

In order to obtain room for these Books, it became necessary to construct another gallery across the main Library apartment. Advantage was taken of the opportunity to put up additional shelves in other available places, thereby providing further accommodation for about six thousand volumes. Nevertheless, the provision for Books in the present apartments is still quite insufficient for the existing wants of the Library, irrespective of its annual increase.

In many cases, double rows of Books have to be crowded upon a shelf, and a quantity of Books, not in ordinary demand, have to be stowed away in the garrets; moreover the close proximity of the shelves in certain parts of the Library to the heating apparatus, a difficulty occasioned by the rooms not having been originally designed for the reception of Books, has already been the means of damaging a considerable number of volumes; and it is impossible, under present circumstances, to prevent a continuance of the evil.

These considerations compel your Librarian to represent to your Honorable House the pressing necessity which exists for the immediate completion of the edifice intended for the Library, as he is persuaded that if the work be further delayed, a large portion of the Books will be irretrievably injured. Additional reasons for the speedy completion of the new Building, and which mainly concerned the security and accessibility of the Books, were stated by your Librarian in his last annual Report, to which he would again solicit the attention of the House.

Under the provisions of the Copy-right Act of 1868, your Librarian has received from the Minister of Agriculture, various Canadian Publications copy-righted by their respective authors during the past year. The total number of such works is considerably in excess of the deposits in any former year, as will appear by the list hereunto appended.

Donations of Books continue to be received from Official bodies in *Canada*, and in other places, as well as from private individuals. A list of those obtained since the last Report is herewith submitted. One of the donations, however, calls for a special mention. Through His Excellency the late Governor General, Her Majesty the Queen has transmitted to the Library copies, appropriately bound, of "The Early Years of the late Prince Consort," and of the Queen's "Journal of our life in the Highlands." These volumes contain inscriptions signed by the Queen herself presenting the Books to the Library of the Canadian Parliament. In a despatch from the Colonial Secretary to Governor *Mitch*, dated April 15th, 1868, forwarding these volumes, it is stated that similar presentations have been made to other Public Libraries in the Colonies, as tokens of the interest with which Her Majesty regards the development of institutions which tend to the spread of knowledge and intelligence in Her Colonial Possessions, and because She believes that these records of the earlier days of their Sovereign and the Prince Consort will not fail to be valued by Her Subjects in Canada.

A careful enumeration has been made of the number of Books now upon the shelves of the Library, and after a reasonable allowance for Books still absent upon receipts, the total extent of the Library is computed at 61,500 bound volumes, exclusive of a quantity of unbound Pamphlets.

An Alphabetical Catalogue of the addition to the Library during the past year has been prepared and printed for the use of Members.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS TODD,

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Library of Parliament,
April 15th, 1869.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT SINCE NOVEMBER, 6th 1867.

From Her Majesty the Queen.

Early Years of the Prince Consort.
Leaves from our Highland Journal.

From the Governor General.

Public General Statutes of the United Kingdom for 1867 and 1868.
British and Foreign State Papers, volumes 49. 50.
Various Blue Books, Printed by the House of Commons in 1868.