

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA.

Memoranda for 1899 :

Population of city 52,000.

Free Libraries Act adopted, 1889.

Library rate, one-half mill on assessment, giving \$13,183.27 for 1899.

Library open in temporary premises, Feb. 15, 1890.

Corner stone of new Library building laid Oct. 23, 1889.

Library opened in new Library building, Sept. 19, 1890.

Reading Room first opened, Oct. 21, 1890.

Total number of volumes in the Library on December 31, 1899—27,440. Divided as follows: 23,152 in Circulating Department, 4,288 in reference Department.

Library Building opened as follows: The Reading Rooms and the Reference Department from 8.30 a. m. to 9.30 p. m., and the Circulating Department of the Library from 9 a. m. to 8.30 p. m.; closing half an hour earlier in July and August.

All departments closed on Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, and any day appointed by Government or Civic proclamation as a public holiday.

Volumes issued during the year, 209,112, an average daily use of 702 volumes (home use, 159,127).

Borrowers' Cards in force, 11,021.

Number of papers, periodicals and serial publications for use in Reading Rooms, 252.