

On motion of Mr. Bennett, it was ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament, be taken into consideration on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Bennett, a Special Committee was appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 63, said Committee to be composed of Messrs.: Rhodes, Dupré, Simpson (Algoma West), Stewart (Edmonton West) and Casgrain.

Mr. Bennett, delivered a message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:

BESSBOROUGH:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved Minute of Council appointing the Rt. Honourable Sir George H. Perley, Minister without Portfolio; the Honourable D. M. Sutherland, Minister of National Defence; the Honourable T. G. Murphy, Minister of the Interior and Superintendent General of Indian Affairs; and the Honourable M. Dupré, Solicitor General, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of Chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, intituled: "An Act respecting the House of Commons."

Government House,

Ottawa, 25th January, 1934.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the Report of the Librarian 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 1933.

The work connected with the printing of the Supplementary Catalogue of books donated and purchased during the year 1933 is well advanced, and the volume will be issued somewhat earlier than usual.

The vacancy in the position of General Librarian, following the death of Mr. J. de L. Taché, was filled last winter by the appointment of Mr. Félix Desrochers, formerly librarian of the Municipal Library of Montreal. Mr. Desrochers is a member of the legal profession, and assumed his new duties in February, 1933.

Amongst the valuable acquisitions made in recent years by the Library has been "The Private Papers of James Boswell from Malahide Castle." This unique work has been published in eighteen volumes, the last of which has just been received.

Amongst donations of interest have been a set of "The Letters of Sir Walter Scott" by an anonymous donor in England; from the Mayor of Genoa, a large illustrated volume entitled "Christopher Columbus: documents and proofs of his Genoese origin"; and also there was received from the Mayor of Tokyo a beautiful volume entitled "The Reconstruction of Tokyo," given to the Library as a token of gratitude for Canada's contribution to Japan at the time of the great earthquake, in 1923.