

RULES OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

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LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT.

A PROPER CATALOGUE OF THE BOOKS belonging to the Library shall be kept by the Librarian, in whom the custody and responsibility thereof shall be vested; and who shall be required to report to the House through Mr. Speaker, at the opening of each Session, the actual state of the Library.

No person shall be entitled to resort to the Library during the session of Parliament except the Governor General, the Members of the Privy Council, and of the Senate and House of Commons, and the Officers of both Houses, and such other persons as may receive a written order of admission from the Speaker of either House. Members may personally introduce Strangers to the Library during the daytime, but not after the hour of seven o'clock, p. m.

During a Session of Parliament, no Books belonging to the Library shall be taken out of the Building, except by the authority of the Speaker or upon receipts given by a Member of either House.

During the recess of Parliament, the Library and Reading Room shall be open every day in each week, Sundays and Holidays excepted, from the hour of ten in the morning until three in the afternoon; and access to the Library shall be permitted to persons introduced by a member of the Legislature, or admitted at the discretion of the Librarian; subject to such regulations as may be deemed necessary for the security and preservation of the collection; but no one shall be allowed to take any Book out of the Library except Members of the Legislature, and such others as may be authorized by the Speaker of either House.

During the recess of Parliament, no Member of either House not residing at the seat of Government, shall have liberty to borrow or have in his possession at any one time more than three works, from the library, or to retain the same for a longer period than one month.

No other person who may be privileged by card, from the Speaker of either House to borrow Books from the Library, shall be allowed to have in his possession more than two Books at any one time, or to retain the same longer than three weeks, and all such persons shall return the Books so taken when required by the Librarian.

No Books of reference, or Books of special cost and value, may be removed from the seat of Government under any circumstances.

At the first meeting of the Joint Library Committee at every Session of Parliament, the Librarian shall report a list of the Books absent at the commencement of the Session, specifying the names of any persons who have retained the same in contravention of either of the foregoing Rules.

In addition to the foregoing rules, the Joint Library Committee have agreed to the following new Rules, to which the attention of persons frequenting the Library, or making use of any books belonging thereto, is specially requested:

1. It is strictly forbidden to make any mark, by pencil or otherwise, in any book belonging to the Library, or to turn down leaves therein, or otherwise deface the same.

2. No person (other than a member of Parliament) is permitted to have access to any of the Galleries surrounding the Library, without the express permission of the Librarian, or unless accompanied by an officer of the Library.

3. No visitor shall be permitted to remain in the Library with his hat on; nor will smoking, or spitting on the floor or carpet, be permitted, in any of the Library apartments.

4. No audible conversation will be allowed in the reading room; nor shall any person be permitted to partake of refreshments therein; and no dogs shall be allowed in the Library.