

## DEATHS

It is with regret that we report two deaths of particular interest to older Parliamentarians. M. Félix Desrochers, third and last General Librarian (1933-1956), died on April 1, 1969. During his period here, as well as before and after, he was a friend of Parliamentarians, and those who knew him will regret the death of this energetic and friendly man.

On the 25th of the same month my immediate predecessor, Mr. Francis A. Hardy, the fourth Parliamentary Librarian (1944-1959), died. He served in this Library from May, 1919, until his retirement, and was a kindly, helpful man, who will be remembered by those he delighted to serve.

## CONCLUSION

Finally, I should like to thank all staff members of the Senate and House of Commons who so generously helped us to serve Senators and Members of Parliament during this period. In some cases the assistance given was very considerable indeed and we were always happy to give help in return when possible.

We should also like to thank the Department of Public Works for trying hard to find suitable additional space for our activities; we regret that they failed. We especially thank their representative, Mr. Henry Carre, for ensuring that the Library Building itself was maintained in as comfortable and efficient a manner as possible. We also thank the Department of Public Works for working together with Dr. Nathan Stolow of the National Gallery to ensure that the original new flag proclamation, and the original Bill of Rights (one French and one English) are properly protected from deterioration while on display in the Library. And we thank the Director of the National Gallery, Dr. Jean Sutherland Boggs, for cheerfully making Dr. Stolow's expertise freely available to us.

Respectfully submitted

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## APPENDIX

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT BRIEF TO  
THE SENATE OF CANADA SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE POLICY

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## INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

1. Parliament is the most important operation in Canada. Its decisions affect all Canadians and millions of other people throughout the world.