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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TORONTO



# PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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1886.

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## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.



1883.

JOHN HALLAM, *Chairman.*

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR.	JOHN TAYLOR.
GEORGE WRIGHT, M.D.	W. H. KNOWLTON.
JAMES MASON.	GEO. D'ARCY BOULTON.
JOHN A. MILLS.	WILLIAM SCULLY.

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1884.

JOHN HALLAM, *Chairman.*

HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR.	JOHN TAYLOR.
GEORGE WRIGHT, M.D.	W. H. KNOWLTON.
JAMES MASON.	BERNARD SAUNDERS.
JOHN A. MILLS.	WILLIAM SCULLY.

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CHIEF LIBRARIAN

JAMES BAIN, JR.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN AND SECRETARY

JOHN DAVY.

LIBRARIAN IN CHARGE OF NORTHERN BRANCH

SAMUEL THOMPSON.

LIBRARIAN IN CHARGE OF WESTERN BRANCH

MISS O'DOWD.

## FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

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Immediately on the passage of the Free Library By-law by the citizens of Toronto, on the 1st of January, 1883, the Board was organized in accordance with the Statute.

On taking possession of the building made over for the use of the Public Library by the late Mechanics' Institute, it was found necessary to alter the interior of the building, so as to afford space for the present large and commodious Reading Room, and to erect an additional building sufficiently capacious to hold a library of 150,000 volumes.

To carry out this work, application was made to the Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto for \$50,000 in debentures, the proceeds of which were placed to the credit of the Board.

In June, 1883, the officers of the Library were appointed, and in September, the Chairman and the Chief Librarian visited London and New York for the purchase of books.

On March 6th, 1884, the Library was formally opened by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, and the crowded attendance witnessed the interest taken in it by the citizens. The audience was addressed by Dr. Daniel Wilson, President of University College; Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education; Goldwin Smith, Esq., and the Rev. Dr. Withrow.

The Reading Rooms were opened for public use on March 10th, but no books were issued until April 2nd. Since that date the increase in the number of books issued has been so great that your Board have found it necessary to add to the staff, and duplicate and triplicate many of the books.

No less than 179,503 volumes have been issued during the 229 days on which the Library has been open, a daily average of 783.

In February, 1884, Branch Libraries were opened in St. Andrew's Market and St. Paul's Hall, both of which have proved very successful.

The number of visitors to the Reading Rooms has been steadily increasing, and it is estimated that 400,000 persons have made use of the rooms during the past ten months.

A list of newspapers and periodicals which are subscribed for or donated, will be found at the close of the Report.

The catalogue of the Reference Library, which has been in preparation for some time, is approaching completion, so that this portion of the Library, which has been practically closed to the reader, will be shortly brought into full use.

Appended will be found reports of the Receipts and Expenditure to December 31st, together with a statement of Assets and Liabilities.

JOHN HALLAM,  
*Chairman.*

January 30th, 1885.

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS ISSUED FROM THE CENTRAL LIBRARY,

FROM APRIL 7TH TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1884.

	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	217	264	177	163	150	151	224	210	260	1,816
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.....	104	164	122	142	114	147	225	258	278	1,554
Theology.....	115	127	103	98	104	106	163	177	193	1,186
Arts.....	148	201	150	165	193	246	353	342	338	2,136
Gen. Literature and Collected Works.....	411	590	450	459	498	472	657	749	790	5,076
Geography and Travel.....	376	403	313	337	442	448	601	647	725	4,292
History.....	240	297	204	226	246	284	369	444	458	2,768
Biography.....	329	368	294	306	316	309	422	456	489	3,829
Poetry and Drama.....	92	92	80	76	84	119	131	156	180	1,010
Periodicals.....	100	243	281	369	496	462	511	612	703	3,777
Fiction.....	4,715	6,541	6,031	6,477	6,631	6,462	7,956	8,557	9,475	62,827
Juveniles.....	279	1,113	868	913	1,113	1,156	1,242	1,316	1,420	9,420
Reference Books.....	178	310	303	266	345	484	452	1,420	655	3,357
Total.....	7,304	10,713	9,358	9,997	10,732	10,846	13,306	14,288	15,964	102,508

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS ISSUED FROM THE WESTERN BRANCH LIBRARY,  
FROM MARCH TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1884.

