



SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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1885.

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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

1884.

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JAMES BAIN, JR.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN AND SECRETARY.

JOHN DAVY.

LIBRARIAN IN CHARGE OF NORTHERN BRANCH.

SAMUEL THOMPSON.

LIBRARIAN IN CHARGE OF WESTERN BRANCH.

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SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

The interest manifested in the Public Library has continued to increase during the past year, and the steady growth in all its branches is highly gratifying.

The Reading Rooms, which are now regularly supplied with 404 newspapers and periodicals, have at various times been filled to their utmost capacity, and at any hour of the day, during the winter season, it is becoming difficult to secure a vacant chair. Arrangements have just been completed for the railing off of a Ladies' Reading Room, and the necessary periodicals have been ordered for it. The list of periodicals now contains the names of almost all the principal art, scientific, engineering, mining, and manufacturing journals, as well as the leading reviews.

The debates and votes and proceedings of the Senate, House of Commons, and House of Assembly have been regularly placed on the files, during the sittings of the Dominion and Local Legislatures.

By the tabulated forms attached, it will be seen that the issue of books from the Circulating Libraries has grown during the past year to 278,000 volumes, an increase over the previous year, after making allowance for the period when the library was not open in 1884, of 65,000.

The number of those who hold Readers' Tickets has increased from 8,156 in 1884, to 11,844 in 1885.

It is to be regretted that it should have been found necessary to collect the large sum of \$793.16 as fines for overdue books, but this only emphasizes the fact that without such a system of fines as are imposed, it would be almost impossible to depend upon the books being returned within a reasonable time. No less than 10,715 post cards containing notices of books overdue were sent, and 367 visits were paid by special messengers to borrowers who had not responded to the written notices.

The Library, during the year, has received, by purchase, donation and exchange, 3,518 volumes, while 388 have been sold or withdrawn,

leaving a net addition to the Library of 3,180, which now numbers 41,286 bound volumes and pamphlets. Among the additions for the year have been a limited number of books in French and German literature. About 100 parts of the great catalogue of the British Museum have been received, which already amply carries out, so far as it has gone, the anticipations of the museum authorities, and bids fair to be the only practical catalogue of general literature.

During the month of December an arrangement was entered into with the Minister of Education by which the British specifications of patents, numbering 3,036 volumes, were placed in the library, and as a special room is now being prepared for their reception, those, not only of our citizens, but inventors from all parts of Canada, who are interested in patents and inventions, will have every facility for consulting them. The collection of patents which we possess—British, American and Canadian—is now the largest and most complete in the Dominion.

The Central Library was closed from June 1st to 6th for the purpose of cleansing and stock-taking. The examination proved highly satisfactory, only 25 volumes remaining unaccounted for; a surprisingly small number considering the large issue which has taken place.

It is exceedingly gratifying to notice the steady increase in the number of applications for books from the Reference Library, which this year amounts to 11,201. The growing demand for greater facilities for consultation and study, must soon lead to the consideration of a separate room for this purpose. The Card Catalogue has been completed, and placed in the Reading Room; continual additions are being made to it as new books are received.

In October, the Northern Branch Library was examined and checked. Every book was accounted for, and the condition of those on the shelves was exceedingly creditable to the watchfulness of the Librarian in charge.

The Catalogue of the Western Branch is now in the printer's hands, and its issue will, no doubt, result in still greater interest being taken in the library, and an increasing demand for the higher class books which it contains.

During the winter of 1884 the Chief Librarian invited the employees in a number of manufactories in the city to spend the evening in the examination of the more important books in the Reference Library, especially those bearing on their special work. It is impossible

to speak too highly of the kindness with which the invitations were accepted and of the interest taken in the meetings by those present. Among the trades represented were the builders, carpenters, cabinet-makers, iron-moulders, machinists, cutlers, pattern-makers, painters, safe-makers, lithographers, and paper-stainers. A number of the employees of the Great North-Western Telegraph Company also spent an evening in a similar manner.

The question of ventilating the Reading Room has engaged the attention of the Board at intervals during the year, and the services of Alan Macdougall, C.E., have been engaged to investigate and report upon the subject.

Statements of Receipts and Expenditure for the past year on the Appropriation and Debenture Accounts, which were duly audited by the City Auditors, in accordance with the provisions of the "Free Libraries Act," are appended, and also a detailed statement of Assets and Liabilities.

While this report was being prepared, the handsome donation from Mr. Hallam was received, of a complete set of the publications of the Palestine Exploration Society on Western Palestine, consisting of seven volumes, quarto, of memoirs, reports, and name lists, together with the great map, on the scale of one inch to the mile, and a portfolio of plans and elevations of Jerusalem.

