

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

In this critical time of the world's affairs, I pray that Divine Providence may guide and bless your deliberations.

The Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The Senate was resumed.

The Honourable Senator Dandurand presented to the Senate a Bill intituled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read the first time.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that a copy of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General had been left in his hands.

The same was read by the Honourable the Speaker.

On motion, it was—

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday, next.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate the Report of the Librarian, for the year 1938.

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

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

Report of the Librarian for 1938

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate:

The General Librarian of Parliament has the honour to submit the Report on the Library for 1938.

Work on the Supplementary Catalogue of books donated and purchased during 1938 has been steadily pushed and the Catalogue will be issued at an earlier date than usual.

The undersigned records with regret the passing of the Honourable Martin Burrell, P.C., LL.D., Parliamentary Librarian, former Minister of Agriculture and holder of three other portfolios in the Cabinet of Sir Robert Borden. Mr. Burrell died at his residence on the 20th March last, after a short illness. He was in his eightieth year. Mr. Burrell was eminent as a statesman, a man of letters, and an eloquent and witty speaker. His death constitutes a loss to the whole Dominion, particularly to those who were in close contact with him. When he retired from political life in 1920 he became Parliamentary Librarian. Surrounded by books he loved so well, he found in that position the greatest pleasure in his life of service. He was a warm friend, a delightful companion, a most interesting conversationalist, an author of distinction, an excellent speaker, an amusing and interesting raconteur and a great music lover. Kindly and courteous, he will be long remembered by the staff of the Parliamentary Library.

On October 1 last Mr. Albert Beaudry, French Senior Library Assistant, was retired on superannuation. Mr. Beaudry had done honourable and useful service in the Library for fifty-one years. The Civil Service Commission has appointed to the vacant position Mr. E. E. Trudel who has been a Library Assistant since 1920.