

Efforts have been made during the year to fill up the gaps still remaining on our shelves in the Canadian section. Many works have been secured, of general utility, but not of such importance as to require a special mention. To help students in Canadian history, our collection of books bearing on that subject has been made with a view of placing together, 1st, works on the early settlement of the different Provinces of Canada; 2nd, on the French Regime in New France and Acadia; 3rd, on the Intercolonial wars of the 17th and 18th centuries, ending with the seven years war; 4th, on the beginning of the English Regime and military rule; 5th, on Canada under the Quebec Act and under the constitution of 1791, and the division of the country into two Provinces; 6th, on the war of 1775 and 1812; finally, on the political events in all the Provinces and the establishment of a responsible government.

Despite the omissions already mentioned, this collection is now in such a forward state that it can supply material on all questions connected with the history of the country.

Among the special additions to the Library during the year may be mentioned a collection of all the articles, pamphlets and addresses published separately or in the principal periodicals of England, regarding the career of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone.

These volumes, together with a similar collection, made on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee in 1897, will provide, at some time, a most valuable repertory of materials for the history of Her Majesty's reign.

The customary collection of the annals of trade and commerce and general information has been made, and it is hoped that no place of business life will be found unrepresented.

The legal side of the Library has called for many additions during the year. The latest revisions of the laws of the various American States, and the latest editions of necessary text-books, as well as many new ones, have been added to our catalogue.

Among the donations to the Library during the year, the most valuable is that of Mrs. Mary Ford of Pencarron who forwarded to the Government the bust by Behnes of her brother, the Right Hon. Sir William Molesworth, Bart., M.P., Secretary of State for the colonies in 1855. The Prime Minister has placed the bust in the Library, where, as the *Toronto Globe* has appropriately said, it shares with the bust of the Duke of Newcastle by Boehm (presented by Sir Edward Watkin to Sir John Macdonald) the merit of artistic distinction. The early death of Sir William Molesworth in 1855, deprived the Colonial Office of a Minister who would probably have enriched its traditions by a wise and liberal policy. The Library also possesses the fine edition of the works of Thomas Hobbes, edited and published by Sir William Molesworth at his own expense, and presented by him to the Canadian Government. Sir William Molesworth was one of those who in a time of indifference took interest in colonial questions and was at great pains to bring them before the Parliament and people of England. His labours deserve our grateful remembrance.

The Librarians desire to acknowledge the receipt of a large collection of the civic reports of Toronto, made by Mr. John Blevins the City Clerk. These materials for history will one day prove very useful.

The Library is also indebted to Col. White, C.M.G., late Deputy Postmaster General, for a number of interesting books and pamphlets.

The catalogue of accessions for the year elapsed since the preparation of the previous number, has been compiled and will be distributed at an early day.

The list of donations is appended as usual.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,

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*For List of Donations to the Library of Parliament, 1898, vide Sessional Papers No.17.)*