

The special grant placed at the disposal of the Librarians to enable them to complete the American and Canadian section has been made use of to purchase since last session several important works, amongst others:—

Vie de la mère Marie de l'Incarnation, par Charlevoix, Paris, 1735.

Grönlands Historiske Mindesmoerker. 3 vols.

Massachusetts Historical Society proceedings, from the beginning in 1791 up to date; in all 24 vols.

(This collection contains a most valuable record of papers relating to the early history of the United States and Canada.)

Leonard's Report (in manuscript, which has never appeared in print) on Nova Scotia, addressed to Lord Sheffield in 1789.

A collection of the Missions des Oblats, in which are found many documents on the settlement of the Red River district and the North-West.

We may also mention several works on Pre-Columbian discovery of America; and twelve letters written by the Hon. L. J. Papineau to Robert Christie, the historian; they refer to the last years of M. Papineau's political life.

Among other such interesting additions to the Library may be mentioned a copy of the "Anti-Jacobin," purchased at second-hand, which on careful examination, proved to be the copy owned by Sir James Mackintosh, from whom, as his friend Lord Macaulay said, "Scholars and Statesmen loved to receive the lessons of a serene and benevolent wisdom." In these volumes, Sir James Mackintosh has noted, on the authority of Canning, from whose copy the notes were transferred at the house of Dundas in Scotland, the authors of the various satirical pieces in that famous periodical.

During the year due attention has been paid also to the practical side of the Library.

The Law Section will be found, it is hoped, to contain the latest necessary books and editions.

The Statistical Section has been enriched by a considerable collection of reports of Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce, and business associations of various kinds, covering almost the entire field of mercantile operations in the United States.

The latest additions to the literature of Political Economy in all countries interesting to us will be found on the shelves.

An attempt has been made to collect the pamphlets and speeches delivered during the recess on Trade questions, but in the absence of a compulsory law, this attempt must always remain imperfectly successful.

The public interest attaching to the disputes concerning Alaska has suggested the preparation of a special list of papers relating to that country, which will be found in the Annual Catalogue.

The Librarians trust that Parliament will encourage them in placing restrictions on the issue from the Library room during the Session, of books of reference, and in particular, of the Congressional Documents of the United States, the Sessional Papers of Great Britain, and Law Books. The absence of these volumes, in the hands of private members, often for an undue time, occasions great inconvenience to others. The Library itself being the most convenient place for the study of public questions, the sending out of books of this character ought not to be necessary.

The Librarians, in conclusion, desire to call the attention of Parliament to the obvious fact that the space in the Library is almost fully occupied in most directions, and hopelessly exhausted in some particular sections. By careful re-arrangement, some space may still perhaps be provided for the practical part of the Library; but at an early date it will be necessary to take into serious consideration the necessity of providing additional space.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

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Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Abbott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Smith,
The House adjourned.