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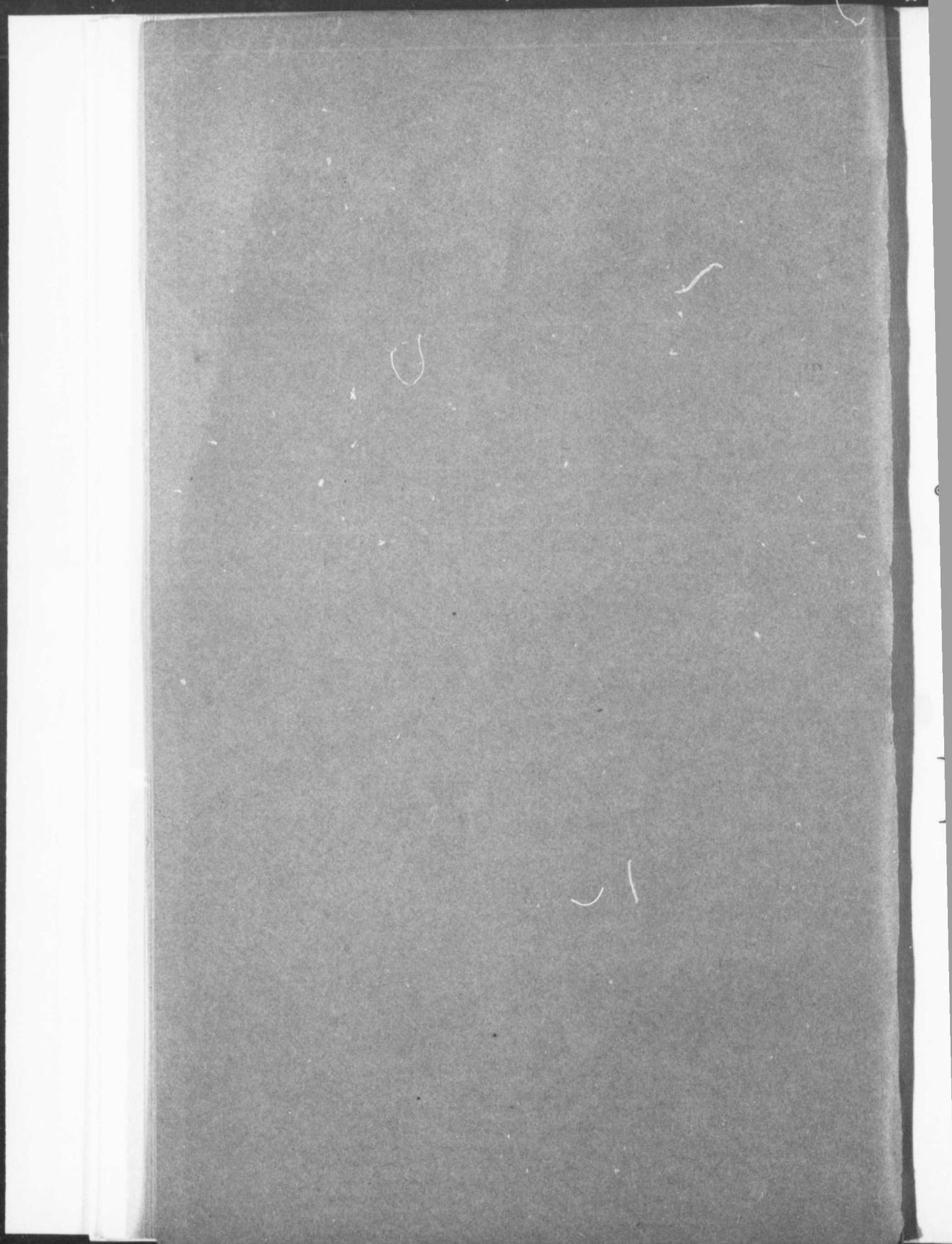


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F. W. FEARMAN, *Chairman of the Board.*

Appointed by City Council:

