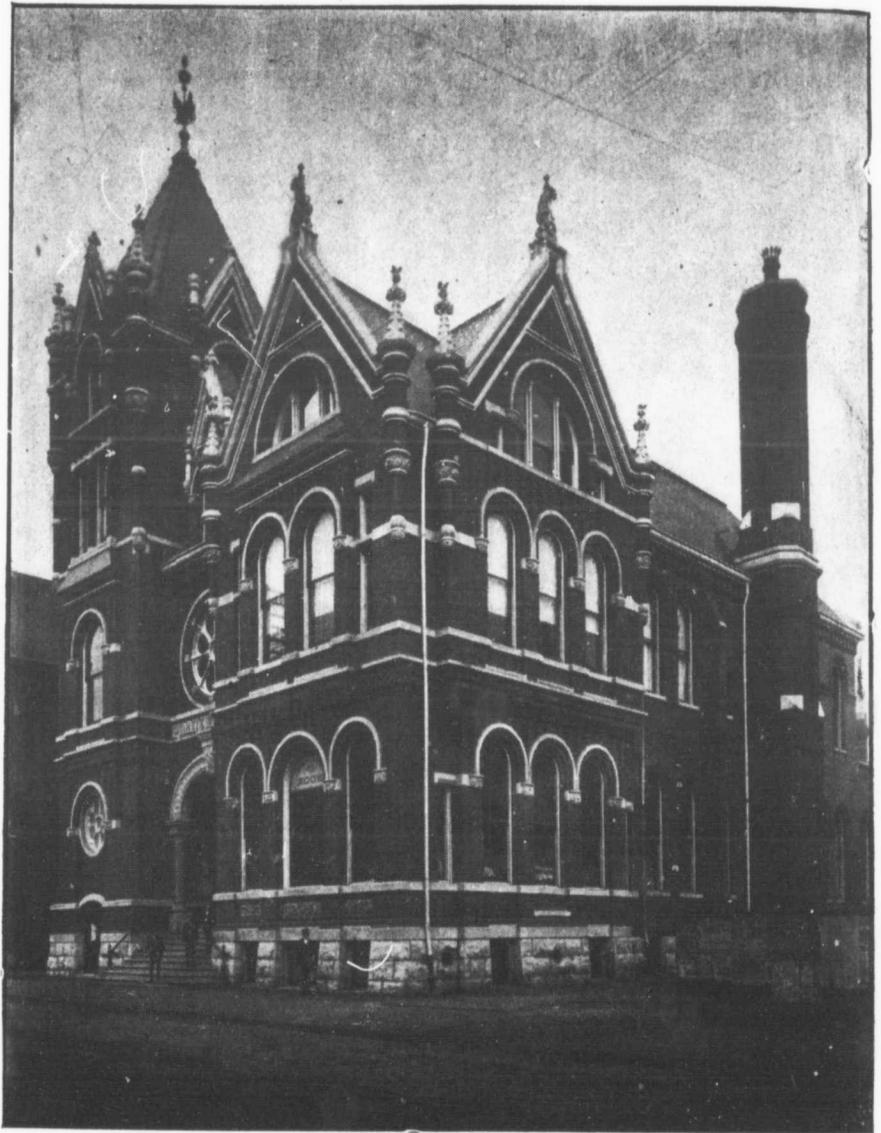


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For Year 1898





HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Fronts on Main Street, with a depth of 143 ft. 2½ in.; width of lot, 90 ft. 7 in.  
The building fronts to the south; there is a 12 ft. space on  
each side and at the rear for light and air.

