting, etc.

7. No person shall vote or take part in any annual or other meeting of any institute, who has not at the time of such meeting, paid up all subscriptions due by him to the said institute.

Meeting of
officers.
How called.

8. A meeting of the officers shall be called by written notice delivered or mailed to each officer given by authority of the president, or in his absence, the vice president, or at the request of any three officers, at least five days before the day appointed, and at any such meeting, four shall be a quorum.

Annual
report.

9. The officers of an institute shall present at the annual meeting a report of their proceedings during the year in which shall be stated:

- (a) The names of the members of the institute.
- (b) The amount paid by each set opposite his name;
- (c) The classes organized;

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- (d) A list of books purchased:
- (e) A list of newspapers and periodicals on file; together with,
- (f) Such remarks on the progress of the organization and use to which it has been put as the directors are enabled to offer.

Financial statement to be audited.

10. There shall also be presented at the annual meeting, a detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the institute during the year which said statement shall be audited by the auditor in that behalf, before being submitted to the said meeting.

Certified copy of annual report to be sent to Provincial Secretary.

11. The said report and statement, if approved by the meeting, shall be entered in the journals of the institute kept for such purpose, and signed by the president or vice president, as being a correct entry and a true copy thereof, certified by the president and secretary for the time being, shall be forwarded to the Provincial Secretary, within one month from the date of such meeting.

Officers to give information.

12. The officers shall give such information as in their power lies that the Provincial Secretary may from time to time require, touching the interest and condition of the objects of the organization in their locality.

Application of funds.

13. The funds of the institute however derived, may be expended for any object not inconsistent with those authorized by this Act; provided that not more than one quarter of the amount received shall be expended for the purpose of a reading room.

Institute to be a corporation.

14. Each institute formed under this Act shall be a corporation with a corporate seal under the name of "The Mechanics' and Literary Institute of

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(inserting the distinguishing name of the institute) and shall have power to acquire, hold, sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of or encumber real estate and other properties real and personal.

~~14. Chapter 67 of the Consolidated Ordinances of 1905 is repealed.~~

SCHEDULE.

FORM A.

We, the undersigned, respectively residing in the (town, village, township or townships, and if the latter, give the range) of _____ in the ~~dis-~~
~~trict~~ of _____ agree to form ourselves into an institute under the provisions of "The Mechanics" and Literary Institutes Act, under the name of "The Mechanics' and Literary Institute of _____" and we respectively promise to pay to the treasurer of the said institute annually, as long as we continue members thereof, the sums set opposite our respective names, and to conform ourselves to the by-laws and regulations of the said institute, and we hereby state that we purpose carrying on the objects of our organization at the town (or village) of _____ (or on the _____ quarter of Section _____ Township

	Range	West	Meridian).
	Name		
	Subscription		
1	A. B.	.	.
2	C. D.	.	.
3	E. F.	.	.

I, _____ of _____ one of the

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subscribers to the above declaration hereby certify that the sum of at least one dollar has been paid by each of the above subscribers as his first annual subscription to the proposed Mechanics' and Literary Institute of _____ ; and that I hold on behalf of the said proposed institute the several amounts so paid.

(Subscriber's signature).

I, the above named _____ do solemnly declare that the facts set forth by me in the foregoing certificate, signed by me are true; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of The Canada Evidence Act.

DECLARED before me at
this _____ day of
1 _____ .

} (Subscriber's signature)

(Signature of officer receiving declaration)

No.

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First Legislature of Edward VII.

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An Act respecting Mechanics'
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Mr. Rutherford.

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