

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the Report of the Joint Librarians of Parliament, which is as follows:—

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:

The Joint Librarians of Parliament have the honour to submit their Report on the Library for 1937.

The preparation of the Supplementary Catalogue of books donated and purchased during the past year is well advanced and printed copies will be in the hands of Senators and Members shortly.

The superannuation of Mr. M. C. MacCormac, who had been in the Library for more than fifty years, led to some promotions of members of the staff and created a vacancy in the position of Registry and Shelving Clerk. After competitive examinations, the Civil Service Commission appointed Mr. Robert Morris Hamilton to the vacant position. Mr. Hamilton is a B.A. of McGill University and Bachelor of Library Science of McGill. He also held a Carnegie Fellowship at Columbia University in 1936-7.

The Index volume of the completed twenty volumes of the Dictionary of American Biography was received last November; and the Index to the very valuable set of the Private Papers of James Boswell (Isham Collection) has also been received. The last, and sixth, volume of the Encyclopædia of Canada, edited by W. Stewart Wallace, has now been shelved. Many new works on economics, international affairs, history, and so on, have been added to the Library. The one-volume edition of Audubon's "Birds of America" was recently purchased. It contains 500 Plates. Though reduced in size, the pictures of the birds are coloured, as nearly as possible, like those in Audubon's rare and valuable Elephant Folio edition, of which the Library is fortunate enough to possess a copy.

Amongst interesting donations to the Library during 1937 are the following:

"Art in Federal Buildings." This finely-illustrated volume was privately printed, though related to the United States Treasury Department's "Art Program," which has been in operation for two years. The Library is indebted to the sponsors of the book, and to the Canadian Legation at Washington, through whom it was received.

Another volume of the beautifully illustrated set of the Catalogue of Mr. F. J. Nettlefold's art collection has been donated this year. Also a further volume (No. 12) of the Letters of Sir Walter Scott has been received from an unknown donor.

In spite of numerous readjustments, referred to in former Reports, there is still some congestion in the Library, though the Librarians and staff are doing everything possible to make things convenient to users of the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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FELIX DESROCHERS,
Joint Librarians.

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The House then adjourned at 4.25 o'clock, p.m., until to-morrow, at 3 o'clock, p.m.

PIERRE F. CASGRAIN,
Speaker.