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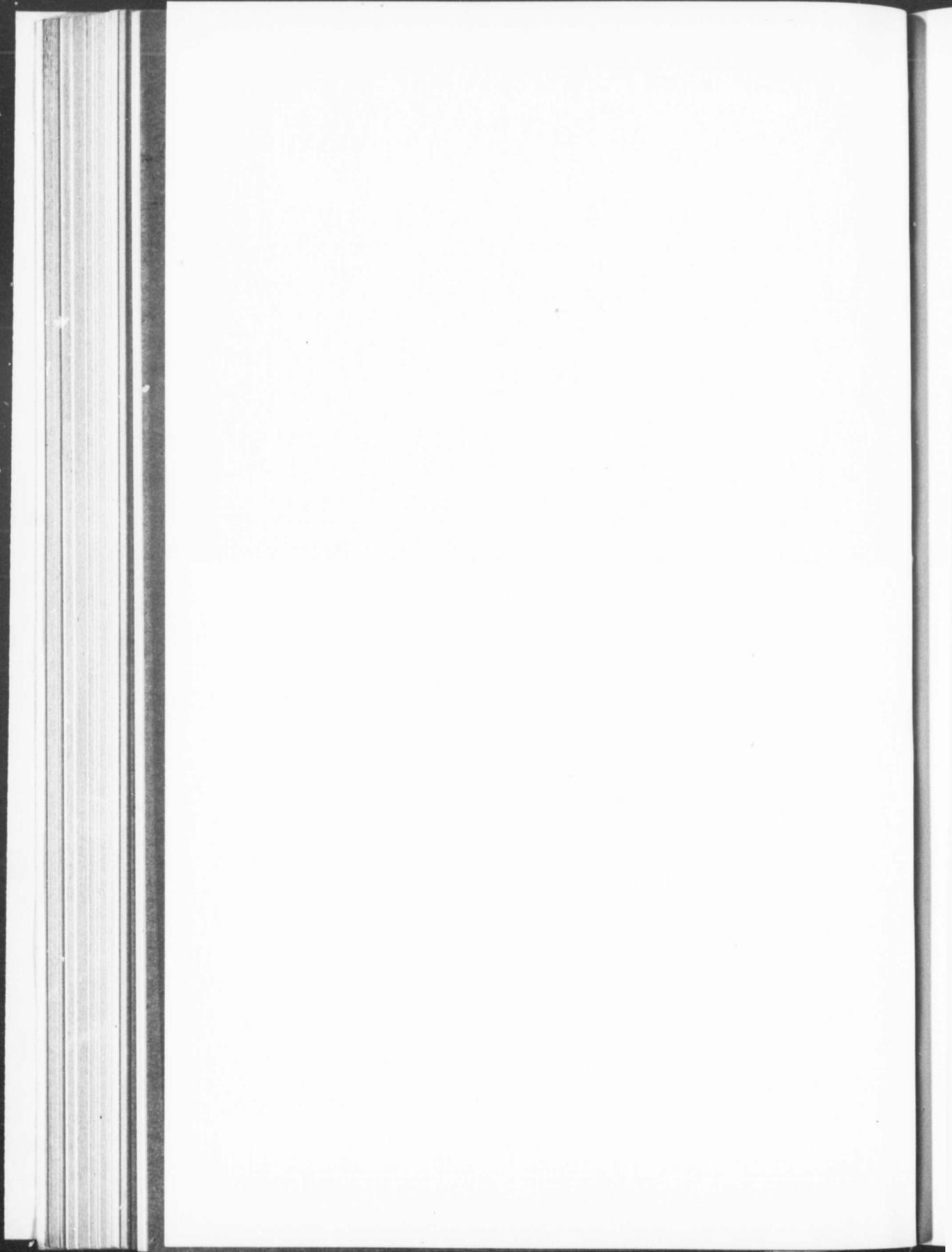


THE HAMILTON  
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HAMILTON, CANADA  
THE SPECTATOR PRINTING COMPANY  
(Limited)



# Board of Management

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1899

J. C. McKEAND, *Chairman of the Board*

*Appointed by City Council:*

	Term Expires Dec. 31.
J. C. McKEAND, - - - - -	1901
JOHN KENRICK, - - - - -	1900
FRED. WALTER, - - - - -	1899

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*Ex-Officio:*

HIS WORSHIP, MAYOR J. V. TEETZEL

*Appointed by Public School Board:*

W. F. BURTON, - - - - -	1901
F. W. FEARMAN, - - - - -	1900
REV. SAMUEL LYLE, D. D. - - - - -	1899

*Appointed by Separate School Board:*

JOHN T. ROUTH, - - - - -	1900
GEORGE LYNCH-STANTON, - - - - -	1899

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## COMMITTEES FOR 1899

### **LIBRARY:**

REV. DR. LYLE, <i>Chairman.</i>	W. F. BURTON.
J. T. ROUTH,	F. WALTER.

### **BUILDING AND FINANCE:**

Geo. LYNCH-STANTON, <i>Chairman.</i>	F. W. FEARMAN.
J. KENRICK.	MAYOR TEETZEL.

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RICHARD T. LANCEFIELD, *Secretary.*



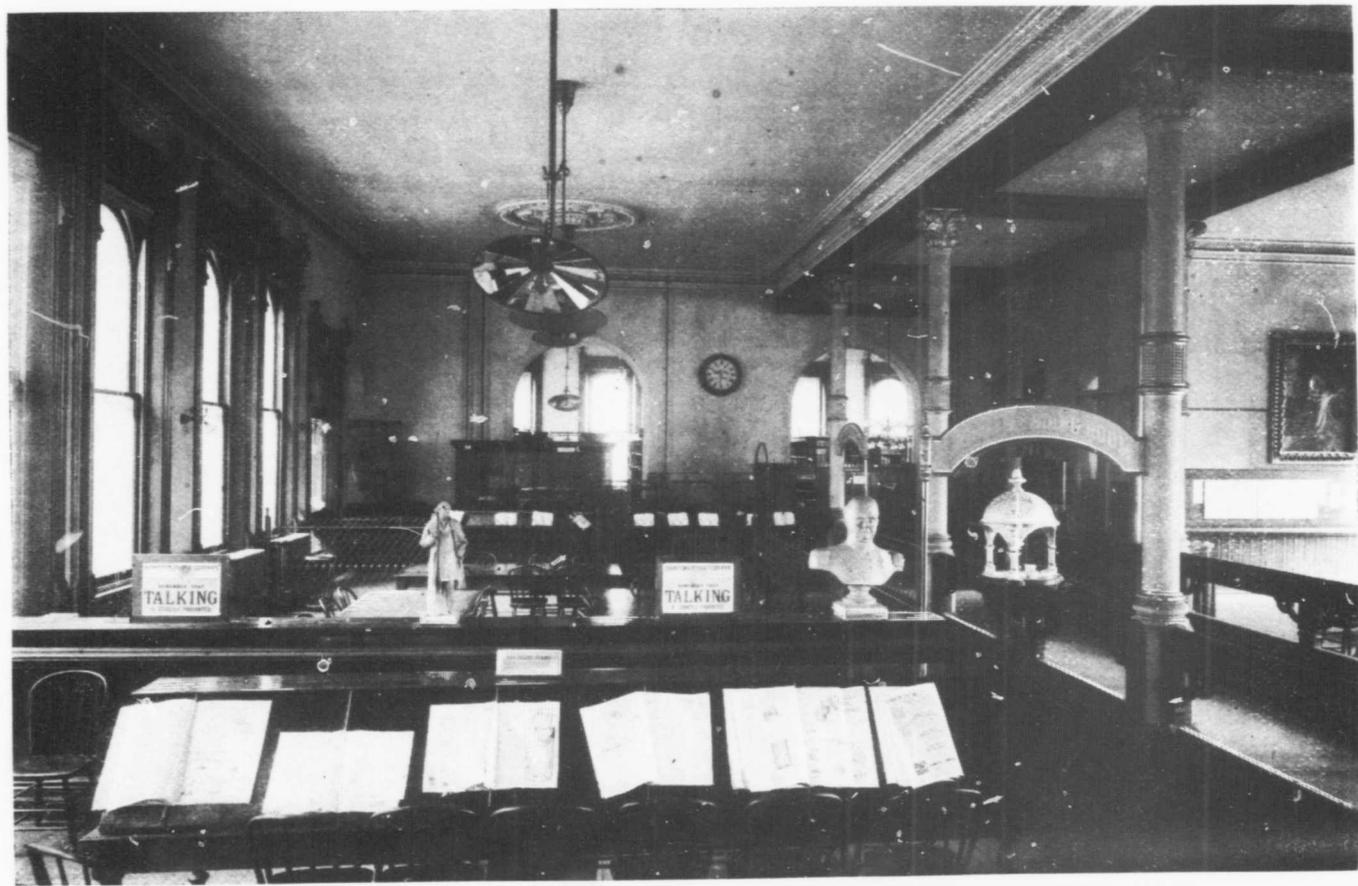
HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY—VIEW FROM ENTRANCE LOOKING NORTH.

## THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBRARY BOARD

FOR EACH YEAR FROM ITS ORGANIZATION

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1889,	-	-	-	His Honor Judge Muir.
1890,	-	-	-	J. Edwin O'Reilly.
1891,	-	-	-	F. W. Fearman.
1892,	-	-	-	Adam Rutherford.
1893,	-	-	-	Rev. Samuel Lyle, D. D.
1894,	-	-	-	Geo. Lynch-Staunton.
1895,	-	-	-	Fred. Walter.
1896,	-	-	-	W. F. Burton.
1897,	-	-	-	J. T. Routh.
1898,	-	-	-	John Kenrick.
1899,	-	-	-	J. C. McKeand.



HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY—LADIES' READING ROOM AND REFERENCE READING ROOM.

## LIBRARY STAFF

Appointed.		Paid during 1898.	Monthly Salary.
Mar. 8, 1889.	Richard T. Lancefield, <i>librarian</i> .....	\$1,500 00	\$125 00
			Weekly wages.
Oct. 22, 1889.	Annie S. Stuart, <i>assistant</i> .....	371 00	7 00
Oct. 22, 1889.	Janet Sutherland, <i>assistant</i> .....	371 00	7 00
Oct. 22, 1889.	May Hamilton, <i>assistant</i> .....	371 00	7 00
Oct. 2, 1890.	Caroline Wilson, <i>assistant</i> .....	371 90	7 00
Feb. 5, 1891.	Amy B. McNair, <i>assistant</i> .....	371 00	7 00
Nov. 7, 1895.	Kate V. Oaten, <i>assistant</i> .....	345 00	7 00
Apr. 2, 1891.	Fred. Tribe, <i>janitor</i> .....	540 00	10 39

# THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

## Memoranda for 1898 :

Population of city, 50,000.

Free Libraries Act adopted, 1889.

Library rate, one-half mill on assessment, giving \$13,178.00 for 1898.

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, 1898—26,262. Divided as follows: 21,052 in Circulating Department, 5,210 in Reference Department.

Library Building open 305 days during the year—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.

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, 214,324, an average daily use of 702 volumes (home use, 158,426).

Borrowers' Cards in force, 11,792.

Number of papers and periodicals for use in Reading Rooms, 248.

## Annual Report of the Chairman

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*Gentlemen of the Board of Management :*

It is with much pleasure and some considerable degree of satisfaction that I address you on this the tenth annual meeting of this Board.

I think we may fairly congratulate ourselves on the result of the work of the past ten years. From the day of its opening the Library has been a success. We have the satisfaction of knowing that the institution over which we exercise control has fully met public expectations. It serves a most useful purpose in allowing our citizens to have access to the world's best books in the various branches of art, science and literature. It is a matter for congratulation that this privilege is appreciated—that all classes of our citizens freely use the Library.

As you are aware, various slight improvements, as suggested by experience, have been introduced from time to time; the object always being to make the institution still more useful and comfortable to the many thousands who enter its doors during the year. No doubt much of the success of the institution is due to the executive ability of our Librarian, and the politeness and attention to readers of the lady assistants. Not only is the Library appreciated by our own citizens, but its successful management is attracting attention abroad, as is witnessed by the requests from other cities and towns for copies of our reports and particulars as to the internal management of the Library.

During the year we have received a considerable number of donations: notably, a collection of 65 volumes of books from Dr. A. E. Malloch of this city. Let us hope that others of our citizens will follow this example. We are also thankful

to these publishers and other friends who send us papers and periodicals for the reading rooms.

