

PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate the Report of the Parliamentary Librarian, as follows:—

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIAN

4th Session, 24th Parliament, 1960

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate:

The Acting Parliamentary Librarian has the honour to submit the following report for the first ten months of the year 1960. The last report was presented to both Houses on January 14, 1960.

The Joint Committee on the Library met twice during last session, on March 8 and on June 30, 1960, to discuss Library matters. The Committee recommended that the Procedure Committee of the House of Commons be requested to consider the repeal of Standing Orders 120 to 128 governing the Library, for which would be substituted regulations to be adopted by the Joint Committee. It also recommended that the publication of the General Index to the Journals of the House of Commons be resumed and that a sixth volume covering the years 1930 to 1945 be compiled by the Hansard Index and Reference Branch.

A "Selected Additions List" was issued twice-monthly throughout last session to bring to the attention of Senators and Members a choice of recent books of special interest. The response was most favorable and new issues of this list will be put out fortnightly during the present session for the information of members of both houses.

A revised edition of the leaflet "How the Library of Parliament can help Senators and Members" will be distributed early next week. Suggestions as to improvements in future editions would be welcomed.

In the first ten months of 1960, the Library staff circulated 17,328 books and answered 4,994 reference questions, an increase in both cases over the previous year. During the same period, 10,158 volumes were catalogued, which brings to 153,163 the number of volumes re-catalogued since the fire of 1952.

The undersigned reports with regret the passing of Donat Boivin, for many years the senior clerk in the House of Commons Reading Room. The Civil Service Commission has promoted Mr. J. E. Desjardins to the vacant post.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. SYLVESTRE,
Acting Parliamentary Librarian.

Library of Parliament,
Ottawa, November 17, 1960.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

The Honourable Senator Asetline laid on the Table, the following:—

Further Supplementary Estimates (4) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1961. (English and French texts).

Report of the Unemployment Insurance Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1960, pursuant to section 95(2) of the *Unemployment Insurance Act*, Chapter 50, Statutes of 1955. (EEnglish text).