

SUNLIT FRONT ENTRANCE is shown from the upstairs hall of the centennial library. Adults' and children's separate rooms are upstairs; assembly room, washrooms, furnace room, storage room and small "servery" are downstairs. Stairs are terrazzo; railing's top is bright red for safety. A highly absorbent nylon mat will be placed at the front door.

Carpeting, kitchen, plenty of light features of two-storey brick library

Most striking feature of the \$74,000 library, in its evergreen-encircled setting, is its four big thermopane corner windows.

The attractive, bright entrance leads into a roomy hallway, with a half-flight of stairs both up and down.

Up first? You face the librarians' check-out counter, and beyond that their workroom and the back door.

To the left is the adult library, with its many shelves and comfortable reading area. To the right go the children, with books and furniture scaled to size.

A peacock blue-and-green mix nylon carpet—the most highly recommended material these days—catches the eye at once.

It will help keep the library quiet, and it's easier to keep clean than tile. A good vacuum cleaner will do the job. The carpeting is thick, with backing laminated directly to it.

Downstairs, the same carpeting only in autumn-toned orange-brown, makes the assembly and exhibition room look homey already. This is the room, on the right, that is available for renting. In the centre is a trim little kitchen, called the "servery". Some equipment is still needed here.

Beyond the servery, down a short corridor, are men's and ladies' washrooms and the furnace room.

The large room downstairs on the left is presently for storage, but it is available for more library space when required.

The stairrail is made of steel, and the floors of terrazzo.

There were two local subcontractors, A. L. Riemer, who installed the plumbing, and Jake van der Kooij of Acton Electric who did the wiring.

The natural gas heating was installed by B. Mikkelsen of Oakville.

The attractive drapes were ordered through Acton Home Furnishings.

Soaking near the building is included in the contract. One tree had to be removed—it was dying and would have had to be cut down soon in any case.

Bound volumes unique gift

One of the treasures of the library is a bound set of the Illustrated London News, covering the years from 1851 to 1905. The volumes were given to the library by the late H. N. Farmer, a lawyer here. They had belonged to his father.

Some of the older books are first editions and are growing in value, the librarians have been told.

The old Bible that used to be used in court was given to the library when it was replaced. There are several other Bibles in general circulation as well, including the new Revised Standard Edition.

A datestone will be inserted in the building later. An opening in the brickwork has been left for it.

George Lee heads board

Centennial chairman of the library board is George Lee, serving his third term. Board members are Fred New, Ted Pratt, Rev. Ritchie McMurray and Mayor Les Duby, who is the representative of council.

A change in the Library Board Act reduced the number to sit on Acton's board, so board member Doug Copeland this January took over the secretary's post from Miss Esther Taylor.

Concerned this week with the move, the board meets next Friday. Many special meetings concerning the new building and more recently the budget have brought the board together for many special meetings in the past few months.

Just one tree was cut down at the library site.

Compatible colours characterize library

Mellow-hued accents spangled the building's interior.

First and brightest is the color of the highly recommended nylon carpet—peacock blue and green upstairs and warm orange downstairs.

All the wood slab doors are painted one of four warm, coordinating colors, caramel, dull green, putty and terra cotta.

The vinyl chairs upstairs where the adults will peruse books in comfort are persimmon and acrilan blue. They are plastic and can be easily cleaned.

In the assembly room downstairs, there are 30 comfortable fabric-covered chairs in three colors—tropical turquoise, Sun Valley gold and coffee brown. These chairs will not be used as often as the chairs upstairs.

The children's section has small-scale tables and eight bright hassocks for the children to sit on. They're conveniently made of plastic, too. (These hassocks were still not here by the weekend, but are expected to be in place for the first avid young bookworms next week.)

Color of the drapes is nutmeg. When these unlined drapes are drawn, light will still come through at the corner windows while glare is cut out.

The tables have arborite tops on wood.

Wood finish throughout the building is warm walnut.

Furniture was ordered from various companies after long consideration and price-and-value comparison.

The hassocks and and drapes were ordered through Acton Home Furnishings.

The off-white steel shelving and magazine racks, ordered in Ontario, were made in Denmark. Efficient "bookends" will neatly hold the rows of books upright.

Display cases in the central hall will exhibit posters and special articles or book jackets.

The central charge desk, so vital to the checking in and out of books, is being traced this week by slightly harassed board members. It was shipped several weeks ago.

The modern tri-light fixture in the front hall gives way to efficient fluorescent units and spotlights further inside.

Most colorful accent of all is just arriving—the covers of thousands of books.

I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than to be crowded on a velvet cushion.—Thoreau.

The requisites of a singer are—a big chest, a big mouth, 90 per cent memory, 10 per cent intelligence, lots of hard work, and something in the heart.—Enrico Caruso.

Galt educator named president

Mr. J. A. Turner, Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Halton-Peel College of Applied Arts and Technology, announces the appointment of Mr. J. M. Porter, Director of Education in Galt, as President of the College.

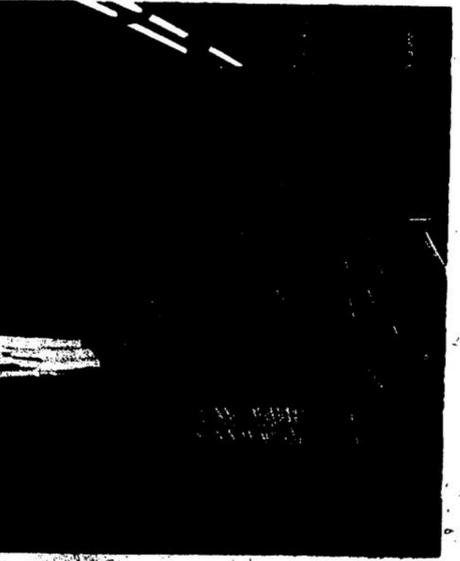
Mr. Porter has had a distinguished career in education. Prior to assuming his duties as Director in Galt four years ago, Mr. Porter served the North York school system as a teacher, principal and assistant superintendent.

As an active member of the Ontario Secondary School Superintendents' Association and the Ontario Directors' Association Mr. Porter served in many offices and on many committees. His interest in the growth and development of Vocational Education took him on an extensive trip to Europe where he visited a number of educational institutions.

From June to September, Westminster Abbey has some 6,000 visitors daily. With some 900 years of English history enshrined in its stones, extensive repairs were undertaken and the Abbey is now capable of standing for another 900 years.



MISS MADGE CHAPMAN will smile welcome in new quarters next week. She has been assistant librarian for years.



NOW A SIGHT of the past is the view from the front door of the old library in the Y. The plaster busts, artificial flowers, crammed shelves and tables remained unchanged for years until this week.

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