

## APPENDIX "A"

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## REPORT OF PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIAN

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate:

The Parliamentary Librarian has the honour to submit his report for the year 1956.

The Library was officially reopened on June 19, 1956, by His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, in the presence of Senators and Members of Parliament. A full report of the ceremony will be found in appendices to the Debates of both Houses. Senators and Members, as represented in the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament, inspected the restored library and expressed agreement with the Minister of Public Works who stated that "the architects and contractors had maintained the integrity of design and the ideas which were in the minds of the original architects and builders".

Members of the staff who had occupied temporary quarters in the House of Commons Reading Room, the Supreme Court building, and the Canadian Bank Note building for more than three years were able to move back to the Library in the summer and fall months.

We have to this date brought back to the Library all the official publications of the Canadian and Provincial Governments, and of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth countries, as well as those of the United Nations Organization and affiliated agencies. In addition more than 70,000 reclassified books, all our bound periodicals except newspapers, and our complete law collection are now in this building. Our bound newspapers

are now available only from the Supreme Court building, but microfilm copies of 30 important newspapers can be seen in a special room of the Library. However, much of our collection is still in the Supreme Court building. A large number of books is still in dead storage in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics building. All these will be carefully arranged in the next few months, and a decision will then be made as to which should be kept and which sent to the National Library.

The enlarged cataloguing staff have this year recatalogued 24,139 volumes, which brings to 72,259 the total to date.

During the same period our staff have answered 2,516 reference questions, and have circulated 8,335 volumes. No statistics are kept of the circulation of newspapers and magazines from the House of Commons Reading Room.

On October 13, 1956, the General Librarian, Mr. Felix Desrochers, retired. Mr. Desrochers had served the Library faithfully for over twenty-three years and will be greatly missed.

Under the provision of the Library of Parliament Act as amended by Chapter 35 of the Statutes of Canada 1955, Mr. Guy Sylvestre, Assistant Librarian, was appointed Associate Parliamentary Librarian, by the Governor General in Council.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. HARDY,  
Parliamentary Librarian

## APPENDIX "B"

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Wednesday, January 9, 1957.

The Committee of Selection appointed to nominate senators to serve on the several standing committees for the present session, make their second report, as follows:

Your Committee have the honour to submit herewith the list of Senators selected by them to serve on each of the following Standing Committees, namely:

## JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY

The Honourable the Speaker, the Honourable Senators Asetine, Blais, Cameron, Fournier, Gershaw, Gouin, Lambert, McDonald, Reid, Vien, Wall and Wilson. (13)

## JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

The Honourable Senators Barbour, Blais, Bouffard, Bradette, Bradley, Comeau, Davies, Euler, Isnor, McGrand, Nicol, Savoie, Smith (British Columbia), Stambaugh, Turgeon and Wood. (16)

## JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE RESTAURANT

The Honourable the Speaker, the Honourable Senators Beaubien, Fergusson, Haig, Hodges, Howard and McLean. (7)

## STANDING ORDERS

The Honourable Senators Beaubien, Bishop, \*Haig, Hayden, Horner, Howden, Inman, Kinley, Leger, \*Macdonald, McLean, Pratt, Tremblay and Wood. (12)

\**Ex officio* member.