

tinuing it; but the evident dissatisfaction of many of the members during its temporary suspension, showed the impossibility of its discontinuation without danger. A simple reference to the fact already stated, that the Association is sustained chiefly by Merchants, to whom the earliest information is indispensable, will fully justify the continuation of such intelligence.

During the year, the Reading Room has been visited by no less than 515 strangers (many of them persons of distinction,) including 35 clergymen. At the usual Semi-Annual Meeting in May last, A. B. Stewart, Esq., kindly sold by auction the papers for the ensuing six months, as it was deemed expedient to dispose only of one-half year's papers, and to begin with this Fall to sell for a year in advance. The expectation of a larger audience, with a winter's leisure in prospect, would, it was thought, insure a much more favorable result than a Spring sale, when the opening business promises but little time for reading.

NEWSPAPERS.

The following are the Newspapers received by the Association:—

Montreal Herald, Pilot, Gazette, Commercial Advertiser, and La Minerve; Quebec Mercury and Gazette; Toronto Colonist and Globe; Hamilton Spectator; Kingston Chronicle and News; Bytown Gazette; New York Commercial Advertiser, Herald, Tribune, Albion, Observer, Independent, Courier des Etats Unis, and Shipping List; Boston Atlas; Buffalo Commercial Advertiser; Cincinnati Gazette; Rouse's Point Advertiser; Halifax Nova Scotian; London Evening Mail; Willmer & Smith's European Times; London Punch, British Banner, Spectator, Illustrated News, Watchman, Record, Economist, Athenæum, and Naval and Military Gazette; Edinburgh Witness; Dublin Warder; Liverpool Mercury; Dublin Freeman's Journal; Glasgow Herald; and Limerick Chronicle.

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