

legal treatise thought to be adapted to the needs of the profession in this province has been placed on the shelves. Several sets of reports not previously in the Library were purchased, among them being the reports of the Australian colony of Victoria, which have been frequently consulted since their arrival. It is proposed to add, gradually, the reports of the other Australasian colonies. The laws of the United States, Federal and State, are now represented on our shelves by about 200 volumes, covering 41 states, as against 80 volumes covering 15 states a little over a year ago. The plan pursued with respect to these statutes is to purchase the latest revision or consolidation in each state, with the subsequent sessional laws, and to keep the latter up to date. Nine volumes required to fill up the set of United States Statutes-at-Large have at various times been acquired at comparatively small cost. Several new periodicals have been added to the list of these publications, the total number now taken, other than reports received in parts, being 28. Special attention has been paid to the collection of books of general reference, and to the completion of sets of Canadian almanacs, law lists, parliamentary registers and other publications of like character, which in the course of time will possess extraordinary value as records of the past. In the case of the latter the great difficulty experienced in filling sets is due, not to the cost of copies, but to the fact that they are usually thrown away or destroyed as soon as the succeeding volume appears. Among other accessions which are most valuable as records, and rare because of their limited circulation, are a number of volumes of pamphlet literature relating to the railways of Canada. Of these, 11 were kindly donated by the Treasurer of the Society, Mr. Æmilius Irving, Q.C. The collection will be extended from time to time, and may at any day prove of great service to counsel. An effort is being made, also, to procure a complete set of the Minutes of Proceedings of the City Council of Toronto, which were first published in book form in the year 1859. Of the 34 volumes of these Minutes, 19 have, after much trouble, been procured without cost to the Society. For the first two volumes, 1859 and 1860, the Library is indebted to the kindness of the widow of the late Sir Adam Wilson, Mayor of Toronto in those years.