

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a Report of the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly on the state of the Library of Parliament, which is as followeth :—

The Report of the Librarian, upon the state of the Library of Parliament,
RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—

That, pursuant to the requirements of the 111th Rule, it becomes the duty of your Librarian to present a Report on the actual condition of the Library at the commencement of every Session.

During the short interval which has elapsed since the last Meeting of Parliament, but little has occurred that calls for special remark.

It is proper to state, however, that the moiety of the Library, which, by the kind permission of the Directors of the *Laval* University, has, for several years past, been deposited in rooms upon the ground floor of the University Building, has been lately transferred to another part of that edifice.

This arrangement has been rendered necessary in consequence of the destruction by fire of a part of the collegiate premises; a disaster which compelled the authorities to resume possession of the rooms hitherto occupied by the Library. At the same time, they very generously placed at our disposal a spacious apartment at the top of the building, which would be large enough to contain all the books.

Before availing ourselves of this offer, attempts were made to procure other accommodation in the neighborhood, which would be less difficult of access; but no suitable place could be found in any part of the city. We accordingly accepted the apartment in the fifth story of the University Building, and the books were immediately removed thither, without loss or damage. Your Librarian desires to record his deep sense of the obligations we owe to the Directors of the *Laval* University for the continued permission to make use of so large a portion of their premises for Library purposes.

Since last Session but few additions have been made to the Library, owing to the want of funds for the purchase of books. The last grant for the augmentation of the Library was made in the Session of 1864, and it has been all duly expended. Your Librarian, however, is daily expecting to receive a small box of books from *London*, which were ordered shortly before the convening of the present Session.

A list of the Donations received, and of the works presented under the Copyright law, since the last Report, is hereunto appended.

The number of books in the Library, at the present time, may be estimated at about 55,000.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS TODD,
Librarian, Legislative Assembly.

Library of Parliament, 8th August, 1865.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT, SINCE 19TH JANUARY, 1865.

From His Excellency the Governor General.

British and Foreign State Papers, vols. 35 to 41.

United States Coast Survey, for 1862.

From the Department of the Interior, Washington.

Congress Documents for the years 1855-6, 1856-7, 1857-8, 1859-60, 1860-1, 1861-2, and 1862-3, to complete (in part) the series already in the Library, 115 vols.

From the Treasury Department, Washington.

Reports on Commerce and Navigation, 1857-8, and 1862. Reports on Finance, 1864. Reports on Foreign and Domestic Commerce, 1864. (Five copies.)

From the American Consulate, at Quebec.

Diplomatic Correspondence of United States, for 1864, 2 vols.

From the State of Minnesota.

House and Senate Journals, for 1864, 2 vols.

From the State of Pennsylvania.

State Law Reports, vols. 40 and 42, 46 and 47.