

Legion, I.O.D.E., Silver Cross Women Taking Part

The Canadian Legion, the Silver Cross Women of Canada and the I.O.D.E. are participating in the official opening at 2 o'clock this afternoon of the Halifax Memorial Public Library, this City's monument to those who fought and died in two world wars.

Mr. Justice Vincent C. MacDonald is giving the address at the opening ceremonies, and Mayor Gordon S. Kinley officially declaring the building open.

During the remainder of the week, from Nov. 13 to 17, the library will be open daily for inspection and registration. The following Monday, Nov. 19, circulation of books will begin.

Some 20,000 volumes will be available for the use of the public. The great majority of these are for home borrowing by adults and children.

The library will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The well-qualified and efficient staff say they realize all too well that the number of books available is below the quantity standard for a city the size of Halifax. They point out it takes decades to develop a public library collection, years of judicious buying and careful book selection.

Those who recall that the present collection of the library was born only about a year and a half ago feel it is a wonder that 20,000 volumes have been made available in so short a time.

The Halifax Memorial Public Library is owned and operated by the municipal authority, and as such provides free library service to the residents and taxpayers of the city.

A nominal charge of 10 cents is made for each registration card. Registration cards must be renewed at three-year intervals. Other charges of the library are for fines at the rate of two cents per day, on overdue books, replacement costs on damaged or lost books, and a five-cent charge for reserving a book.