	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	.....	2	20	19	14	8	4	16	25	22	130
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.....	3	15	27	20	11	6	12	17	31	24	166
Theology .....	3	4	11	23	8	6	14	25	24	37	155
Arts.....	.....	3	47	23	27	26	21	26	28	43	244
Gen. Literature and Collected Works.....	61	108	153	85	79	66	67	78	97	115	909
Geography and Travel .....	118	96	162	96	95	34	71	94	86	79	931
History.....	132	154	98	82	65	43	53	76	88	100	891
Biography.....	32	43	74	64	65	37	51	70	93	102	631
Poetry and Drama.....	29	45	32	18	7	8	18	13	10	22	202
Periodicals .....	.....	.....	.....	35	52	50	53	50	43	79	362
Fiction .....	2,881	4,452	4,125	3,261	3,120	3,340	3,363	4,013	4,042	5,378	37,395
Juveniles.....	197	282	308	402	275	255	281	278	455	321	3,056
Reference Books.....	13	33	16	16	22	25	18	30	29	24	224
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,469</b>	<b>5,237</b>	<b>5,093</b>	<b>4,144</b>	<b>3,840</b>	<b>3,904</b>	<b>4,026</b>	<b>4,786</b>	<b>5,051</b>	<b>6,346</b>	<b>45,896</b>

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS ISSUED FROM THE NORTHERN BRANCH LIARARY,  
FROM FEBRUARY TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1884.

	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Nat. Sciences and Mathematics	...	17	24	17	10	9	5	7	8	10	16	123
Political, Social and Medical Sciences	...	8	15	12	9	12	10	11	11	11	7	106
Theology	2	2	6	9	1	1	8	7	5	5	8	54
Arts	...	8	9	3	9	10	7	7	8	18	12	91
General Literature and Col- lected Works	9	50	44	34	25	23	27	28	37	38	46	361
Geography and Travel	12	73	80	50	27	17	22	28	30	55	59	453
History	6	54	73	55	43	41	27	51	40	42	35	467
Biography	4	40	51	46	39	39	32	34	49	37	32	403
Poetry and Drama	2	16	19	22	14	4	7	20	14	7	15	140
Periodicals	...	18	37	20	25	44	39	51	48	56	86	424
Fiction	322	2,010	2,432	2,535	2,099	2,307	2,443	2,331	2,669	2,848	2,814	24,810
Juveniles	55	245	316	387	414	410	354	372	365	378	332	3,628
Reference Books	...	...	6	...	4	1	1	3	6	7	14	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>2,541</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>2,719</b>	<b>2,918</b>	<b>2,982</b>	<b>2,950</b>	<b>3,290</b>	<b>3,512</b>	<b>3,376</b>	<b>31,102</b>

## TOTAL CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION OF BOOKS

*Issued from the Central, Western and Northern Branch Libraries, from  
the day of opening to December 31st, 1884.*

	Northern.	Western.	Central.	Total.	Per Cent.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics.....	123	130	1,816	2,069	1.2
Political, Social and Medical Sciences.....	106	166	1,554	1,826	1.
Theology.....	54	155	1,186	395	.8
Arts.....	91	244	2,136	2,471	1.3
General Literature and Collected Works.....	361	909	5,076	6,346	3.4
Geography and Travel.....	453	931	4,292	6,676	3.7
History.....	467	891	2,768	4,126	2.3
Biography.....	403	631	3,289	4,323	2.4
Poetry and Drama.....	140	202	1,010	1,352	.7
Periodicals.....	424	362	3,777	4,563	2.5
Fiction.....	24,810	37,995	62,827	125,632	69.8
Juveniles.....	3,628	3,056	9,420	16,104	8.9
Reference Books.....	42	224	3,357	3,623	2.
Total.....	31,102	45,896	102,508	179,506	100.