I may be allowed to repeat what has already been made known by my predecessors, that the Librarian, on being notified, will gladly send for and remove without expense to the donor, any pamphlets, books or periodicals any person may wish to donate to the Library.

The Financial Statement as submitted herewith, shows that after providing for current expenditures, the overdraft at the Bank of Hamilton was reduced by \$1,012.44. The overdraft has now been reduced to \$4,079.13.

It is with feelings of the profoundest sorrow that I have to record the death, during my term of office, of a once valued member of this Board—His Honor Judge Muir. The late Judge was one of the first appointees to this Board; he was elected its first Chairman, and he gave much valuable assistance at such a critical period as the starting of a large library must ever be.

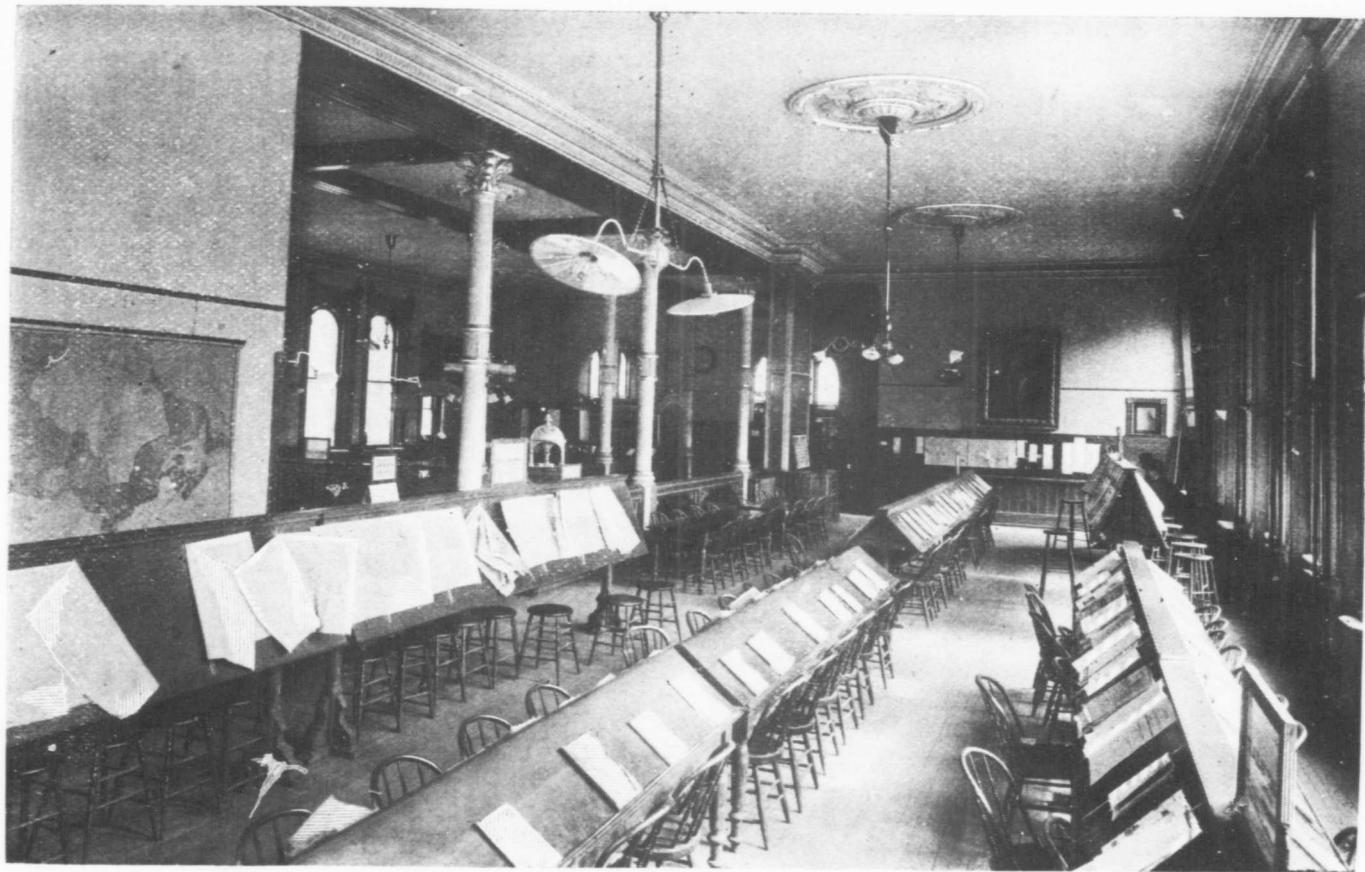
I have to congratulate you, gentlemen, on the successful year you have just closed, and on the harmonious character of the meetings held during the year.

I have to thank you very heartily for the honor conferred upon me in electing me Chairman of your Board of Management, and for the uniform courtesy extended to me by you during my term of office.

I am, sincerely yours,

JOHN KENRICK,  
*Chairman.*

Hamilton, Canada,  
January 31st, 1899.



HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY—GENERAL READING ROOM—72' 6" X 24' X 18'

## Tenth Annual Report of the Librarian

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Management :*

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present herewith my annual report for the year ending December 31st, 1898.

### GENERAL STATEMENT.

The number of volumes at last report was 25,110 volumes. The total accessions for the year have been 1,152 volumes, comprising—

- (a) 839 new books obtained by purchase,
- (b) 206 volumes of magazines from reading rooms,
- (c) 107 volumes as gifts from various sources,

making a present total of 26,262 volumes.

