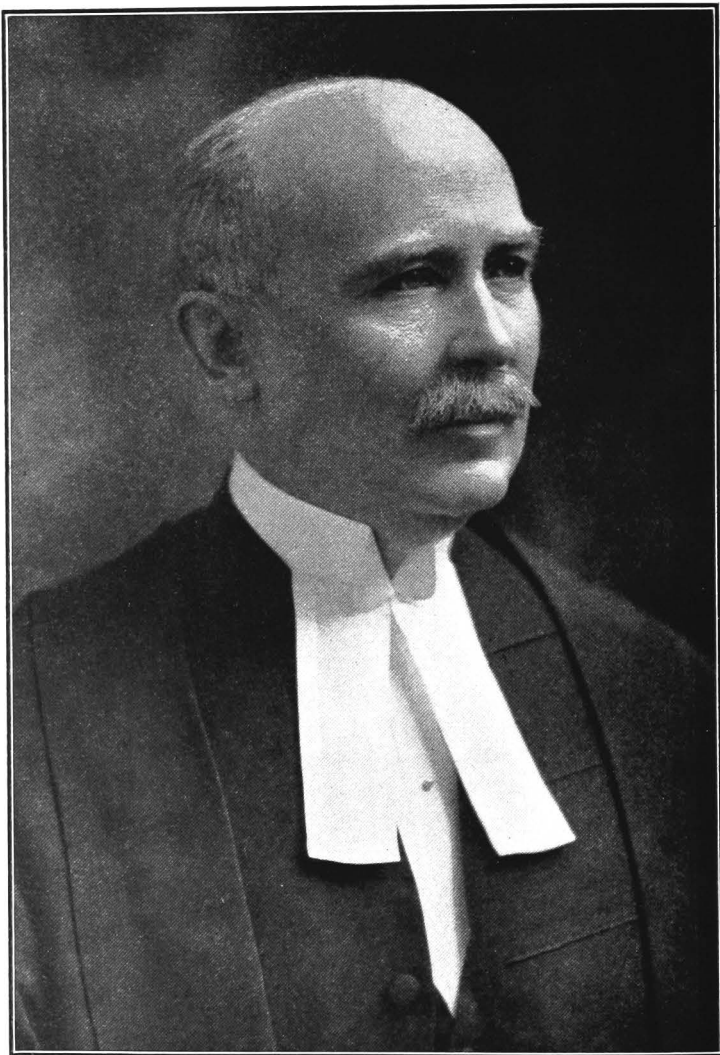


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TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Report of the Chairman of the Board of Management for the Year 1925

To the Members of the Toronto Public Library Board:

GENTLEMEN,—The close of 1925 ended the forty-second year of the active operations of The Toronto Public Library with even greater evidences of progress than in the most successful of its earlier years. Completing thirty-two years of continuous service as a member of the Board of Management, I confess to an inclination to make comparisons between the earlier years and the present to illustrate the Library's remarkable growth, not merely in a material way, but particularly in regard to the development of its educational side. Successive Annual Reports have set forth the details of its workings from year to year; to enlarge upon that aspect would be but to restate recorded facts which evidence its growth. I may be permitted, however, to refer to the fact that the present efficient condition of the Toronto Public Library System and its usefulness as an educational factor are due mainly to the policy long ago adopted, and since uninterruptedly adhered to, that a public library should not be and is not a mere luxury, or—as in early days this Library was characterized—a fad, but an institution whose most conspicuous purpose should be to supply the necessary facilities for every member of the community to acquire accurate and safe knowledge and information of an educational character upon subjects within its scope. In earlier years the struggle for recognition of a library system so conducted as a useful public institution was long and arduous; but eventually that recognition came from the public, and also from the City Council, from whom, under its statutory obligations and powers, is mainly derived the appropriation for library maintenance. With this change of attitude the Board of Management has in recent years been encouraged in its efforts by the good-will and appreciation of successive City Councils.

The Chief Librarian and the heads of departments have embodied in their various reports covering the past year details and statistics showing the internal workings and results. These I do

not repeat except to refer to the increasing condition of congestion in parts of the main library building at College and St. George streets, particularly in the central Circulating Department, due to the rapid increase of public patronage and consequent demands upon that Department. A measure of relief has been afforded by the removal from that building of some of the operating work. During the year the Board took over from its tenant the Adelaide Street premises which, prior to 1909, housed the Reference Department of the Library, and removed to it from College and St. George streets of the Bindery and Book Repair Department, which in its new quarters has enlarged space commensurate with its needs. This change made possible a rearrangement of space which has relieved the congestion existing in the Accessioning Department and in the General Office, where the staff had suffered from overcrowding.

The Lombard Street lot adjacent to the Church Street building, not needed for the purposes of the Library, was sold during the year for \$27,200; and as this was a realization on capital account a purchase was made, from the proceeds, of \$23,000 of Canadian National Railway 5% Equipment Bonds, guaranteed by the Dominion of Canada and maturing on February 1st, 1937. A further sum of \$3912.97 from such proceeds was expended in necessary repairs and replacements in the Church and Adelaide streets building, including the installation of a new heating system, new lighting fixtures, renewal of some plumbing, concreting the basement floor, rearrangement of the book-shelves, removal of reading-room stands and substitution of tables, decorating, etc., all very necessary and long delayed.

A saving in the cost of heating the Boys and Girls House, on St. George Street, has been effected by connecting the heating system therein by underground pipe-line with the heating system of the Reference building. This work was carried out under the direction of our Chief Engineer, Mr. Butler, and has proved satisfactory. Other changes in that house necessitated by the rapidly increasing patronage were also made.

The lawns and grounds of the various library buildings have been the subject of care and attention, and their well-kept condition has been much admired. It is due to the caretaker of the Earls court Branch to mention that the silver cup donated for the best-kept grounds for that district was awarded to that Library.

It has been the practice of the Board of Management to request from the City Council an appropriation of only such annual sum as is absolutely necessary to maintain the various departments of

the service with economy consistent with efficiency and the reasonable requirements for the Library's rapid development. Early in 1925 the City Council saw fit to strike from the Library estimates for the year the sum of \$54,300. As we have no reserve or other source from which to make up this loss of maintenance revenue, we were confronted with the necessity of curtailment or reduction in the service, and with the problem of effecting that end—by closing of branches or otherwise—in a manner to cause the least disturbance or dissatisfaction. Before action in that direction became necessary, however, we received an assurance from the City's representatives that \$39,000 of the \$54,300 would be provided. This amount has been provided, but much necessary book buying had to be abandoned because of not receiving the full amount of our estimates.

It is gratifying to be able to report that an invitation recently extended by this Board to the American Library Association to hold its annual meeting in Toronto in 1927 has been accepted. The time of the meeting will probably be fixed for June of that year. It is also a satisfaction to know that promises have already been received of co-operation from other public bodies in making this event successful.

On a larger scale than in any previous year cases of withdrawn books have been sent out to hospitals, lumber camps and many charitable institutions, thereby materially enlarging the beneficent services of the Library, for which many grateful acknowledgments have been received.

During the year twelve appointments were made to the permanent staff and four resignations were accepted.

My thanks are due and are extended to the members of the Board for their active interest in the Library's welfare and their ever ready assistance in all matters needing their consideration.

In offering, for myself and on behalf of the Board, to the officers, assistants and general staff thanks for the manner in which they have performed their respective duties during the year, I take occasion to place upon record my personal appreciation of their willing co-operation in the effort to make the Toronto Public Library a great and useful public institution.

The Statistical Report and a statement of Receipts and Expenditures are hereto appended.

H. T. KELLY,
Chairman.

January 28th, 1926.

Report of the Chief Librarian to the Members of the Public Library Board for the Year 1925

GENTLEMEN:

During the year we have again made great advances in all our work despite the fact that our plans for achieving greater efficiency and a wider reading public were considerably hampered by the decrease in the amount of money available. The people of Toronto read 160,000 more books than ever before, but they had some 10,000 books less to read than we had planned for them on account of this decrease.

The Public Library has become a large concern of the people of Toronto, and is recognized by them as truly a public utility. We have over 160,000 shareholders who actually borrow books from us. It would be interesting to conjecture how few families there are who have no representative on the roll of the Public Library. Think of 653,000 books taken into their homes by boys and girls, of over a million of books being taken home by adults, and of 225,000 books in the Reference Library (where there are no so-called "popular" books) being consulted during the year!

Every month in the year registered an increase. This was due not only to the ever increasing power of the Library to attract borrowers, but, added to this, the dull times in business, when there come those who, comparatively young, are out of work and are ambitious to fit themselves for a better job when times improve. For these the Library is the great educational institution, and if we helped only one hundred a year instead of thousands the Library would be worthy of having support.

But in addition to this so-called practical aid there is an equally important function, and I think as deserving of being called practical, viz., the real companionship of books, which relieves the loneliness of many who are out of work or who are strangers. The Library becomes the lonely man's friend in a great and uncompanionable city—for a great city is the loneliest place in the world.

So it has been a prosperous year with us in the educational sense of the word, for we have had a circulation of 2,400,000—practically 50,000 a week; we have had 60,000 boys and girls in our Story Hours, and we could have had 100,000 if we had had enough funds to carry on this great work for intelligent Canadian citizenship.

There is a great deal of complaint as to conditions in the College Street Circulating Library. In accordance with the statement in my report of last year I have had to still further curtail the Reading Room until there is now only one table, and even

that will be removed during the coming year. I think the complaints of the people are well founded, but there can be nothing done to relieve the situation until we have a new building or an addition to the present building. My recommendation is that, inasmuch as the present Reference Library building was a gift to the City, there be appropriated for a new Circulating Library and the John Ross Robertson Historical Collection a sum equal to that expended on the original building in 1906, viz., \$260,000. I need not say anything about the state of the Robertson Historical Collection, as for some years in succession I have drawn attention to its inadequate housing.

