



CORRIDOR IN STACK ROOM, MONTREAL PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The "Canadian" room, which is situated on the upper floor, contains, in addition to the tables, cabinets, etc., several multiplex display cases with folding panels, glassed, and resting on a pivoted frame, these being available to display rare manuscripts, autographs, engravings and photographs. The art room contains tables under which are roller shelves for large books.

All available wall space in every reading room is occupied by built-in book cases; those of the main reading room being open, while slid-

ing doors having a locking arrangement are used where valuable books are kept on the upper floor.

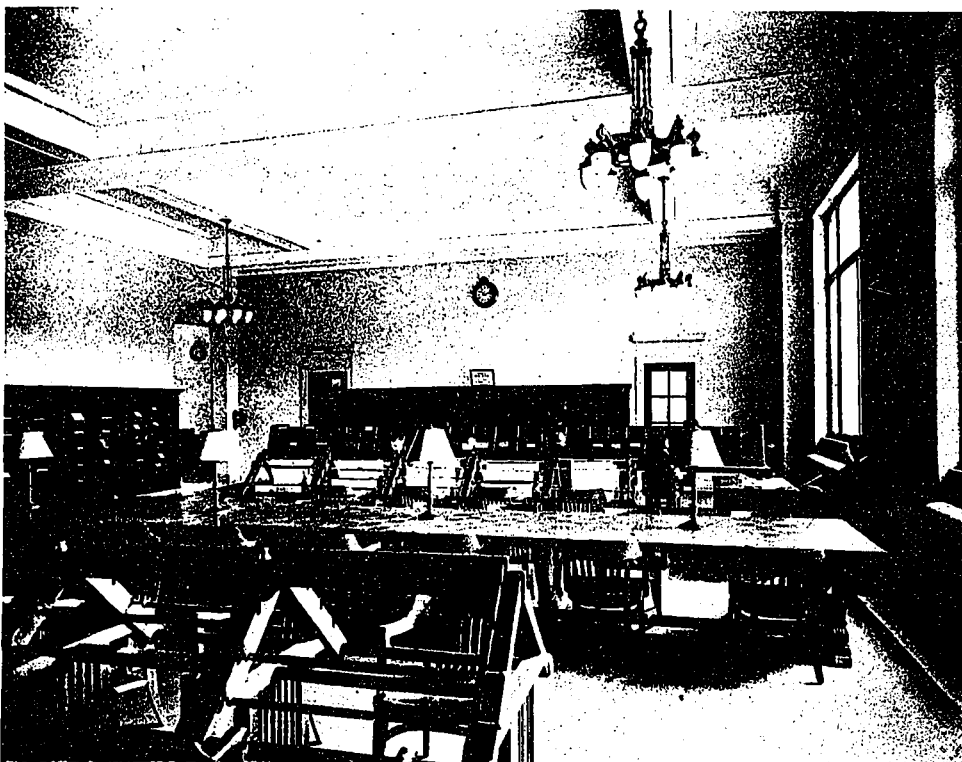
Every unit of furniture, such as counters, tables and book cases, is provided with a marble base. The reading rooms and other departments devoted to staff work are equipped with electric bronze clocks controlled by a master clock located in the bindery. There is also a watchman time recording system with two registering stations placed at the extremity of each other on each floor. The stack room has accommodation for 5,000 bound newspaper volumes and 300,000 other volumes of miscellaneous sizes. Besides this there is accommodation for a large number of books in the various reading rooms.

The only difficulty met with in carrying out the work was due to the presence of clay, quicksand and water on the site, which complicated putting in the foundation, and in order to gain time pending the completion of the plans and specifications, this part of the work was started Oct. 24th, 1914, on a percentage basis, the city supplying the material and labor.

The general contract for the superstructure was awarded April 29th, 1915, at the time the foundation work was completed, and possession of the structure was taken over by the city on May 1st, 1917, just about two years to the day from the time the contract for the superstructure was let.

Totally considered, it is a building which not only results in a notable addition to the public architecture of Montreal, but in its erection the city realizes a long-felt civic need, besides obtaining accommodations which will adequately meet the present and to an extent the future requirements of a growing population.

Marble is used extensively throughout the interior, both for floors and



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