

public and private letters, invaluable as material for the history of the settlement and early days of this Province, are contained in the collection.

The purchase also of the manuscript narrative of the insurrection of 1837, by Colonel Fitzgibbon, and the donation of an original Mississagua vocabulary, have further enriched our collection of manuscripts.

Continual watchfulness has enabled us to make some very important additions to the department of Canadian history and literature, which promises to be one of the most important in the Dominion.

The increasing value of the books has necessitated providing additional securities against destruction by fire. All the doors and openings into the room where the books are deposited have been provided with fireproof doors, in accordance with the standard of the Board of Underwriters. The manuscripts are deposited in the fireproof vault.

The accounts of the Library have been duly audited, and statements of the receipts and expenditure, and assets and liabilities, are appended.

Much pleasure is taken in stating that the Chief Librarian, the Secretary, the Librarians in charge of the branches, and the other assistants and employees of the Library, performed their respective duties with efficiency, and to the satisfaction of the Board of Management.

ARTHUR R. BOSWELL,
Chairman.

TORONTO, January, 1889.