

Class.	1907.	P.
Miscellaneous	2,046	9.3
Philosophy	472	2.3
Religion	1,150	5.5
Sociology	1,606	7.6
Philology	101	.5
Natural science	1,347	6.3
Useful arts	1,298	6.2
Fine arts	997	4.8
Literature	2,067	9.6
History	1,656	7.8
Travels	1,546	7.4
Biography	1,436	6.8
Fiction	4,117	19.7
Juvenile literature	1,120	6.4

Totals 20,928 100.

The circulation of books in the departments of religion, natural sciences, mechanical works, fine arts, travel and books for children, show increases of from 15 to 20 per cent over the previous year.

Average daily circulation, 243. Estimated daily attendance, 500.

Membership.

Applications granted to Dec. 31, 1907

Number of applications granted in 1907, 1,248, to persons engaged in the following classes of occupations:

mechanical 265, professional 56, educational 27, students 319, housewives 140, young ladies at home 97, retired 22, miscellaneous 46. Total, 1,248.

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Canadian	9	6	9	..	24
American	3	17	49	..	69
British	1	15	23	2	41

Totals	13	38	81	2	134
* Daily, Weekly, Monthly Quarterly.					
Volumes rebound, 488; recased, 164;					
magazines bound, 181; minor repairs					

by assistants, 8,734; notices, 3,400; volumes recased by staff, 164.

THAMESFORD HAPPENINGS

Thamesford, Feb. 7.—Extremely cold weather prevails here, and many business and social gatherings have been postponed for a more congenial change.

The concert under the auspices of the public library takes place this (Friday) evening in the town hall. A good musical programme has been prepared, and a talented elocutionist from Brantford has been engaged. This is expected to be one of the best

concerts of the season. A full house is desired and expected, to help in maintaining of the public library.

At the annual meeting of Thamesford cheese factory, which has been so successfully carried on by Mr. C. Jenkins, a large crowd gathered to hear the reports of the last year, and

make plans for the coming one. Everything was found satisfactory under the presidency of W. J. Hogg, with Mr. Jenkins as salesman. They expect to have a still more prosperous season, as Mr. Jenkins has now completed an up-to-date new factory with the most up-to-date equipment available.

Death was busy in this vicinity during the past week. Mr. Theophilus Reavely died very suddenly of heart disease on Friday while in the act of felling a tree. He leaves a sorrowing wife, one son and one daughter, besides several brother and sisters. The exact cause of death is

The remains were taken to the home of his brother, Dennis Reavely, of Hotel Belmoral, on Saturday evening. The funeral was postponed from Sunday until Monday on account of not being able to get through snow drifts. Rev. J. A. Agnew conducted the services. Interment was made at the Stateview cemetery.

Mr. Alexander Sutherland, who died at the McMurray House, Ingersoll, was buried from the home of his sister, Mrs. Alex. McKay, Governor's road, to North Embro Cemetery. Mr. Sutherland was unmarried. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Alex. McKay.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are entertaining Mr. Hughes' sister from Winnipeg.

FINANCIERS IN A TANGLE

German Secretary of Treasury Quits

Berlin, Feb. 6.—It was announced to-day that Freiherr von Stengel, secretary of the imperial treasury, had resigned office. His successor has not yet been named.

The retirement of Von Stengel is undoubtedly connected with the financial embarrassments of the German empire and the difficulty in finding a solution satisfactory to the various states and political parties.

the system of indirect taxation, believing that this would bear more heavily upon the lower classes than upon the rich, while the Conservatives demand that the empire leave all direct forms of taxation to the individual states. The two wings of Chancellor von Bismarck's bloc, these

disagree radically regarding ways and means of raising the necessary revenue to meet the increased cost of the army and navy. In the meanwhile the army and navy bills have passed their second reading, without the means having yet been found of raising new revenue.

FRANCO-CANADIAN TREATY

Adopted by Chamber of Deputies at
Paris.

Paris, Feb. 6.—The bill approving the convention between France and Canada was adopted in the Chamber of Deputies today by a very large majority. M. Lefas showed that Canada by concluding with France a convention for ten years had followed a far-sighted policy which would protect her in-

dustry, but he considered that the French boot and shoe industry, which was of great importance, would be unfavorably affected by the new convention.

M. Klotz, speaking for the customs commission, said the convention safeguarded France's absolute liberty in

M. Siegfried said the convention was sufficiently advantageous to French commerce and industry.