

The question of additions to our collection of material which we should long ago have had is one of the most important that we face at the present time. In the Annual Report of the Society for 1909 there is printed a "Catalogue of Books, Pamphlets, Maps, etc., in the Library of the Ontario Historical Society", and looking through that list one is struck by the amazing number of documents that are not mentioned that should be there and that we would probably own had the collection been properly exhibited. Of the Annual Reports of the American Historical Association but three volumes are listed, though every single report issued by that organization contains valuable historical material relating to Canadian affairs. The American Historical Review is represented by two numbers, one from Vol. 6 and one from Vol. 8. The entire set of seventeen volumes should be there. It is without question the finest publication of the kind that has ever been issued on the continent and the material on Canadian history alone makes it invaluable for us. The publications of the Buffalo Historical Society are represented by Volume 9 and a few odd Annual Reports. I shall go no further in that division. You will note that I took the alphabet as far as letter C. Under the heading "Reports, Transactions, Papers, Etc., of Canadian Historical Societies" we find that we own but eight yearly issues of the Canadian Almanac — a publication that was started in 1856. All of the Champlain Society volumes are absent. Dr. Hodgins's valuable works on the History of Education are represented by five volumes, the University Calendars by two volumes, and many of the publications of our own affiliated societies are missing. Such an institution as ours would have been supplied with all of the missing volumes had it been in a position properly to preserve them for the benefit of our members and the general public.

Some have suggested that the Department of Archives should be the place for material of this kind. Experience in other places has proven that the Historical Society collection better serves its purpose when separated from the Archives. They should be apart with no hostility between them. Mr. Thomas M. Owen in his report on State Departments of Archives and History delivered at the meeting of the American Historical Association in Chicago, in 1904, says in part: "There is nothing incompatible in the existence of a Department (of