

Brantford May 3rd 1892

The 8th Annual Report of the Brantford Public Library for the year ending the 30th of April 1892 is one of encouragement to the Board of Management

The amount spent for Books for the year was \$867.55 less than the year before by \$374.00, and the amount spent for Binding was \$184.00, more than the year before by \$80.00, making a difference for the year of \$794.00

The cost of Publishing the new Catalogue with the extras was \$1252.00 making the cost of Books, Binding and new Catalogue within fifty dollars of the amount spent for Books and binding the year before

The number of Books purchased during the year was 648, while 984 volumes were purchased the year before a decrease of 336 volumes for the year

The number of volumes now in the library is 9920, while last year's Report shows 8977, a difference of 943 volumes, this large increase is made up of two years bound magazines, and all books in the new Catalogue having a number, while in the old many of the most popular authors were duplicated and some with three and four copies of the same book had but one number

The number of Readers during the year was 2105 an increase of 150, accounted for in some measure by the extension of the city limits

The supply of Daily and weekly newspapers for the year was 25, one less than last year, the Dominion Illustrated being published in magazine form this year, Magazines for the year 34 two more than last year with 12 Periodicals making 43 in all

The number of Books issued for the year is 46,574 as against 49,156. Volumes last year an apparent Decrease, given there were as many Books issued for the months of May, June and July of 1891, when the Books were withdrawn from circulation while the new Catalogue was being prepared, as there was for the same months for the year before, the issue of Books for the year would have been 57,053 Volumes an increase of 4,897 for the Year

Since the reopening of the Library on the 20th of July last there had been a steady increase of the monthly issue of over any former year

The new Catalogue published during the year arranged alphabetically by Authors, with the revision of the classes by the Librarian, assisted by the Chairman of the Board Dr Cochrane, and Dr Kelly, gives a better Classification of the Books in the Library, and also accounts for the difference in the number of Books reported in the different classes, in this year, and last years Report

The need of a larger Reading Room in connection with the Public Library is still a felt necessity

The Annual Report for the Education Department is laid before You for completion

Signed

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Chairman

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Sec of the Board