

"tion in favour of the *Canadian* Legislature, and in lending their aid to make good the losses sustained in the destruction of a large portion of the Public Library of the Province of *Canada*, during the Fire at the Parliament Buildings in *Quebec*, in February, 1854, by presenting to the Houses of the Legislature the copies of any Works which have been published under the direction of the Government, and are still in its possession.

"If Sir *William Molesworth* will place Mr. *Todd*, the gentleman deputed for this purpose by the Legislature of *Canada*, in communication with this Board, My Lords will have proper arrangements made for carrying out these intentions."

I was accordingly put into communication with *W. M. Stephenson*, Esquire, Principal Clerk-Assistant to the Secretaries of the Treasury, who manifested a lively interest in the matter, and kindly undertook to ascertain, from the several Offices in connection with the Treasury, what they had it in their power to bestow, in order that their contributions might be made as complete as possible. Afterwards, I received a letter from Sir *C. E. Trevelyan*, dated 13th November, 1855, enclosing lists of scientific and other works, and of Record Publications, deposited in the Government stores, and informing me that the Master of the Rolls, and the Comptroller of the Stationery Office, were prepared to furnish me on application, with any of the works mentioned in these lists, which might be desirable to obtain for the Library.

The active exertions of Mr. *Stephenson* in our behalf, led however, to our receiving still larger contributions than would otherwise have been given. Through his instrumentality, I obtained from the Rolls House, all the publications of the Record Commission of *Great Britain* remaining in print; in one or two instances, the sole remaining copy in store being presented. Through my introduction from the Colonial Office, I had been furnished with a list of works from the Public Record Department, which they were willing to supply, but in the subsequent letter from Sir *C. E. Trevelyan*, that list was materially enlarged.

While on this subject, I may add, that I succeeded in procuring from various London booksellers, nearly all the volumes of the Records which the Rolls Office were unable to supply, so that we now possess a set very nearly complete of these important historical publications.

On applying at Her Majesty's Stationery Office, after the receipt of Sir *Charles Trevelyan's* letter, I received the interesting series of Historical Records of the different Regiments of the British Army, in 68 volumes, together with some Army manuals, and several valuable scientific works; a list of which will be found in the Appendix to this Report.

On writing to the Foreign Office, I received a reply, dated 19th November, 1855, from Lord *Wodehouse*, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, presenting to the Library a set of the British and Foreign State Papers, from 1812 to 1837, (in 25 volumes,) a collection of the Bulletins of State Intelligence, being an abstract of the most important articles in the *Official Gazette*, from 1793 to 1853, (in 61 volumes,) together with 8 volumes of Papers relating to State affairs between *Great Britain* and Foreign countries.

At the *British Museum*, I was most courteously received by Sir *Henry Ellis*, the principal Librarian, and was presented with a small but valuable collection of books, printed by authority of the Trustees.

Soon after my arrival in England, I applied to *J. G. Shaw Lefevre*, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Lords, in order to obtain a copy of the Lord's Journals, to replace the set destroyed at the Fire in *Quebec*, and to inquire about a set of the Sessional Papers of the House of Lords which had been promised us so long ago as 1852, when Mr. *Faribault* was sent to *England*, but which had never been forwarded to the Library. Parliament being then in Session, Mr. *Lefevre* undertook to have my application formally communicated to their Lordships, and shortly after he transmitted to me the following Order passed by the House on