Very gratifying this year has been the increase in the number of books added to our "Canadiana," which is, of course, the outstanding feature of our book collection. Perhaps we have added a greater number of books and pamphlets in some former year, but certainly during the eighteen years I have been Chief Librarian we have had no such special "finds" as during the past year. Posterity will bless us even if, as is too often the case today, the people of the present are indifferent to the documents which illustrate the growth of our country.

The figures of the year in regard to the use of books are as follows:

Reference (including Municipal Reference).....	229,992
College (Adults only).....	228,958
Boys and Girls House.....	103,705
Dovercourt	*68,803
Riverdale	*69,428
Earls court	*48,591
High Park	*37,205
Beaches	*31,175
Western	*34,442
Church	*11,950
Eastern	*37,611
Northern	*29,029
Deer Park	*18,631
Yorkville	*23,480
Wychwood	*26,663
Queen and Lisgar.....	*25,121
Gerrard	*47,781
Settlement Library	*40,058
Music Collection.....	5,951
Magazines issued in Church Street Reading Room..	102,362
Total number of books borrowed by boys and girls..	653,673

*Boys and Girls Division.

GEORGE H. LOCKE.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Reference Division

On the conclusion of another year of work we are happy to be able to report that it has been one of gratifying success. Comparing our statistics with those of last year, we find that we have made considerable advance in the work of the Division, and although we have not been able to accomplish all that we should have liked to have done, we are confident that in several directions we have made steady progress.

As in former reports, we again deplore the lack of space and adequate facilities in the Reading Room, particularly for those of our clients who are doing special work. During the busy season of the year the seating capacity is at times quite unequal to our needs, the tables being covered with books and writing materials, not to speak of the hats, gloves, scarves, purses, etc., of our lady patrons. In this latter connection may we suggest that if a special checking-room could be provided for the use of lady readers, it would greatly relieve the present situation, and in a great measure add to the appearance of the tables. Conditions as they are render it extremely difficult for readers engaged in particular study to work conveniently or comfortably.

We realize at present that this is not yet practicable, and we can only look forward hopefully to the better day that is coming when these difficulties will be solved by an enlargement of the Library premises which will give us a couple of rooms devoted to special lines of our work. In this way, too, the solution of the pen and ink problem might be measurably attained.

In regard to the readjustment of the books in the stackroom—an arduous task that was begun over a year ago—excellent work has been done and considerable progress made. The apparent slowness of this work is accounted for by the fact that most of it can be done only during the slack season of the year. Government documents and the Transactions of Learned Societies have been moved from the fourth to the fifth floor. The additional space obtained through these changes has made it possible to relieve the crowded condition of the third floor, which is now also in a stage of transition.

As the years go by we find that time and conditions necessitate changes, and a rather outstanding one has taken place in connection with the books in the stack-room. These, for the first time in the history of the Reference Library, are being numbered on the back with white ink. This, we felt, was in a way rather to be regretted, as (if one may venture an opinion) the numbering of the books on the outside in some degree detracts from the appearance and dignity of the Reference Library stack-room. However, although one rather shivered as the plunge was taken, it must be admitted that from a practical viewpoint the proceeding was both necessary and justifiable, as it greatly facilitates the work of the librarians in locating the books, thus saving their time and that of our patrons. Two assistants have been employed temporarily for this particular work.

To mention our activities in relation to the public in the demand for material on the many current topics and events, our labour has been less heavy than that of previous years, as we have endeavoured to keep pace with that line of work to the best of our ability. Special interest has been centred on such questions as the Geneva Protocol, the Locarno Treaty, the consummation of Church Union, the Chicago Drainage Canal, the St. Lawrence Waterways Project, etc. On the latter subject, the Chief Librarian has been able to obtain many special and important publications.

To facilitate our work in connection with the Universities and the many debating societies, clubs, and other organizations, we still find it necessary to keep our vertical files and scrap-books quite up-to-date on the more important public questions; and, as usual, an essential feature of this work is the choosing and indexing of special articles from books and periodicals not easily obtained by the reader without this assistance.

The Federal elections, as elections always do, added considerably to our labours, and necessitated a great run on the files of our bound newspapers for some months previous to polling day. The Municipal elections also contributed to some extent to this class of work.

A great deal of information has been transmitted to our clients through the medium of the telephone. Some idea of the work involved by this service may be gained by stating that 5136 calls were answered during the year. These calls have not only to be answered, but in the majority of cases the enquirers have afterwards to be rung up by the librarians to give the required information when it is found. We are glad to say that only in a very small percentage of cases have we been unable to answer the ques-

tions satisfactorily. All this goes to prove the convenience and importance to the public of this phase of our work.

Many letters requesting information are received from enquirers other than those belonging to our own City, from different parts of Canada, the United States, and occasionally from the Old Country, and it is a source of gratification to know that the splendid equipment of our Reference Library makes it possible at almost all times to meet the demands that are made upon it.

To mention some of the special activities of the staff during the year, they were chiefly along the line of the compiling of lists of books and catalogues, as for example, "The Wembley Catalogue", revised and enlarged; "The Canadian Catalogue of Books published in 1924"; lists of plays suggested to out-of-town enquirers; a Library planned and catalogued for the nurses' residence, Wellesley Hospital; a list of Christmas Plays made for the Ontario College of Education; a bibliography on good printing prepared for the Typothetae Association; and a list of suitable books for intending settlers for a library in England.

Our annual exhibits of books on special subjects still held their own as an attraction for the public. The following were some of those displayed during the year:—Gardening books; books for the bride; travel books, with many descriptive railway folders and guides; and books on the drama. A special list of recent Canadian books during Canadian Book Week, and an exhibit of political books and pamphlets preceding the Federal elections were also much appreciated. A certain degree of interest aroused on the evolution theory, occasioned by the Stopes trial, was responsible for a list of books on that subject.

During the year we have been fortunate in having added to our early Canadiana some very valuable material. This has been due to the vigilance and alertness of Mr. Locke, who is always so keen to secure for our Library any scarce items of Canadian historical interest.

Two acquisitions that may be particularly mentioned are several volumes of the *Montreal Gazette*, dating from the first number, August 25th, 1785, to January 1798. Also a volume for the year 1806. The forerunner of this paper was published by Fleury Mesplet, Montreal's first printer, in 1778, under the title of *Gazette du Commerce et Littéraire*, which ceased publication in 1779. It was again published by Mesplet in 1785, under the title of the *Montreal Gazette*, and was continued by him until his death in 1794. This newspaper is still in existence in Montreal.

Another unique item is a newspaper entitled the *Commercial Herald*, published in Toronto in 1837 by Hackstaff & Rogers, whose office was "on Church Street, three doors from Richmond Street." The volumes obtained for the Library date from Volume I, No. 1, June 1837 to June 1841. As will be seen by the dates, the paper runs through the Rebellion period, and through its pages may be traced a history of the revolt and of the events and incidents relating to it. It may also be said that the paper is strongly Tory, a fact that will no doubt appeal to the interest of our friends of that particular political persuasion. The value of the addition of this paper to our files may be recognized in the fact that, so far as we have made enquiries, no copy of it other than our own is to be found in Toronto.

A second supplemental list of "Early Canadian Books and Pamphlets added to the Reference Library since 1919" has been prepared, and will be published in the Annual Report of the Library.

A bibliography on "The Confederation of Canada, or the Evolution of the Canadian Constitution," which will be the third of our series of bibliographies on outstanding Canadian topics, has been begun by Miss Staton, but as it is a subject which will require particularly careful research, it is needless to state that it will be some time before it can be ready for publication.

The Special Map Collection, another interesting feature of our work, is becoming of great service to those who are doing research along that line. Miss MacLachlan, the Curator, gives us a very encouraging report of the use of the maps during the year. Among the most outstanding and interesting additions to our geographical material received in 1925 are the volumes of the fourth series of the Crown Collection of American Maps, which show the routes taken by the early explorers to the western part of the Continent, and are entitled "The American Transcontinental Trails."

Our staff remains practically the same as last year. Miss Jarvis and Miss Maybee were given leave of absence in the summer to make a visit to the Old Country. From their account of their trip we have the impression that they thoroughly enjoyed their experiences.

In regard to our statistics we are pleased to report that there has been a very satisfactory increase in the use of our books, the number used during the past year being 221,747, of which 113,081 were from the open shelves. The total increase over 1924 was 4,342. The number of current periodicals issued was 16,158 and

of patents 5,395. Number of special maps used, 354. Phone calls received and answered, 5,136.

The number of donations received was 2,117, of which 150 were bound and 1,967 unbound.

Books and pamphlets added to the Reference Library numbered 4,845, of which 529 were bound periodicals, and 885 patents. Maps added to the collection were 66.

We are again sorry to have to report the loss of books from our open shelves—ten volumes having unaccountably disappeared during the year.

Last, but not least, in presenting this report I have much pleasure in bearing record to the very efficient and valuable services rendered by the members of the staff, of their cheerful and willing co-operation on all occasions, of the interest shown by them in the work of the Division, and of their unfailing attention and courtesy towards the public.

Absences have been very few, and the regularity of attendance and punctuality are highly commendable.

At the same time, all the staff join with me in expressing to our Chief Librarian our very warm appreciation of his many kindnesses during the past year.