Number of days during which the Library has been open... 229

Average issue of books per day.. 783

Highest number issued during one day :

Central.	Western.	Northern.
1,053	443	255

## TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUMES

*In the Reference, Central Circulating, and Branch Libraries,  
December 31st, 1884.*

	Northern.	Western.	Central.	Total.
Natural Sciences and Mathematics....	68	59	653	780
Political, Social, and Medical Sciences.	51	20	579	650
Theology.....	45	52	571	668
Arts.....	46	59	550	665
General Literature and Collected Works.....	185	270	1,568	2,023
Geography and Travel.....	125	161	1,112	1,399
History.....	248	175	852	1,275
Biography.....	255	246	1,138	1,639
Poetry and the Drama.....	84	75	305	464
Periodicals.....	131	115	1,013	1,259
Fiction.....	2,171	2,240	4,486	8,897
Juvenile.....	311	286	698	1,295
Reference Books.....	36	31	34	101
Total.....	3,756	3,789	13,560	21,105

Northern Branch Library.....	3,756	
Western " ".....	3,789	
Central Circulating ".....	13,560	
Reference ".....	8,043	
Unclassified.....	2,000	
		31,148
Hallam Collection.....		1,900
Pamphlets.....		1,786
		<u>34,834</u>

Received from the Mechanics' Institute.....	7,434
Donations, as per List.....	537
Purchases in London, New York, and Toronto.....	23,177
	<u>31,148</u>

These 23,148 Volumes cost.....	\$22,461 05
Freight and duty.....	1,760 17
	<u>\$24,221 22</u>

or an average of \$1.04½ per volume.

BORROWERS' REGISTER, DECEMBER 31st, 1884.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Total number of Tickets issued—Males.....	3,978	
Females.....	1,925	
Juveniles.....	68	
		5,971
Number of Tickets cancelled—Males.....	55	
Females.....	22	
Juveniles.....	5	
		82
Transferred to Western Branch—Males.....	34	
Females.....	17	
Juveniles.....	2	
		53
Transferred to Northern—Males.....	17	
Females.....	11	
		28
		81
		163
Number now in use.....		5,808
Classified as follows—Males.....	3,872	
Females.....	1,875	
Juveniles.....	61	
		5,808

NORTHERN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Total number of Tickets issued.....	1,009	
“ “ cancelled.....	50	
“ “ transferred to Central.....	15	
“ “ “ to Western.....	4	
		69
Total number now in use.....		940
Classified as follows—Males.....	323	
Females.....	275	
Juveniles.....	342	
		940

WESTERN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Total number of Tickets issued.....	1,513	
“ “ cancelled.....	44	
“ “ transferred to Central.....	61	
		105
Total number now in use.....		1,408
Classified as follows—Males.....	763	
Females.....	522	
Juveniles.....	123	
		1,408

## APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT.

*Summary of Receipts and Expenditure, July 1st, 1883,  
to December 31st, 1884.*

## RECEIPTS.

To Appropriation by City Council for 1883.....	\$ 3,000 00
" Library Rate for 1884.....	16,540 00
" Mechanics' Institute, cash.....	1,166 54
" Legislative Grant.....	300 00
" Rents, Fines, Fees, &c.....	3,960 68
	<u>\$24,967 22</u>

## EXPENDITURE.

By Interest and Sinking Fund.....	\$6,729 80
" Salaries.....	9,570 51
" Gas, Fuel and Water.....	2,041 05
" Insurance for three years.....	635 43
" Advertising, Printing, Stationery and Postage.....	2,107 44
" Newspapers and Magazines.....	1,277 65
" Binding.....	1,441 29
" Repairs and Miscellaneous.....	1,155 32
" Balance in hands of City Treasurer.....	8 73
	<u>\$24,967 22</u>

## DEBENTURE ACCOUNT.

*Summary of Receipts and Expenditure, July 1st, 1883,  
to December 31st, 1884.*

## RECEIPTS.

To Amount of Debentures.....	<u>\$49,999 40</u>
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## EXPENDITURE.