In addition to the new accessions, there were 573 volumes purchased to replace books worn out and condemned. The total number of volumes purchased was 1,412, costing \$1,722.30; an average of \$1.22 per volume.

Among the new books received during the year, are many of great value for reference purposes, and others worthy of careful perusal for the information contained therein. The death of such notable men as Gladstone and Bismarck necessarily created a great demand for books by them or about them. Dr. Moritz Busch's book about Bismarck was one of the notable books of the year. The set purchased by us has been in constant use from the day of its receipt. The real biography of Mr. Gladstone has yet to be written. Those that we have, have been in constant demand. A few of the other most important new books of the year may be here mentioned :

Marion Crawford's *Ave Roma Immortalis*, in two volumes, a series of studies of Rome, the Eternal City, by a qualified expert.



HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY—BOOK ROOM—58' x 34' x 18'

Mayo's Medals and Decorations of the British Army, in two volumes, with colored plates.

The Encyclopedia of Sport, in two royal octavo volumes, with hundreds of illustrations.

Rawdon's History and Description of the Modern Dogs of Great Britain, in three volumes.

The New International Dictionary of the Bible, published by T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh, and Scribner's, of New York, in four volumes.

Spofford's Library of Historic Characters and Eminent Events, in ten volumes.

The Columbian Cyclopaedia and Review of Current History, in 36 volumes.

J. Castell Hopkins' Canada: an encyclopedia of the country, in four quarto volumes, is a very valuable work. It will well repay careful perusal and much study.

The Jesuit Relations (being the Journals of the Jesuit Fathers in America and Canada from 1610-1791) with translation into English: volumes 1 to 34 now published.

Hamilton Wright Mabie's series of excellent Essays on Nature and Culture, in eight volumes.

Dr. Peters' Nippur, the Ancient City, a record of an archeological journey to Babylonia in 1888-90, in two volumes.

Kidder's Building Construction and Superintendence, the latest book for architects, contractors and mechanics, in two volumes.

Many of the new books, owing to their great cost, or the necessity for careful handling, are in the Reference Department; but they are open for inspection by all who apply at the Library, and in the majority of cases they are loaned for home use on special conditions.

It has been stated recently that Canadians are taking a greater interest in the study of the history of our country.

This is certainly true so far as this city is concerned, as shown by the very marked increase in the demand for books of Canadian history and travel in our Library. Fortunately our Library, so far as popular books are concerned, is fairly well equipped in this department, and we have been able, generally, to meet the demand from the general reader. For the specialist and student we have had more difficulty; though even to these we have been able to give valuable assistance on many occasions. I may say, just here, that we are constantly confronted with the fact that books and pamphlets, which are of little use but as curiosities in the hands of private people, become exceedingly valuable in a Library such as ours where readers are constantly searching for facts, or confirmation of stories they have heard touching on some special event. Especially is this so as to Canadian pamphlets; and I again strongly urge on our friends who have any pamphlets—old or new—to send them to the Library. Some of them, seemingly of no value to the owner, may be of great assistance to the student here.

Referring to the reading in other classes—Philosophy and Religion, Sociology, Science, Useful and Fine Arts, and Literature—each branch has its devotees. What one class of readers prefer another class has no use for. The Library Committee has no easy task in satisfying so many varying tastes, and it is under the necessity of exercising far more economy than it desires in providing books for the ten main divisions into which the books in the Library are divided. The steady demand for the various classes of books from the citizens, and the many expressions of approval heard at the general excellence of the selection, prove, however, that the Committee, in its selection of books, gives very general satisfaction. Attention might be directed to the fact that readers desiring to recommend books for the consideration of the Library Committee will find blank slips for this purpose at the Magazine Desk. It must be understood, however, that books recommended are not necessarily procured. All recommendations are simply for the consideration of the Committee.

During the past year requests for our Library Reports, for samples of the cards and slips used in the practical work of the Library, and for particulars as to cost of building, etc., have come from Libraries in Germany, England, New South Wales, and from Brantford, Ottawa, Winnipeg, and other places in Canada. In this, the tenth annual report, I may be permitted to give a resumé and some details which may be interesting to the members of the Board. The ground on which the Library building stands cost \$6,000; the building cost \$35,350; the furniture and fixtures \$3,814; and the books \$28,372.90—a total of \$73,536.90. There is an insurance of \$37,000 on building and books, divided, \$24,000 on building and \$13,000 on books. There is also special insurance on the plate glass in the building.

When the Library by-law carried, the City Council issued debentures for \$50,000, and placed the proceeds to the credit of the Library Board. These debentures were issued in 1889, on the twenty-year annuity plan, the principal and interest being provided for by an average annual payment of \$3,844, which amount is a first charge on the City appropriation to the Library. The last of the debentures will therefore be paid in 1909.

The ground or first-floor of the Library building is used as reading rooms and a stack room for the library books, being subdivided as shown in the photographic views herewith. This floor is lighted by electric light, there being 70 lamps of 1,536 candle power in all.

The entire second floor is at present rented to the Hamilton Art School at a rental of \$250 a year.

