

# James Bain Jr.



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b. Aug. 2, 1842, London, England; d. May 22, 1908, Toronto, ON

## Education:

Toronto Grammar School

## Positions:

1883–1908, Chief Librarian, Toronto Public Library

## Publications:

Bain, James (1868). Sketch of the history of St. Andrew's Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, No. 16, G. R. C., Toronto. Hamilton, Ont.: Printed at the Craftsman Office.

Bain, James, Jr. (1887). "Public Libraries in the Dominion of Canada." *Library Journal* 12, no. 6 (June 1887): 217–220.

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## **Associations, Committees:**

Canadian Society of Authors  
Ontario Library Association  
Champlain Society

## **Honours:**

1902, DCL, Trinity University, Toronto

## **Accomplishments:**

1900-1902 President, Canadian Institute  
1901-1902 President, Ontario Library Association  
1905-1907 President, St. Andrew's Society.

## Other areas of activity:

1866–1878 bookseller in his father's bookstore; travelling salesman with James Campbell and Son, Toronto publishers and booksellers, and later London agent.

1878–1881 partner in J.C. Nimmo and Bain, London, England.

1881–1883 Manager, Canada Publishing Co.

1897–1900 Canadian representative, Historical Manuscripts Commission of the American Historical Association

1903–1908 Convenor, Presbyterian General Assembly's committee on sabbath-school publications. Member, Canadian Institute; St. Andrew's Society; Muskoka Club

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