

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

WILLINGDON.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved Minute of Council appointing the Honourable W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable J. H. King, Minister of Pensions and National Health, the Honourable J. C. Elliott, Minister of Public Works, and the Honourable Fernand Rinfret, Secretary of State, 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,  
20th February, 1930.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the Report of the Chief Electoral Officer, in conformity with Section 75 of the Dominion Elections Act.

Also his Report of the By-Elections held during the year 1929, pursuant to Subsection 6 of Section 73 of the Dominion Elections Act.

And also,—Report of the Joint Librarians of Parliament, which is as follows:—

#### REPORT OF THE LIBRARIANS FOR 1929

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Joint Librarians of Parliament have the honour to submit their Report for the year 1929.

The Supplementary Catalogue of books donated to, and purchased by the Library is in the hands of the printers and will shortly be available.

The Librarians desire to note the death, during the past year, of Colonel A. H. Todd, who retired from the Library in January, 1926. Son of Dr. Alpheus Todd, the well-known constitutional authority and former Librarian, Colonel Todd rendered faithful and important services to the Library of Parliament for a period of more than 56 years.

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, as in former years, has presented many valuable works to the Library. Amongst welcome gifts received from other sources are the documents of the League of Nations, and the publications of the International Court of Justice. A complete set, also, of the publications of the International Labour Bureau has been received.

The more strictly Parliamentary section of the Library, including books on economics, has been reinforced by the acquisition of new editions of standard works and the purchase of important new books. The recently-published fourteenth edition of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* has been purchased. Three volumes of the new *Dictionary of American Biography* have been received. This work when finished will comprise twenty volumes, and will constitute the most important attempt to cover this large field.

Correspondence with the Provincial governments and with the various Harbour Commissions has resulted in the Library being supplied with practically all their latest reports and documents, and the Librarians desire to acknowledge the courteous manner in which their requests have been met.

The Parliamentary Librarian visited a number of the important libraries in Great Britain during the past summer. As in the case of all libraries at the present time, not excluding the Library of Parliament, the vast modern output of printed matter makes the question of shelf-room a difficult problem to deal