

By Mr. Speaker,—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on Administration, Suggested Amendments and Complaints, dated May 10, 1963, pursuant to section 58(3) of the Canada Elections Act, chapter 39, Statutes of Canada, 1960. (English and French).

By Mr. Speaker,—Report of the Parliamentary Librarian, pursuant to section 2 of the Regulations respecting the Library of Parliament (English and French), which is as follows:

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:

The Parliamentary Librarian has the honour to submit his report for the last eight months. The last report was presented to both Houses on September 26, 1962.

The Joint Committee met once during the last session, on December 4, 1962, to review Library matters.

The publication of the "Selected Additions List" was continued and a new edition of the leaflet "How the Library of Parliament Can Help Senators and Members" will be distributed shortly.

From September 1st 1962 to April 30, 1963, our staff answered 2,579 reference questions and circulated 14,567 books and periodicals. During the same period, 10,737 volumes were catalogued and classified, which brings to 192,424 the number of volumes recatalogued since the fire of 1952.

We are happy to report that Dr. Leonard W. Brockington, C.M.G., Q.C., has presented the Library with a first edition of Johnson's Dictionary in four fine volumes.

As directed by the Joint Committee at its meeting of December 4, 1962, the Parliamentary Librarian has arranged to have Professor P. B. Waite of Dalhousie University accept the major responsibility for the compilation of an adequate *Hansard* for 1867-1874 as a Centennial Project of Parliament. It is hoped that work may begin in June.

The list of "Subject Headings" used in our French language catalogue was completed this year and is being published later this month by the Queen's Printer. We derive considerable satisfaction from the fact that members of our staff have made such an important contribution to Canadian librarianship. Although many have contributed to make this publication possible, we wish to pay a special tribute to Mr. Guy Forget, Head of the French catalogue, who directed and coordinated the efforts of his colleagues with such success. We regret to report that Mr. Forget, who has served the Library so well for thirteen years, has resigned his post to accept a senior appointment at the library of Laval University.

We are also sorry to report the loss to Laval University of Mr. Rosario de Varennes, Assistant Chief of the English catalogue, who was with us for almost ten years. Two other members of our staff left recently: Mr. Rosaire Choquette, retired after thirty-two years of service, and Mr. J. F. Cooke, Clerk of English Periodicals, was transferred to the *Hansard* Index and Reference Branch of the House of Commons.

Respectfully submitted,

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Library of Parliament,
Ottawa, May 15, 1963.