

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

In inviting your careful consideration to the important matters which will engage your attention, I pray that Divine Providence may guide and bless your deliberations.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, it was ordered,—That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration on Monday next, and that this order have precedence over all other business except the introduction of Bills, until disposed of.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Casselman, Elliott (Middlesex West), Mackenzie (Vancouver Centre), Power and Woodsworth, was appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of members to compose the Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 63.

Mr. Mackenzie King, delivered a message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

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The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved Minute of Council appointing the Honourable T. A. Crerar, Minister of the Interior, the Honourable C. A. Dunning, Minister of Finance, the Honourable W. D. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce, and the Honourable Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of Chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, intituled: "An Act respecting the House of Commons."

Government House, Ottawa,  
6th February, 1936.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the Report of the Joint Librarians of Parliament, which is as follows:—

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:*

The Joint Librarians of Parliament have the honour to submit their report on the Library for 1935.

Work on the Supplementary Catalogue of books donated and purchased during the past year has been rapidly proceeded with, and it is expected that it will be printed within the next two weeks.

Among the interesting donations received was a complete set (30 volumes) of the works of Emmanuel Swedenborg, given by the Swedenborg Foundation. The French Minister of Foreign Affairs was good enough to present to the Library the French diplomatic documents (1871-1914) relating to the origins of the war of 1914. The Ministers of the various Legations in Ottawa have kindly presented various books and documents to the Library.

The Librarians have endeavoured to secure the most important of the large number of new books issued during the past year on Economics and Finance. The seventeenth volume of the comprehensive Dictionary of American Biography has been received.

For the French section of the Library some of the works purchased have been, *Politique Extérieure de l'Allemagne (1870-1914)* 18 volumes; *Académie de Droit International: Recueil des Cours*, 23 volumes; also *Dictionnaire encyclopédique Quillet*. The last volume of the *Dictionnaire de l'Académie française* has been received, and also the *Encyclopédie française*, which was issued with the approval of governmental authorities.