JOHN TAYLOR,

Chairman.

JANUARY 29th 1886

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS ISSUED FROM CENTRAL LIBRARY.
FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1885.

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.	Per Cent.
Natural Science and Mathematics.....	320	349	378	291	154	132	177	166	162	207	220	205	2,801	1.4
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.	318	348	313	272	182	96	139	136	152	195	209	202	2,562	1.3
Arts.....	260	274	259	206	124	75	99	102	142	136	157	160	1,995	1.2
General Literature & Collected Works..	442	458	504	447	294	188	229	241	292	328	316	312	4,051	2.1
Geography & Travel	840	958	966	826	599	339	472	488	495	636	684	628	7,931	4.5
History.....	760	830	845	715	440	280	374	381	356	489	578	530	6,578	3.8
Biography.....	484	508	621	525	371	172	249	226	256	352	407	356	4,527	2.4
Poetry and Drama...	583	600	635	493	388	190	277	283	276	333	379	423	4,860	2.5
Periodicals.....	178	179	194	190	125	77	79	84	108	153	184	190	1,741	.9
Fiction.....	786	784	956	842	517	397	552	593	559	674	720	752	8,132	4.7
Juveniles.....	11,246	10,347	11,559	10,792	8,332	6,030	7,400	8,026	7,158	8,663	8,800	8,417	107,270	60.9
French Literature...	1,319	1,372	1,657	1,379	978	647	791	905	892	1,133	1,197	1,201	13,471	7.7
German Literature...	.....	.....	.....	20	48	31	19	40	33	60	49	32	192	.5
Reference Books.....	716	939	888	906	683	556	797	942	1,024	1,031	1,024	1,318	10,824	6.1
Total.....	18,252	18,446	19,775	17,904	13,275	9,210	11,654	12,613	11,954	14,437	14,966	14,781	177,267	100.0

Total.....	18,252	18,446	13,775	17,904	13,275	9,210	11,654	12,613	11,954	14,437	14,966	14,781	177,267	100.0
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CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS ISSUED FROM WESTERN BRANCH LIBRARY,

FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1885.

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.	Per Cent.
Natural Science and Mathematics.....	21	23	39	60	21	20	16	16	17	28	29	23	313	.5
Political, Social, and Medical Sciences..	13	50	38	52	20	17	6	9	8	23	18	17	271	.4
Theology.....	38	48	55	62	28	37	11	11	18	31	34	44	417	.7
Arts.....	39	68	62	88	44	28	5	21	15	37	56	37	500	.9
General Literature & Collected Works..	117	163	164	180	88	65	43	70	60	58	94	75	1,177	1.8
Geography and Travel.....	87	129	145	145	92	70	36	52	48	71	99	76	1,050	1.7
History.....	128	132	122	144	94	61	65	52	78	63	79	73	1,091	1.9
Biography.....	82	89	109	146	82	47	35	35	44	69	94	65	897	1.5
Poetry and Drama..	25	55	32	61	20	8	12	17	24	36	28	30	348	.5
Periodicals.....	90	100	125	302	233	154	181	161	146	169	251	278	2,190	3.4
Fiction.....	6,538	6,052	6,103	6,463	4,374	3,351	2,490	3,089	3,236	3,552	3,688	3,832	52,768	80.3
Juveniles.....	432	342	502	467	324	294	261	204	233	236	283	242	3,822	6.0
Reference Books...	16	15	20	14	14	8	25	34	26	34	30	22	258	.4
Total.....	7,628	7,266	7,516	8,184	5,434	4,160	3,186	3,771	3,953	4,407	4,783	4,814	65,102	100.

**CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS ISSUED FROM THE NORTHERN BRANCH LIBRARY,
FROM JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1885.**

