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during the Session and contains abstracts of recent articles likely to interest Parliamentarians. In addition, the following special bibliographies were prepared on request during 1968, and the first three months of 1969:

Métis of the Prairies with emphasis on Louis Riel, Gabriel Dumont and Cuthbert Grant.

Parliament in a Modern World/Le parlement dans le monde moderne.

Parliamentary Control of the Public Purse/Le contrôle parlementaire des finances publiques.

Prime Ministers and Cabinet Ministers 1867-1968—Biographies and Autobiographies.

The Senate of Canada/Le Sénat du Canada.

The Student in the University and Society of To-day/L'étudiant à l'université dans la société d'aujourd'hui.

The Supreme Court of Canada.

Use of the Vertical File and Clipping Service has continued to grow and one additional staff member was added in 1968. Seventeen unique volumes of xeroxed clippings were added to the Library collection from the files, sorting and subdividing continued to improve the service, new files were added and current material is now supplied regularly to the Senate Committee on Science Policy and the House of Commons Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

#### 1. B. *Reading Room*

As of January, 1969, 162 daily and 680 weekly newspapers are received as well as 235 periodicals. In addition to these, the Reading Room circulated over 3,000 volumes of fiction in 1968, removed editorial pages for our clipping service before discarding newspapers, and arranged for over 7,000 photocopies. The Parliamentary Reading Room (formerly the House of Commons Reading Room) is both increasingly useful and increasingly expensive especially in view of the increased postal rates.

#### 1. C. *Accessions and Cataloguing*

Increased work also fell on the Catalogue Branch during this period. Some 17,027 volumes were catalogued and classified in 1968/69, and over 80,000 cards filed. In addition, the ordering of French books was taken over by this Branch. During the long Recess of 1968, cataloguers voluntarily worked overtime—as do many of our other senior staff—and much of the backlog was cleared away. We are happy to report that this Branch is now up to strength.

In addition to our purchases, we continued to receive copyright books, exchanges, and gifts. Many gifts were received from Parliamentarians and all are appreciated.

Most notable were the valuable papers, scrapbooks, and old Canadian pamphlets (mostly political) received from the Hon. Jean-François Pouliot