

The twentieth, and last, volume of the American Dictionary of National Biography has been received. Fifteen volumes of that monumental work, the new edition of the British Museum Catalogue of Printed Books, have now been received. It is expected that it will take 160 volumes to complete the work.

The Library subscribed last year for a very important work entitled "History of Parliament," which is being published by His Majesty's Stationery Office, London. It will probably take thirty years to complete and will include biographies of the Members of the British House of Commons from 1439. The object of the History is to describe the people in Parliament—their ideas, standing, and politics—and to trace the gradual growth of Parliamentary representation and government from its earliest beginnings in 1264 to the Representation of the People Act of 1918. The first volume has now been received.

To both the English and French sections of the Library many new and important works on political and economic questions have been added during the past year.

Changes have been made in the alcove on the left of the entrance to the Library. Tables and chairs have been provided for the convenience of Senators and Members, and the Law Reports, which previously filled the shelves, have now been put elsewhere and replaced by works on finance and a comprehensive collection of speeches, political and otherwise. Some changes, relieving congestion in other alcoves, have also been made.

On September 30th last Mr. M. C. MacCormac, assistant librarian, was retired on superannuation. Mr. MacCormac had done honourable and useful service in the Library of Parliament for fifty-one years and had been employed in the public service under every Prime Minister since Confederation, with the exception of Alexander Mackenzie. The Civil Service Commission has appointed Mr. F. A. Hardy to the vacant position.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joint Librarians.

Library of Parliament,
Ottawa, January 14, 1937.

By leave of the House, on motion of Mr. Mackenzie King, it was ordered,—That to-morrow the House take into consideration a resolution to extend the greetings of its members to His Majesty King George VI upon His Majesty's Accession to the Throne, and to convey to His Majesty and to Her Majesty the Queen, the assurance of their loyalty and support; and that Standing Order Number 45 with respect to Notices be suspended in relation thereto.

Mr. Mackenzie King, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Two photostat copies of a Message from His former Majesty King Edward the Eighth, dated 10th December, 1936, and the Instrument of Abdication of Edward the Eighth, of the same date.

Also,—Two copies of Order in Council, P.C. 3144, dated December 10, 1936: setting forth the request and consent of Canada to the enactment of legislation by the Parliament at Westminster providing for the alteration in the law touching the succession to the Throne, as follows:—

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Certified to be a true copy of a Minute of a Meeting of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 10th December, 1936.