

following his retirement from the Senate after almost 44 years in Parliament. He was a fine friend of the Library, a constant user of it, and finally its benefactor. His death this summer was a cause of genuine sorrow to all staff members who knew him.

Many of the books presented by the Rt. Hon. Lester B. Pearson following his retirement were inscribed presentation copies, and as valuable association pieces were added to our growing Rare Book Collection. Others were passed on to the National Library.

Mr. Herb Gray, M.P. has also been a persistent bearer of useful gifts, and we hope that his willingness to promptly pass on surplus items will be copied by all other Parliamentarians.

We should like to thank again all those non-Parliamentary benefactors, both Canadian and foreign, who helped us improve service to Parliamentarians by taking the initiative and sending us items of likely interest. We are particularly appreciative of the academic studies made available by their authors at some personal expense.

Three manuscripts were added to our Rare Book Collection; *Confederation at the Crossroads; the Canadian Constitution* by Mr. E. R. Hopkins, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, the Senate; Mr. Peter Dempson's *Assignment Ottawa*, and Jonh Harbron's *This is Trudeau*, all presented by their authors.

Gifts from the Diplomatic Corps in Ottawa are gratefully acknowledged with South Africa our main benefactor during this period. We should also like to acknowledge the gift of the 1937 Golden Cockerel Press edition of *The Travels and Sufferings of Father Jean de Brébeuf Among the Hurons of Canada As Described by Himself* presented by His Excellency Sir Henry Lintott, K.C.M.G. on his departure from Canada.

Copyright books will no longer be deposited with us, but with the National Library under Section 11 of the new National Library Act which replaces Section 52 of the Copyright Act under which copyright material was placed in this library. Administratively this is sensible as most of the material we received was unsuited to our needs, but necessary to the National Library. It was not felt that Parliament should relinquish any of its rights without compensation, however, and protracted negotiations took place between the Parliamentary Librarian, the Department of Justice and Treasury Board resulting in a guaranteed annual supplement of our estimates in lieu of copyright books.

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Excellent work promptly and conveniently produced despite inadequate equipment and quarters is the story here. It is sincerely hoped that space may be found just off the Hill, perhaps in the Langevin Block, for a modest, but useful expansion.

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Finally, with regard to our information services, I should like to publicly thank M^{lle} Simonne Chiasson, Chief Reference Librarian, Miss Florence Moore,