

occupied by them, to the Circulating Library. In the lurid light of the recent conflagration at Toronto University, it will surely be the duty of this Board to continually urge the necessity of securing a fire proof building to shelter and protect their present collection of valuable books and documents, many of them incapable of being duplicated at any cost. The Board owns the land suitable for the site for such a building adjoining their present premises. It needs only the support of the 40,000 or 50,000 readers who so freely avail themselves of the Library to secure for the Board the funds necessary to erect such a building, and thus guard against a second like calamity, possible to occur at any moment under present conditions.

During the year two Supplemental Catalogues of new books added to the Circulating Library have been printed.

Among the more prominent acquisitions during the past year, are Sir Thomas Lawrence's portrait of Governor Gore, 1807-17; the collection of letters and despatches addressed to Admiral Berkeley, 1807-11; Bibaud's Historical MSS., 6 vols; Original MS. Narrative of Gabriel Franchere; McCook's American Spiders and their Spinning Work, vols. 1 and 2; Scot's Magazine, 1739-1826, 96 vols.; Irish Archaeological and Celtic Society, 35 vols.; Facsimilies of National Manuscripts of Scotland, 3 vols; American Antiquarian Society's Collections, 6 vols.; Burney's South Seas, 5 vols.; Rietstap's Armorial General, 2 vols.; DeGarden Histoire des Traites de Paix, 15 vols.; Maitland Club, 97 vols.; Spaulding Club, 32 vols.; Edward's Butterflies of North America, vols. 1 and 2; Surtees Society, 84 vols.; Letters from the Marquis of Montcalm; Hakluyt's Voyages, first edition with Drake's voyage, 1589; Jesuit Relations of Pelleprat, 1655, Ragueneau, 1648, 1649, 1650, Vimont, 1643, Castillon, 1662, Dechamps, 1676; Munsell's Historical Series, 17 vols.; Christie's Military and Naval Operations in the Canadas; Christie's Memoirs of Administration, 1815-20; Hutchinson's History of Massachusetts, 4 vols.; Proceedings of the Society of Civil Engineers, 100 vols.; Archaeological Journal, 44 vols.; Pyne's Royal Residences, 3 vols.; Nouvelles Archives du Museum d'Histoire Naturelle de Paris, 17 vols.; Manx Society's Publications, 31 vols.; Archaeologia, 51 vols.; Montfaucon's L'Antiquite Expliquer, 15 vols.; Montfaucon's Monumens Monarchie Francais, 5 vols.; Creuxis's Historie