



FOURTH
ANNUAL REPORT .
OF THE
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1887.

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Continued and increasing interest in the Library is manifested by the increased circulation for the year. The large number of 275,066 volumes having been issued in 1887, and the greater number of visitors to the reading rooms of the central and branch libraries evincing the popularity of these valuable adjuncts.

Important changes were made during the year in the central library building, apartments for the caretaker having been built over the Adelaide St. front, and the reading room very considerably enlarged. The whole of the ground floor of the building is now used for the Library, thereby adding much to its utility and convenience.

The rooms in the basement formerly occupied by the caretaker have been fitted up for the storage of newspapers and duplicate periodicals and ready access to the rapid accumulation of these papers made easy. The roof of the main building having been found to be leaky and defective, was completely renewed. Siemens-Lungren gas lamps were placed in the hall and reading room, improving the light and the ventilation also of the latter.

A second supplementary catalogue for the circulating library was issued, and that very important work, the preparation of a catalogue for the Reference department commenced during the year. It is now almost ready for the printer. The advantage of such a catalogue to the patrons of the Library can scarcely be over-estimated, and must result in a greater appreciation of this, the best and most useful section of a Public Library.

4,142 volumes were added during the year, and the Library is indebted to the generosity of several persons and institutions for many valuable books and pamphlets. The donation by the Right Hon. Dowager Baroness Vernon of "Dante's Inferno," with notes and illustrations by

the late Lord Vernon, in 3 volumes, with the reprint of the "First four Editions of the Divine Comedy," and the donation by Mr. John Hallam of 66 additional volumes, deserve special mention, and are worthy of emulation.

Some of the books purchased were of a rare and valuable class, the management, considering that one of the chief objects of a Public Library such as that of Toronto promises to be, is to place upon its shelves books which from their exclusively technical and educational character are expensive and beyond the means of many who would be much benefitted by their use.

The only current copies of the various Magazines and Quarterlies in the Library being those placed on the tables, it was considered that better opportunities should be afforded the public for reading at their homes the interesting and instructive matter contained in these periodicals, and during the year 196 additional copies of the most valuable of them were subscribed for and are placed in circulation monthly and quarterly on their arrival.

As deep interest is and should be taken by all Canadians in the history and literature of our own country, special efforts are being made to secure for the Library, every work of any consequence bearing upon these subjects, and the gatherings for this year have been numerous and important. This policy, if continued persistently and intelligently from year to year by those in charge of the Library must insure success and result, in the Toronto Public Library, being some day in possession of a Canadian section unsurpassed by any other Library, in the country. There are many books and documents connected with the history of Canada in the possession of private persons which it is highly desirable should be in the safe custody of some Library, and it is to be hoped that the Toronto Public Library will be given an opportunity of acquiring some of them.

A system of competitive examinations for intending assistants in the Library was introduced after long and careful consideration, and has had one satisfactory trial. This system if continued must operate beneficially on the staff, for it will ensure the employment of those candidates only who are most competent and capable.

The result of the usual annual stock taking proved satisfactory, 15 volumes only being missing.

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The accounts of the Library have been duly audited and statements of the Receipts and Expenditure and of the Assets and Liabilities are appended.

One of the disadvantages under which the Library labors is the high duty charged upon books purchased outside of Canada, and it is to be hoped that the representations made to the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald on the occasion of his recent visit to the Library will be productive of some change or concession from the Government.

A pleasing incident of the year was a visit received from a number of the members of the American Library Association on their return from the annual meeting at Round Island Park. Among them were Dr. Poole, of the Newberry Library, Chicago, President of the American Historical Association, Mr. Linderfelt, of Milwaukee, Mr. Van Name, of Yale College Library, Mr. Carr, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and several ladies. The visitors were hospitably entertained and expressed much pleasure at the progress made in our Library.

The Board has to regret the loss of one of its most valued members Dr. George Wright, the condition of whose health required a temporary removal to a more favorable climate. Dr. Wright was a member of the Board from its organization to the time of his departure from the City and always took the warmest interest in the Library. It is gratifying to know that the change of residence has already resulted beneficially.

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.

JAMES MASON,
Chairman.

Toronto, January, 1888.

