

that they too are freely consulted. The demand for the back numbers of the periodicals (which are allowed for home reading as soon as new issues are received), continues to steadily increase—a sign that readers take a lively interest in one or other of the many topics so ably discussed in the pages of the leading magazines and reviews.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Our warmest thanks are due to the newspapers of the city for the very efficient aid rendered in keeping the Library well before the citizens, by publishing lists of books, etc.

We have also to acknowledge the courteousness of the Librarian of the Toronto Public Library in occasionally loaning volumes to us, by means of which some of our readers were enabled to secure information not obtainable in our own collection.

During the year I have from time to time instructed the lady assistants in the manifold duties required for the proper working of the institution, and I am pleased to be able to record the uniform quickness with which these details have been seized and acted upon, and the hearty co-operation on their part in our efforts to render the Library useful to the citizens.

I desire to return thanks to the members of this Board for the evidences of confidence and trust reposed in me in the past.

In conclusion, I think I may safely say that we enter on the new year with the determination to still further extend the scope and usefulness of the institution in its various departments.

The appendices attached hereto give details of circulation, etc.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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