

The work of recataloging the library has made it necessary to obtain a large number of catalogue cabinets. Some changes in that part of the main chamber known as "the Ring" will have to be made to accommodate these. The old chamber, in the past so much admired for its spaciousness and quiet charm, is now cluttered with desks and cases. There is no place where a Member may study in quiet. The Librarians have again and again appealed for more space to relieve the congestion in the library which, if it is to be efficiently run, should not contain more than 100,000 volumes. Although we have obtained the use of rooms in the Supreme Court and under the Senate—and these may at any time be taken from us—the building itself contains about 400,000 volumes. To these are added nearly 10,000 volumes yearly, 1,800 by Copyright alone.

Respectfully submitted,

FELIX DESROCHERS

F. A. HARDY

Joint Librarians.

Library of Parliament,
Ottawa, September 15, 1949.

On motion of Mr. St. Laurent it was resolved,—That this House resolve itself at its next sitting into a Committee to consider of a Supply to be granted to His Majesty, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 57.

On motion of Mr. St. Laurent, it was resolved,—That this House do at the next sitting resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to His Majesty, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 57.

Mr. St. Laurent moved,—That Joseph Alfred Dion, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Roberval, be appointed Chairman of Committees of the Whole House, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 56.

And the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

Mr. St. Laurent moved,—That Louis René Beaudoin, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Vaudreuil-Soulanges, be appointed Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole House, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 56.

And the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

Mr. Abbott, a Member of the King's Privy Council, delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

ALEXANDER OF TUNIS:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons, Estimates of sums required for the service of the Dominion for the year ending on the 31st March, 1950 and, in accordance with the provisions of "The British North America Act, 1867," the Governor General recommends these Estimates to the House of Commons.

Government House, Ottawa.
September 15, 1949.