Total..... 15,914 16,916 19,014 16,726 14,938 12,433 7,657 12,756 12,050 15,102 16,155 17,155 17,510 100.0

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS ISSUED FROM THE WESTERN BRANCH LIBRARY.

FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1887.

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.	Per cent.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	57	61	53	67	59	51	26	38	32	35	35	49	563	.8
Political, Social and Medical Sciences..	45	50	46	58	38	53	24	27	27	20	18	41	447	.7
Theology.....	47	38	43	52	40	46	30	31	26	23	30	42	448	.7
Arts.....	73	69	62	86	73	81	39	49	35	28	41	54	690	1.0
General Literature and Collected Works...	105	127	131	140	184	118	94	82	67	101	112	141	1,402	2.2
Geography and Travel	130	155	132	143	144	119	120	94	73	101	102	159	1,472	2.2
History.....	130	107	145	130	141	113	73	59	60	101	66	157	1,282	2.0
Biography.....	87	96	117	103	116	92	72	48	51	78	63	127	1,050	1.7
Poetry and Drama...	56	38	40	54	37	38	24	36	25	16	24	42	430	.6
Periodicals.....	165	210	191	214	200	173	148	199	176	192	216	262	2,346	3.6
Fiction.....	4,517	4,844	5,619	5,000	4,732	4,503	2,776	3,028	3,137	3,645	3,813	4,494	50,108	78.3
Juveniles.....	254	288	209	271	281	239	227	207	162	249	266	331	2,984	4.7
Reference Books....	32	48	49	66	58	41	46	46	35	118	60	70	669	1.5
Magazines.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	5,698	6,131	6,837	6,384	6,103	5,667	3,699	3,944	3,906	4,711	4,852	5,988	63,920	100.00

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS ISSUED FROM THE NORTHERN BRANCH LIBRARY
FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1887.

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.	Per cent.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	18	13	43	31	17	17	12	19	18	19	20	25	252	.7
Political, Social and Medical Sciences..	14	7	16	19	4	6	5	4	4	10	16	10	115	.3
Theology.....	9	9	24	13	4	9	7	13	9	15	16	6	134	.4
Arts.....	3	12	15	8	7	4	1	10	10	2	9	8	89	.2
General Literature and Collected Works...	33	39	38	40	20	22	23	24	19	35	39	43	375	1.7
Geography and Travel	46	67	56	52	39	39	34	27	46	40	53	40	539	1.6
History.....	49	68	93	68	45	49	32	37	34	71	76	68	690	2.0
Biography.....	54	49	75	64	36	28	44	41	40	57	32	61	581	1.7
Poetry and Drama...	39	33	27	20	19	24	18	28	12	22	26	35	303	.9
Periodicals.....	160	177	172	138	111	131	118	102	138	148	148	179	1,722	4.9
Fiction.....	2,169	2,245	2,872	2,718	2,154	1,918	1,852	1,914	1,797	2,031	2,061	1,972	25,703	73.8
Juveniles.....	322	316	393	382	260	259	292	311	265	292	321	309	3,722	10.8
Reference Books....	32	39	61	24	23	36	10	31	29	15	27	34	361	1.0
Magazines.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	15	15	44	.....
Total.....	2,948	3,074	3,885	3,577	2,739	2,542	2,448	2,561	2,421	2,771	2,859	2,805	34,630	100.00

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TOTAL CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

Issued from the Central, Western, and Northern Libraries, from January 1st to December 31st, 1887.

	Northern.	Western.	Central.	Total.	Per cent.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics	252	563	2,809	3,624	1.3
Political, Social and Medical Sciences	115	447	3,226	3,788	1.4
Theology	134	448	2,190	2,772	1.0
Arts	89	690	5,570	6,349	2.3
General Literature and Collected Works	375	1,402	6,827	8,604	3.2
Geography and Travel	539	1,472	6,243	8,254	3.0
History	690	1,282	4,633	6,605	2.4
Biography	581	1,050	3,331	4,962	1.8
Poetry and Drama	503	430	1,452	2,185	.7
Periodicals	1,722	2,346	7,285	11,353	4.2
Fiction	25,703	50,108	95,911	171,722	62.4
Juveniles	3,722	2,984	17,597	24,303	8.8
French Literature			601	601	.4
German Literature			496	496	
Reference Books	361	669	14,776	15,806	5.8
Magazines	44	29	3,569	3,642	1.3
Total	34,630	63,920	176,516	275,066	100.0

Total number of days during which the Library has been open during the year..... 297

Total number of volumes lost or withdrawn during the year :

	Northern.	Western.	Central.	Total.
Lost and paid for	9	17	53	79
Withdrawn	8	10	116	134
Destroyed by H. D.	8	19	75	102
Missing	3	2	10	17
Total				332

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TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES
In the Reference and Circulating Libraries.

