

During the recess, files of the principal Journals in the Maritime Provinces have been obtained from the Parliamentary Reading Rooms. These, together with several leading Papers in Ontario and Quebec, which have been annually collected for that purpose for several years past,—have been carefully completed and bound for the use of the Library. Such Periodicals, though difficult to collect, and expensive to bind, are of inestimable value for the purposes of reference.

Additions have been made to the several classes of works in the Library, within the past year, to the extent of the funds available for the purchase of books. These additions, however, are not so numerous as in former years. ▲t the beginning of last Session, the outstanding accounts against the Library amounted to about two thousand dollars in excess of the Parliamentary grant. This was mainly attributable to the non-receipt of a like sum, applied for by the Library Committee for the service of the year ending June 30th, 1868, but which the Finance Minister did not think fit to recommend to Parliament. By careful economy in subsequent expenditure, your Librarian is happy to state that all accounts due, on behalf of the Library, have been liquidated, and a small balance remains on hand to defray necessary charges to the expiration of the current fiscal year.

A supplementary catalogue of books added to the Library since the last Report, exclusive of continuations, and new editions of works previously upon the shelves, has been printed for the use of members.

The number of works received through the Department of Agriculture and Statistics, under the Copyright Act, continues to increase, which is a gratifying indication of literary activity throughout the Dominion. A list of these works, and of books received by way of donation, whether from private individuals, or from official sources, is appended to this Report.

The number of books in the Library at the opening of last session, was estimated at 61,500 volumes. Since then, about 1,500 volumes have been added; making a total of 63,000.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS TODD,

Librarian, House of Commons.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,

February 15th, 1870.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT, SINCE APRIL 15TH, 1869.

From Her Majesty's Secretary of State.

British and Foreign State Papers, vols. 51, 52, 53.

Imperial Statutes, 1869.

32e Livraison, *Carte de la France.*

From the Dominion Secretary of State.

Rapports du Jury International, Exposition de 1867, a Paris. 13 vol.

Hansard's Parliamentary Debates, Session 1869.

Two Medals (one in Silver, the other in Bronze), to commemorate the Confederation of the British North American Provinces, in 1867.

From the Honorable Mr. Carter, of Newfoundland.

Laws of Newfoundland, from 1833 to 1866, (lacking those for 1842), bound in 5 vols.

From E. W. Miller, Esq., Clerk Assistant, Legislative Council, New Brunswick.

Journals of Legislative Council, New Brunswick, for 1836 to 1850, bound in 4 vols.