

The odd volumes alluded to have been abandoned to the Insurers, as absolutely lost, and of no value whatever to the Library for literary purposes.

The Insurance fortunately effected on the Library by the two Clerks of the Legislature, amounted to £10,000, while its actual value was computed to have been £11,723 19s. 2d., at the time of the fire. Assuming the value of the books saved to be £6,023 19s. 2d., the remaining balance is £5,700, which sum has been allowed by the offices of Insurance, is ready to be paid by them, and will be available for re-appropriation, as the Honorable the Legislature may deem advisable.

A complete and classified catalogue of the entire collection had been compiled and was ready for the press when the disaster of the 1st of February occurred. This catalogue was fortunately saved, (together with the records of the Library,) excepting the portion relating to the Works on *America*, of which a considerable number of pages was unfortunately lost.

In the present mutilated condition of the Library, and pending arrangements which it may be presumed will speedily be made for its re-construction, it was not thought advisable to incur the expense of printing a new catalogue. Due preparation, however, has been made, by noting the titles of all books received since last Session, for the speedy completion of a proper catalogue whenever circumstances may call for its publication.

The number of books actually in the Library may be estimated at about 9,120 volumes. Of these a few have been received under the Copyright Act, and others by way of donation from various sources,—correct lists of which are annexed to this Report.

The entire collection of books in charge of your Librarian is in as good preservation and condition as can be expected under the circumstances of the late disastrous and destructive fire, and is at present in a state of security from further loss or damage.

All which is humbly and respectfully submitted.

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Librarian.

Library of Parliament, Seminary Buildings,  
Quebec, 13th of June, 1854.

List of Donations presented to the Library of Parliament since the last Report made by the Librarians, at the commencement of the Session of 1852-3:—

By *John Lovell*, Esquire, of *Montreal*:—

*Talbot's* (Major) Psalms and Chants, set to Music, for Morning and Evening Service. 4to. *Montreal*, 1848. Six copies of this work were presented by Mr. *Lovell*, (the publisher,) in furtherance of the celebration of Divine Worship before the Houses of Parliament.

By the Rev. Dr. *Adamson*, Chaplain and Librarian to the Legislative Council:—

*Bailey's* Liturgy compared with the Bible. 1848.

*Taylor (Jeremy)* Life of *Christ*, 3 vols. 1836.

Pamphlets, Civil and Ecclesiastical, 2 vols.

*Newman* on Development; bound up with:—

Trial of Bishop *Onderdonk*. 1844.

*Ramsbotham's* Obstetrics.

*Wilson's* Anatomist's Vade-mecum.

*Dwight's* Theology, 5 vols. 1827.

*Jones* on the Doctrine of the Trinity.

New Testament, in the Irish tongue. 1830.

Holy Bible, with notes by *D'Oyley* and *Mant*, 3 vols. 4to. 1818.

*MacKnight's* Commentary on the Apostolical Epistles, 6 vols. 1821.