CIRCULATING LIBRARIES.	Northern.	Western.	Central.	Total.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics..	83	71	672	826
Political, Social and Medical Sciences	62	28	711	801
Theology	57	61	667	785
Arts.....	55	68	811	934
General Literature & Collected Works	237	318	2,011	2,566
Geography and Travel.....	175	188	1,373	1,736
History.....	299	218	1,066	1,583
Biography	315	281	1,397	1,993
Poetry and Drama.....	97	82	424	603
Periodicals.....	346	35	1,336	2,035
Fiction.....	2,420	2,526	6,146	11,092
Juveniles.....	328	228	1,122	1,678
German Literature.....			277	277
French Literature.....			346	346
Italian Literature.....			2	2
Total.....	4,474	4,422	18,361	27,257

SUMMARY.

Circulating Libraries.....	27,257
Reference Library, Northern.....	59
" " Western	44
" " Central.....	13,907
" " Hallam Collection.....	14,010
" " Patents.....	1,954
" " Pamphlets	3,208
" " Manuscripts	1,972
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Total number of Books in the Library December 31st, 1886.....	44,261
" " added during 1887	4,142
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NUMBER OF TICKETS ACTUALLY IN USE DURING THE YEAR.

	Males.	Females.	Juveniles.	Total.
Central Library.....	3,819	1,931	36	5,786
Western Branch.....	529	463	136	1,128
Northern Branch.....	294	398	151	843
	<u>4,642</u>	<u>2,792</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>7,757</u>

TRANSFERS.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

From Western Branch.....	26	23	2	51
“ Northern Branch.....	26	18	—	44
	<u>52</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>95</u>

WESTERN BRANCH.

From Central Library.....	23	15	5	43
“ Northern Branch.....	2	3	1	6
	<u>25</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>49</u>

NORTHERN BRANCH.

From Central Library.....	6	6	1	13
“ Western Branch.....	3	—	—	3
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NUMBER OF POST CARDS SENT FOR BOOKS OVERDUE.

Central Library.....	4,068
Western Branch.....	1,340
Northern Branch.....	885

Total..... 6,293

Number of visits paid by special messengers, to collect books not returned..... 564

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending 31st Dec. 1887

RECEIPTS.

To Balance 31st Dec., 1886.....	2,500 21	
" Balance of Debenture Account.....	1,374 70	
" Library Rate.....	25,000 00	
" Legislative grant.....	200 00	
" Rents.....	1,425 00	
" Books sold.....	169 91	
" Lost books paid for.....	74 90	
" Damage to books.....	29 40	
" Borrowers' tickets.....	188 20	
" Fines.....	866 71	
" Catalogues.....	221 50	
" Waste paper, etc.....	39 50	
" Interest on Bank account.....	24 00	
		<u>\$32,114 03</u>

EXPENDITURE.

By Interest on Debentures.....	2,800 00	
" Sinking Fund.....	525 00	
		3,325 00
" Books purchased.....	4,142 25	
" Duty on books purchased.....	323 44	
" Freight on books purchased.....	93 30	
		<u>4,558 99</u>
" Newspapers and Magazines.....	1,680 78	
" Insurance.....	776 00	
" Binding.....	1,174 42	
" Salaries.....	8,774 33	
" Light, Fuel and Water.....	1,714 71	
" Stationery.....	142 41	
" Printing and Advertising.....	272 75	
" Postage.....	131 17	
" Law charges.....	19 29	
" Alterations.....	5,130 56	
" Furniture.....	633 39	
" Repairs.....	519 37	
" English Patents.....	30 00	
" Miscellaneous.....	418 43	
		<u>29,301 60</u>
" Balance in Bank.....	2,789 18	
" " on hand.....	23 25	
		<u>2,812 43</u>
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Audited January 31, 1888

(Signed) W. R. HUGHES.
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

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ASSETS.