Now that we have entered upon a new year of work, we look forward with the hope of directing all our activities towards the welfare and progress of the Library.

FRANCES M. STATON.

Municipal Reference Branch

During 1925 over 4,000 patrons of this Library made use of 9,000 books and pamphlets. This number does not include visitors from Great Britain and the United States, who, seeing the sign, "Public Library," enter and ask information about the City and civic matters. We are hoping to have the Library thoroughly renovated in the near future. We have been engaged with a great variety of questions of municipal interest, as well as general questions. When material was not available here, we were aided by the Public Reference Library. We wish to thank Mr. Littlejohn, the City Clerk, for a donation of 14 directories, and Mr. Ben. Spence for 30 volumes from the library of the late Controller F. S. Spence, who was the founder of this Library.

ZETTA HARPER.

Cataloguing Division

The Cataloguing Division is able to report a very satisfactory year, with a number of improvements made in the catalogues and a keen interest taken in the work by the cataloguers.

There were no changes in the Staff until December, when Miss Mabel Clark, B.A., resigned to become Librarian of the Technical School in London. She had been with us for three years, and we were very sorry to have her leave. The Technical School is to be congratulated on obtaining an experienced librarian and teacher, both qualifications being necessary for the position.

Owing to the enforced retrenchment in the buying of new books for the Library, we were able to plan our work at the beginning of the year, laying special stress on making our Branch catalogues more effective by means of guide-cards and references. The addition of new guides to the Reference catalogue had been contemplated for some time. About 3,000 were filed in during the year, making the European war and other congested sections of the catalogue much easier to consult.

A series of Round Tables was held at the first of the year, and several changes made in the work. It was decided to shorten our form of card for the official catalogue, and to duplicate only those cards that were actually needed for departmental use. The authority cards adopted for checking the sources of information, as also for ensuring accuracy of work, have proved very satisfactory. To enable the cataloguers to get the information needed for the cards as quickly as possible, the list of bibliographical sources in the Library was checked and a card index made. This is now complete and will be a valuable asset.

It is interesting to note that out of 9,821 titles catalogued for the Circulating Branches, only 3,273 were new; also that there were only 369 new titles purchased for the Boys and Girls Division. Of the 3,257 titles catalogued for Reference 2,069 were new titles, the proportion of new titles for Reference being much greater than the proportion for Circulating. We might account for this, possibly, by the dearth of really good new fiction, and the continued interest in the reading of Kipling, Stevenson, Mark Twain and others of the older school.

As a method of showing clearly what has been accomplished, statistics are invaluable, but they cannot show the value of the work, or the splendid spirit among the assistants. These I would like, in conclusion, to mention as material factors contributing largely to the success of the year's work.

TABULATED STATISTICS

Reference Division:—

Number of books catalogued.....	4,233
Number of pamphlets catalogued.....	612
Number of cards filed in catalogues.....	21,687
Number of Library of Congress cards used.....	1,049

Circulating Division:

Number of books catalogued.....	29,772
Number of cards filed in catalogues.....	58,354

WINIFRED G. BARNSTEAD,

Boys and Girls Division

The circulation of books for home reading in 1925 was 653,673, an increase of almost 60,000 over 1924. Cards were issued to 10,813 during the year.

The growing appreciation of the Library by Public School principals and teachers all over the City has brought about a friendly spirit of co-operation between School and Library that shows itself in many ways. A very large number of teachers bring their classes to the nearest branch children's room for a book talk, or to learn how to use reference books, and in this way the Library is made known to the boys and girls of each community. The general use made by teachers of our Recommended Lists in suggesting books to their classes has helped to raise the reading standard to a higher point than ever before.

This high standard is also due, we believe, to the extent to which we have duplicated the best titles in all our children's rooms. The theory that we create our own demand seems borne out by our experience that the more copies we have of a good book the more we need. As an example of this, one of the smaller branches reported that previously their one copy of Kipling's *Jungle Book* circulated ten times in one year; now, their *five* copies of the *Two Jungle Books* have been out collectively fifty-five times in five months. Much the same statement can be made of Stevenson, Howard Pyle, Tom Brown's *Schooldays*, and many others.

Boys and Girls House, the headquarters of the Boys and Girls Division, has now five reading clubs, meeting weekly, and two story hours, one for older and one for younger children. The overcrowding on busy days is still a problem, but the former congestion resulting from our using the front door for both entrance and exit has been entirely overcome by making the entrance at the south side. To do this the veranda was "glassed" in and the receiving desk installed there, giving us plenty of room to accommodate the incoming line of children returning books. There is,

however, no way of expanding our premises to accommodate the children inside the house. The only solution is a large branch Children's Library in the midst of the foreign section directly south of us, from which the greater part of our patronage is drawn. We are attempting to meet this need by putting libraries for children in the Settlements, but even these libraries are growing by leaps and bounds, and have already outgrown the accommodation available in these institutions. The importance of influencing so many thousands of "Canadians by adoption" by putting into their hands books that will make for a high standard of citizenship and for enlightened patriotism is self-evident. That the privileges of the Library are appreciated by these "little foreign cousins" is shown not only by the over-crowded condition of the children's rooms in their vicinity, but also by the fact that these boys and girls read more and better books than are read in any other part of Toronto.

A number of plays were given by the library reading clubs during the year, one children's librarian reporting that each girl in her club in turn dramatized a section from a book chosen by herself, designed the costumes and stage-managed her own production. The interest in books on handicrafts, games, care of pets, drawing and music, is reported on all sides as the boys and girls discover the resources of the Library along the line of their own hobbies. At Eastern Branch two ten-year-olds brought in two trembling little guinea pigs one day, saying: "We just thought you'd like to see them, because they have been brought up on Library books, and *that* one is a prize-winner!"

The possibilities of the work are so many and so great that the crying need seems to be for room in which to translate the possibilities into actualities. The limitations are only those of space. In a recent number of the *Nineteenth Century* the Chief Librarian, writing about the work with boys and girls as "An experiment station in education," indicates the special attraction of the work for educators who work better outside than inside academic confines. To quote from his article: "About this work there gathers a romance, for it is experimentation with living beings, and it has the added value of being as scientific as social experimentation can be, for it is with living beings unspoiled by conventionalities, and therefore with natural and quick reactions."

LILLIAN H. SMITH.

Church Street Branch

Though conditions at the Church Street Branch are still far from normal, there is a very pronounced improvement in the state of affairs since this time last year.

The whole interior of the Library proper has been cleaned and painted; new and up-to-date lighting and heating systems have been installed, and tons of dead wood in the way of old and obsolete books have been removed. More than eighteen thousand of these volumes were individually examined by Mr. Locke before they were discarded. The books that were left on the shelves have all been shifted and relocated and made accessible to the public.

The Reading Room was thoroughly cleaned, and tables and chairs and reading lamps substituted for the old stands and files and ceiling lights. The whole atmosphere of the room has been changed.

The Church Street Library has a distinct individuality notwithstanding all its drawbacks, and the assistants who are stationed here are all happy and interested in their work, and anxious to be of real value to the community in which they serve.

The down-town library is the logical place for busy business men and women and shoppers to come, and we hope in the not too far distant future to make ourselves a real force among them. Of course, these men and women know they may have access to far greater resources than ours in the Reference Library, but many of them have not the time to go to College Street, and they expect to have their wants supplied at the branch nearest to hand. Therefore we shall welcome up-to-date directories, year-books, and general reference books.

We already have a fair collection of business books and commercial aids, and men and women are realizing more and more that real help along these lines may be had with very little effort on their part if they are borrowers—or even readers—at this Branch. This work is only in its infancy, but we hope it will grow and develop steadily from now on. The good trade journals and commercial papers on file in the Reading Room upstairs are a great asset in this connection. Investors, realtors, brokers, bankers, publishers, engineers, are among our steady patrons. Business material must be up-to-the-minute or it is next to useless, so we welcome suggestions. Our “buyer” usually secures for us all the books we ask for that are well sponsored. We appreciate this. Books and library material are becoming more and more appreciated as tools among business people.

Our foreign section suffered sadly in the discard, and we would be glad to have some new titles added to it, as well as to have some of the old books replaced.

I would again respectfully call attention to the fact that the Library is very dark from the outside, and would suggest that the

doorway and entrance be equipped with more lights. One on either side of the doorway would be sufficient. The building has a much darker appearance from the street than in other years because the ceiling lights in use in the Reading Room in the past lighted up the building. Since the lights have been lowered to the reading tables they are not visible from the outside, and the consequence is that the building looks almost completely dark for the greater part of the evening.

My report would be quite incomplete were I not to mention the new quarters afforded the Bindery and Book Repair Department. These have certainly been a great boon to the workers in these departments, and the change has altogether justified itself.

Miss McElderry's department—the magazine section—has also profited by the changes that have taken place, and she finds the operation of her work much easier and more satisfactory in her new home.

The statistics show an increase in our circulation this year. The number of books issued for home-reading in 1925 was 93,377, as compared with 90,123 in 1924—an increase of 3,254.

The great increase in the use of newspapers and magazines in the Reading Room surely justifies the improvements made in that department, the records showing 102,362 in 1925 as against 62,175 in 1924—an increase of 40,187.

TERESA G. O'CONNOR.

College Street Branch

The year 1925 has been a year of changes in the College Street Circulating Library. In order to make more room for the books, which had become very much crowded on the shelves, it was necessary to add more stacks. As a result our reading-room is smaller and more congested than ever, much to the inconvenience and chagrin of the readers.