#### ASSISTING READERS.

The policy, instituted at the opening of the Library, of assisting readers when possible, is continued actively in force. Realizing that the books are placed on our shelves for use, it is our aim to see that the citizens who use the Library have every reasonable opportunity to use the books. "If you don't see what you want, ask for it," continues to

be our motto. We again say to our readers:—"If you want a book or information on any special subject, and cannot readily find it in the catalogue, make your want known at once to the Librarian, or the Assistant at the Magazine Desk who is placed there for the special purpose of answering inquiries. Knowing just where each book is, we may often be able to save you time and trouble. Above all, don't be afraid of giving trouble. The word "trouble" has been erased from the Library vocabulary. It is a pleasure rather than a trouble for the Librarian, or his Assistants, to guide readers to books specially asked for, when other duties will permit.

The policy of allowing readers limited access to the shelves, except the Fiction shelves, is continued with gratifying results. Our readers evidently appreciate this privilege. It is certain that it tends to encourage the reading of historical and other literature of the better class. It is equally certain that it is a very great convenience to the public. It will be gratifying to you to hear that the privilege has not been abused: a few books get misplaced, but we do not know of any books having been stolen. The book thief is a rarity with us: let us hope he will continue to be so.

The Library was open 305 days during the year. The building was closed on fifty-two Sundays and eight holidays. The total use of the books was 214,324 volumes, an average daily use of 702 volumes.

The number of borrowers' cards in force is 11,792. Fortunately there are not this number of cards in actual use all the time, or the Library would be taxed quite beyond its resources. But here, as in most other cases, the law of average operates. Only a proportion of those holding cards are using them at the same time. It will happen that one set of readers will get too busy to read for a time, but another set unconsciously takes their place. Thus the average use of the Library is remarkably steady, and quite up to the limit of its resources in several of the classes.

Further particulars as to circulation are given in the Appendix.

Of the 573 volumes purchased to replace books worn out and condemned, 472 volumes were works of Fiction. Two reasons may be given for this apparently large percentage of Fiction replaced. First, Works of fiction, as a rule, are cheaper and much more trashily bound than works of history, science, etc. Second, Works of history, science, religion, etc., are only read by certain classes, so that the books are not in constant use: whereas all classes read fiction, some only occasionally, some very regularly. Therefore the fiction books are in constant use, and wear out very fast. It is, however, gratifying to know that even in Fiction the great demand is for what may be called an average good novel. The trashy novel is not wanted by our readers. Nor do the new novelists replace the old favorites. Sir Walter Scott, Thackeray, Dickens, are still prime favorites with readers.

#### THE READING ROOMS.

The Reading Rooms continue to be one of the most useful branches of the institution. They are largely frequented, and in the afternoons and evenings are generally crowded, sometimes uncomfortably so. The General Reading Room contains chairs for 114 readers at eight tables; also two reading stands, with stools for 14 readers, and two high reading stands, these four stands having fyles for 42 daily and weekly newspapers.

The Ladies' Reading Room contains chairs for 24 readers at three tables.

The Reference Reading Room contains chairs for 24 readers at three tables. On the shelves in this room are 250 volumes of encyclopedias, almanacs, and similar reference books, which are free for consultation to all readers without the formality of applying for them in the usual manner.

There are now 248 papers, periodicals, and serial publications available for readers. Of this number 72 are pub-

lished in Canada; 77 in Great Britain; 97 in the United States; one each in Germany and Australia.

Classified as to frequency of publication, we receive 20 that are published daily; 81 weekly; 6 semi-monthly; 130 monthly; 4 bi-monthly; and 7 quarterly.

Classified by subjects, there are in Philosophy 1; Religion 9; Sociology 36; Useful Arts 45; Fine Arts 13; Literature 13; History 3; Science 7; and Miscellaneous 121.

Classified by language, we receive 242 printed in English; one printed in English and French; one printed in English, French and German; three printed in French; and one printed in German.

A full list of these papers and periodicals is given in Appendix 1.

A large number of the weekly papers and monthly periodicals are carefully filed for reference purposes. During the past year additional shelving for the storage of these back numbers has been built in the basement. The Index to Periodicals now issued monthly, and again in yearly volumes, is a great assistance to readers in directing to articles on special topics. The surprising number of references to these back numbers demands the care and attention now given to this branch of our work.

I have to thank the Chairman and members of the Board of Management for the advice and assistance received from them, and to bear testimony to the uniform faithfulness with which the Library assistants have performed their duties during the year.

The usual statistical tables are appended.

RICHARD T. LANCEFIELD,  
*Librarian.*

## APPENDIX No. 1.

**Hamilton Public Library.**

Alphabetical List of Papers and Serial Publications for use in the Reading Room.

Duplicates of current issues of several of the Magazines are taken for circulation.

Back numbers of most of the Magazines for the current year may also be drawn for home use on cards the same as books.

For any of the papers or periodicals not on the reading stands or tables, apply at Magazine Desk, where all enquiries will be cheerfully answered.

Daily papers are listed under Name of Place where published; all others are under the title of paper or magazine.

D, stands for daily; W, weekly; M, monthly; Q, quarterly.

