

While congestion has obtained for a long time past, and a thoroughly equipped Parliamentary Library would hardly be possible until a new building or much greater accommodation were provided, the undersigned believe that the available space is gradually being utilised in such a way as to make the Library in every way much more convenient for the users.

When the new Parliament buildings were erected the intention was to install a new lighting system in the Library. The matter has been delayed but it is satisfactory to state that the work is being now undertaken by the Public Works department. The new system will not only render conditions pleasanter for users of the Library but will, it is confidently hoped, reduce any danger of fire to a minimum.

The undersigned regret to record the death of Mr. L. P. Sylvain which occurred last March. Mr. Sylvain, who was assistant librarian in charge of the French and Canadiana sections, had been in the Library for 45 years and by his scholarly attainments and courteous character secured the high regard of all those who were brought into contact with him.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN BURRELL

J. DE L. TACHE

Library of Parliament,
Ottawa, February 28, 1924.

(For the appendix to this Report, see Sessional Papers No. 38)

The House then adjourned at 4.30 o'clock, p.m., until Monday next, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

RODOLPHE LEMIEUX,

Speaker.