

During 1972-73 he visited the parliamentary libraries in Berne and Budapest; the House of Commons Library, the Parliamentary Information Centre of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and the Library of the Department of Trade and Industry, all in London, and the Inter-Parliamentary Union's International Centre for Parliamentary Documentation in Geneva.

The Associate Parliamentary Librarian was elected incoming-president of the Special Libraries Association at its annual meeting in Boston, June 1972, the first Canadian to be so honoured.

In September 1972 the Director of the Research Branch attended the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of Commonwealth Parliaments in Nairobi, Kenya, representing Mr. Speaker Lamoureux and acting as secretary. At the request of the Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia he went to Lusaka during the 1973 Easter Recess to assist in the preliminary organization of the conference to be held there.

In January 1973, as a member of the Canadian delegation, he attended the Inter-Parliamentary Union's 3rd Symposium *The Member of Parliament: His Requirements for Information in the Modern World*, and prepared a long report on the proceedings for the Canadian Branch of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

The Assistant Director was closely involved with the French-speaking associations to which the Canadian Parliament belongs. She accompanied the Canadian dele-

gation to the 6th meeting of the Canada-France Inter-parliamentary Association in Paris, June 28 to July 5, 1972, having prepared two important background papers: *Le Parlement et ses relations publiques* and *Les conflits d'intérêts et les parlementaires*, and wrote the final report for the Canadian delegation.

In January 1973 she accompanied the Canadian delegation to Dakar, Senegal, to attend the 4th meeting of l'Association internationale des parlementaires de langue française as secretary and adviser, assisted in the preparation of speeches and prepared the Canadian delegation's report. Two other officers contributed background papers: *Propositions destinées à stimuler les communications entre l'A.I.P.L.F. et les autres associations internationales de parlementaires* and *Les techniques de diffusion en plusieurs langues*.

CONCLUSION

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