By Discount and Expenses on Sale of Debentures.....	\$ 3,035 99
" Addition to Central Library Building.....	5,864 73
" Alterations to Central Library.....	\$8,948 80
" Western Branch.....	491 06
" Northern ".....	343 12
	<u>9,782 98</u>
" Furniture and Fittings, Central Library.....	\$3,369 51
" " " Western Branch.....	357 87
" " " Northern ".....	132 58
	<u>3,859 96</u>
" Purchase of Books.....	24,221 22
" Miscellaneous.....	60 56
" Balance in hands of City Treasurer.....	\$2,898 94
" " " Bosanquet, Salt & Co.....	275 02
	<u>3,173 96</u>
	<u>\$49,999 40</u>



LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

THOSE MARKED \* ARE PRESENTED FREE.

CENTRAL READING ROOM.

Academy.		*Church of England Temperance Chronicle.
All the Year Round.		*Coaticook Observer.
*Almonte Gazette.		*Colborne Enterprise.
Antiquary.		Colonies and India.
Architect.	London.	Contemporary Review.
Architect and Building News.	N. Y.	Cornhill.
Army and Navy Gazette.		Deaf and Dumb Magazine.
Art Amateur.		Decoration.
Art Journal.		Decorative Art.
Athenæum.		Dublin Freeman.
Atlantic Monthly.		Dublin Review.
Australian Sketcher.		Dublin Warder.
*Banner of Light.		Economist.
*Barrie Examiner.		Edinburgh Review.
*Beaverton Express.		Edinburgh Scotsman.
Belgravia.		Electrician.
*Belleville Intelligencer.	Daily.	Engineer.
Bell's Life in London.		Engineering and Mining Journal.
Biblical Archæological Society's, Proceedings.		English Illustrated Magazine.
Blackwood.		English Mechanic.
*Bobcaygeon Independent.		Every Boy's Magazine.
Boston Herald.	Daily.	Family Herald.
Botanical Magazine.	London.	Field.
Boy's Own Paper.		Forest, Field, Gun and Rod.
*Brantford Courier.	Daily.	Fortnightly Review.
*Brantford Expositor.	Daily.	Frank Leslie's Illustrated.
British Quarterly Review.		*Fredericton Capital.
British Medical Journal.		Fun.
*Brockville Recorder.	Daily.	Furniture Gazette.
Buffalo Express.	Daily.	Garden.
Builder.	London.	Gartenlaube.
*Calgary Herald.		*Geological Society of London, Journal.
*Canada Lumberman.		Glasgow Herald.
*Canadian Institute, Proceedings.		*Goderich Huron Signal.
*Canadian Patent Office Record.		Good Words.
*Carleton Place Herald.		Graphic.
Carpenter and Builder.	London.	*Halifax Chronicle.
Cassell's Magazine.		Halifax Nova Scotian.
Century.		Hall's Journal of Health.
Chamber's Journal.		Hamilton Spectator.
*Charlottetown, P.E.I., Examiner.		Harper's Bazaar.
*Charlottetown, P.E.I., Herald.		Harper's Monthly.
*Chatham Planet.		Harper's Weekly.
Chemical News.		*Honolulu, H. I., Commercial Advertiser.
Chicago Current.		Ibis.
Chicago Tribune.	Daily.	Illustrated London News.
Church and Queen Review.		

