

Toronto Public Library.

THE selection of Toronto (or York) as the seat of Government for the Province of Upper Canada, in 1793, led to the introduction of the Printing Art among the earliest industries of the new settlement. From that time to the present, a period of about eighty years, the press has poured out a continuous stream of printed matter. Much that was ephemeral has entirely disappeared, but much still remains scattered throughout the Province, though the ravages of fire and water and the dispersion of families are daily rendering it less abundant.

For the historian, the political economist and statistician, the daily record of progress to be found in pamphlets, old newspapers, broadsheets and posters, is almost invaluable, and the Library Board have determined to provide a special department for their preservation. The collection will be so arranged and classified as to be easy of access to the student, and the catalogue will afford an interesting and valuable literary record of the progress of the City and Province.

In pursuance of this plan, the Library Board would esteem it a favour if anyone possessed of Pamphlets, old newspapers, manuscripts, deeds, etc., etc., referring to, or published in Canada, and especially in Ontario, would donate them for safe keeping to the Public Library.

A Post Card addressed to the Chief Librarian, Mr. Bain, would receive prompt attention, and formal acknowledgment of the gift would be made at the next meeting of the Board of Management.