There have been many changes also in the personnel of the staff. We were very sorry to lose Miss Leila Adams and Miss Claribel Bogue, who left us to be married. Miss Myrtle Forman, Miss Frederica Miller and Miss Margaret Smith were transferred to Branch Libraries to take charge of the work there. We miss very greatly their valuable assistance at College Street. Miss Olive Arrowsmith supplied at Beaches Branch during Miss Booth's long illness. We have welcomed some new members to our staff—Miss Diana Gray and Miss Grace Morris, graduates of the Ontario Library Training School of the class of 1924, and Misses Mary Campbell, Grace Lovelock, Gladys McKay, Jessie Nelson and Olive Ring, who have come to us from branch libraries.

Our Monday afternoons Round Table meetings continue to be valuable in smoothing out problems which arise in our Branch from week to week, and also in helping the staff to acquire some knowledge of the new books which come to us and many of which we are unable to find time to read.

The re-arrangement of the Branch has greatly benefitted the work with the High School students. In place of one side of a stack, a small section of the room is now devoted to their needs, and the assistance which Miss Muir and Miss Campbell are able to give them appears to be greatly appreciated by the boys and girls.

The desk lights which have been installed at our outgoing desk and at the slipping table have been a great boon to the staff and also to the Branch.

The display rack is probably the most popular spot in the Library. We have had many exhibits during the year, the most appreciated being, if we may judge from the remarks of the patrons and also from the number of books which were taken from the rack, the one under the heading "We recommend." As the heading implies, only the best books were placed there, and we found that, after all, the people really desire the best.

The circulation of books in the Adult Department for the year amounted to 246,633, made up as follows: fiction, 153,349; non-fiction, 81,560; foreign, 6,719, and current magazines, 5,005. The increase of 7,795 over the previous year was not as large as we would desire, but there is little opportunity for growth in our present quarters. We are hoping to do really big things in our new quarters, when (if ever!) they are provided.

LUNDIA I. C. MACBETH.

Beaches Branch

There has been a very satisfactory increase in circulation at this Branch during the past year, an encouraging interest in the various library activities, and a constantly growing cordiality in the attitude of the public toward the Library. Several of last year's tentative experiments have this year developed into valuable phases of our work.

Miss Betty Caswell, as our representative in the Beaches Library Drama League, has achieved much more than could have been hoped for in so short a time. The League is now organized with a strong executive that is ready to work with the Library toward their aim of interesting people in a better type of drama. The forty-two members with which its second year begins are divided into five study groups. During the winter each of these groups will present a play in the Library without an admission

fee. The members of the League will also meet twice monthly to read plays under the direction of Mr. W. A. Atkinson. Several of the more important productions, under the direction of Mr. Atkinson (director of the Dickens' Fellowship), will be presented in an outside auditorium, where an admission fee may be charged. Among the plays presented last year were: "The Lady of the Weeping Willow Tree," by Stewart Walker; "The Boy Comes Home," by A. A. Milne; "Followers," by Harold Brighouse; "The Will," by Sir J. M. Barrie; and "His Excellency the Governor," by Marshall, this latter play being presented at the request of the Malvern Collegiate Home and School Club.

The Business Girls' Reading Club, which was organized and directed for a time by Miss Louise Boothe, and since her illness by Miss Dorothy Begg (both of our Library), is only a small group, but has done some excellent reading, and closed the year with quite as much enthusiasm as it showed when organized a year ago. Among the subjects for discussion were plays by Barrie, Shaw and Maeterlinck, and novels by Thomas Hardy and Sheila Kaye-Smith.

For the Booklovers' Evenings we were able to plan a rather more ambitious season's programme than in former years, including two exhibitions of pictures, as well as addresses and readings. Mr. A. Y. Jackson, R.C.A., arranged an exhibition of small pictures, and on the same evening talked on "The Development of Modern Canadian Art." Mr. M. O. Hammond loaned an exhibition of photographs of Canadian scenes of historical interest, and Professor W. Stewart Wallace, Librarian of the University of Toronto, gave an address on "The Canada First Party." Mr. George H. Locke spoke at our first meeting on "Recent Fiction," and Mr. F. F. Macpherson, of Hamilton Normal School, on "The Music of Poetry." Dr. E. S. Moore, of the University of Toronto, gave a travelogue on Hudson's Bay. Mr. W. A. Atkinson read "A Christmas Carol," and Miss L. R. Rorke "A Night at an Inn" and "Riders to the Sea." While the attendance has not greatly increased in the past two years, this season's programme has attracted two of the largest audiences that we have yet had, and the number of people who attend is always large enough to fully justify the time spent on this work.

The Library also arranged with Mr. J. W. Chester, Director of Manual Training of the City Schools, to give a demonstration and lesson on linoleum block printing. This meeting was open to any person in the district, and about thirty availed themselves of the opportunity, each making for himself, under Mr. Chester's direction, a linoleum block and print.

Several generous donations to the Library Art Collection have been made during the year. Mr. Randolph Johnston presented some fifty reproductions of drawings by the great masters. This collection is already proving of real value to the art students of the district. Mr. M. O. Hammond has added to our material on Canadian Art photographs of several noted Canadian artists, and of the Allward Bell Memorial. Mr. E. J. Hathaway presented "Galerie, 1925," a catalogue of Polish art.

The Library has now a very fine and well-used collection of books on art, and more complete information on Canadian art than is to be found elsewhere in the City, or, we believe, in Canada.

We have to thank Mr. Lawren Harris for the loan of one of his large pictures, "An Algoma Lake." The coloring of the picture is very pleasing with the grey library wall as a background, and, if we may judge from the comments that we hear, is enjoyed by the patrons of the Library quite as much as by the staff.

Though there is no High School in the immediate district, our work with High School students increases steadily.

Statistical information on the circulation of the books is to be found elsewhere in this Report, and there seems little to add except that each year's experience adds to the interest of the work and the ease with which it is accomplished. Much of the latter is due to the kindly support of other departments, and again we are glad to express our appreciation of the encouragement and assistance of the Chief Librarian.

JESSIE E. RORKE.

Deer Park Branch

At Deer Park during the year 1925 conditions were somewhat improved. It is, however, a test of endurance with us until a building of our own is supplied.

The patronage of our Branch continues to grow, and is handled as adequately as the congestion of space will allow. The best thing about it is that more and more people are being reached by the library service, evidenced by the fact that so many of the new applicants are for the first time borrowers from the Toronto Public Library. This affords an indication of the spread of the library influence.

A two-cent lending library has invaded this district, but this is not discouraging us in our work; indeed it is rather a relief to have fewer enquiries for new fiction and more for titles of more permanent interest which had been seen in passing our display

window at some time or other. Our splendid supply of non-fiction books becomes more and more appreciated.

The total circulation for 1925 was 93,576, of which 74,945 was adult. The total increase was 8,916.

IRENE BELCHER.

Dovercourt Branch

Until September the year 1925 at Dovercourt differed little from the preceding one. Then with the opening of the Bloor Street High School and the registration of its pupils at the Library we made the acquaintance of almost 800 new borrowers.

Many of these were quite unused to adult library books and methods, and if, at first, we were forced to give too large a share of our time and attention to the "white collar brigade," as they were termed, we feel that the disturbance of routine was merely incidental, as the boys and girls have already shown that they can adapt themselves to our ways in a very short time. And if some of the older borrowers have felt that their established rights were being set aside before the more urgent claims of a young and very eager generation, we can assure them that the balance is already being restored, and that both public and staff alike should profit from the introduction into our midst of such a fine and appreciative element as these High School students and their teachers have proved themselves to be.

MARY H. MACGREGOR.

Earls court Branch

The following is a brief report of the special features of our work during 1925:

The addition of a fourth librarian to the adult staff has enabled us to make much more satisfactory progress. Miss Stella Melhuish was with us from April to August, when Miss Florence Withrow, a graduate of the 1924 Library Training School, took her place.

With the larger staff we were able to give more time to special work, and during the year have indexed our fine collection of the *National Geographic* magazine, started a fiction index, a costume scrapbook, and a "where to look" index. We also find that the list we made of suitable books for High School students—sea stories, historical novels, mystery stories, etc.—proved worth while, and the borrowers who are undecided what to take or what they like have used it a great deal.

During the year there were twelve special book displays, with new posters and small panels made for each. There has been a substantial increase of circulation in the literature and history classes, but on the whole our non-fiction circulation is low.

We have been watching with great interest the beautifying of

the walls of the adult room. The mural decoration in progress is being done by Mr. G. A. Reid, R.C.A., under the auspices of the Royal Canadian Academy, and in line with a scheme providing for work of a similar nature being done by Canadian artists in Toronto and other cities of Canada, the purpose of the Academy being to promote public interest in mural decoration. A small sum has been allotted by the Academy towards the expenses of the work, but otherwise the costs are being borne by the artists who undertake the work. The subjects of the panels of the four walls are: (1) The Family; (2) The Story Hour; (3) "The Community," in three panels — Reading, Nature Study, and the Philosophers; (4) A Sylvan Woodland Scene.

The Branch had a substantial increase in its total circulation over that of the preceding year.

GERTRUDE P. BATE.

Eastern Branch

The circulation of Eastern Branch has trebled since we came to the new building four years ago, and if the statistics continue to go up through the coming year and next year after, the Library will become too small for the needs of the people. More tables are needed for magazine readers and those who wish to consult encyclopaedias and other books of reference. Eastern is far distant from the College Street Reference Library, and people are too tired after their day's work to go there, so that our small reference section gets wonderfully patronized. We have sometimes rather a time getting the desired material in the evening, when only one librarian is on duty, and with usually a long line at the marking desk awaiting service.