All the World, London.	M	
American Academy, Philadelphia, Annals.		Bi. M
American Agriculturist, New York.	W	
American Electrician, New York.	M	
American Field, New York.	W	
American Gardening, New York.	S	M
American Machinist, New York.	W	
American Review of Reviews, New York.		M
American Stock Keeper, Boston.	W	
American Tailor and Cutter, New York.		M
Ancient Forester, Brantford.	M	
Anglo Saxon, Ottawa.	M	
Appleton's Popular Science Monthly, New York.		M
Argosy, London.	M	

- Argosy, New York. M  
 Art Amateur, New York. M  
 Ashcroft, B. C. Mining Journal. W  
 Athenaeum, London. W  
 Atlantic Monthly Magazine, Boston. M  
 Barrie Examiner. W  
 Beacon, Melbourne. M  
 Belfast Northern Whig. W  
 Bideford Gazette. W  
 Black and White, London. W  
 Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine. M  
 Boot and Shoe Recorder, Boston. W  
 Boot and Shoe Trades Journal, London. W  
 Boys' Own Paper, London. M  
 Building News, London. W  
 Canada Gazette, Ottawa. W  
 Canada Debates, House of Commons.  
 Canada Debates, Senate.  
 Canada Journals, House of Commons.  
 Canada Journals, Senate.  
 Canadian American, Chicago. W  
 Canadian Architect, Toronto. M  
 Canadian Bookseller, Toronto. M  
 Canadian Churchman, Toronto. W  
 Canadian Electrical News, Montreal. M  
 Canadian Engineer, Toronto. M  
 Canadian Entomologist, Port Hope. M  
 Canadian Forester, Guelph. M  
 Canadian Horticulturist, Toronto. M  
 Canadian Kennel Gazette, Toronto. M  
 Canadian Magazine, Toronto. M  
 Canadian Manufacturer, Toronto. S M  
 Canadian Mining Review, Montreal. M  
 Canadian Patent Office Record, Ottawa. M  
 Canadian Philatelic Journal, Toronto. W  
 Canadian Poultry Review, Toronto. M  
 Canadian Stenographer, Toronto. M  
 Canadian Workman, Orillia. M

- Carpenter, Philadelphia. M  
 Carpentry and Building, New York. M  
 Century, New York. M  
 Chambers's Journal, London. M  
 Chicago Inter Ocean. D  
 Chums, London. M  
 Christian Guardian, Toronto. W  
 Christian Register, Boston. W  
 Christian Science Weekly, Boston.  
 Confectioner and Baker, Chicago. M  
 Contemporary Review, London. M  
 Cornhill, London. M  
 Cosmopolis, London. M  
 Cosmopolitan, New York. M  
 Courrier des Etats-Unis, New York. W  
 Courrier du Livre Canadiana, Quebec. M  
 Cumulative Index to Periodicals, Cleveland. M  
 Detroit Free Press. D  
 Dial, Chicago. S M  
 Dublin Freeman. W  
 Dundas News. W  
 Dundas Star. W  
 Dundas True Banner. W  
 Economic Studies, New York. Bi. M  
 Economist, London. W  
 Economist, Toronto. M  
 Edinburgh Scotsman. W  
 Edinburgh Review, London. Q  
 Electrical World, New York. W  
 Engineer, London. W  
 Engineering Magazine, New York. M  
 Engineering News, New York. W  
 Engineering Record, New York. W  
 English Mechanic, London. W  
 Events, Ottawa. W  
 Family Herald, London. M  
 Farmers' Advocate, London, Ont. S M  
 Farming, Toronto. W

- Financial Reformer, Liverpool. Bi. M  
 Forest and Stream, New York. W  
 Fortnightly Review, London. M  
 Forum, New York. M  
 Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly, New York  
 Fred Bury's Journal, Toronto. M  
 Galt Reformer. W  
 Glasgow Herald W  
 Good Words, London. M  
 Graphic, London. W  
 Halifax Herald. D  
 Hamilton Herald. D  
 Hamilton Spectator. D  
 Hamilton Times. D  
 Harper's Magazine, New York. M  
 Harper's Round Table, New York M  
 Harper's Weekly, New York.  
 Heating and Ventilation, New York. M  
 Home Circle Leader, Guelph. M  
 Home Decorator and Furnisher, New York. M  
 Idler, London. M  
 Independent Forester, Toronto. M  
 Ingersoll Sun. W  
 Inland Architect, Chicago. M  
 Inland Printer, Chicago. M  
 Illustrated London News. W  
 International Journal of Ethics, Philadelphia. Q  
 International Railway Guide, Montreal. M  
 Iron Age, New York. W  
 Kamloops B. C., Inland Sentinel. W  
 Kincardine Review. W  
 Knowledge, London M  
 Lancet, London. W  
 La Revue Canadienne, Montreal. M  
 Leslie's Weekly, New York.  
 Library Journal, New York. M  
 Life, New York. W  
 Lippincott's Magazine, Philadelphia. M

- Literary Digest, New York. W  
 Literary News, New York. M  
 Literature, London. W  
 Locomotive Fireman's Magazine. M  
 London Advertiser. D  
 London (Eng.) Times. D  
 McClure's Magazine, New York. M  
 Masonic Sun, Toronto. S M  
 Meehan's Gardening Monthly, Philadelphia. M  
 Mercantile Guardian, London. M  
 Merchant, Toronto. M  
 Metal Worker, New York. W  
 Money, New York. M  
 Montreal Gazette. D  
 Monetary Times, Toronto. W  
 Munsey's Magazine, New York. M  
 Musical Courier, New York. W  
 National Single Taxer, New York. M  
 Nature, London. W  
 Naval and Military Record, London. W  
 Navy and Army Illustrated, London. W  
 Navy League Journal, London. M  
 New Earth, New York. M  
 New Illustrated Magazine, London. M  
 New York Herald. D  
 Nineteenth Century, London. M  
 Ontario Gazette, Toronto. W  
 Open Court, Chicago. M  
 Orange Sentinel, Toronto. W  
 Ottawa Free Press. D  
 Outing, New York. M  
 Painter's Magazine, New York. M  
 Painting and Decorating, New York. M  
 Pall Mall Magazine, London. M  
 Philatelic Advocate, Berlin, Ont. M  
 Phonetic Journal, London. W  
 Photographic News, London. W  
 Poet-Lore, Boston. Q

