

By this plan the present Library building would be relieved of many thousands volumes, thereby affording space for growth and expansion in every Department of general literature and science. And the inestimable advantage would be secured to Members of Parliament of rooms, stored with the works necessary for use in the work of legislation, wherein they could pursue their studies without disturbance or molestation, and at the same time in close proximity to the Parliamentary Chambers. The privacy of these apartments would also ensure to Members the coveted boon of places for rest and literary recreation, during protracted debates; a benefit which it is often impossible to obtain in the present Library, owing to the number of strangers who frequent it during the sittings of Parliament.

So far as the Supreme Court is concerned, your Librarian has been assured, that to the judges, lawyers and suitors, the prospect of possessing more ample accommodation than they now enjoy, would be regarded with extreme satisfaction.

This proposal was favourably entertained by the late Administration, and hopes were held out by them to your Librarian, that, in the Session now commencing, it should be formally submitted for the approval of Parliament.

Your Librarian would therefore earnestly solicit the attention of Your Honorable House to this scheme, in the belief that it presents an easy and most suitable solution of the difficult question of Library accommodation, without necessitating any interference with the present building, or its interior arrangements. Any alteration of this structure, either within or without, would mar the symmetry of an edifice, which for beauty of design, compactness and convenience, is perhaps unequalled in the Continent of *America*.

The usual lists of donations to the Library, and of works deposited under the Copyright Act, which have been received since the last Report, are hereunto appended.

Last year the Library was estimated as containing 88,871 volumes. Since then, about 3,842 volumes have been added, making a total of 92,713.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS TODD,

*Librarian of Parliament.*

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,  
February 13th, 1879. }

(*For List Copyrights, Donations, &c., Vide Sessional Papers No.*)

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the Table :—

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament and

The same being read by the Clerk,

The Honorable Mr. *Cornwall* moved, seconded by Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville*,

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which His Excellency has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely :—

To His Excellency Sir JOHN DOUGLAS SUTHERLAND CAMPBELL (commonly called the Marquis of *Lorne*), Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael*, and *Saint George*, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of *Canada*, in Parliament assembled, respectfully thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.