We have been trying to develop a High School section, but are handicapped for want of a room or extra shelving for that purpose. A suitable room could be built on one side of the Library, and would be of great benefit to the High School age boys and girls.

Nothing has been done outside library work pure and simple, but that has been done as well as we know how. We believe that the status of library work is not lifted by working at what can be carried out better by people belonging to other professions. The circulation within our small community surely shows we are right.

MARY E. REDMOND.

Gerrard Branch

The policy of rigid economy enforced upon the Chief Librarian during the past year was a great blow to a library as young as Gerrard Branch. Short of staff, short of equipment, and short of books, we handled the heavy circulation as well as we could.

With a total collection of 7,000 books we achieved a total circulation of 113,226.

Our first completed year was more surprising even than our first half-year. In six months we had an increase of 10,000 in circulation of books, and the increase in every other way was as nearly proportionate as we were able to make it.

The few clippings, pamphlets and pictures that we were able to procure have proved their worth many times over. Our list for Amateur Dramatics, which we compiled by reading plays and authoritative lists, was well patronised. But here we found that the list alone fell far short of the satisfaction derived from the list accompanied by a talk with the librarian.

Another list that has proven worth while is a reading list, on cards, for junior adults. We labelled it, "What Shall I Read?", and under interesting headings we placed the titles of all our books suitable for pupils of the High School age. To facilitate their choice we placed in one alcove, along with the list, a large proportion of the books listed, with a sign reading, "Junior Adult Section." We found our efforts well repaid.

In March we were pleased to have the members of the Toronto Public Library Association visit Gerrard. In October, to further *l'entente cordiale*, we entertained the teachers of the neighbouring High School at tea.

The Children's Department entertained a large group of Public School teachers in November, to celebrate Children's Book Week. The teachers were in a fever of enthusiasm and brought whole classes to the Library for weeks afterward.

At the request of the leader of a neighbouring group of Canadian Girls in Training, the librarian gave them a short book talk in December. Beginning with popular Canadian novels for girls, one or two book sequences were mapped out. These led into a survey of interesting non-fiction books on Canada.

A vigorous, intelligent and rapidly growing public such as we have in this district—a public that not only clamor for a library, but use it as they have done this past year—deserve something much better in the way of books than they have had this year.

"As a sky that has no constellations,
As a country unwatered by brooks,
As a house that is empty of kindred,
Unillumined by loving looks,
So dull is the life of the people
Who know not the blessing of books."

MARY RAY.

High Park Branch

During the year just closed High Park suffered a serious loss. For some time Miss Christina Craig had been laboring under the grave disadvantage of increasing ill-health, until finally she was forced to obtain a prolonged leave of absence. Her illness has been a grave loss to the Library and a source of deep regret to all those associated with her. In consequence the personnel has undergone a series of changes. However, the Branch has not palpably suffered, since each successive librarian has brought new ideas and a fresh enthusiasm.

The increase in circulation for the year is very modest; the prospect for the future is hopeful. Although there was a gradual decrease in the spring months, there has been more than a corresponding increase since October.

More important, perhaps, than any numerical increase, there has developed a very pleasant relationship between the staff and the public. This friendliness tends to increase the amount of personal attention on the part of the librarian and leads to a disregard of the mechanical aids, yet the extra work necessitated by the direct appeal is more than compensated for by the knowledge that we are giving satisfaction.

RUTH M. HOME.

Northern Branch

Our objective at Northern for the year 1925 was a circulation of 100,000. We almost reached it with 98,237. The busiest day in the year was Saturday, November 14th, when we loaned 918 books.

We are fortunate in being able to make use of the *Hudson Herald*, a local paper which is very popular and in which the editor kindly prints any item of interest which we send. Some of the residents of the district have also made use of this paper to express appreciation of the Library and of the work we are doing.

There are a great many dramatic, debating and reading clubs formed in connection with the schools and churches in this district, and we have concentrated on giving assistance to them rather than forming clubs within the Library.

Our High School Room has been of immense benefit to the Collegiate pupils in preparing their essays and debates. One of our boys won several medals in oratorical contests during the year. Miss Mary Smart took charge of this phase of the work last November, in place of Miss Ada Graham, who left in July to become Librarian of the Department of Medicine of Toronto University. We have reorganized our work to allow Miss Smart more time in the High School Room, and it is now known to the

students that she is always free to give them assistance between three and five in the afternoon.

With the help of a third librarian, whom we have now, we hope to be able to give the public even better service in this coming year.

JOSEPHINE MCCALLY.

Queen and Lisgar Branch

The year 1925 shows an increase in our circulation. The latter, though not as large as we would wish it, is nevertheless encouraging.

We have been withdrawing many old books to make room for the High School section, but are still waiting for the necessary books to carry on this end of our work satisfactorily. Our adult borrowers are asking for more books—especially new fiction.

The walls and ceiling of this Library are an eyesore to everyone. Surely it is our turn for a thorough renovating! Then, in bright surroundings and with new books, Queen and Lisgar ought to hold its own this coming year.

MARGARET BRADY.

Riverdale Branch

The anticipation that a decrease would be felt at Riverdale with the opening of the new Gerrard Branch has proved a myth. It is true we lost borrowers, but many more have taken their places, and we closed the year with an increase in circulation of 1,800 in the Adult Department, which is slightly less than the increase for the Branch as a whole over the preceding year. We feel that we are having all that we can handle under our present conditions. An increase in circulation means an increase in the number of patrons, and there is not sufficient room between the stacks to have many more in the room at one time. It is really quite ludicrous to see the manoeuvres of the borrowers, as one tries to pass others between the stacks, or to see one on her knees trying to read the titles of the books on the bottom shelf, while she grumbles at the dim light, or, more indirectly, at the one who casts the shadow.

The room for the boys and girls is not large enough to accommodate all who come at one time. Such crowding does not tend to train children to a proper use of the Library, nor does it let the other section be properly enjoyed by their elders. Nor indeed is it comfortable to have the children feel that when they have had their books marked and have passed through their door, they can race through the adult department, which to them is just a hall.

The slight decrease of 400 reported in the Branch total does not in any way mean fewer borrowers in the Library, but is entirely due to the cutting off of loan collections to classes in schools at distances too far for children to come alone. To these classes Miss Lewis had been providing books, but in the fall felt that all our books were needed to supply those who could come to select their own.

We have cause for thankfulness in the fact that we have not had to have changes in our staff, but have had a year of splendid regular attendance, the work being carried on in a cheerful manner in spite of the discomfort and handicap under which all work.

The desk equipment is no longer adequate for the increased work of the Branch. We were obliged to give up even occasional use of the tables placed in the main room primarily for the staff. All members have to work within the small enclosure of the charging desk, thus greatly hampering any special work attempted.

We made no effort to advertise our Library last year, as up to the present we cannot satisfy the demands made upon us. We received many reprints during the year, but their life was short, and the number of books of fiction withdrawn exceeded the replacements. We also have been sorely pressed by the long delay in receiving back books sent for repair. Our chief efforts to stimulate circulation have been through seasonable posters and special book collections.

I would like to emphasize our great need of material for the High School work, as well as stories for the "teen age" borrowers.

Recently we had occasion to look up the circulation statistics of the first years in Riverdale; the comparisons were most interesting. In 1911 the year's total was 57,666, of which 15,171 was juvenile. In 1919 the total was 125,996, of which 39,183 was juvenile. That year the Branch suffered its first decrease, 312, due to the "flu" epidemic. In 1921 the circulation reached 158,633, of which 52,439 was juvenile. In 1922 the closing of the Gerrard Street bridge caused the second decrease, but it rallied the next year and reached, during the last two years, well over 176,000, more than trebling the circulation in fifteen years, and we trust, also, the value of the work.

LILIAN M. JACKES.

Western Branch

In reviewing the work of the Western Branch for the year 1925 the most gratifying element has been the increased evidence we have had of the confidence and interest which the people of the community evince in the Library.

More and more we find leaders of groups and clubs, whether cultural, religious, musical or educational, coming to the Library for help before planning their season's work. It is, in fact, this side of our work, namely, that of adult education, which we hope to emphasize in the future.

In an effort to do this we started, in November, a series of lectures, to which our readers were invited. These we feel will fill the definite need in our community of a centre where matters of a purely literary character may be discussed. At the inaugural evening our speaker was Mr. Locke, who gave a talk on Canadian Literature, which included the most outstanding publications of the current year. That Mr. Locke's lecture was appreciated was evidenced by the fact that within a week we had several requests for a continuation of such talks.

We formed also a reading and study group for young women. This winter they are studying English Drama. The group is under the direction of Miss Katharine Secord, a new member of the staff.

Our work with young people of High School age continues to be one of the most satisfying aspects of our work.

Acting upon Miss Barnstead's suggestion, that one member of a branch staff should be made responsible for the catalogue, we have given this part of the work to Miss Gladys Brown.

During the past year there was an increase over the preceding year of 5,571 in the number of books circulated. In looking back over the last ten years we can report steady progress. There has been a yearly advance in circulation, that of 1925 showing an increase of 42% over that of 1915, a result which is gratifying in view of the fact that Western Branch is situated in the centre of one of the oldest settled suburban districts of Toronto.

Wychwood Branch

ANNIE C. B. MILLAR.

Wychwood Branch had a much brighter year than that of 1924, showing an increase in the circulation of 8803. The work with the High School students and the use of the Library by out-of-town visitors, who very much appreciate the deposit system, showed a marked increase.

The St. Clair Horticultural Society presented this Branch with a silver cup for the best-kept public grounds in the district.

