

of the Select Committee, for the trial of the contested Election for the *West Riding* of the County of *Halton*, on the twenty-first instant, and having verified the same upon oath, be now excused for such non-attendance.

Members called and do not appear.

Mr. *Dickson*, Member for *Niagara*; Mr. *Lacoste*, Member for the County of *Chambly*; and Mr. *Bertrand*, Member for the County of *Rimouski*; having been severally called, according to order, did not appear.

Mr. Speaker reports attendance of the House on His Excellency the Administrator, with the Address in answer to Speech.

Mr. Speaker then reported that the House had, this day attended upon His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, with their Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency to both Houses of the Legislature, at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament; to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following answer:—

His Excellency's Answer.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I cordially thank you for this Address, and for the evidence it affords, of your earnest desire to co-operate with me in every measure that may be calculated to promote the best interests of *Canada*.

I highly appreciate your congratulations upon the distinguished mark of Her Majesty's favour, which the Queen has been graciously pleased to confer upon me.

Report, state of the Library.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House a Report, received from the Librarian, of the present state of the Library of the House, pursuant to a Standing Order of the 19th June, 1841.

The said Report is as followeth:—

LIBRARY, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 20th March, 1846.

The Librarian has the honour to report, for the information of your Honourable House, that, during the past recess, the extensive and valuable selection of books recommended to be procured by the Library Committee of the last Session, (*Vide Journals 1844-5*, pages 203 and 4, 378 to 380) have, with few exceptions, been duly received. This collection embraces continuations for the two past years, of all the periodical works previously in the Library, together with many new and important publications in the various branches of French and English literature, which, it is hoped, will materially enhance the usefulness of the Library for general reference, and meet the approbation of your Honourable House.

In the class of French literature, a considerable addition has been made, and the necessity for this will be apparent, on considering that in this important branch no purchases have been made since the Union of the Provinces in 1841, which had left a vacuum, particularly in Law and History, it became highly desirable to fill up, in order to place the Library, in point of utility, on a par with those of other Legislative Institutions on this Continent.

Agreeably to the order of your Honourable House of the 27th March, 1845, measures have been taken to facilitate to Members, access to the Library, by the construction of a staircase thereto from the inner lobby of the House, thereby removing much of the inconvenience hitherto occasioned by its unavoidable location in a part of the building so distant from the Legislative Chamber.

The numerous additions that have been made to the Library since the year 1842, when the last catalogue was printed, have rendered it advisable to prepare a new one, which has accordingly been done, and copies thereof will be distributed to Honourable Members without delay. In the compilation of the new catalogue, the same plan has been pursued which was adopted on the previous occasion, viz., by classi-

fication according to the subject matter of the works, with an index of authors' names appended at the end; but much care has been bestowed on its preparation. The classification and general arrangement has been rendered more complete, and every effort made to render it, as much as possible, an improvement upon its predecessor. It also contains, in addition to the works procured since 1842, a catalogue of the valuable class of books relating to the history of *America*, which at the period above-mentioned were at *Quebec*, and have since been brought up and incorporated with the rest of the collection.

Various additions have been made to this collection since last Session; a list of which, as they were not included among the books ordered by the Library Committee of last Session, is appended to this Report.

List of works relating to the History of *America*, added to the Library since last Session—

- Anspach's Newfoundland; 8vo. London, 1827.
- Burgoyne's Campaign; 12mo. Albany, 1844.
- Bibliotheca Americana; 4to. London, 1789.
- Bollan's Importance of Cape Breton; 8vo. London, 1746.
- Burnsby's Travels in North America; 4to. London, 1798.
- Burton's English Empire in America; 12mo. London, 1685.
- Bollan on the Right to the American Fishery; 4to. London, 1764.
- Bradford's American Antiquities; 8vo. New York, 1841.
- Calvert's Novæ Novi Orbis Historiæ; 8vo. Geneva, 1581.
- Chevalier's History of the United States; 8vo. Boston, 1839.
- Carroll's Journal of a Visit to Canada in 1776; 8vo. Baltimore, 1845.
- Charlevoix's Voyage to America; 2 vols. London, 1761.
- Catlin's American Indians; 2 vols. London, 1841.
- Dolrizhoffer's History of the Abipones; 3 Volumes, 8vo. London, 1822.
- Dehat, Notæ et Responsis. Amsterdam, 1643.
- Drake's Book of the Indians. Boston, 1841.
- Denton's History of New York; 1845.
- Force's Collections of American Historical Tracts; 3 Volumes. Washington, 1843.
- First Voyage of Columbus. Boston, 1827.
- Farmer and Moore's Historical and Literary Journal; 3 Volumes.
- Farnham's Travels in California. New York, 1844.
- Greenhow's Memoir on North America, and Report on National Defences of the Sea Coasts of the United States.
- Halkett's Historical Notes on the Indians. London, 1825.
- Hollingworth's Nova Scotia. London, 1787.
- Hinton's History of the United States; 2 Volumes. London, 1830-32.
- Histoire de la Guerre, Poulin de Luminan. Gèneve, 1757.
- Lahontan's Voyage to America; 2 Volumes, 12mo. London, 1703.
- L'Encyclopédie Canadienne, par Bibaud; 8vo. Montreal, 1842-43.
- Mémoires des Commissaires du Roy sur les Possessions des deux Couronnes en Amérique; 4 Volumes, 4to. Paris, 1755.
- Moorson's Letters on Nova Scotia. London, 1830.
- Miller's Description of New York in 1693. London, 1843.
- New York Historical Collections; 4 Volumes.
- Prince and Dawson's Sermons on Reduction of Louisbourg and Quebec. London, 1760.
- Popple's American Atlas, on 20 sheets folio.
- Prior Documents relating to the dispute with America, 1777.

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