

the Speaker of the Senate, and attended by the Parliamentary Librarian and the Assistant Librarian.

Items considered included:

1. *The Preliminary Automation Survey's* recommendation regarding the possibility of centralizing indexing services. The Parliamentary Librarian was asked to discuss this matter with the Clerks of both Houses;

2. *Display of National Treasures of the Library of Parliament* to be arranged by the Parliamentary Librarian within the Parliament Buildings subject to cost control by both Speakers;

3. *Canadian Weekly newspapers*, a lengthy discussion concluded that the present policy continue;

4. *Sub-Committee for Budget Guidance* to study the estimates after approval by both Speakers and prior to their submission to the Joint Committee for approval by the Committee. (A new step);

5. *Research Assistance* to Parliamentarians was again discussed and will appear on the agenda of the next meeting.

Other items were also discussed, and the meetings were useful and interesting. The Parliamentary Librarian would like to thank all members of the Committee who gave so generously of their time and advice to assist him in administering the Library.

B. Automation

The "wait and see" policy recommended by the Bureau of Management Consulting Services, Department of Supply and Services, in its report of April 29, 1969, has been followed. It will be one of the particular responsibilities of the new Associate Parliamentary Librarian to follow up this matter with the assistance of other staff members to be named later.

C. Associate Parliamentary Librarian

As mentioned earlier, this position has now been most splendidly filled with the appointment of Mr. Gilles Frappier on August 17, 1970, and Parliament is indebted to the Prime Minister for the quality of his choice. Mr. Frappier's arrival will ensure continuously improving service.

D. The National Library

The Parliamentary Librarian attended with the National Librarian the 35th General Council Session of the International Federation of Library Associations in Copenhagen, August 24-30, 1969. With the National Librarian he also visited the National and Parliamentary Libraries of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, and the British Museum and House of Commons Library in London; excellent opportunities to see how national and parliamentary libraries co-operate in these countries. Again with the National Librarian he visited Oxford's Bodleian Library where they were greeted by Dr. Robert Shackleton, the new Librarian.

On January 7, 1970, a group of librarians and senior sub-professional employees from the Reference Branch

of the National Library visited the Library. On February 20, 1970, the Assistant Librarian and the Chiefs of the Cataloguing and Reference Branches accompanied the Parliamentary Librarian to a meeting of heads of government libraries at the National Library where the National Librarian outlined some of his ideas for the rationalization of federal library services. As the Parliamentary Librarian is excluded from this direction, but anxious to be well-informed regarding it, the invitation of the National Librarian was especially appreciated.

E. Estimates

Despite the wish expressed at the March 5, 1970, meeting of the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament "that if the Estimates of the Library of Parliament were to be referred to any Parliamentary committee, it should be to the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament only" the Parliamentary Librarian was called before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization on April 15, 1970, to explain his estimates. Parliamentarians will recall that the previous year the Library's estimates were examined by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

F. Courses and Conferences

Several staff members took English or French language evening courses. The Parliamentary Librarian attended an immersion course in Quebec City July 1-17, 1969, and finished the deuxième degree of the Public Service Commission French Language course.

A two-week Public Service Commission Developmental Course for Managers and Assistant Managers of Support Services was completed by the Assistant Chief Reference Librarian. Another reference librarian attended a 2-week Public Archives course in micro-recording technology. Training seminars at the federal government's Computer Services Bureau were attended by other staff members, and a cataloguing librarian attended the MARC Institute (on machine readable cataloguing developments) at the University of Toronto. A reference librarian completed a Master's level course on Information Storage and Retrieval at the University of Ottawa's School of Library Science, and some non-professional staff members completed evening courses towards their Bachelor or Master of Arts degrees.

The 1969 Canadian Library Association Conference in St. John's, Newfoundland was attended by the Assistant Librarian and the Chief of the Cataloguing Branch in June.

Both the Parliamentary Librarian and the Assistant Librarian attended the Data Processing Conference sponsored by the Data Processing Institute and the Federal Institute of Management in Ottawa February 23-25, 1970.

The Assistant Librarian attended the Institute of Professional Librarians of Ontario meeting in Toronto May 23, 1969; the Chief Cataloguing Librarian, the American Library Association Pre-Conference Institute on Subject Analysis of Library Materials in Atlantic City, June 19-