Our displays of books, arranged from time to time in hopes of stimulating reading of other sort than fiction, had little or no effect.

With the promise of more shelving and more new books we hope that two of our main problems will be solved.

JESSIE H. DOUGLAS DICKSON.

Yorkville Branch

In 1925 Yorkville circulated 5,411 books more than in the year before. Books to the number of 65,687 were borrowed from the Adult Department, and 23,480 from the Boys and Girls room.

There are four fairly large lending libraries in connection with bookstores in our immediate neighbourhood. These, for the most part, circulate fiction, and as our collection cannot wholly meet the demand for popular recent novels, several of our borrowers have joined the ranks of their patrons. If we are kept provided with attractive non-fiction—especially biographies, books of travel and of general literature—Yorkville will still attract those borrowers who are eager to keep abreast of modern thought; but three or four copies of every one of the best new novels of the day are most necessary also. One book of “seven-day” fiction may be read by not more than five or six people in a month, yet every day fifty or sixty are hopefully looking for it. Our aim is to give the right book to the right person at the right time.

In Christmas week we changed the arrangement of the books from the ribbon system, separating fiction from non-fiction. This was most exhausting work, but we have been rewarded by the appreciation of our borrowers, and also by an increase in the non-fiction circulation.

In November we began to prepare a list of subjects for essays and oral compositions; we are also beginning a “where to look” index, and are classifying our fiction and re-lettering our non-fiction. With this necessarily slow work we hope to progress in 1926, and in other ways to make our collection more accessible and of greater assistance to the people who use our books.

FREDERICA MILLER.

The Music Library

“If music be the food of love, play on.”

Judging from the number of books issued during the past year, such may have been the sentiments of our increasing number of borrowers. Taking into consideration the fact that the Music Library is closed every night except Saturday, one afternoon a week, and at noon hour every day, a total annual circulation of 6,000 books is a matter for congratulation. This is only a fraction

of the work that might be done in a music-loving city like Toronto if we had ample accommodation for books, and adequate floor space to enable us to provide reading-tables for our borrowers.

In our present situation it is almost necessary to discourage the interest taken by borrowers in music rather than to encourage them, as our quarters admit of no expansion.

Piano music is most popular with our borrowers, but there is a growing demand for books on appreciation of music. Mr. Percy Scholes in his visit to Toronto seems to have revived popular interest in books of this kind.

Folk songs and folk dances also form a goodly part of the circulation. The reference work in music carries on as usual. Material for lectures, on subjects varying from the earliest periods of music down the ages to the present time, is being asked for constantly.

A number of new books have been added during the year, a few outstanding ones being:

Leopold Auer—My Long Life in Music.

Sydney Grew—Favorite musical performers, musicians, singers.

Dr. A. Ham—Outlines of Music.

Wanda Landowska—Music of the Past.

E. Burchenal—National Dances of Ireland.

S. Spaeth—The Common Sense of Music.

D. Laurie—Reminiscences of a Fiddler.

O. Gibbons—Tudor Church Music.

Also books on voice culture and modern French music.

MARGARET McELDERRY.

Accessioning Department

The year 1925 has been a lean one for the Toronto Public Library, owing to the serious shortage in its appropriation. The consequence is that approximately four thousand fewer books were accessioned this year than last year.

Although the public probably felt this deprivation rather keenly, the Accessioning Department made excellent use of the slackening in the tide of books to revise the card catalogue, an opportunity never attainable before.

The number of books (exclusive of patents), accessioned in 1925 was 35,666. The total accessions for the year were 36,551 books, of which 778 were gifts.

PATRICIA O'CONNOR.

Registration Department

Total registrations—	
Adult borrowers.....	17,667
Juvenile borrowers.....	10,813
Total.....	28,480
Transfers from Juvenile to Adult.....	3,005
Renewals of filled cards.....	21,505
Lost cards replaced.....	5,317
Applications renewed.....	7,820
Applications withdrawn.....	525
Borrowers' cards cancelled for fines.....	1,477
Postcard notices of books overdue.....	27,644
Borrowers' notices of books overdue.....	8,263
Guarantors' notices.....	1,555

ADA E. RUSE.

TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Toronto Public Library Association held eight regular meetings during the year 1925. The Executive met five times.

We have our Programme Convenor to thank for some delightful meetings this year. In February a Masquerade was held in the Art Room. In March the meeting was held at Gerrard Branch, when we were entertained by two excellent book reviews and a bright little playlet. In May the Dramatic Club took charge of the programme. The June meeting took the form of a garden party at Earls Court Branch, where the Glee Club provided the entertainment. At the September meeting two of the girls on the staff gave bright and interesting accounts of their holiday experiences. In October we had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Mabel Williams, of the New York Public Library, who spoke on the subject of "Older Boys and Girls;" and in November Mr. Charles E. Rush, of the Indianapolis Public Library, addressed the Association on the subject of "Balanced Library Rations."

The question of reducing the number of Association meetings came up during the year, and it was decided to have four regular meetings instead of meeting every month.

The membership for 1925 was 118, a gain of 6 over that of 1924.

JEAN MACMILLAN,
Secretary.

THE DRAMATIC CLUB

The Dramatic Club of the Toronto Public Library gave a play called "At the Sign of the Greedy Pig," from "The Book of Frightful Plays," by C. S. Brooke. Two performances were given

at the Chapter House of St. Alban's Cathedral. One performance was given for the Library Association on May 20th, and the other for the benefit of the Chapter House on May 22nd. This second performance was given by request.

In September a meeting was held at the home of the President, Miss Warde, and it was decided to hold regular monthly meetings of the club.

The October meeting was held at Wychwood Branch. Mr. Roy Mitchell gave a short talk, and some plans for the future were discussed.

A party was given for the staff and students of the Library School at Wychwood Branch in November. Three short plays were given and refreshments were served.

OLIVE E. RING,
Secretary-Treasurer.

THE ART CLUB

During the year 1925 the Art Club met seven times.

Through the kindness of Mr. Wylie Grier, the January meeting was held at The Grange, where Mrs. Gordon Mills gave an interesting talk on the pictures of the "Group of Seven" which were on exhibition at that time.

The Round Table group for the making of posters, begun last year for visiting librarians, was held in April, during the Ontario Library Association week, and was conducted by Miss MacBeth, Miss Muir and Miss Rorke.

Mr. Findley, of the Riverdale Technical School, acted as critic when the posters which had been made during the year by the staff were on display.

Miss Dorothy Haines, lecturer on archaeology at the Royal Ontario Museum, spoke to the Art Club on two occasions. The one given at the Museum was a talk on the Chinese collection. The other, "The History of the Book," was given in the Art Gallery of the Reference Library, to which the Library School students were invited. At this meeting several old books and first prints were shown.

The last meeting of the year was in the form of a luncheon at the Diet Kitchen Tea Rooms, Bloor Street. The results of the election of officers for the coming year were announced as follows: Honorary President, Miss Staton; President, Miss Wheeler; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Finch.

ELIZABETH JONES.
Secretary.

THE DISCUSSION CLUB

The Discussion Club continued the study of Modern Drama which it had begun in the preceding term. Irish and Continental Drama was the subject of the Spring term, and papers were read on Dunsany, Lady Gregory, W. B. Yeats, J. M. Synge, Tchekov, Ibsen, Hauptmann, Rostand, Brieux, Bjornson, Maeterlinck, Echegaray and Andreyev.

The Fall term was devoted to an intensive study of George Bernard Shaw, taking up his plays from the standpoint of the ideas expressed in them. Papers were read dealing with Shaw's views on war, nationalism, heroism, duty, revenge, social conditions, love and marriage, and his philosophy in general. Professor De Lury, of the University of Toronto, gave a delightful talk on "Saint Joan."

The average attendance at these meetings was twenty-five. The Club decided to begin the study of psychology during the coming year.

THE MUSIC CLUB

The Music Club had a very successful beginning, with an increase of five members; but we were sorry to lose Miss Adams and Miss Hambly, both of whom left us to be married.

The Club gave an amusing "operetta" at the masquerade, February 18th, and also entertained the Association at the Earls court garden party in June. This year an annual fee of fifty cents was instituted.

The officers for the year 1926 are Miss Margaret Ray as President and Miss Wheeler as Secretary-Treasurer.

FREDERICA A. WHEELER.

BOOK REPAIRS

In spite of the fact that the withholding by the City Council of upwards of \$15,000 from the amount of the Library's estimated requirements for maintenance having obliged us to dispense with the services of one of her assistants, Miss Clark is able to show a very creditable amount of work done during the year. More and more the value of the "stitch in time" method of treating books is being vindicated. Our repairs staff has kept thousands of books in circulation that otherwise would soon have had to be discarded. Following is Miss Clark's tabulated statement:—

REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS—JAN. TO DEC., 1925.

<i>Branches</i>	<i>Adult</i>		<i>Juvenile</i>	
	<i>Books</i>	<i>Hours</i>	<i>Books</i>	<i>Hours</i>
Beaches	1,014	412½	710	268
College	3,739	1,317	1,469	436

Church	999	306	190	70
Deer Park.....	797	264	116	39
Dovercourt	622	259½	388	148
Earlscourt	161	68	276	96½
Eastern	465	158	162	62
Gerrard	485	134	288	100
High Park.....	506	172½	270	97
Queen and Lisgar..	411	142½	138	50
Northern	558	188	111	39
Riverdale	429	156½	536	203
Wychwood	233	83½	190	72
Western	145	61	264	89
Yorkville	1,305	433	268	97½
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	11,869	4,156	5,376	1,867

Number of books repaired.....	17,245
Number of hours.....	6,023
Books re-backed.....	9,842
Books sewn through.....	1,424

AGNES CLARK.

