

Large demands have, however, been deemed necessary for the purchase of books that relate to the various aspects of the war, such as Law books dealing with contraband, neutrality, trade and finance.

The purely historical volumes that have been, by general consent, considered standard works, have been procured in sufficient numbers to satisfy the requirements of Members.

The Diplomatic Correspondence of all the Nations, so far as it was obtainable, has also been collected in numbers.

Particular attention has been given to the Diplomatic Correspondence of the United States with all the warring Nations; and a liberal supply of copies has been procured.

A very large collection of war pamphlets has been made and bound for reference; and a considerable number have been retained unbound for the convenience of Members.

Where an unusually large number of pamphlets and small books have accumulated on their hands, the Librarians have sent them to the Department of Militia and to the various military camps for the use of the troops, and to some soldiers' clubs, where they have been much appreciated.

Among the donations to the Library during the year we may mention specially:

1. A collection of Provincial Statutes and Sessional Papers; and
2. A copy of the six volumes of the Century Dictionary;
3. A collection of the proceedings of the Royal Society of Canada; and other donations from T. B. Flint, Esq., LL.D., the Clerk of the House of Commons, whose attention to the interests of the Library has been constant and valuable;
4. A collection of war pamphlets and posters of value for historical purposes, from Honourable Sir Clifford Sifton, K.C.M.G.;
5. Many beautiful and costly volumes from the Trustees of the British Museum, including a catalogue of Cuneiform Tablets, and one of Greek and Roman lamps; also a volume of select bronzes, Greek, Roman and Etruscan; and other exquisite productions more fully set forth in the donation list;
6. A splendid collection of reproductions of Roman Antique monuments of architecture, the work of the celebrated artist Piranesi. It is contained in nine immense folio volumes. We owe this very rare work to the liberality of the Italian Government, from which it was obtained through the kind request of Chevalier G. Chilesotti, Italian Consul for Canada in Montreal;
7. The customary donations from the Imperial Government; the Congress of the United States; the Government of France; the various States of the United States; the Legislatures of all the Colonies of the Empire.

A glance at the donation list appended hereto will show the varied sources from which the Library is recruited, and the constant care taken in preserving and extending the exchange system. This work alone occupies the time and attention of the Library Staff to a large extent.

The large additions made to the Library from year to year, by purchase, exchange and donation, justify the demands so often made for an enlargement of space, demands which the present war conditions and the need for economical expenditure prevent us from repeating at present.

The Librarians desire to acknowledge the courtesy which they have had in the discharge of their duties, from the late Speaker, Honourable Thos. S. Sproule.