

Mr. Mackenzie King, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House—Copies, in English and in French, of the Trade Agreement between Canada and the United States of America signed at Washington, November 17, 1938, together with the following related documents:—

Exchange of Notes between the Secretary of State of the United States of America and His Majesty's Minister for Canada at Washington relative to the interpretation of Article I of the Trade Agreement of November 17, 1938.

Also,—Lumber Declaration issued at Washington, November 17, 1938, on behalf of the Governments of Canada and the United States of America.

Also,—Exchange of Letters between the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom and the Secretary of State for External Affairs regarding the agreed modifications of the Canada-United Kingdom Trade Agreement of 1937. Ottawa, November 16, 1938.

Also,—Exchange of Letters between the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Accredited Representative of the Union of South Africa regarding the agreed modifications of the Canada-South Africa Trade Agreement of 1932. Ottawa, November 16, 1938.

And also,—Exchange of Letters between the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom and the Secretary of State for External Affairs regarding the margins of preference on wrought iron and on logs of certain dimensions. Ottawa, November 16, 1938.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the Report of the General Librarian of Parliament, which is as follows:—

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:*

The General Librarian of Parliament has the honour to submit the Report on the Library for 1938.

Work on the Supplementary Catalogue of books donated and purchased during 1938 has been steadily pushed and the Catalogue will be issued at an earlier date than usual.

The undersigned records with regret the passing of the Honourable Martin Burrell, P.C., LL.D., Parliamentary Librarian, former Minister of Agriculture and holder of three other portfolios in the Cabinet of Sir Robert Borden. Mr. Burrell died at his residence on the 20th March last, after a short illness. He was in his eightieth year. Mr. Burrell was eminent as a statesman, a man of letters, and an eloquent and witty speaker. His death constitutes a loss to the whole Dominion, particularly to those who were in close contact with him. When he retired from political life in 1920 he became Parliamentary Librarian. Surrounded by books he loved so well, he found in that position the greatest pleasure in his life of service. He was a warm friend, a delightful companion, a most interesting conversationalist, an author of distinction, an excellent speaker, an amusing and interesting raconteur and a great music lover. Kindly and courteous, he will be long remembered by the staff of the Parliamentary Library.

On October 1 last Mr. Albert Beaudry, French Senior Library Assistant, was retired on superannuation. Mr. Beaudry had done honourable and useful service in the Library for fifty-one years. The Civil Service Commission has appointed to the vacant position Mr. E. E. Trudel who has been a Library Assistant since 1920.

The congested state of the Library has been referred to many times during the past few years. The General Librarian, at the previous suggestions of the Joint Committee, has been taking up the matter with the Public Works Department. Temporary relief of a substantial character has been afforded