

The congested state of the Library has been referred to many times during the past few years. The General Librarian, at the previous suggestions of the Joint Committee, has been taking up the matter with the Public Works Department. Temporary relief of a substantial character has been afforded by the allocation to the Library, by the Minister of Public Works, of a large room in the Records Building. By the courtesy of the Department of Public Works, this room will be fitted with 10,000 feet of shelving. During next year some 80,000 volumes of Sessional Papers will have to be transferred there and shelved. While this does not settle the question of adequate provision for the expansion of the Library in the future, it does afford some relief and will make for more convenient arrangement and disposal of the books now in the Library.

The work of indexing the Catalogue on cards has been going on for three years. A long time will elapse before that work is completed as there are some five hundred thousand volumes to be so indexed.

An endeavour has been made to secure for the Library the most important of the new books, especially those dealing with economics, political and social science, and constitutional questions. The Library has made every effort to see that our collection of documents published by the different Provinces and by other Dominions is complete and up-to-date. We have also been successful in obtaining copies of the briefs submitted to the Royal Commission on Dominion Provincial Relations by the Provincial Governments and by various public and private bodies.

Among the valuable additions to the library in the past year may be mentioned the first complete edition of the "Greville Memoirs, 1814-1860," edited by Lytton Strachey and Roger Fulford, and of which only 630 sets have been printed; one volume of l' "Encyclopédie Française" and the "Nouvelle Encyclopédie pratique de l'Electricité" by Henri Desarces.

In addition to the ordinary purchase of works dealing with Canadian or American history, we were fortunate enough to secure at a recent auction sale of a booklover's library, a few Canadian incunabula and other rare and valuable books.

Another beautiful volume of the Catalogue of Mr. Frederick J. Nettlefold's art collection has been received. This and many other interesting donations, which will be found listed in the first pages of the Supplementary Catalogue, are gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

FELIX DESROCHERS,

*General Librarian.*

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

With leave of the Senate, and—

On motion, it was—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns to-day, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Senate adjourned.