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in the Mother Country; and the latest compilations of the political and constitutional History of Great Britain, will be found added to the shelves since last Session.

The books added to the Library since last year are now in excellent condition. The binding is specially good; the type is in most cases pleasant to the eye; the pages are unsoiled, and the character and variety of the contents render access to the shelves one of the great pleasures of life to every man of taste, to every studious man, and every one seeking any kind of intellectual recreation, or professional or political information. But if the practice is continued of converting the Library of Parliament into a circulating library during the recess, by the next Session a large percentage of these volumes will be broken, soiled, dog-eared, perhaps plateless, and wholly unfit to be offered to those for whose pleasure and service this Library was created and is maintained.

We are glad to report that the Canadian section is nearly complete in several important parts. All the works bearing on the Wars of 1756-60 and 1812-13, have been secured, as well as a considerable number of treatises and studies on the chrestomathy of the Indian dialects of North America. Many important additions have also been made in the other parts of this section.

The Librarians beg to call the attention of Parliament to the fact that the general Catalogue of the Library has not been printed since 1857 (the law section only having been issued in 1880) and consequently copies of this Catalogue are difficult to obtain and are moreover of very little value, the additions to the Library having rendered it most incomplete. It will rest with Parliament to decide whether it should not be reprinted at an early date. The Librarians however respectfully suggest that the Catalogue of the Canadian section at least be reprinted this year. The plan on which it was originally and long ago started fails to meet the present requirements; it does not give without much research, an adequate idea of that section.

Honorable members could see for themselves at a glance that it no longer fulfils its object and that a new Canadian Catalogue should be issued as soon as possible. The list of donations and copyrights is appended. The Supplementary Catalogue will be issued early next week.

The whole respectfully submitted.

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(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 Mr. Smith,

The House adjourned.

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