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.	Per Cent.
Natural Science and Mathematics.....	28	15	16	22	11	9	20	11	9	15	24	22	202	.6
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.	6	6	3	5	9	10	9	13	4	11	17	15	118	.3
Theology.....	9	4	5	5	11	6	10	8	5	4	8	12	87	.2
Arts.....	10	14	12	7	2	2	5	10	7	2	8	11	90	.2
General Literature & Collected Works.	60	51	65	42	32	38	35	25	35	31	33	31	478	1.4
Geography and Travel.....	55	61	59	55	47	29	38	49	42	50	61	54	600	1.7
History.....	52	69	78	49	32	34	32	40	22	54	61	63	586	1.6
Biography.....	43	42	59	55	39	23	27	23	43	44	58	51	507	1.4
Poetry and Drama..	22	15	38	29	13	9	10	11	19	20	34	32	252	.8
Periodicals.....	79	94	118	138	93	100	91	86	78	88	105	129	1,199	3.4
Fiction.....	2,732	2,428	2,523	2,402	2,171	1,801	1,770	1,909	1,950	2,315	2,345	2,641	26,987	75.8
Juveniles.....	466	450	557	412	302	252	219	237	263	425	391	363	4,337	12.3
Reference Books...	14	6	12	3	4	10	3	28	3	11	11	14	119	.3
Total.....	3,576	3,255	3,545	3,224	2,766	2,323	2,269	2,450	2,490	3,070	3,156	3,438	35,562	100.

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TOTAL CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS

*Issued from the Central, Western and Northern Libraries from January 1st,
to December 31st, 1885.*

	Northern.	Western.	Central.	Total.	Per Cent.
Natural Science and Mathematics.....	202	313	2,801	3,316	1.6
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.....	118	271	2,562	2,951	1.2
Theology.....	87	417	1,995	2,499	1.0
Arts.....	90	500	4,051	4,641	1.7
General Literature and Collected Works.....	478	1,177	7,931	9,586	3.5
Geography and Travel.....	600	1,050	6,578	8,228	3.0
History.	586	1,091	4,527	6,204	2.2
Biography	507	897	4,860	6,264	2.3
Poetry and Drama.....	252	348	1,741	2,341	.8
Periodicals	1,199	2,190	8,132	11,521	4.2
Fiction	26,987	52,768	107,270	187,025	66.5
Juveniles.. . . .	4,337	3,822	13,471	21,630	7.8
French Literature.....			192	192	}
German Literature.....			332	332	
Reference Library.....	119	258	10,824	11,201	4.0
Total	35,562	65,102	177,267	277,931	100.0

Total number of days during which the Library has been open.....298

Average issue of books per day, 1885.....933

“ 1884.....783

Largest number issued during one day :

Northern

298

Western

535

Central

1,518

Number of Post Card notices sent for Books overdue.

Central Library.....7,753

Western Branch.....1,649

Northern Branch.....1,313

Total.....10,715

Number of visits paid by special messenger to collect books
not returned .. 367

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES

In the Central, Circulating and Branch Libraries, December 31st, 1885.

	Northern.	Western.	Central.	Total.
Natural Science and Mathematics....	82	67	582	731
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.	64	24	573	661
Theology.....	51	59	599	709
Arts	52	64	577	693
General Literature & Collected Works..	232	313	1,622	2,167
Geography and Travel.	171	178	1,168	1,517
History.....	276	208	884	1,368
Biography.....	308	277	1,206	1,791
Fiction.....	2,301	2,407	5,203	9,911
Juveniles.....	319	324	899	1,542
French Literature.....			276	276
German Literature.....			272	272
Periodicals.....	214	234	1,159	1,607
Poetry and Drama...	94	116	324	534
Total.....	4,164	4,271	15,344	23,779

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Reference Library.	59	42	12,213	12,314
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Total—Circulating Libraries.....	23,779
Reference Library.....	12,314
Hallam Collection.....	1,849
Specifications of Patents.....	3,036
Pamphlets.....	646

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Lost, sold and found imperfect..... 338

Total41,286

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BORROWER'S REGISTER, DECEMBER 31st, 1885.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

	Males.	Females.	Juveniles.	Total.
Number of Tickets in use 1st Jan. 1885.....	3,872	1,875	61	5,808
“ “ issued during the year....	2,151	1,019	48	3,218
	6,023	2,894	109	9,026
Tickets cancelled and lost during the year...	123	68	6	
Transferred to Western Library.....	34	17	2	
“ “ Northern “	17	11	0	
	174	96	8	278
Tickets now in use.....	5,849	2,798	101	8,748

WESTERN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Number of Tickets in use 1st Jan. 1885.....	763	522	123	1,408
“ “ issued during the year...	263	238	80	581
	1,026	760	203	1,989
Tickets cancelled and lost during the year...	31	22	20	
Transferred to Central Library.....	33	19	3	
“ “ Northern Branch.....	2	5	1	
	66	46	24	136
Tickets now in use.....	960	714	179	1,853

NORTHERN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Number of Tickets in use 1st Jan. 1885.....	323	275	342	940
“ “ issued during the year....	139	148	45	332
	462	423	387	1,272
Tickets cancelled and lost during the year...	10	9	4	
Transferred to Central Library.....	1	1	1	
“ “ Western Branch.....	2	1	0	
	13	11	5	29
Tickets now in use.....	449	412	382	1,243

1885.

