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(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. .*)

Also Report of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1909.

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Also Report of the Department of Trade and Commerce for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1909.

Part I.—Canadian Trade—Imports into and Exports from Canada, (Itemized and General Statements).

Part II.—Canadian Trade—(1) with France, (2) with Germany, (3) with United Kingdom, (4) with United States.

Part IV.—Canadian Trade—Miscellaneous information.

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(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 10, 10a, 1910, 10c. 1909.*)

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate the Report of the Joint Librarians on the state of the Library for the year 1908-9.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and it is as follows:—

*To the Senate—*

The Joint Librarians of Parliament have the honour to present their report for the year 1908-9.

The latest revised laws of many of the American States have been procured; and by process of exchange, the revised laws of most of the Colonial dependencies have been obtained. There is probably no part of the Empire unrepresented on our shelves.

The discussions on the question of defence have been followed during the recess; and members will find in the card catalogues references to many authorities, articles, reports of speeches, &c.

During the recess efforts have been made to procure shelf room for the current official publications of the Federal and Provincial Governments.

Having, during several years called the attention of Parliament to the necessity for providing additional space in the Library, the Librarians have only to add to former representations, the statement that the necessity grows each year more pressing. It will be hardly just to hold the Librarians responsible for delays and confusion which they have endeavoured to prevent, but which can hardly be longer avoided. The plans for an extension of the Library prepared by the Chief Architect and submitted several times to Parliament, promised a satisfactory addition to the shelf-space; but no steps have been taken to carry these plans into execution.

The binding of newspapers has become especially a source of trouble. The number of papers to be bound has increased beyond what seems reasonable, and the size of the principal journals has increased in many cases four-fold, thus increasing the expense for binding, as well as requiring more space. On the other hand, the increase