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MATERIALS FOR A HISTORY

OF THE

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I.-The Bibliography of New Brunswick.

Since of making many books there is no end, it has come to pass that no one can keep track of such a multitude without the help of lists and classifications of them. Hence we have books which are lists of books, that is bibliographies; and if books continue to multiply, as of course they will, a science of arrangement of knowledge about them must arise, which perhaps will be called Bibliology.

For the existence of proper hibliographies I can think of several reasons, which may be arranged as follows:

First, there is the hugeness of the number of books, or rather of things printed, which makes it impossible for any but specialists, and hard even for them, to keep up with the advance of knowledge which they mark in any subject, while he of more general interests is well-nigh helpless. Proper bibliographies, kept up to date, enable all to know what exists upon any given topic.