	Term expires.
FRED. WALTER, - - - - -	1893
ADAM RUTHERFORD, - - - - -	1892
J. EDWIN O'REILLY, - - - - -	1891
HIS WORSHIP MAYOR McLELLAN, - -	1891

Appointed by Public School Board:

REV. SAMUEL LYLE, B.D., - - - -	1893
WARREN F. BURTON, - - - - -	1892
F. W. FEARMAN, - - - - -	1891

Appointed by Separate School Board:

JOHN T. ROUTH, - - - - -	1892
GEO. LYNCH-STAUNTON, - - - - -	1891

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J. EDWIN O'REILLY, *Chairman.*

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR McLELLAN.	REV. S. LYLE, B. D.
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F. W. FEARMAN.	CHARLES LEYDEN.

COMMITTEES FOR 1891.

BUILDING.

A. RUTHERFORD, *Chairman.* F. WALTER. F. W. FEARMAN

LIBRARY.

REV. S. LYLE, *Chairman.* G. LYNCH-STAUNTON. J. E. O'REILLY

FINANCE.

W. F. BURTON, *Chairman.* MAYOR McLELLAN. J. T. ROUTH.

RICHARD T. LANCEFIELD, *Librarian and Secretary of the Board,*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT :

I regret that two of our nine members are absent from this, the last meeting of our year, and that His Worship the Mayor is prevented by severe illness from occupying his seat here to-day.

Upon the organization of the Library Board in 1889, it became necessary, at the outset, to decide whether it was desirable to erect a new building for the Library, or whether one already erected should be secured, and the necessary alterations made to adapt it to the purposes required. Upon this subject there existed some difference of opinion, and the Board were strongly pressed to procure a building already in existence rather than incur the expense of erecting a new one. The Board, however, determined to erect a new building, and I think I am correct in saying that their course in this respect has met with general approbation.

A year ago the Library existed in a sort of chrysalis state in its Hughson street temporary residence ; but to-day it is flourishing in this handsome and commodious building—a credit both to the architect who designed it, and to the Board who adopted his plans.

In October last the building was so far completed that it was decided to open it for public use with as little delay as possible, and the ceremony of inauguration took place under very happy and auspicious circumstances. The Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, who chanced to be spending a few months here, kindly consented to be present and formally open the building ; and their presence gave an eclat to the occasion, which largely contributed to bring the Library prominently into public notice. We had with us, also, at our opening, Sir Daniel Wilson, the Hon. the Minister of Education, and other distinguished gentlemen, whose eloquent speeches were much enjoyed by the large audience present.

Since the opening of the Library in this building, the number who have availed themselves of the privilege of taking out books has far exceeded the expectations of its warmest advocates,—over 800 books having been issued to borrowers in one day—an undoubted evidence of the public appreciation of the institution.

During the past year a very large amount of work has been done by the Librarian and his assistants in classifying, entering, labelling, numbering and preparing the books for issue ; and also in the preparation of the printed catalogue, and of the catalogue for the Reference Department. The Board were most fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Lancefield as Librarian, his extensive knowledge of books having proved of great value and advantage ; and it affords me much pleasure to add, also, that his assistants have discharged their duties during the past year satisfactorily and efficiently.

I would respectfully urge upon the Board the propriety of furnishing the Ladies' Department with a greater number of magazines and more reading material ; which might be done, to some extent, by transferring some of the magazines and newspapers from the General Reading Room to the Ladies' Department, and exchanging them from time to time for others.

I think I may fairly congratulate the Board upon the present condition and working of the Library ; it is well patronized, and appears to be in fair running order.

We are much indebted to the Hon. Mr. McInnes, the Hon. Mr. Sanford and other citizens, for handsome donations to the Library, all of which have been suitably acknowledged. I trust that the example set by these patriotic gentlemen may stimulate others to emulate their generosity.

I desire, gentlemen, to thank you for the kind consideration which you have extended to me as chairman during the past year, and which has made my duties easy and pleasant to discharge, and I am sure you will join with me in the sentiment expressed in the language of our first visitor,

“Floreat Bibliotheca Hamiltonensis.”