*International Standard.		*Oshawa Vindicator.	
*Independent Forester.		*Ottawa Citizen.	Daily.
*Iron.	London.	Pall Mall Budget.	
Iron Trade Review.		*Paris Star-Transcript.	
*Israel's Banner.		*Perth Courier.	
*Kentville Watchman.		*Peterborough Examiner.	
*Kincardine, Bruce Reporter.		*Peterborough Review.	
Knowledge.	London.	Photography, Journal of.	London.
Lancet.		*Picton Gazette.	
L'Art.		Pictorial World.	
Leisure Hour.		Plumber and Decorator.	London.
*Lindsay Post.		Popular Science Monthly.	
*Lindsay Warder.		*Portage La Prairie, Tribune-Review.	
Lippincott's Magazine.		Portfolio.	London.
Literary World.	London.	Practitioner.	London.
Littell's Living Age.		Public Opinion.	
Liverpool Post.		Punch.	
Live Stock Journal.	London.	Quebec Chronicle.	Daily.
Lloyd's Weekly.		Queen.	
*London (Ont.) Free Press.	Daily.	Quiver.	
London Quarterly Review.		*Regina, N.W.T., Leader.	
London Society.		*Religio-Philosophical Journal.	
London Times.	Daily.	Revue des deux Mondes.	
London World.		St. James' Budget.	London.
Longman's Magazine.		*St. Jean D'Iberville, Le Franco	
*L'Original News.		Canadien.	
Macmillan's Magazine.		*Le Courrier de St. Hyacinthe.	Daily.
Magazine of Art.	London.	St. John, N. B., Telegraph.	Daily.
Magazine of American History.		St. Nicholas.	
*Manchester Courier.		Sanitary Engineer.	
Manchester Examiner.	Daily.	Sanitary Engineering.	London.
*Markham Sun.		*Sarnia Canadian.	
Mechanical News.		Saturday Review.	
Medical Journal.	London.	Science.	
Million.		Scientific American.	
*Minden Echo.		Scientific American, Supplement.	
*Moncton Times.		*Shelburne Economist.	
*Montreal Church Guardian.		*Sherbrooke Examiner.	
Montreal Gazette.	Daily.	Shorthand Magazine.	
*Montreal La Minerve.	Daily.	*Simcoe, Norfolk Reformer.	
*Montreal Le Monde.	Daily.	Spectator.	London.
*Montreal La Presse.	Daily.	Sporting and Dramatic News.	London.
*Morrisburgh Courier.		Staats-Zeitung.	
Musical World.	London.	*Stayner Sun.	
*Muskoka Herald.		*Strathroy Age.	
*Napanee Express.		*Strathroy Despatch.	
Nation.		*Summerside, P.E.I., Journal.	
Naturalist, American.		Sunday at Home.	
Nature.	London.	Tablet.	
Navy List.		Tailor and Cutter.	London.
New Westminster, B. C., Mainland		Temple Bar.	
Guardian.		Theatre.	London.
New York Herald.	Daily.	*Thorold Post.	
New York Shipping List.		Tonic Sol-Fa Reporter.	London.
New York Tribune.	Daily.	Toronto—Canadian Manufacturer.	
*Niagara Falls Review.		*Christian Guardian.	
Nineteenth Century.		Citizen.	
North American Review.		Globe (2 copies)	Daily.
Notes and Queries.	London.	Grip.	
*Ontario Gazette.		Irish Canadian.	Daily.
*Orillia Packet.		Mail (2 copies)	Daily.

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Daily.	Toronto—Monetary Times.		Weekly Budget.	London.
	News, Evening.	Daily.	Westminster Review.	
	*Presbyterian Review.		*Whitby Chronicle.	
	Telegram, Evening.	Daily.	*Windsor, Essex Record.	
	Truth.		*Winnipeg Commercial.	
London.	Week.		*Winnipeg Times.	Daily.
	World.	Daily.	*Woodville Advocate.	
	*Trenton Courier.		World.	London.
	*V. P. Journal, Cobourg.		Workshop, (Gewerbehalle).	
	Vanity Fair.	London.	Zoologist.	London.
	Victoria, B.C., Standard.			