THE JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON HISTORICAL COLLECTION

During the year 1925, owing to the crowded condition of the Gallery, there was a slight decrease in the number of visitors. Despite this inconvenience it was a year of interest to us because of the great appreciation shown by the many groups of visitors as well as by individuals who were interested in educational work, especially in early Canadian history.

We were favoured in September with a visit from eighty members of the British Overseas Teachers' League. In October Mrs. Helen Reece, Superintendent of the Birchcliff School, brought up her entrance class, numbering about forty pupils. In November a number of children from St. Patrick's School, accompanied by the Sister in charge, paid us a visit also.

Teachers, as well as many visitors from abroad, expressed their astonishment at the wonderful collection of Canadiana. We are still hoping against hope that a gallery befitting this grand gift of Mr. John Ross Robertson's may materialize at no distant date.

MARGARET McELDERRY.

**FORM FOR LIBRARY STATISTICS ADOPTED BY THE
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,
DECEMBER 31, 1914**

Annual report for year ended December 31st, 1925.

Name of Library—Toronto Public Library.

City or town—Toronto, Canada.

Population served—542,187.

Terms of use—Free for lending.

Free for reference.

Total number of agencies:

Main Circulating Library, Main Reference Library, Municipal

Reference Library and Boys and Girls House..... 4

Branches (Thirteen occupy separate buildings)..... 14

Number of days open during year (College Street Library)—all, save legal holidays.

Hours open each week for lending (Coll. L.)—9 to 9.

Hours open each week for reading (Coll. L.)—9 to 9.

Number of volumes at beginning of year..... 442,992

Number of volumes added during year by purchase..... 35,792

Number of volumes added during year by gift or exchange..... 778

Number of volumes lost or withdrawn during year..... 42,657

Total number at end of year: Circulating, 309,637; Settlement Libraries, 2,467; Reference, 105,523; Municipal Reference, 2,138; Reserve Stock, 2,372; Manuscripts, 334; Patents, 13,354. Total..... 464,732

Number of pamphlets at beginning of year..... 28,523

Number of pamphlets added during year..... 384

Total number of pamphlets at end of year..... 28,907

Number of volumes of fiction lent for home use..... 1,086,200

Total number of volumes lent for home use..... *2,145,250

Number of borrowers registered during the year..... 28,480

Total number of registered borrowers..... 290,678

Registration period, years..... 3

Newspapers and periodicals (other than donations) currently received:

Titles..... 413

Copies..... 777

Receipts from

Unexpended balance...\$ 11,106.66

Local taxation..... 322,175.00

Provincial grant..... 4,072.34

Fines and sales of publications..... 9,832.36

Other sources..... 5,402.30

Total.....\$352,588.66

Payments for

Maintenance:

Books, freight and maps.\$ 45,173.44

Periodicals..... 3,302.09

Binding and book repairing 13,681.17

Salaries, library service.. 207,998.53

Salaries, janitor service.. 28,170.64

Rents..... 1,800.00

Heat, Light and Water.. 13,322.76

Other Maintenance..... 39,030.14

Total.....\$352,478.77

*This report takes no account of the use of books in the Reference Library or in the Municipal Reference Library, where one-third of our work is done.

Use of books during 1925

CLASSIFI- CATION	Beaches	Church Street	College	Deer Park	Dovercourt	Earlscourt	Eastern	Gerrard	High Park	Northern	Queen and Lisgar	Riverdale	Western	Wychwood	Vorville	University Settlement	Total
Fiction	79,656	59,270	153,349	59,891	114,354	94,355	49,015	53,041	76,904	57,591	47,792	86,577	49,091	50,241	55,073	..	1,086,200
Non-Fiction	16,512	20,157	81,560	14,200	24,895	15,974	10,021	12,404	16,122	11,483	8,377	20,458	14,055	8,845	10,399	..	285,462
Juvenile	31,175	11,950	103,705	18,631	68,803	48,591	37,611	47,781	37,205	29,029	25,121	69,428	34,442	26,663	23,480	40,058	653,673
Foreign . . . . .	..	1,276	6,719	16	90	50	..	..	16	4	2	36	1	..	81	..	8,291
Cur. Magaz's . . . . .	..	724	5,005	838	794	338	..	..	250	180	932	66	..	..	134	..	9,262
Total	127,343	93,377	350,338	93,576	208,936	159,308	96,647	113,226	130,497	98,287	82,224	176,565	97,590	85,749	89,167	40,058	2,042,888
Magazines in Read'g-Rm . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	102,362
Reference . . . . .	..	102,362	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	221,347
Municipal Ref. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,645
Total	127,343	195,739	350,338	93,576	208,936	159,308	96,647	113,226	130,497	98,287	82,224	176,565	97,590	85,749	89,167	40,058	2,272,880

Books added during 1925

CLASSIFI- CATION	Beaches	Boys and Girls House	Church	College	Deer Park	Dovercourt	Earlscount	Eastern	Gerrard	High Park	Northern	Queen and Lisgar	Riverdale	Western	Wychwood	Yorkville	Total
Bibliography...	13		26	29	13	12	13	4	73	6	7	14	19	25	6	11	271
Philosophy...	9		7	58	8	12	12	9	10	4	15	10	15	8	3	13	193
Religion...	13		9	94	12	37	23	13	17	25	20	14	28	12	9	25	351
Sociology...	27		34	103	22	40	23	38	41	12	23	16	43	34	18	26	500
Dictionaries...				3	1	1	2	1	1	1	3		2	1	1	1	18
Science...	25		12	56	15	27	21	15	41	14	35	14	36	23	6	18	358
Applied Science	48		68	112	20	58	49	55	58	22	22	36	41	20	21	26	656
Fine Arts	108		39	354	57	81	40	43	69	39	42	28	68	41	26	29	1,064
Literature...	143		98	323	93	121	72	65	185	89	109	108	100	107	55	77	1,745
Travel...	3		16	15	8	16	5		9	4	10	3	9	10	3	3	114
Biography...	48		29	103	41	41	43	29	56	32	44	40	35	29	35	29	634
History...	135		67	300	93	104	78	57	85	66	109	50	71	64	51	55	1,385
Fiction...	724		1,038	2,169	775	1,293	689	748	934	712	794	741	1,098	725	535	736	13,711
Juvenile...	311		673		297	837	713	585	974	583	315	505	780	457	343	291	9,379
German...				8											18		26
French...	1		2	59	2	1				1	2			1			69
Italian...				6													6
Spanish...			1	3													4
Yiddish...				1													1
Misc. Foreign...			1	11										1			13
Reference...	18		20	27	18	14	10	10	27	11	210	15	14	116	8	18	536
Total.....	1,626	1,715	2,140	5,549	1,475	2,695	1,793	1,672	2,580	1,621	1,760	1,594	2,359	1,674	1,138	1,358	31,034

ERRATUM—*Of the 61,305 books credited to the College branch (page 39) 12,065 are Juvenile books on the shelves of the Boys' and Girls' House.*

Approximate Distribution of Books by Classes and by Libraries

CLASSIFICATION	Beaches	Church	College	Deer Park	Dovercourt	Earlscourt	Eastern	Gerrard	High Park	Northern	Queen and Lagar	Riverdale	Western	Wyckwood	Yorkville	Total
Bibliography.....	204	992	827	222	387	489	113	77	87	180	1,960	800	269	134	1,370	8,111
Philosophy.....	138	1,468	1,020	216	266	111	67	57	212	98	285	369	235	124	278	4,944
Religion.....	306	2,400	1,758	206	480	313	167	144	384	190	259	396	358	225	293	7,879
Sociology.....	608	3,135	3,453	473	1,344	474	398	168	683	390	458	1,066	715	480	522	14,567
Dictionaries.....	26	4	165	13	40	24	9	8	43	26	14	51	51	21	12	507
Science.....	429	2,391	1,384	269	706	346	266	146	474	350	372	648	572	452	345	9,150
Applied Science.....	821	3,126	2,760	427	1,372	819	554	362	607	547	606	1,298	813	660	469	15,241
Fine Arts.....	817	2,748	5,181	572	1,105	465	333	272	735	417	452	896	751	500	466	15,710
Literature.....	1,377	4,337	5,317	1,572	2,119	852	683	681	1,874	908	1,315	1,732	1,360	1,169	1,505	26,801
Travel.....	156	2,251	1,015	247	697	146	131	45	56	207	653	568	399	281	546	7,398
Biography.....	680	1,473	3,022	697	1,051	731	365	293	788	556	1,060	1,163	905	749	907	14,420
History.....	1,177	3,594	6,287	1,485	2,265	1,334	743	561	1,992	1,057	1,478	1,830	1,613	988	1,545	27,949
Fiction.....	4,325	10,418	15,154	4,094	6,104	4,840	4,442	3,103	5,124	4,321	6,807	5,953	5,652	4,802	5,824	90,963
Juvenile.....	2,964	1,196	12,065	3,479	3,459	3,493	3,318	3,052	4,599	2,823	2,047	3,215	2,953	2,949	3,103	54,715
German.....	.....	910	121	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	2	18	53	1,132
French.....	2	837	517	24	1	1	.....	1	5	5	.....	.....	11	3	43	1,450
Italian.....	.....	212	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	242
Spanish.....	.....	76	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	118
Yiddish.....	.....	.....	113	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	114
Misc. Foreign.....	.....	43	383	9	15	1	5	.....	4	7	2	.....	13	1	.....	485
Reference.....	279	582	695	272	1,158	274	165	119	256	921	506	984	946	217	2	7,941
Total.....	14,309	42,193	61,305	14,279	22,569	14,713	11,759	9,089	17,903	13,003	18,274	20,995	17,622	13,773	17,851	309,637

BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, MANUSCRIPTS

Total books, patents, pamphlets Dec. 31st, 1924. 471,515

Additions during 1925:

Circulating Libraries.	31,034	
Reference.	2,433	
Municipal Reference.	131	
Patents.	885	
Pamphlets.	384	
Settlement Libraries.	743	
Reserved Stock.	960	
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		36,570
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		508,085

Deductions during 1925:

Withdrawn.	38,369	
Lost and Paid for.	203	
Taken by Medical Health Dept.	144	
Missing.	4,637	
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		43,353
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		464,732
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Distribution of Books, etc.

