

ment libraries at the National Library where the National Librarian outlined some of his ideas for the rationalization of federal library services. As the Parliamentary Librarian is excluded from this direction, but anxious to be well-informed regarding it, the invitation of the National Librarian was especially appreciated.

#### E. Estimates

Despite the wish expressed at the March 5, 1970, meeting of the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament "that if the Estimates of the Library of Parliament were to be referred to any Parliamentary committee, it should be to the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament only" the Parliamentary Librarian was called before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization on April 15, 1970, to explain his estimates. Parliamentarians will recall that the previous year the Library's estimates were examined by the House of Commons Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

#### F. Courses and Conferences

Several staff members took English or French language evening courses. The Parliamentary Librarian attended an immersion course in Quebec City July 1-17, 1969, and finished the deuxième degree of the Public Service Commission French Language course.

A two-week Public Service Commission Developmental Course for Managers and Assistant Managers of Support Services was completed by the Assistant Chief Reference Librarian. Another reference librarian attended a 2-week Public Archives course in micro-recording technology. Training seminars at the federal government's Computer Services Bureau were attended by other staff members, and a cataloguing librarian attended the MARC Institute (on machine readable cataloguing developments) at the University of Toronto. A reference librarian completed a Master's level course on Information Storage and Retrieval at the University of Ottawa's School of Library Science, and some non-professional staff members completed evening courses towards their Bachelor or Master of Arts degrees.

The 1969 Canadian Library Association Conference in St. John's, Newfoundland was attended by the Assistant Librarian and the Chief of the Cataloguing Branch in June.

Both the Parliamentary Librarian and the Assistant Librarian attended the Data Processing Conference sponsored by the Data Processing Institute and the Federal Institute of Management in Ottawa February 23-25, 1970.

The Assistant Librarian attended the Institute of Professional Librarians of Ontario meeting in Toronto May 23, 1969; the Chief Cataloguing Librarian, the American Library Association Pre-Conference Institute on Subject Analysis of Library Materials in Atlantic City, June 19-21, 1969; the Parliamentary Librarian, the Copyright Conference at Mount Orford September

5-7, 1969, and the meetings of the Canadian Micrographic Society in Ottawa, October 27-28, 1969.

#### G. Staff

The unexpected resignation of the Library Administrative Officer in September, 1969, resulted in his replacement by an even more experienced and more highly qualified administrative officer, Mr. A. E. (Ted) Luxton, in November. A former fighter pilot, Mr. Luxton had been a member of the Public Service Commission team that conducted a survey of the House of Commons staff in 1964. As he alone carried out a complete classification survey of the Library of Parliament at the request of the Speakers in 1965, we were particularly pleased to welcome him permanently.

#### H. Communications

Due to the pressure of other work the report on the questionnaires sent to all Parliamentarians last year is not yet ready, but hopefully, the findings will soon be ready for the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament.

#### 4. PARLIAMENTARY INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE BEYOND PARLIAMENT

##### A. Parliament's Centennial Project

Newspaper reports from the 1869 *Globe* (Toronto) and *Ottawa Times* were xeroxed and forwarded to Dr. Waite.

##### B. Indexing of Senate and House of Commons Committee Proceedings and Reports

Arrangements have now been made for the printing of these indexes, but the greatly increased use of Committees under the new rules of the House of Commons has made it impossible to keep up without additional staff. The state of this work is reported in greater detail in Section 1. A.

##### C. Surplus Parliamentary Documents

1,903 volumes of Canadian parliamentary documents were supplied to other institutions. Canadian recipients included the libraries of the Universities of Alberta, the Lakehead, Laurentian, Victoria, and Xavier College, the Glenbow-Alberta Institute, the B.C. Law Reform Commission, the Law Society of Upper Canada, and York University Law Library. The Progressive Conservative Party Research Office was provided with over 600 volumes, and some were also supplied to the Privy Council Office. A shipment of 141 volumes of Canadian Senate and House of Commons Debates was also sent to the British Library of Political & Economic Science of the London School of Economics.

##### D. Visitors

Many Canadian librarians visited during the year, primarily university librarians, but we were particularly happy to welcome Mr. Maurice Boone, New Brunswick Legislative Librarian.