The Site at the corner of Church and Adelaide streets, with the Library Buildings thereon, valued at.....	40,000 00	
Additions to same during 1887.....	1,200 00	
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Furniture and fittings, Central Library.....	4,048 12	
" " Western Branch.....	194 87	
" " Northern Branch.....	295 58	
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Books, December 31st, 1886.....	41,852 92	
Purchased during the year.....	4,558 99	
Binding—proportion of.....	948 79	
Periodicals bound.....	545 00	
Pamphlets.....	65 00	
Donations.....	952 50	
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Deduct Books lost (and paid for).....	78 75	
" " sold.....	169 91	
" " destroyed by H. D.....	70 45	
" " missing.....	12 80	
" " withdrawn.....	81 05	
" depreciation.....	960 00	
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Catalogues on hand.....		47,550 24
Rents accrued.....		200 00
Cash in Bank.....	2,789 18	16 66
" on hand.....	23 25	
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LIABILITIES.

Outstanding account.....	255 91	
Balance.....	96,061 99	
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- Electrician. *London.*
- *Englishwoman's Review. *London.*
- Engineer. *London.*
- Engineering and Mining Journal.
- English Historical Review.
- English Illustrated Magazine (2 copies)
- English Mechanic.
- Every Boy's Magazine.
- Family Herald.
- *Fergus Advocate.
- Field.
- *Flesherton Advance.
- Forest and Stream, Rod and Gun.
- Fortnightly Review.
- *Fort William Journal.
- Forum.
- Frank Leslie's Illustrated, (2 copies).
- *Fredericton Capital.
- Fun.
- Furniture Gazette. *London.*
- Garden. *London.*
- Gartenlaube.
- Gentleman's Magazine.
- *Geological Society of London's Journal.
- Glasgow Herald.
- *Goderich, Huron Signal.
- *Good Templar.
- Good Words.
- Graphic, (2 copies.)
- Halifax Chronicle. *Daily.*
- *Halifax Nova Scotian.
- Hall's Journal of Health.
- Hamilton Spectator. *Daily.*
- Harper's Bazar.
- Harper's Monthly, (2 copies.)
- Harper's Weekly.
- Harper's Young People.
- Ibis.
- Illustrated London News, (2 copies.)
- Illustrierte Zeitung.
- *Imperial Federation.
- Imperial White Books.
- *Independent Forester, (2 copies.)
- *Industrial Record.
- *International Standard.
- *Iron. *London.*
- Iron Trade Review.
- Israel's Banner.
- Johns' Hopkins University Studies.
- Kennel Gazette.
- *Kentville Chronicle.
- *Kincardine Review.
- *Kingston News.
- *Kingston Whig. *Daily.*
- Knowledge.
- *Knox College Monthly.
- Lady's Pictorial.
- Lancet.
- L'Art.
- Leisure Hour, (2 copies.)
- Le Monde Illustre.
- Library Chronicle. *London.*
- Library Journal.
- *Lindsay Warder.
- Lippincott's Magazine.
- Literary News. *N. Y.*
- Literary World. *Boston.*
- Literary World. *London.*
- Littell's Living Age.
- Live Stock Journal. *London.*
- Liverpool Post.
- Lloyd's Weekly.
- London (Ont.) Free Press. *Daily.*
- London Society. *Daily.*
- London Times. *Daily.*
- Longman's Magazine.
- *L'Original News.
- Macmillan's Magazine.
- Magazine of Art. *London.*
- Magazine of American History.
- Magazine of Western History.
- *Manchester Courier.
- Manchester Examiner. *Daily.*
- *Markham Economist.
- *Markham Sun.
- *Mechanical and Milling News.
- Mechanical News.
- *Minden Echo.
- Mining World.
- *Moncton Times.
- *Montreal Church Guardian.
- Montreal Gazette. *Daily.*
- Montreal Herald. *Daily.*
- *Montreal La Minerve. *Daily.*
- *Montreal Le Monde. *Daily.*
- Murray's Magazine.
- Musical Journal.
- Musical World.
- *Napanee Express.
- Nation. *New York.*
- Nature. *London.*
- Navy List. *Quarterly.*
- New Princeton Review. *By-monthly.*
- *New Westminster, B. C. Mainland Guardian.
- *New York Standard. *Daily.*
- New York Herald. *Daily.*
- New York Independent.
- New York Shipping list.
- New York Tribune. *Daily.*
- Nineteenth Century.