## NORTHERN BRANCH.

Daily.	All the Year Round.		Literary World.	London.
	American Agriculturist.		Littell's Living Age.	
	Art Magazine.		Lloyd's Weekly.	
London.	Athenæum.	London.	Longman's Magazine.	
Franco	Belfast Whig.		Mechanics' and Milling News.	
	Belgravia.		Montreal Gazette.	Daily.
Daily.	British Quarterly.		New York Times.	Daily.
Daily.	Blackwood.		Pall Mall Budget.	
	Boy's Own Magazine.		Pictorial World.	London.
	Cassell's Magazine.		*Presbyterian Review.	
London.	Carpenter and Builder.	London.	Public Opinion.	London.
	Catholic World.		Punch.	
	Century.		Quarterly Review.	
	Chamber's Journal.		Queen.	London.
	*Church of England Temperance		Quiver.	
	Chronicle.		*Religio-Philosophical Journal.	
	Cornhill.		Saturday Review.	
	Edinburgh Review.		Scientific American.	
	Edinburgh Scotsman.	Weekly.	Scientific American Supplement.	
	English Illustrated Magazine.		*Simcoe, Norfolk Reformer.	
London.	Every Boy's Magazine.		Standard.	Daily. London.
London.	Family Herald.		St. Nicholas.	
	Frank Leslie's Illustrated.		Toronto—*Citizen.	
	Good Words.		Evening News.	Daily.
	Graphic.		Evening Telegram.	Daily.
	Hamilton Spectator.	Daily.	Globe.	Daily.
	Harper's Bazaar.		Grip.	
	Harper's Monthly.		Mail.	Daily.
	Harper's Weekly.		Week.	
London.	Harper's Young People.		World.	Daily.
	Illustrated London News.		Weekly Budget.	London.
	Judy.		Weekly Times.	London.
London.	Knowledge.	London.	Westminster Review.	
London.	Leisure Hour.		World.	London.
London.	Lippincott's Magazine.			

## WESTERN BRANCH.

American Cabinet Maker.	Literary World.	<i>London.</i>
American Machinist.	Littell's Living Age.	
Belfast News.	Lloyd's Weekly News.	
Builder and Woodworker.	Longman's Magazine.	
Boy's Own Paper.	Macmillan's Magazine.	
Carpenter and Builder.	Metal Worker.	
Cassell's Magazine.	Montreal Herald.	<i>Daily.</i>
Century.	Moonshine.	
Chamber's Journal.	New York Herald.	<i>Daily.</i>
*Church of England Temperance	Pall Mall Budget.	
Chronicle.	*Presbyterian Review.	
Cornhill.	Public Opinion.	
Daily News.	Punch.	
<i>Daily. London.</i>	Quiver.	
Demorest's Monthly.	Saturday Review.	
Edinburgh Scotsman.	Scientific American.	
Engineer.	Scientific American Supplement.	
English Illustrated Magazine.	Scottish American Journal.	
English Mechanic.	*Simcoe, Norfolk Reformer.	
Every Boy's Magazine.	St. Nicholas.	
Family Herald.	Toronto—Citizen.	
Forest and Stream.	Evening News.	<i>Daily.</i>
Frank Leslie's Illustrated.	Evening Telegram.	<i>Daily.</i>
Funny Folks.	*Criterion.	
Good Words.	Globe.	<i>Daily.</i>
Graphic.	Grip.	
Harper's Bazaar.	Mail.	<i>Daily.</i>
Harper's Monthly.	Week.	
Harper's Weekly.	World.	<i>Daily.</i>
Harper's Young People.	Weekly Budget.	<i>London.</i>
Illustrated London News.	Weekly Times.	<i>London.</i>
Leisure Hour.		

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