

# THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

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## Memoranda for 1896:

Population of city, 50,000.

Free Libraries Act adopted, 1889.

Library rate, one-half mill on assessment, giving \$12,600.00 for 1896.

Library opened in temporary premises, Feb. 15, 1890.

Corner stone of new Library building laid Oct. 23, 1889.

Library opened in new Library building, Sept. 19, 1890.

Reading Room first opened, Oct. 21, 1890.

Total number of volumes in the Library on December 31, 1896—24,059, divided as follows: 19,083 in Circulation Department, 4,976 in Reference Department.

Library open 305 days during the year—the Reference Department from 8.30 a. m. to 9.30 p. m., and the Circulating Department from 9 a. m. to 8.30 p. m.

Reading Rooms open from 8.30 a. m. to 9.30 p. m.

All departments closed on Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, and days appointed by government or Civic proclamation as a public holiday.

Volumes issued during the year, 221,672, an average daily use 726 volumes (home use, 142,376).

Borrowers' cards in force, 12,114.

Number of papers and periodicals for use in Reading Rooms, 224.