- North American Review.
 *Nor-West Farmer.
 Notes and Queries.
 *Ontario Evangelist.
 *Ontario Gazette.
 *Orillia Gospel Light.
 *Oshawa Vindicator.
 *Ottawa Citizen. *Daily.*
 *Ottawa Journal.
 Pall Mall Budget.
 *Paris Review.
 *Paris Star-Transcript.
 Parliamentary Bills.
 Parliamentary:
 Debates, House of Commons.
 Votes and Proceedings, House of Commons.
 Votes and Proceedings, Senate.
 Votes and Proceedings, Legislative Assembly Ontario.
 *Peel, Brampton Banner.
 *Peterborough Examiner.
 *Peterborough Review.
 Philadelphia Record. *Daily.*
 Photography, Journal of. *London.*
 Pictorial World. *London.*
 Plumber and Decorator.
 Popular Science Monthly.
 *Portage La Prairie Tribune-Review.
 *Port Angeles, Wash. Ter., Model Commonwealth. *London.*
 Portfolio. *London.*
 *Poultry Review. *London.*
 Practitioner. *London.*
 *Prince Albert Times.
 Public Opinion. *New York.*
 Publishers' Weekly. *New York.*
 Punch. *Daily.*
 Quarterly Review. *Daily.*
 Quebec Chronicle. *Daily.*
 Queen.
 Queen's College Journal.
 Quiver.
 *Railway Guide.
 *Railway Life.
 *Regina N. W. T. Leader.
 Revue des Deux Mondes.
 *Richmond Hill Liberal
 *Rodney Mercury.
 *Rural Canadian. *London.*
 St. James Budget. *London.*
 *St. Jean d'Iberville, Le Franco Canadien.
 *Le Courier de St. Hyacinthe, *Daily.*
 St. John, N. B. Telegraph, *Daily.*
 St. Nicholas.
 Sanitary Engineer.
 Sanitary Engineering. *London.*
 *Sarnia Canadian.
 Saturday Review.
 Science.
 Scientific American.
 Supplement.
 Architect's and Builder's Edition
 Scribner's Magazine, (2 copies.)
 *Shelburne Economist.
 *Shelburne Free Press.
 *Sherbrooke Examiner.
 *Simcoe, Norfolk Reformer.
 Spectator. *London.*
 Sporting and Dramatic News, *London.*
 Sporting Life, *Daily, London.*
 *Springfield Argus.
 Staats-Zeitung.
 *Strathroy Age.
 *Strathroy Despatch.
 *Summerside Agriculturist.
 *Summerside P. E. I. Journal.
 Sunday at Home.
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 Theatre.
 *Thornbury News.
 *Tonic Sol-Fa Reporter.
 Toronto—*Budget.
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 “ Canadian Manufacturer.
 “ *Christian Guardian.
 “ *Citizen.
 “ Empire (2 copies). *Daily.*
 “ Evening News. *Daily.*
 “ Evening Telegram. *Daily.*
 “ Globe (2 copies). *Daily.*
 “ Grip.
 “ Irish Canadian.
 “ *Labor Reformer.
 “ Mail (3 copies). *Daily.*
 “ *Merchant,
 “ Monetary Times.
 “ *Presbyterian Review.
 “ Sentinel.
 “ Truth.
 “ Week.
 “ World. *Daily.*
 *Trenton Advocate.
 Trenton Courier.
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 United States Government Publications. *Monthly.*
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 Veterinary Journal.
 *Victoria, B. C. Standard.
 Vinton's Gazette.
 Westminster Review.
 *Whitby Chronicle.
 *Winnipeg Commercial.

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 Woman's World.
 *Woodbridge News.
 *Woodbridge Advocate.
 World. *London*
 Zoologist. *London*

[WESTERN BRANCH.

All the Year Round.	Lloyd's Weekly News.
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