J. EDWIN O'REILLY,

HAMILTON, Feb. 5th, 1891.

Chairman.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Chairman and Members of the Board of Management :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to present herewith my annual report of the state of the Library on December 31st, 1890.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

The number of volumes reported one year ago was 8,826. The total accessions for the past year have been 5,751 volumes, comprising (1) 4,890, obtained by purchase, and (2) 860, gifts from various sources, making a present total of 14,577.

IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

Four events of special interest occurred during the year, and should be recorded, viz: (1) the opening of the Library on Saturday, February 15th, in the temporary library premises, Hughson street south; (2) the formal opening of our magnificent new Library building by the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, on Tuesday, Sept. 16th; (3) the opening of the Library in the new building on Friday, Sept. 19th; and (4) the opening of the General Reading Room on Tuesday, October 21st.

THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING.

The opening of the Library in the new building will stand on record as a red-letter day in the history of the "Ambitious City." The carefully selected collection of books for the general reader, as well as for the more studiously inclined, forms a valuable nucleus for what will eventually become a large library; while the citizens may be justifiably proud of the fact that the Library building is probably the finest of its class (which has been erected by the municipality, out of the public funds) possessed by any city in the world of the size of Hamilton. Hundreds of visitors have called and inspected the building, and it must certainly be pleasing to the Board to know that one and all speak of it in terms of unqualified admiration.

THE YEAR'S GROWTH.

Of the 4,890 volumes acquired by purchase during the year, some 1,800 volumes belong to the Tauchnitz Handy-volume collection of English fiction, which had been ordered in 1889, but were not delivered until 1890. Many of the works in this series are in two, three or four volumes; and while, therefore, the report shows 2,072 volumes of Fiction added during the year, the number of complete novels will not be one-half that number. Of the books ordered in 1890, less than five per cent. were works of fiction.

THE CIRCULATING DEPARTMENT.

The Circulating Department now contains 11,351 volumes, over 2,000 of which were added in November and December. The number of books drawn for home use during the year, considering the number of volumes available for this purpose, has been remarkable.

Evidently the Poet Bayly's idea that "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" is still true. The absence of a library from our city for some years has seemingly made our citizens fonder of such an institution, now that they have one in their midst again.

While the various branches of more solid reading show a fair percentage of use, Fiction, as usual, heads the list; but it is a pleasure to record the fact that when asking for something in this line it is invariably a "good novel," "something worth reading," that is called for. As a consequence, the works of the great novelists—Scott, Dickens, Thackeray and others—are in constant demand, and although liberally duplicated they are seldom on the shelves.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The desire, and indeed absolute necessity, of keeping the Circulating Department fully abreast of the rapidly increasing requirements thereof, somewhat delayed work on the books in the Reference Department. This drawback has, however, been in a measure counterbalanced by placing the Dictionaries and Encyclopedias in the Reference Reading Room, where they are free for consultation to all comers without any formality; while many hundreds of readers who were searching for information on

special topics have been allowed to freely use, in the building, the other books in the department. However, the work is now so far advanced that type-written sheets of the books in this department will be posted on the walls of the Library within a few weeks, so that the general public may know the more valuable books the Library possesses. The placing of the Encyclopedias and Dictionaries in the Reference Reading Room, open to all without the formality of applying for them, was an excellent idea, and the many hundreds of readers who are constantly consulting these books is proof that the privilege is fully appreciated. Owing to the foregoing facts, as stated, no accurate record of the number of users of Reference Books is available ; but, as with the magazines, this is considered as of minor importance in comparison with the benefits enjoyed by the readers.

THE READERS.