- Power, New York. M  
 Professional Photographer, Buffalo. M  
 Public Libraries, Chicago. M  
 Public Opinion, London. W  
 Public Opinion, New York. W  
 Publishers' Circular, London. W  
 Publishers' Weekly, New York.  
 Puritan, New York. M  
 Punch, London. W  
 Quarterly Review, London.  
 Queen's University Quarterly, Kingston  
 Review of Reviews, London. M  
 Royal Arcanum Bulletin, Boston. M  
 Royal Colonial Institute, London, Journal of. M  
 Royal Microscopical Society, London, Journal of. Bi. M  
 St. Andrew's Cross, New York. M  
 St. Nicholas, New York. M  
 Saturday Night, Toronto. W  
 Scientific American, New York. W  
 Scientific American Supplement, New York. W  
 Scientific American Builders' Edition, New York. M  
 Scottish American, New York. W  
 Scottish Canadian, Toronto. M  
 Scottish Review, London. Q  
 Scribner's Magazine, New York. M  
 Single Tax, Glasgow. M  
 Sketch, Illustrated Paper, London. W  
 Sons of England Record, Toronto. M  
 Sound Currency, New York. S M  
 Strand, London. M  
 Sunday Magazine, London. M  
 Toronto Globe. D  
 Toronto Mail and Empire. D  
 Toronto World. D  
 Truth, London. W  
 Ueber Land und Meer, Stuttgart. S M  
 United States Patent Gazette, Washington. W  
 Victoria B. C., Colonist. D  
 Washington Book Chronicle. Q

Westminster, Toronto. W  
 Westminster Review, London. M  
 Whist, Milwaukee. M  
 Wide Wide World, London. M  
 Windsor Magazine, London. M  
 Winnipeg Manitoba Free Press. D  
 Zion's Ensign, Missouri. W

### Papers and Periodicals in the Ladies' Reading Room.

Atalanta, London. M  
 Black and White, London. W  
 Canadian Home Journal, Toronto. M  
 Century, New York. M  
 Christian Science Journal, Boston. M  
 Family Herald, London. M  
 Girl's Own Paper, London. M  
 Good Housekeeping, Springfield. M  
 Harper's Bazar, New York. W  
 Harper's Magazine, New York. M  
 Household, Boston. M  
 Illustrated London News. W  
 Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News, London. W  
 Ladies Home Journal, Philadelphia. M  
 Ladies Pictorial, London. W  
 Leisure Hour, London. M  
 Life, New York. W  
 Lippincott's Magazine, Philadelphia. M  
 Literary News, New York. M  
 Musical Courier, New York. M  
 New Illustrated Magazine, London. M  
 Puritan, New York. M  
 Queen, London. W  
 Scribner's Magazine, New York. M  
 Sketch, London. W  
 Sunday at Home, London. M  
 Wide Wide World, London. M

## APPENDIX No. 2.

## CIRCULATION BY CLASSES.

	Total Use Volumes	Home Use Volumes
Religion and Philosophy.....	2173	1971
Sociology.....	4762	3693
Useful and Fine Arts.....	14114	10872
Natural Science.....	6917	5926
General Literature.....	72694	33104
History, Travel and Biography.....	30785	20215
English Prose Fiction.....	75047	74901
Books for Young People.....	7832	7744
	<hr/> 214,324	<hr/> 158,426

## APPENDIX No. 3.

## CLASSIFICATION OF BOOKS.

	Vols. Added in 1898.	Previous Stock.	Total Vols.
Cyclopedias, Periodicals, etc.....	178	2865	3043
Philosophy and Religion.....	39	1287	1326
Sociology.....	82	2458	2540
Natural Science.....	33	1271	1304
Useful and Fine Arts.....	132	2131	2263
General Literature.....	123	3164	3287
History, Travels and Biography..	129	4907	5036
Books for Young People.....	32	1023	1055
English Prose Fiction.....	404	6004	6408
	<hr/> 1,152	<hr/> 25,110	<hr/> 26,262

## APPENDIX No. 4.

## HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1898.

## RECEIPTS.

From the Ontario Government.....	\$ 212 50
“ “ City Corporation.....	13,178 84
“ Rents.....	594 00
“ Fees, Fines, etc.....	308 95
Balance Dec. 31, 1897.....	98 66
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	\$ 14,392 95

## EXPENDITURE.

For Books.....	\$ 1,722 30
“ Periodicals.....	706 96
“ Binding.....	725 36
“ Interest on overdraft and debentures.....	1976 26
“ Lighting.....	374 64
“ Heating .....	451 48
“ Miscellaneous.....	365 96
“ Insurance.....	94 16
“ Printing Supplies.....	148 74
“ Salaries.....	4240 00
“ Unforseen and Repairs.....	225 00
“ Debenture paid.....	2260 00
Bank of Hamilton to reduce overdraft.....	1012 44
Balance Dec. 31, 1898.....	89 65
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	\$ 14,392 95

Audited and found correct,

A. H. WHYTE,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
WALTER ANDERSON,	