

## PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate the Report of the Parliamentary Librarian.

The Report was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

## REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIAN

1st Session, 23rd Parliament, 1957

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate:*

The Parliamentary Librarian has the honour to submit his report for the first nine months of the year 1957.

We now have in the library building some 200,000 volumes, of which 89,385 had been re-catalogued at the end of September last. Since the last report our enlarged cataloguing staff have re-catalogued 17,259 volumes. During the same period our staff have answered 2,512 reference questions, and have circulated 10,613 books.

We have brought back to the Supreme Court building all the boxes of books which were in dead storage in the Dominion Bureau of Statistics building except those intended for the National Library. Those still in the Supreme Court building are being arranged on shelves and will be gone over soon with a view to deciding which should be kept and which sent to the National Library. This is a long operation which is not likely to be completed until two or three years hence.

In accordance with a recommendation of the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament at its meeting of March 19, 1957, the Department of Public Works have studied ways of improving the general illumination of the main Reading Room and steps are now being taken to implement the recommendation of the Joint Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS A. HARDY,  
*Parliamentary Librarian.*

Library of Parliament,  
Ottawa, October 14, 1957.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

The Honourable Senator Haig, P.C., laid on the Table:—

Annual Report of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including the reports of the Chairman, Canadian Pension Commission and the Chairman, War Veterans Allowance Board, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1957. (English text).

Reports and Statements of the Department of Veterans Affairs, as follows:—

Statement for the fiscal year 1956-57 required by Section 20 of the *Veterans Insurance Act*;

Statement for the fiscal year 1956-57 required by Section 17 of *The Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act*;

Statement for the fiscal year 1956-57 required by Section 42 of the *Veterans' Land Act*; and