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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

Memoranda :

Population of city, 50,000.

Free Libraries Act adopted, 1889.

Library rate, one-half mill on city assessment, giving \$12,600 for 1896.

Total number of volumes in the library on December 21, 1896, 24,059; divided as follows—19,083 in Circulation Department, 4,976 in Reference Department.

The Reference Department of the Library is open from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m., and the Circulating Department from 9 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. In July and August each department is closed half an hour earlier.

Reading Rooms open from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.. In July and August the Reading Rooms are closed at 9 p.m.

All departments closed on Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, and days appointed by government or civic proclamation as a public holiday.