

Although the congested state of the Library has been the subject of complaint for over a quarter of a century, and seven or eight thousand volumes are added to the collection yearly, the main chamber of the Library has been kept in a reasonably neat and tidy condition. We have some reserve space in the Supreme Court building and hope to obtain more this year.

The number of books received under the terms of the Copyright Act, 1931, continues to grow. Commencing in 1932 with 139 items, the number registered had increased to 475 in 1943, and in the year 1951 a total of 1,386 works were received, in duplicate, as Copyright deposits which, including many large sets, amounted to nearly 3,000 separate volumes.

Because of the space problem we are not cataloguing books of a highly special or technical nature, children's stories, etc., but are transferring them to the Supreme Court building in a reserve we have built up for the future National Library.

All members of the staff, with the exception of those temporaries not appointed by the Civil Service Commission, shared in the recent general increase in salaries. It is hoped that the salaries of such temporaries will be adjusted soon.

Mr. Robert M. Hamilton, Assistant Librarian, has for many years been looking up quotations and phrases for Members of Parliament and the general public. He has now published a book: "Canadian quotations and phrases, literary and historical", which should be of great usefulness to all libraries and especially in our own reference department. It is the first collection of its kind.

Respectfully submitted,

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Library of Parliament,  
Ottawa, February 28, 1952.

Mr. Speaker also laid before the House,—Report of the Proceedings of the Commissioners of Internal Economy of the House of Commons, for the period October 10 to December 31, 1951, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 80.

Also,—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer on certain By-elections and North West Territories Elections held during the year 1951, pursuant to subsection 6 of Section 56 of the Dominion Elections Act, 1938. (English and French).

And also,—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer made pursuant to Section 58 of the Dominion Elections Act, 1938.

Mr. Fournier (Hull), a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery of Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1951. (English and French).

He also laid before the House,—Copy of Order in Council P.C. 1084, approved February 26, 1952: Authorizing the Minister of Public Works to enter into an Agreement with Tannoy Rentals Ltd., of London, England, and Cossor (Canada) Ltd., of Halifax, N.S., for the supply, installation and operation of a Sound Reinforcement System in the House of Commons Chamber, Ottawa.