The number of reader's or borrower's cards issued to date is 5,372. The holder of each of these cards is entitled to draw one volume at a time from the Circulating Department for home use ; but these do not by any means represent the total number of readers using the Library, as in addition to those taking books for home reading, many hundreds of readers are constantly consulting the valuable treasures of the Reference Department. Appreciating the fact that the Library belongs to the people, every effort is made to induce the people to make good use of this valuable asset. The printed catalogue is supplemented by type-written sheets of new books being posted in the Library as received ; while a card catalogue case, containing the titles of the books in the Circulating Department arranged by Subjects, under nearly 550 subject headings, stands in the Reference Reading Room, and may be consulted by any one. In addition to these aids, notices are posted prominently in the Library stating that information as to any particular book desired and assistance in directing readers to works on any subject that may be the object of special study, will be cheerfully furnished by the Librarian. Printed cards have also been hung in the rooms of the Hamilton Association, Trades and Labor Council, and other organizations, inviting the members to avail themselves of the privileges of the Library and Reading Rooms.

DONATIONS.

The gifts of books during the year have been numerous and valuable, comprising 860 volumes and pamphlets. Prominent amongst them are the books and pamphlets from the Hamilton Association, which include many valuable works of reference, and a set of the Eclectic Magazine from Senator McInnes; also a terra-cotta statuette of Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, from Senator Sanford.

THE READING ROOM.

The General Reading Room, open to both ladies and gentlemen, now has 145 papers and magazines on file. As these are free of access to all comers without any formality, no record of their use has been kept; but this is considered of but little consequence in comparison with the great convenience to the readers in being able to glance over the contents of the current magazines and papers in search of articles on subjects in which they are interested. As the majority of the magazines are preserved for permanent reference, it will be seen that in the course of years the Library will be rich in periodical literature no less than in books. Indeed, with the activity and enterprise now manifested by the publishers of the leading magazines and reviews, the Periodical Department is rapidly becoming one of the most important in all general Libraries, reference being constantly required to back numbers and volumes.

Fifteen papers and magazines are on file in the Ladies' Reading Room. Judging from the large numbers visiting the room daily, it is evidently fully appreciated by the class for whom it is intended.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Special thanks are due the newspaper press of the city for the very valuable assistance rendered during the year in publishing items of interest connected with the Library, thus serving to keep it and its work more prominently before the citizens.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Attention is asked to the various appendices which follow, giving details of classification of books, circulation, etc.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

RICHARD T. LANCFIELD, *Librarian.*

APPENDICES.

1. Statement of the Year's Growth.
2. Sources of Accessions.
3. Classification of Accessions.
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5. Classification of Circulation.
6. Periodicals Needed to Complete Sets.
7. Papers in Reading Rooms.
8. Donations Acknowledged.
9. Receipts and Expenditures.
10. Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

APPENDIX 1.
STATEMENT OF THE YEAR'S GROWTH.

	TOTAL, Jan. 1, 1890.	ADDED in 1890.	TOTAL, Jan. 1, 1891.
Circulating Department.....	6809	4542	11351
Reference Department.....	2017	432	2449
Government Reports, etc.....		777	777
Pamphlets, 950.	8826	5751	14577

APPENDIX 2.
SOURCES OF ACCESSIONS.

	TOTAL, Jan. 1, 1890.	ADDED in 1890.	TOTAL, Jan. 1, 1891.
Purchases.....	8376	4890	13265
Gifts.....	451	860	1311
	8827	5750	14577

APPENDIX 3.
CLASSIFICATION OF ACCESSIONS.

	TOTAL, Jan. 1, 1890.	ADDED in 1890.	TOTAL, Jan. 1, 1891.
A—Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	393	185	578
B—Biographical.....	630	323	953
C—Religious.....	324	251	575
D—Mental and Moral Sciences.....	307	229	536
E—Fine and Useful Arts.....	339	178	517
F—Geography and Travels.....	687	39	726
G—Historical.....	632	328	960
H—Collected Works and General Literature.....	738	215	956
I—Poetical and Dramatic.....	381	161	542
K—Bound Periodicals.....	870	225	1092
L—English Prose Fiction.....	1245	2027	3272
M—Books for Young People.....	263	288	551
N—Books in German.....		93	93
P—Books in French*.....			
	6809	4542	11351
Add Books in Reference Department.....			2449
Add Government Reports, etc.....			777
			14577

*About 200 volumes of French books will be ready in February.

APPENDIX 4.

CIRCULATION.

