

## Bradford Public Library.

The annual meeting of the Public Library was held in the Council Chamber on Friday evening. The attendance was small, as usual.

The Treasurer, Mr. Jas. Drifill, presented his report, which showed that the receipts for the year were \$354, and the expenditure \$310.17, leaving a balance on hand of \$44.37. On motion the Treasurer's report was adopted.

Account of E. Garrett for printing appendix to catalogues, &c., \$7.75 was presented and ordered to be paid.

Mr. Broughton, not being present owing to the serious illness of his wife, no report from the Librarian was presented.

The next business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected:

- Chairman—J. Elliott.
- Secretary—W. R. Strong.
- Treasurer—G. Ogilvie.
- Directors—Messrs. T. W. W. Evans, G. Ogilvie, E. Garrett, Jno. Elliott, H. S. Broughton, A. McLean, W. R. Strong, A. Orton, Jas. Drifill.
- Auditors—T. Pratt, G. Coombs.

On motion Mr. Broughton was re-appointed Librarian at former salary, \$30.

The following were appointed a book committee: Messrs. Ogilvie, Evans and Strong.

Membership fee for 1899, 50c.  
The provisions of the Public Library Act authorizing towns to take over existing Public Libraries and make them Free Libraries was discussed, and the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to wait upon the Council in the matter: Messrs. Evans, McLean and Elliott.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Jas. Drifill for valuable services rendered to the Library in the capacity of Treasurer for many years. Mr. Drifill acknowledged the compliment paid him in grateful terms.

The number of volumes purchased this year is 189; number of volumes in Library 1781. Value of books in Library \$1300. Amount of money expended in the purchase of books (not fiction) for the year ending 30th April, 1899, \$127.24; expended in works of fiction \$28.33—total, \$155.57.