Total.

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DEBENTURE ACCOUNT.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ending 31st December 1885.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance 31st Dec. 1884.....	\$ 3,173 96
	<u>\$ 3,173 96</u>

EXPENDITURE.

By Books.....	\$ 1,800 66
" Duty on Books.....	124 16
" Freight on ".....	57 71
" Balance in the hands of the City Treasurer.....	1,191 43
	<u>\$ 3,173 96</u>

\$ 8 73
17,226 00
250 00
1,868 62
72 88
47 33
40 85
199 90
793 16
255 40
18 96

20,781 83

3,704 00

1,193 55
1,261 00
1,274 34
8,274 21
1,431 61
425 26
202 90
745 43
149 41
119 07
717 20
488 55
795 30

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

December 31st, 1885.

ASSETS.

The Site at the corner of Church and Adelaide streets, with the Library Buildings thereon, valued at.....		\$40,000 00
Furniture and Fittings—Central Library.....	\$ 3,397 27	
“ “ —Western Branch.....	194 87	
“ “ —Northern Branch.....	295 58	
		3,887 72
Books, December 31st, 1884.....	35,130 33	
Deduct Books lost (and paid for).....	\$ 47 33	
“ “ sold.....	78 82	
“ depreciation.....	671 00	
	797 15	
	34,333 18	
Purchased during the year.....	3,176 08	
Binding—proportion of.....	466 49	
Donations.....	227 50	
Periodicals bound up	584 00	
		38,787 25
Catalogues.....		270 00
Rents due and accrued.....		441 13
Balance of Debenture Account in the hands of the City Treasurer.....		1,191 43
* Balance of Appropriation Account in the hands of the City Treasurer		795 30
		\$85,372 83

LIABILITIES.

Mortgage to the Province of Ontario.....	\$ 5,816 73
“ “ Hon. John Hamilton.....	14,000 00
Sundry Accounts.....	260 29
Surplus Assets over Liabilities.....	65,295 81
	\$85,372 83

* This Balance will be absorbed in the liquidation of accounts for books ordered but not delivered.

LIST

Academy.
All the Year R
*Alvinston Fre
American Inven
*Ancient Fores
Antiquary.
Architect.
Architect and E
Army and Navy
Art Amateur.
Art Journal.
Athenæum.
Atlantic Month
Australian Sket
*Banner of Ligh
*Barrie Examin
*Beaverton Exp
Belgravia.
*Belleville Intel
Bell's Life in Lo
Biblical Archæ
ceedings.
Blackwood.
*Bobcaygeon In
*Books and Not
Boston Herald.
Botanical Magaz
Boy's Own Pape
*Brampton Cons
Brandon Sun.
*Brantford Cour
British Medical
British Quarterl
*Brockville Reco
Buffalo Express.
Builder.
*Canada Lumber
*Canadian Bee J
Canadian Breede
*Canadian Dairy
Canadian Institu
*Canadian Manu
*Canadian Paten
*Canadian Sports
*Carleton Place
Carpenter and Bu
Cassell's Magazin
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LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

THOSE MARKED * ARE PRESENTED FREE.

CENTRAL READING ROOM.