NOTE.—The following figures are only for books given for home use. As explained elsewhere, no accurate record of reference books used is available.

MONTH.	DAYS OPEN.	TOTAL.	DAILY AVERAGE.
February*	12	3995	333
March	26	11081	426
April	25	10250	410
May	26	8885	342
June	25	7447	298
July	26	7439	286
August	25	7668	306
September†	23	7400	321
October	27	10828	401
November	24	12560	523
December	26	12696	488

* The Library was first opened on February 15.

† The Library was closed on Sept. 16, 17, 18, for removal to new building.

Total days open from Feb. 15th to Dec. 31st	265
Total circulation	100,249 volumes.
Average daily issue (265 days)	378 "
Largest issue (Saturday, Nov. 29)	842 "

APPENDIX 5.

CLASSIFICATION OF CIRCULATION.

	Volumes.	Percentage.
Class A. Natural Sciences and Mathematics	3,122	3.11
" B. Biography	2,665	2.65
" C. Theology	1,644	1.64
" D. Mental and Moral Sciences	1,864	1.85
" E. Useful and Fine Arts	4,885	4.87
" F. Geography and Travels	6,721	6.7
" G. History	4,471	4.46
" H. Language and General Literature	3,042	3.03
" I. Poetical and Dramatic Literature	2,080	2.07
" K. Bound Periodicals	6,934	6.91
" L. English Prose Fiction	50,888	50.75
" M. Books for Young People	11,717	11.68
" N. Books in German	215	0.21
" P. Books in French		
	110,249	100

APPENDIX 6.

PERIODICALS NEEDED TO COMPLETE SETS.

Readers who have any of the publications listed below, either bound or unbound, will confer a favor by presenting same to the Library:—

- All the Year Round, 1874 to 1890.
- Antiquary, 1884 to 1890.
- Atlantic Monthly, 1883 to 1890.
- Contemporary Review, commencement to 1888.
- English Mechanic, 1876 to 1889.
- Family Herald, 1885 to 1889.
- Good Words, 1879 to 1888.
- Harper's Young People, 1880 to 1886.
- Leisure Hour, 1860 to 1888.
- Longman's Magazine, 1880 to 1888.
- Macmillan's Magazine, 1880 to 1888.
- Natural History Review, 1865 to 1888.
- Nineteenth Century, commencement to 1888.
- North American Review, commencement to 1888.
- Quiver, 1860 to 1871 and 1875 to 1888.
- St. Nicholas, 1880 to 1888.
- Scribner's Magazine, 1887 to 1888.
- Sunday Magazine, 1860 to 1867 and 1878 to 1888.

APPENDIX 7.

PAPERS AND PERIODICALS IN GENERAL
READING ROOM.

NOTE.—D—daily; W—weekly; M—monthly; Q—quarterly. Those preceded by a * are presented.

