

Regret was expressed at the death of Senator Clement O'Leary, for a number of years a useful member of the Committee.

Items discussed included:

1. *The Preliminary Automation Survey* conducted by the Bureau of Management Consulting Services, Department of Supply and Services, which recommended "a wait and see approach before implementing major surveys or changes";

2. *Provision of Research Assistance to Committees of both Houses* and the possible expansion of this service;

3. *Amendments to the Library of Parliament Regulations* spelling out more clearly the Parliamentary Librarian's powers regarding the disposal of surplus items, the making of exchange agreements, closing the library and reading room on long holiday week-ends, and the prohibition of photography in the library;

4. *The effect of the new National Library Act on the Library of Parliament*, loss of copyright deposit (Section 15) and loss by the National Library of any right to claim Parliamentary property (Section 10);

5. Change of name of the House of Commons Reading Room to the Parliamentary Reading Room;

6. *Parliament's Centennial Project*, vol. 2, 1869, of the Senate and the House of Commons Debates to be proceeded with;

7. Future meetings to include simultaneous interpretation.

The meeting of February 26, 1970, was chaired by the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate, and attended by the Parliamentary Librarian and the Assistant Librarian.

Items discussed included:

1. *Salary revisions*, retiring leave regulations, and the 7% language proficiency bonus for eligible and qualified secretaries, stenographers, and typists;

2. *Provision of Research Assistance to Committees of both Houses* resulting in the unanimous passage of a resolution "that 10 more Research Officers be added to the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament, together with the necessary secretarial support."

The meeting adjourned abruptly due to a vote in the House of Commons.

The meeting of March 5, 1970, (a continuation of the previous meeting) was also chaired by the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate, and attended by the Parliamentary Librarian and the Assistant Librarian.

Items considered included:

1. *The Preliminary Automation Survey's* recommendation regarding the possibility of centralizing indexing services. The Parliamentary Librarian was ask-

ed to discuss this matter with the Clerks of both Houses;

2. *Display of National Treasures of the Library of Parliament* to be arranged by the Parliamentary Librarian within the Parliament Buildings subject to cost control by both Speakers;

3. *Canadian Weekly Newspapers*, a lengthy discussion concluded that the present policy continue;

4. *Sub-Committee for Budget Guidance* to study the estimates after approval by both Speakers and prior to their submission to the Joint Committee for approval by the Committee. (A new step);

5. *Research Assistance to Parliamentarians* was again discussed and will appear on the agenda of the next meeting.

Other items were also discussed, and the meetings were useful and interesting. The Parliamentary Librarian would like to thank all members of the Committee who gave so generously of their time and advice to assist him in administering the Library.

#### B. Automation

The "wait and see" policy recommended by the Bureau of Management Consulting Services, Department of Supply and Services, in its report of April 29, 1969, has been followed. It will be one of the particular responsibilities of the new Associate Parliamentary Librarian to follow up this matter with the assistance of other staff members to be named later.

#### C. Associate Parliamentary Librarian

As mentioned earlier, this position has now been most splendidly filled with the appointment of Mr. Gilles Frappier on August 17, 1970, and Parliament is indebted to the Prime Minister for the quality of his choice. Mr. Frappier's arrival will ensure continuously improving service.

#### D. The National Library

The Parliamentary Librarian attended with the National Librarian the 35th General Council Session of the International Federation of Library Associations in Copenhagen, August 24-30, 1969. With the National Librarian he also visited the National and Parliamentary Libraries of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, and the British Museum and House of Commons Library in London; excellent opportunities to see how national and parliamentary libraries co-operate in these countries. Again with the National Librarian he visited Oxford's Bodleian Library where they were greeted by Dr. Robert Shackleton, the new Librarian.

On January 7, 1970, a group of librarians and senior sub-professional employees from the Reference Branch of the National Library visited the Library. On February 20, 1970, the Assistant Librarian and the Chiefs of the Cataloguing and Reference Branches accompanied the Parliamentary Librarian to a meeting of heads of govern-