

“ Library Committee will take up that question, because we ought really to have—
“ the Dominion of Canada ought to have—a National Library.”

In view of the prospective change indicated in the above remarks of the Right Hon. Premier, and without wishing to anticipate the action of Parliament in this matter, I beg respectfully that some much needed changes be introduced in the internal economy of the Library, to pave the way for such reorganization of this Department as may be determined upon. It would be premature to lay before Parliament the details of the scheme, but I may, however, say that one of these changes should afford more time to the staff to obtain a knowledge of the works contained in the different sections entrusted to their care.

A list of donations received since last Session is annexed to this report, and also a list of Canadian works deposited under the Copyright Act.

The number of volumes in the Library last year was estimated at 107,500. Since then the number has increased to about 111,200.

The supplementary index to the Catalogue will be issued next week.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. D. DeCELLES,
Acting Librarian.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,
29th January, 1885.

(*For List of Copyrights, Donations, &c., Vide Sessional Papers No. 16.*)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Sir Alexander Campbell, seconded by the Honorable Sir David Lewis Macpherson,
The House adjourned.

Friday, 30th January, 1885.

The Members convened were

The Honorable WILLIAM MILLER, Speaker,

The Honorable Messieurs

Alexander,	Chapais,	McDonald,	Pâquet,
Allan,	Dever,	McInnes,	Pelletier,
Archibald,	Dickey,	McKay,	Read,
Armand,	Ferguson,	McKindsey,	Robitaille,
Baillargeon,	Flint,	McMaster,	Schultz,
Bellerose,	Girard,	McMillan,	Scott,
Benson,	Glasier,	Macdonald,	Smith,
Bolduc,	Guvremont,	Macpherson,	Stevens,
Boucherville, de,	Haythorne,	(Sir David Lewis),	Sutherland,
Campbell,	Howlan,	Montgomery,	Trudel,
(Sir Alexander),	Kaubach,	Northwood,	Turner,
Carvell,	Lacoste,	O'Donohoe,	Vidal,
Chaffers,	McClelan,	Ogilvie,	Wark.

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