

In April the Parliamentary Librarian, as requested, submitted a descriptive "Working Paper" to the Sub-Committee on Establishment, Special Committee on Procedure and Organization, House of Commons. It outlined possible areas of improved service to all Parliamentarians, and some aspects of this working paper were discussed with the Chairman of the Sub-Committee, Dr. Pauline Jewett, and two of its members, Mr. Georges Lachance, and Mr. Gordon Fairweather, on June 15th. Following the recommendations regarding research facilities for Members within the Library of Parliament contained in the 12th Report of the Special Committee on Procedure and Organization, provision for this was made in the Budget prepared for 1965-1966. In addition, a demonstration of the IBM system of Selective Dissemination of Information was arranged for committee members late in September. It should also be mentioned here that we were able to give very substantial assistance to the Committee by providing the services of Mr. Philip Laundry on an almost full-time basis.

The Parliamentary Librarian and three University librarians spent from June 17th to July 19th in West Germany at the invitation of the Government of the West German Federal Republic, studying government, university, special, and public libraries, and exchanging views on new library methods and techniques with leading librarians in that country. Of particular value were his special visits to the Federal Parliamentary Library in Bonn, and the Legislative Libraries in Weisbaden, Mainz, Stuttgart, Munich, Hannover, and West Berlin (where both the Legislative and Senate Libraries were visited.) The Canadian librarians were cordially received everywhere, and were given valuable information on the kind of service libraries provide to the German people.

The Parliamentary Librarian, a Past-President of the Ontario Library Association, attended the Annual Conference in May in Toronto. He also attended the Convention of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada in September at Charlottetown, and his visit to the Legislative Library there completed useful visits to Canadian Legislative Libraries.

In order to support the professional development of staff, we have encouraged more widespread participation in Library and related Associations and Conferences.

The Associate Parliamentary Librarian, the Chief Reference Librarian, and a member of the Cataloguing Section, attended the Annual Meeting of the Association Canadienne des Bibliothécaires de Langue Française in Montreal in October. The Associate Parliamentary Librarian also attended the Annual Meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, of which he was President of Section I (French Humanities), in Charlottetown in June.

The Assistant Librarian, a Director, attended the Annual Meeting of the Institute of Professional Librarians of Ontario in May, and its Workshop at Lake Couchiching in October. The Head of our Cataloguing Section, and a member of her staff, attended the Fall Workshop Meeting—Ontario Resources and Technical Services Group of the Ontario Library Association in Hamilton in November. The Chief Reference Librarian attended a Conference on Automation at the Université Laval in June. In November nine of our librarians attended a course on Automated Data Processing and its application to libraries.

The Parliamentary Librarian accepted the invitation of the President of the University of Toronto to serve on the Sub-Committee on Librarianship of the Ontario University Presidents' Research Committee, and attended meetings