

Two groups of foreign librarians visited in 1967. Over 150 came on August 21st from the International Federation of Library Associations' Conference in Toronto, and, after a special tour, enjoyed a lunch in the West Block at which they were greeted by the Hon. Sydney J. Smith, Speaker of the Senate. The next month, fifteen Swedish librarians lunched in the New Zealand Room.

We were honoured by a visit from the Rt. Hon. Horace King, P.C., Ph.D., M.P., Speaker of the British House of Commons, in October. We also had visits from the Secretary to the Malaysian Senate, a member of the British Parliament, and a member of Parliament for Kenya.

We enjoyed a lengthy visit from Mr. H. L. White, C.B.E., M.A., then Parliamentary and National Librarian for Australia, who asked for an interview with our critics. An informative discussion-luncheon was promptly arranged and attended by Mr. A. Hales, M.P., Mr. H. Gray, M.P., Mr. G. Baldwin, M.P., and the Parliamentary Librarian, the Associate Parliamentary Librarian, and the Chief of the Research Branch of the Library. Unfortunately, others asked were unable to attend on short notice.

And finally, I think we should note the visit of Mr. John Hansard, a direct descendant of Luke Hansard, the famous printer to the British House of Commons. He was referred to us by Mr. Speaker Lamoureux, and we were able to substantially fill his request on behalf of the University of Southampton for Canadian Parliamentary Papers.

PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIANS

The Assistant Librarian, Miss A. Pamela Hardisty, in addition to her varied regular duties, remained on the Board of the Institute of Professional Librarians of Ontario until July, continued as Chairman of the Government Reference Libraries Committee of the Canadian Library Association, and attended the Canadian Library Association Conference held in Ottawa in June, as well as a Special Libraries Association Seminar on Administration, Finance, and Personnel also held in Ottawa.

The Associate Parliamentary Librarian, M. Guy Sylvestre, in addition to his important routine library duties, was appointed Secretary of the Canadian Section of the "Association interparlementaire Canada-France", and a member of two Privy Council Office Committees, one on Bilingualism, and one on the French Language.

M. Sylvestre, as Secretary to the Canadian Delegation, attended the founding meeting of the "Association internationale des Parlementaires de langue française" in Luxemburg, May 17-18, 1967. He represented the Library at the annual Conference of the "Association canadienne des Bibliothécaires de langue française" in Montreal August 24-27.

In addition, M. Sylvestre conceived and organized the World Poetry Conference as a special event of Expo '67, and attended the meetings in Montreal September 6-10, 1967.

Finally, M. Sylvestre was the compiler and editor of the French section of the centennial volume "A Century of Canadian Literature/Un siècle de Littérature canadienne".

In view of these, and his past achievements, it will be understandable that I was pleased to recommend M. Sylvestre for a Centennial Medal which was