Circulating Libraries.	309,637
Reference.	105,523
Municipal Reference.	2,138
Patents.	13,354
Pamphlets.	28,907
Manuscripts.	334
Settlement Libraries.	2,467
Reserved Stock.	2,372
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	464,732
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THE BINDERY

MONTH	New Books Stamped	Old Books Repaired	Old Books Rebound	New Books Bound	Magazine Covers Lettered	Total
January.....	587	135	418	123	41	1,304
February.....	864	149	450	142	44	1,649
March.....	1,233	480	334	182	7	2,236
April.....	1,021	41	223	183	4	1,472
May.....	897	176	315	319	33	1,740
June.....	372	217	478	47	0	1,114
July.....	730	167	213	180	0	1,290
August.....	182	138	390	100	6	816
September.....	610	209	434	16	10	1,279
October.....	722	214	305	47	1	1,289
November.....	697	203	392	165	19	1,476
December.....	657	297	261	124	21	1,360
Total.....	8,572	2,426	4,213	1,628	186	17,025

JOSEPH FULTON, Manager

	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES
Jan. 1 To Cash on hand.....	\$ 100.00	Dec. 31 By Books and Freight..... \$ 45,141.99
Balance in Dominion Bank.....	11,006.66	Newspapers and Magazines... 3,302.09
Dec. 31 Rents.....	\$ 746.67	Binding and Book Repairing.. 13,681.17
Tickets.....	2,085.84	Caretaking Salaries and Wages... 28,170.64
Fines.....	9,832.36	Caretaking Supplies..... 2,575.82
Books lost.....	249.89	Rent of Branches..... 1,800.00
Books Damaged.....	126.32	Postage..... 2,018.97
Catalogues Sold.....	37.30	J. Ross Robertson Collection and Music..... 1,530.32
Waste Paper.....	198.97	Supplies..... 2,977.17
Magazines Sold (from files)....	10.85	Catalogues and Cataloguing.. 4,651.47
Legislative Grant.....	4,072.34	Care of Grounds..... 4,192.62
I. Ross Robertson Collection..	17.00	Printing and Registration... 1,718.23
Library Rate.....	322,175.00	Light, Fuel, Gas and Water.. 13,322.76
Information furnished to out of town readers.....	3.75	Insurance..... 820.22
Ontario Library Association...	10.00	Stationery..... 405.08
Transferred from Building Account (Permission of City Council).....	1,793.71	Repairs and Alterations..... 10,212.88
Bank Interest.....	122.00	Telephones..... 1,397.11
		Auto Upkeep..... 430.67
		Salaries and Wages..... 207,998.53
		Taxes..... 1,485.48
		Petty Expenses..... 353.54
		American Library Association 200.00
		Truck Service..... 1,734.61
		Furniture, Furnishings, Equip- ment, Repairs..... 2,249.57
		Maps..... 31.45
		Workmen's Compensation... 6.38
		Travelling Expenses..... 65.00
		Ontario Library Association.. 5.00
		Cash on hand..... 6.88
		Balance in Dominion Bank College St. and Spadina Ave.
		103.01
		109.89
		\$ 352,588.66
		\$ 352,588.66

Audited and approved,
March 9, 1926 SHOLTO C. SCOTT, City Auditor.

SUPPLEMENT No. 2—1926

**Supplementary list of Books and Pamphlets published in
Canada up to the year Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-
Seven, copies of which are in the Public
Reference Library, Toronto, Canada.**

- 1776—Règlement de la Confrérie de l'Adoration perpétuelle du Saint Sacrement et de la bonne mort, érigée dans l'église paroissiale de Ville-Marie, en l'Isle de Montréal, en Canada; nouvelle édition. Montréal: F. Mesplets & C. Berger, 1776.
- 1790—Extract of the proceedings of a committee of the whole Council under the following order of reference relative to a conversion of the present tenures in the province of Quebec into that of free and common soccage, printed by order of His Excellency the Governor in Council of the 20th October, 1790, for the use of the members of the Legislative council. Quebec: Printed by Samuel Neilson, 1790.
- 1801—Talebearing a great sin; a sermon preached Lord's day, February 22, 1801, to which is added Thoughts on the glorious Gospel of Christ, by Clark Bentom, Protestant missionary. Quebec: Printed by John Neilson, 1801.
- 1803—The Quebec almanac and British American royal kalendar for the year, 1803. Quebec: Printed by J. Neilson, 1803.
- 1806—Manuel abrégé de controverse; ou, Controverse (!) des pauvres, ouvrage tr. de l'anglois de J. Mannock, O.S.B. Québec: Imprimé à la Nouvelle imprimerie, 1806.
- 1809—La Solide dévotion à la très-sainte famille de Jésus, Marie & Joseph. Québec: Imprimé à la Nouvelle imprimerie, 1809.
- 1810—Some considerations on this question, whether the British government acted wisely in granting to Canada her present constitution? with an appendix containing documents, &c., by a British settler (J. Fleming). Montreal: Printed and sold by J. Brown, 1810.
- 1811—Grammaire française pour servir d'introduction à la grammaire latine. Montréal: Imprimé par J. Brown, 1811.

- 1812—Abstract of the provincial ordinance 27th Geo. III, chap. 2nd, and of the provincial statutes 43d Geo. III, chap. 1st, and 52nd Geo. III, chap. 1st, for quartering the troops and conveying effects belonging to government and for the better regulation of the militia of this province, divided into four chapters, by Louis Levesque, Esquire, Advocate. Quebec: Printed by P. E. Desbarats, 1812.
- 1815—Sermons on various subjects, by Hugh Blair, D.D. Montreal: Printed by Nahum Mower, 1815.
- 1816—A Bill introduced in the House of assembly of the province of Lower Canada, for the relief of persons who are really in a state of indigence, and more effectually to compel vagabonds and idle persons to earn a livelihood by labour. (French and English). Quebec: Printed at the New printing office, 1816.
- 1816—A Bill introduced in the Legislative council of the Province of Lower Canada, concerning further notarial acts or deeds to carry mortgages and to establish offices for the enregistrement of all such acts or deeds within this province. Quebec: Printed at the New printing office, 1816.
- 1817—A Report of the formation of a Methodist missionary society for the Nova-Scotia district, at a public meeting held at the Methodist chapel, Halifax, on the third of June, 1817, with the resolutions which were proposed and carried, together with a short address to the inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, to which are added important and interesting extracts from a report recently published in England, and a list of the foreign stations of the Methodist missionaries, &c. Halifax: Printed by Edmund Ward, 1817.
- 1821—A Selection from the Psalms of David, the music (adapted to the organ and pianoforte) by Dr. Miller, and the words by the Revd. George Hay Drummond, arranged in such a manner as to present at one view the music in score for four voices, and all the words appointed to be sung to each tune, as it occurs in the general index, by the Revd. George Jenkins, B.D., chaplain to His Majesty's forces, and evening lecturer of Christ Church, Montreal, and dedicated by permission to the Right Revd. Father in God Jacob, lord bishop of Quebec. Montreal, Lower Canada: Printed by William Gray, 1821.
- 1821, 1823—Third and sixth reports of the House of assembly respecting seigniorial and crown lands. Quebec: 1821-23.
- 1823—Lettres des curés des paroisses respectives du Bas-Canada, dont il est fait mention dans le cinquième rapport du Comité spécial sur les terres incultes de la Couronne, imprimées en conformité à l'ordre suivant de la Chambre d'assemblée. Québec: 1823.

- 1823—Proceedings of a special committee appointed on Wednesday, the 15th January, 1823, on the bill for the better regulation of the fisheries in the district of Gaspé, with an instruction to consider whether it be not expedient to extend the dispositions of the said bill to the counties of Cornwallis and Northumberland. Quebec: Printed by T. Cary, 1823.
- 1824—Premier rapport du Comité spécial de la Chambre d'assemblée sur le Bill grossoyé du Conseil législatif, pour abroger certaines parties de l'acte de judicature, et pour faire de plus amples dispositions pour l'administration plus certaine et plus uniforme de la justice dans cette province. Québec: Imprimé par P. E. Desbarats, 1824.
- 1824—Rapport du Comité spécial de la Chambre d'assemblée du Bas-Canada, nommé pour s'enquérir de l'état actuel de l'éducation dans la province du Bas-Canada. Québec: T. Cary & cie., imprimeurs, 1824.
- 1825—Neuvaine à l'honneur de St. François Xavier avec l'ordinaire de la messe, prières pour la communion, les vêpres du dimanche & les complies. Saint-Philippe: L'Imprimerie ecclésiastique, 1825.
- 1825—Remarks on the improvement of live stock. Saint John, N.B.: Printed by Henry Chubb, 1825.
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