

the 10th August, 1855:—*Ordered*, “That a set of the printed Papers of the “House of Lords, and Printed Minutes of their Proceedings, from the earliest “period that the same can be made up, to the present time, be furnished to the “Library of the Parliament of *Canada*; and that in future the Parliamentary “Papers, and Parliamentary Minutes of each Session be also supplied to the said Library.” The collection furnished under this Order included the Lords’ Journals complete to the present time, in 100 volumes, and the Lords’ Papers from 1790 to 1854, in 1200 volumes.

Through the kindness of *Thomas Vardon*, Esquire, Librarian to the House of Commons, I was presented with all the volumes of Sessional Papers of the House of Commons required to complete our series of this most useful and important work. After the loss sustained in the destruction of our former collection of these documents, orders had been given to our *London* Agent to purchase any number of volumes of the Commons’ Papers that might occur for sale. He had succeeded in buying a set for the year 1823 and from 1826 to 1843. All the previous volumes, from 1806 to 1822, those for 1824 and 1825, and from 1844 to 1850, in all about 750 volumes, were obtained for us by Mr. *Vardon*, who manifested on all occasions, his desire to further the interests of the Library, and who afforded me much assistance by the use he permitted me to make of the Catalogue of the fine collection under his charge.

I have thus stated in order, the result of my application to the several Offices of State to which my letters from the Colonial Office gave me introduction and access. Before leaving this subject, however, I desire to make public acknowledgement of the benefit I derived from the good offices of *George Mayer*, Esquire, the Librarian and Keeper of the Records of the Colonial Department. The kind assistance of this gentleman to Messrs. *Faribault* and *Wicksteed*, when on a similar mission in 1852, received honorable mention from them, and was acknowledged by Resolutions in Parliament, at the time. On the occasion of my visit to *London*, Mr. *Mayer* was prompt to afford me every counsel and aid that his experience and official position could suggest, and I feel that I am largely indebted to his active zeal and judicious advice, for the great success which attended my applications to the Imperial Offices of State, on behalf of the Library.

My attention having been directed to the valuable and comprehensive publications now issuing from the Office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions, I was induced to write to the Clerk of Patents, *L. Edmonds*, Esquire, to solicit from the Commissioners a donation of these important works; being persuaded that they would be found most useful in the Canadian community, where practical arts and inventions are daily becoming more developed and appreciated. I afterwards waited upon *Bennet Woodcroft*, Esquire, the Superintendent of Specifications, &c., under whose fostering care the several publications of this Office have been planned, arranged, and executed. By the joint liberality of these gentlemen, to whom the Commissioners have entrusted authority for the purpose, the entire series of the publications of the Department, (and which will be found enumerated in the Appendix) were placed unreservedly at my disposal for the use of the Library, and directions given for the periodical delivery to our *London* Agent, of the Specifications and Reports to be hereafter issued from this Office. The several works included in this munificent donation amount in all to upwards of 100 volumes of letter-press, and 50 folio volumes of plates, the latter embracing designs and working drawings of Patents for Inventions, of every description, from an early period to the present day.

I have further to record an act of liberality on the part of Mr. *Woodcroft*, towards the Province, which is deserving of public acknowledgment. Having made inquiries of me with regard to the state of the Patent law in *Canada*, and the progress made in recording descriptions of Inventions sought to be pa-