- All the Year Round—M.
 American Field—W.
 American Garden—M.
 American Machinist—W.
 American Naturalist—M.
 American Stock Keeper—M.
 Annals of American Academy of
 Political Science—Q.
 Argosy—M.
 Art Amateur—M.
 Art Journal—M.
 Atalanta—M.
 Athenæum—W.
 Atlantic Monthly—M.
 *Bank Chat—M.
 *Barrie Examiner—W.
 Belfast Northern Whig—W.
 Belgravia—M.
 Blackwood's Magazine—M.
 Bookmart—M.
 Boys' Own Paper—M.
 Building News—W.
 Bulletin Boston Public Library
 —Q.
 *Canadian Advance—W.
 Canadian American (Chicago)—
 W.
 Canadian Architect—M.
 *Canadian Churchman—W.
 Canadian Horticulturist—M.
 Canadian Mining Review—M.
 Canadian Queen—M.
 *Carpenter, The—M.
 Century—M.
 Chambers' Journal—M.
 Chicago Inter-Ocean—D.
 *Christian Guardian—W.
 *Christian World—W.
 Contemporary Review—M.
 Cornhill Magazine—M.
 Cosmopolitan—M.
 Decorator and Furnisher—M.
 Detroit Free Press—D.
 Dominion Illustrated—W.
 Dublin Freeman—W.
 *Dutton Enterprise—W.
 Economist—W.
 Edinburgh Review—M.
 Edinburgh Scotsman—W.
- Electrician—W.
 Engineer—W.
 Engineering News—W.
 Engineering Record—W.
 English Illustrated Magazine—M
 English Mechanic—W.
 Family Herald—M.
 Farmer's Advocate—M.
 Field—W.
 Forest and Stream—W.
 Fortnightly Review—M.
 Forum—M.
 Frank Leslie's Illustrated—W.
 Gentleman's Magazine—M.
 Georgetown Herald—W.
 *Golden Rule—W.
 Good Words—M.
 Graphic—W.
 Grip—W.
 Halifax Herald—D.
 Hamilton Herald—D: Spectator
 —D: Times—D.
 Harper's Monthly—M.
 Harper's Weekly—W.
 Harper's Young People—W.
 Illustrated London News—W.
 Illustrite Zeitung—W.
 Index of Current Events—M.
 Iron Age—W.
 *Journal of Knights of Labor—W.
 Journal of Royal Microscopical
 Society—Q.
 *Kincardine Review—W.
 Knowledge—M.
 Labor Advocate—W.
 Lancet—W.
 Life—W.
 Lippincott's Magazine—M.
 Literary World—W.
 Leisure Hour—M.
 London (Ontario) Advertiser—D.
 London (England) Times—D.
 London Society—M.
 Macmillan's Magazine—M.
 Magazine of Amer'n History—M.
 Magazine of Art—M.
 Manitoba Free Press—D.
 Mind—Q.
 Monetary Times—W.

Montreal Gazette—D.	Review of Reviews—M.
Nation—W.	Rural Canadian—M.
Nature—W.	St. Nicholas—M.
*New Church Pacific—M.	Saturday Night—W.
N. Y. Courrier des Etats Unis—W.	Saturday Review—W.
N. Y. Herald—D.	Scientific American—W.
Nineteenth Century—M.	Scientific American, Architects' Edition—M.
North American Review—M.	Scientific American Supplement—W.
Notes and Queries—W.	Scottish Review—Q.
Official Gazette U. S. Patents—W.	Scribner's Monthly—M.
*Official Gazette Canadian Patents—M.	Standard—W.
*Ontario Gazette—W.	Stock Journal—M.
Ottawa Free Press—D.	Sunday at Home—M.
Outing—M.	Sunday Magazine—M.
*Owen Sound Tri-Weekly Sun.	Tailor and Cutter—M.
Phonetic Journal—W.	Temple Bar—M.
Photographic Times—W.	Toronto Empire—D: Globe—D: Mail—D.
Pictorial World—W.	*Trinity University Review—M.
Plumber and Decorator—M.	Truth (London)—W.
Political Science Quarterly.	Vanity Fair—W.
Popular Science Monthly—M.	Week—W.
Punch—W.	*Weekly Dispatch—W.
Quarterly Review.	*Western World—M.
Reveu des deux Mondes—S.-M.	Westminster Review—Q.

Total, - - - 145.

LADIES' READING ROOM.

The following magazines and papers are on the tables in this room. See also the list of magazines and papers on file in the General Reading Room:

Century.	Harper's Monthly.
Cornhill Magazine.	Illustrated London News.
Cosmopolitan.	Ladies' Home Journal.
English Illustrated Magazine.	Lady's Pictorial.
Family Herald.	Queen.
Girls' Own Paper.	Review of Reviews.
Graphic.	Scribner's Monthly.
Harper's Bazar.	

Extra copies of the following magazines are taken each month for circulation as books:

Blackwood's.	Lippincott's Magazine.
Century.	Nineteenth Century.
Contemporary.	North American Review.
Cosmopolitan.	Outing.
Fortnightly.	Review of Reviews.
Forum.	Scribner's Magazine.
Harper's Magazine.	

APPENDIX 8.

