

Library ⁽¹⁵⁾ to cater for the needs of the businessmen of the city, and granted £100 per annum for its maintenance. It was to form a special branch of the Public Library containing the standard works dealing with engineering, architecture, building, and chemical technology, commercial publications dealing with banking, advertising, and accountancy, and also tariff lists, trade directories, reports of Boards of Trade, and Year Books.

In April 1920, the Public Library, in conjunction with the Canterbury Progress League, instituted a system of travelling libraries for the benefit of the country districts, where no public libraries existed. ⁽¹⁶⁾ Under the original scheme, mooted by the Progress League in March 1919, libraries were to be established at Darfield, Hinds, Mayfield, Culverden, and Lismore, but, by the end of 1920, ten libraries had been established. The scheme permitted of a district having a box of books every three months, each box containing thirty to forty assorted volumes.

Since the last building addition in 1901 the Library had been growing steadily, and, in the early part of 1923, the Board decided to erect a new wing on the land available on the south side of the building. ⁽¹⁷⁾ This new building was completed in 1924, at a cost of £4800, and officially opened, by the Chairman of the Board, on December 3 of that year. ⁽¹⁸⁾ It consisted of a Children's Library and Reading Room, a very useful Lecture Room, and two large extensions to the Reference Library. With the shifting of the Children's Library

15. "The Sun", Christchurch. May 16, 1918.

16. B. of G. 1921, p. 38. Reference to this ceases in 1930.

17. *ibid* 1924, p. 34.

18. *ibid* 1925, p. 35-6.