\$40,000 00

3,887 72

38,787 25

270 00

441 13

1,191 43

795 30

85,372 83

5,816 73

14,000 00

260 29

65,295 81

85,372 83

for books

Academy.		Chamber's Journal.	
All the Year Round.		*Charlottetown P. E. I. Examiner.	
*Alvinston Free Press,		*Charlottetown P. E. I. Herald.	
American Inventor.		*Chatham Planet.	
*Ancient Forester.		Chemical News.	
Antiquary.		Chicago Current.	
Architect.		Chicago Tribune.	
Architect and Building News.	London.	*Church of England Temperance Chronicle.	
Army and Navy Gazette.	N. Y.	Church Quarterly Review.	
Art Amateur.		*Coaticook Observer.	
Art Journal.		*Colborne Enterprise.	
Athenæum.		Colonies and India.	
Atlantic Monthly.		Contemporary Review.	
Australian Sketcher.		Cornhill.	
*Banner of Light.		Decoration.	
*Barrie Examiner.		Decorative Art.	
*Beaverton Express.		Detroit Free Press.	Daily.
Belgravia.		Dublin Freeman.	
*Belleville Intelligencer	Daily.	Dublin Review.	
Bell's Life in London.	Daily.	Dublin Warder.	
Biblical Archæological Society's Proceedings.		*Dutton Enterprise.	
Blackwood.		Economist.	London.
*Bobcaygeon Independent.		Edinburgh Review.	
*Books and Notions.		Edinburgh Scotsman.	
Boston Herald.	Daily.	Educational Monthly.	
Botanical Magazine.	London.	Electrician.	London.
Boy's Own Paper.		Engineer.	London.
*Brampton Conservator.		Engineering and Mining Journal.	
Brandon Sun.		English Historical Review.	
*Brantford Courier.	Daily.	English Illustrated Magazine (2 copies)	
British Medical Journal.		English Mechanic.	
British Quarterly Review.		Every Boy's Magazine.	
*Brockville Recorder.	Daily.	Family Herald.	
Buffalo Express.	Daily.	Field.	
Builder.	London.	Forest, Field, Gun and Rod.	
*Canada Lumberman.		Fortnightly Review.	
*Canadian Bee Journal.		Frank Leslie's Illustrated.	
Canadian Breeder.		*Fredericton Capital.	
*Canadian Dairyman.		Fun.	
Canadian Institute, Proceedings of.		Furniture Gazette.	London.
*Canadian Manufacturer.		Garden.	London.
*Canadian Patent Office Record.		Gartenlaube.	
*Canadian Sportsman.		*Geological Society of London, Journal.	
*Carleton Place Herald.		Glasgow Herald.	
Carpenter and Builder.	London.	*Goderich, Huron Signal.	
Cassell's Magazine.		*Good Templar.	
Century (2 copies).		Good Words.	

Graphic (2 copies).		Montreal Herald.	Daily.
*Halifax Chronicle.		*Montreal La Minerve.	Daily.
Halifax, Nova Scotian.		*Montreal La Presse.	Daily.
Hall's Journal of Health.		*Montreal Le Monde.	Daily.
Hamilton Spectator.	Daily.	Musical World.	London.
Harper's Bazar.		*Muskoka Herald.	
Harper's Monthly (2 copies).		*Napanee Express.	
Harper's Weekly.		Nation.	
*Huntsville Forester.		Naturalist, American.	
Ibis.		Nature.	London.
Illustrated London News (2 copies).		Navy List.	Quarterly.
Illustrirte Zeitung.		New Princeton Review.	
*Independent Forester.		New Westminster, B. C., Mainland	
Industrial Record.		Guardian.	
*International Standard.		New York Herald.	Daily.
*Iron.	London.	New York Independent.	
Iron Trade Review.		New York Shipping List.	
*Israel's Banner.		New York Tribune.	Daily.
Kennel Gazette.		*Niagara Falls Review.	
*Kentville Chronicle.		Nineteenth Century.	
*Kincardine, Bruce Reporter.		North American Review.	
*Kingston News.		*Nor-West Farmer.	
Knowledge.		Notes and Queries.	
*Kosmos.		*Ontario Gazette.	
Lancet.		*Orillia Packet.	
L'Art.		*Oshawa Vindicator.	
Leisure Hour (2 copies).		*Ottawa Citizen.	Daily.
Le Monde Illustre.		Pall Mall Budget.	
Life.	N. Y.	*Paris Star-Transcript.	
*Lindsay Post.		Parliamentary :	
Lippincott's Magazine (2 copies).		Bills.	
Literary World.	Boston.	Debates, House of Commons.	
Literary World.	London.	Votes and Proceedings, House of	
Littell's Living Age.		Commons.	
Liverpool Post.		Votes and Proceedings, Senate.	
Live Stock Journal.	London.	Votes and Proceedings, Legislative	
Lloyd's Weekly.		Assembly.	
London (Ont.) Free Press.	Daily.	*Peel, Brampton Banner.	
London Quarterly Review.		*Peterborough Examiner.	
London Society.		*Peterborough Review.	
London Times.	Daily.	Philadelphia Record.	Daily.
Longman's Magazine.		Photography, Journal of	London.
*L'Original News.		*Picton Gazette.	
Macmillan's Magazine.		Pictorial World.	
Magazine of Art.	London.	Plumber and Decorator.	London.
Magazine of American History.		Popular Science Monthly.	
Man.		*Portage la Prairie, Tribune-Review.	
*Manchester Courier.		Portfolio.	London.
Manchester Examiner.	Daily.	Practitioner.	London.
*Manitoba Gazette.		Public Opinion.	
*Markham Economist.		Punch.	
*Markham Sun.		Quebec Chronicle.	Daily.
*Mechanical and Milling News.		Queen.	
Mechanical News.		Quiver.	
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