

Order in Council P.C. 145, dated January 13, 1940: appointing B. J. Roberts, Esquire, to act as Financial Advisor to the Government of Canada as Administrator of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

Order in Council P.C. 146, dated January 17, 1940: amending the Defence of Canada Regulations respecting criticisms of the Government.

Order in Council P.C. 148, dated January 13, 1940: prohibiting the exportation of calves' stomachs used in the manufacture of rennet.

Order in Council P.C. 149, dated January 13, 1940: governing General and District Courts-Martial, for the trial of any member of the military and air forces of Canada at present in the United Kingdom.

Order in Council P.C. 187, dated January 17, 1940: establishing a Dependents' Allowance Board, Department of National Defence, to function in respect of all provisions relating to Dependents' Allowances.

Order in Council P.C. 188, dated January 17, 1940: amending regulations of the War Supply Board—Powers *re* Contracts.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the Report of the General Librarian of Parliament, which is as follows:—

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:*

The General Librarian of Parliament has the honour to submit the Report on the Library for 1939.

Work on the Supplementary Catalogue of books donated and purchased during 1939 has been rapidly proceeded with and the Catalogue will be issued in a very short time.

On July 31st last, Mr. Oswald Soulière, French Cataloguer, who had been in the Library for twenty-eight years, was retired on superannuation. After competitive examinations, the Civil Service Commission appointed Mr. Lucien Lusignan to the vacant position. Mr. Lusignan is a Master of Commerce of the Montreal University and a graduate of the Library School of the same University. He had also previously been a Library Assistant since 1934.

The promotion of Mr. E. E. Trudel to the rank of French Senior Library Assistant created a vacancy in the position of Library Assistant. After having complied with the rules and regulations of the Civil Service Commission, Mr. Louis Tarte has been appointed to that position. Mr. Tarte is a B.A. of Ottawa University and a graduate of the Montreal University Library School.

The work of indexing the Catalogue on cards has been steadily going on.

During the year, some 80,000 volumes of Sessional Papers have been transferred to a large room in the Records Building allocated to the Library by the Minister of Public Works. While this does afford some relief, it does not settle the question of the congested state of the Library.

At the outbreak of war there was a great demand for British and Canadian documents published during and just after the last war; the Library fortunately had an adequate supply of these. Copies of all emergency legislation, white papers, and other documents were immediately ordered from England, and a standing order has been given to our English agents for all future publications.

The privileges of the Library have been given to the various visiting British missions.

There has been indeed a marked diminution in the output of books of general literature in England and France since the beginning of war; moreover the delivery of books from abroad has been delayed owing to the difficulty of