

vey, involving the completion of a number of questionnaires on staff, collections, systems and procedures, etc.

During 1972-73 the United States Historical Documents Institute began microfilming all Canadian federal parliamentary publications, including those of the Province of Canada, from 1841 to 1970 inclusive, the Library providing all documents for filming. The microfilming of the Province of Canada Publications and federal Sessional Papers is being done here. The microfilm of the Journals and the Sessional Papers of the Province of Canada (1841-1866) has now been issued and the Library has received its copy together with the reprinted indexes for this period.

B. Assistance to Scholars and Others

British Parliamentary Papers. Our collection continued to draw researchers. Of special interest was the discovery of a suppressed report by Matthew Arnold made while an inspector of schools.

Twenty-three unique House of Lords Bills (1790-1798) were copied for Oceana Publications to help complete their 1641-1805 reprint edition of House of Lords Sessional Papers. We possess the only substantial collection of early Lords Papers outside Britain thanks to the House of Lords' generous presentation in 1855 of a complete set (100 volumes) of Journals and a 1,200-volume collection (1790-1854) of Sessional Papers which had been solicited by the Library.

Nature Canada Magazine photographed 3 plates (the Auk, the Icelandic Falcon, and the Willow Grouse) from the Library's copy of Audubon's double elephant folio *The Birds of America* to be used in an article on Audubon's visit to Labrador and Newfoundland.

C. Distribution of Surplus Items

During 1972-73 6,500 volumes of Canadian documents were supplied to the National Library of Canada, several Canadian universities and public libraries, the Glenbow Foundation, Alberta, and La Trobe University, Australia.

Books received from the Dead Letter Office of the Post Office were added to our collection, sent to government and public libraries and other institutions in Canada and abroad, or otherwise disposed of.

D. Educational Assistance

The Library again accepted, for practice work, library technology students from the CEGEP in Hull. Students from the Library Technician Program at Cambrian College, Sudbury, Fanshawe College, London, and the School of Library Services, Dalhousie University, visited the Library.

E. Visitors

Many Canadian librarians visited as did librarians from Australia, Belgium, Denmark, England, Germany, Israel, New Zealand, and Switzerland. Parliamentary delegations were received from India, Romania, and Yugoslavia. Individual visitors from foreign Parliaments were: Mr. A. R. Cumming Thom, Clerk Assistant of the Senate and Mr. Douglas Blake, Clerk Assistant, House of Representatives of the Australian Parliament; Mr. James Hamilton, M.P., and Sir Harmer Nicholls, M.P. of the British House of Commons.

Other foreign visitors included: Mr. John Beckwith, Deputy Keeper, Department of Architecture and Sculpture, The Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England; Mr. Joseph de Coo, Director, Museum Mayer Van den Bergh, Antwerp, Belgium; Mr. Enos Sewlal, Government Archivist, National Archives and Mr. Cecil Haig Dolly, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago.

The following diplomats were welcomed: Mr. K. M. Lal, First Secretary (Commercial) Indian High Commission; Col. N. I. Neboratchko, Military Attaché, Embassy of the U.S.S.R.; Miss Elinor Green, Second Secretary, Embassy of the United States and Mr. Brian F. Fordney, Director, U.S. Information Services; Mr. Eugen Popa, First Secretary, Embassy of Romania; Mr. Philip Noakes, Counsellor (Information), British High Commission; Mr. Per Hakan Lindstrom, First Secretary (Press and Information), Embassy of Sweden; Viscount Dunrossil, Counsellor and Head of Chancery, British High Commission.

F. International Service

The Parliamentary Librarian continued as Canadian Correspondent for the Inter-Parliamentary Union's Centre for Parliamentary Documentation in Geneva and for the Parliamentary and Administrative Libraries Section of the International Federation of Library Associations in The Hague. He also served as a member of the Standing Advisory Committee of the Special Libraries Section and the Committee on Exchange of Publications of IFLA. He was the Canadian Library Association voting delegate at the IFLA Conference in Budapest, August/September 1972, and was elected to a 3-year term as President of the Parliamentary and Administrative Libraries Section, the first non-European to hold this office.

He was the sole Canadian invited to the Conference of European Experts on the International Exchange of Publications organized under the auspices of IFLA and UNESCO, in Vienna, April 1972. He was an invited Rapporteur at the Inter-Parliamentary Union's 3rd International Symposium on *The Member of Parliament: His Requirements for Information in the Modern World* in Geneva in January 1973 and delivered a paper on *Parliamentary Libraries: Their Role in Helping Parliamentarians be Well-Informed and Appearing Well-Informed*.