DONATIONS RECEIVED IN 1890.

	Vols.	Pamph.
A Friend		9
Annual Reports and Catalogues from following Libraries :		
Aberdeen, Scotland, Public Library		
Belfast, Ireland, Free Public Library ..		
Boston, Mass., Public Library		
Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md.		
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public Library		
Ingersoll, Ont., Free Library		
Leeds, England, Public Library		
McGill University, Montreal		
Manchester, England, Public Free Libraries		
New York Free Circulating Library		
Providence, R. I., Public Library		
Toronto, Ont., Public Library		15
Ballard, W. H., Inspector Public Schools, City	3	
Barnard, J. T., Hart Emery Wheel Co., City	6	
Buchanan, W. W., Royal Templar Office, City	4	
Brymner, D., Ottawa	1	
Chapman, Samuel, Druggist, City		6
Crofton, F. B., Halifax, N. S.	1	
Davin, N. F., Regina, N. W. T.		1
Dionne, N. E., Quebec		1
Dominion Government, Ottawa, Sessional Papers	3	
" " Department of Agriculture	1	7
" " Geological Survey	2	
Foster, Hon. Geo. E., Ottawa	1	
Fuller, Mrs., "Bishopshurst," City	75	
Geogeghan, Rev. Father, City	27	
Gibson, Hon. J. M., Provincial Secretary	2	
Hamilton Association		649
" " Miscellaneous Books	149	
" " Government Reports, etc.	340	
Hodgins, Rev. J. C., City	40	
Laidlaw, Thomas, Mary Street, City	3	
Lemoine, J. M., Quebec		1
McInnes, Senator, City	79	
McKay, Alex., M. P., City	29	
McNab, Miss, City	1	
Moore, Alex. H., Banker, City		1
Ontario Government, Toronto	2	
Parker, J. R., Meriden Britannia Works, City	1	
Piers, Harry, Halifax, N. S.		1
Sanford, Senator, City	6	
" " Statuette of Rt. Hon. Sir John Macdonald		
Sellar, Robert, Huntingdon, Quebec	1	
Shearer, J. C., City	2	
Sheppard, F., City	4	
Vale, F., City	2	
Whitcombe, Rev. C. E., City	1	1
Worthington, Wm., City	64	
Young, Wm., City	7	
Total	860	688

The appraised value of these gifts is \$989.

APPENDIX 9.

STATEMENT OF
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR 1891.

RECEIPTS.

Rents.....	\$ 120 00
Fees and fines.....	596 14
Municipal appropriation	9719 00
Education Department, Toronto, appropriation	175 00
Interest on bank deposit	300 85
Bank of Hamilton, loan.....	2055 00
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	\$12965 99
Cash balance, December 31, 1889.....	1 20
Bank " " " "	23836 23
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	\$23837 43
Total	<hr/>
	\$36803 42

EXPENDITURES.

Building and real estate.....	\$20838 97
Furniture and furnishings	2670 30
Books	3861 24
Printing Supplies.....	340 00
Insurance.....	492 25
Lighting.....	236 25
Fuel.....	147 64
Periodicals	406 36
Stationery	32 10
Binding.....	236 40
Advertising	161 00
Salaries.....	2723 15
Repairs	3 00
Rents.....	250 00
Profit and loss.....	26 12
Opening of building.....	202 60
Interest on overdraft.....	21 85
Debenture account.....	3843 96
Miscellaneous expenditure.....	269 32
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	\$36763 51
Cash balance, December 31, 1890	39 91
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Total	\$36803 42

APPENDIX 10.

STATEMENT OF
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

DECEMBER 31, 1890.

ASSETS.

The site on Main Street west, with the Library Building thereon, valued at	\$50000 00
Books	24500 00
Catalogues on hand.....	151 60
Rents accrued.....	33 34
Cash on hand	39 91
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	\$74724 85

LIABILITIES.

Contract balances and extras (estimated).....	\$3000 00
Outstanding accounts.....	1500 49
Bank of Hamilton.....	2055 00
Balance.....	68169 36
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	\$74724 85

