

367 Parliamentarians, 68 took advantage of this new Branch. Thirteen papers were prepared for Senators. These figures should help clear up some prevalent misconceptions regarding research assistance available to Parliamentarians.

Cataloguing Branch: Miss Florence Moore, Chief.

The thirteen members of this Branch catalogued and classified 14,627 volumes, an increase of 2,784 over 1965. The total number of volumes re-catalogued since the fire of 1952 reached 234,031 at the end of December, 1966. Three trained librarians were added to the staff; two of these remain; Mr. D. Michaelson, and Mrs. G. Kaufman. We are in desperate need of an additional French cataloguer, however.

The most unusual item added to our collection in 1966 was, undoubtedly, a tape of the bomb explosion which occurred just outside the Ladies Gallery of the House of Commons on May 18, 1966.

Administrative Office

Our three-man administrative section exists to assist the Parliamentary Librarian, the Associate Parliamentary Librarian, the Assistant Librarian, Branch Heads, and all other staff with personnel and financial matters. Obviously, the officer in charge of this section holds a responsible position.

We thus very much regretted the departure from our staff of Mr. Jack Bennett after 21 years service. He has well-liked and considered indispensable in the Library, but in March he accepted a position as a Clerk of Committees with the House of Commons. We were fortunate, however, also in March, to secure as Library Administrative Officer, Mr. W. G. Sims, B.A. He has 18 years experience with the Civil Service Commission.

House of Commons Reading Room

Mr. J. E. Desjardins retired from his position as head of this unit after almost 50 years continuous service on Parliament Hill. He was well-known and well-liked, and is missed. But we were fortunate in being able to replace him with another member of the Library staff, Mr. J. Houle, formerly Periodicals Clerk in the Library. This Reading Room's 841 newspapers, 235 periodicals, and some 4,000 novels are now serviced by three bilingual clerks.

At the request of the Joint Committee, additional important dailies are now received by air mail.

Bindery

The three members of this section bound 1,920 volumes, 524 more than in 1965, and also repaired and stamped more books. We hope to find more space for this useful unit.

MISCELLANEOUS

Additional Space:

Requests for additional space have been made repeatedly throughout the year, and there can be few persons in the Department of Public Works in ignorance of our need. Repeated promises have been made however, and we confidently expect that in 1967 our immediate needs will be met.

Gifts:

During 1966 a total of 970 volumes of duplicate Canadian parliamentary documents were given to six Canadian academic libraries, a larger number of