
materially, in its more prominent and important sections. At present, the Library is much in arrear, in comparison with the leading Public Libraries in the adjoining States, in meeting the requirements of educated readers. But any considerable enlargement must necessarily be deferred until the collection is placed in apartments which will admit of its continuous growth and expansion.

The prospect of a speedy removal to our new premises is daily becoming more encouraging. The interior decoration of the building is now in hand, and there is a reasonable ground for anticipating that it will be ready for occupation before the expiration of another year.

In view of this transfer, the attention of Parliament is respectfully called to the fact, that by the Statute of 1871, the Library of Parliament was formally severed from its previous connection with the establishment of the Senate and the House of Commons, and constituted an independent department of the Civil Service. Nevertheless, so long as the Books are deposited in rooms which appertain to the Main Building, the administrative officers of the two Houses have agreed to provide for the cleaning, heating and furnishing of these apartments. But, upon the removal of the Library to its permanent locale, other arrangements must be entered into for the fulfilment of such services, and due provision made to defray all contingent expenses in connection therewith.

Valuable donations of Books continue to be received, especially from foreign Libraries. And the Librarian is happy to state that, through the exertions of the Honorable Senator *Brown*, during his recent official Mission to *Washington*, Congressional Documents, issued since the year 1868, and hitherto unobtainable by direct application to the Officers of Congress, have been supplied, and a valuable collection of American official publications has been received from the *United States Government*.

A supplementary Catalogue of the Books procured during the past year is ready for distribution to Members. And Lists of all donations received, and of Books deposited under the Copyright Law, within the same period, are herewith submitted.

The number of volumes in the Library last season, was computed at 72,550. The subsequent additions are about 2,536 volumes; making a total of 75,086.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS TODD,
Librarian.

Library of Parliament,
4th February, 1875.

For List of Donations received since 26th July, 1874, *vide Sessional Papers.*

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*,
The House adjourned.
