

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Senator Aseltine informed the Senate of the itinerary of the forthcoming visit to Canada of Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

Tribute was paid to the memory of Senator Nicol, whose death occurred on September 23rd, 1958.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate the Report of the Parliamentary Librarian, as follows:—

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIAN

2nd Session, 24th Parliament, 1959

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate:

The Parliamentary Librarian has the honour to submit the following report. The last report was presented to both Houses on May 12, 1958.

The Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament met on July 3, 1958. Problems of the Library were discussed and a sub-committee on reference facilities was appointed. This sub-committee met on July 17th and instructed the Parliamentary Librarian to prepare a memorandum on the present reference facilities of the Library for distribution to all members of both Houses. Accordingly, a guide of five pages descriptive of the Library and its facilities was printed and mailed to all Senators and Members early in August. Copies of this are still available and suggestions as to improvements in further editions will be welcomed.

As recommended also by the Joint Committee, the Department of Public Works have installed eight chandeliers to improve the lighting in the main Reading Room of the Library.

In the course of the year 1958, our staff answered 4,502 reference questions and circulated 15,280 books. The number of volumes re-catalogued and re-classified since the fire of 1952 was 126,932 as of December 31st last. Of that number, 22,807 had been re-classified in the last twelve months.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) F. A. Hardy,
Parliamentary Librarian.

Library of Parliament,
Ottawa, January 15, 1959.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

The Honourable Senator Aseltine laid on the Table:—

The Canada Gazette, Part II, Statutory Orders and Regulations, 1958, as follows: September 10 and 24; October 8 and 22; November 12 and 26; December 10 and 24, 1958, together with Consolidated Index and Table of Amendments for the period January 1, 1955, to September 30, 1958, pursuant to section 7 of the *Regulations Act*, Chapter 235, R.S. 1952. (English and French texts).