

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Report of the General Librarian of Parliament, which is as follows:—

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:*

The General Librarian of Parliament has the honour to submit to Parliament his report on the Library for the year 1943.

The Supplementary Catalogue of books donated and purchased during 1943 is in course of printing and will be distributed at an early date.

The General Librarian is grateful for many interesting donations received during the year.

Our London agents have written to us that because of the acute paper shortage in England books are being published there only in very limited editions. As the British home market has priority, many of our orders have remained unfilled. All the usual British government publications, however, have been received. As to French books, conditions are even worse, none at all being received from France, only a few coming from the United States, and a few being published in Canada. There has, however, been a marked increase in the number of books by French-Canadian authors published in Canada.

The number of books received under the terms of Section 11 of the Copyright Amendment Act 1931 continues to grow year by year; 139 books were received in 1932, while the number registered during 1943 was 475.

We have now received the Library of Congress Catalogue of Printed Books as far as Volume 60 (Grono), and the British Museum General Catalogue of Printed Books as far as Volume 36 (Chic).

Owing to the decrease of the vote available for the purchase of books, and the addition of war taxes, the strictest economy has had to be used, especially in the purchase of lighter literature. Important books relating to various aspects of the war and to the special needs of Parliament have, however, been added to the library.

Although an improvement was made in the general lighting of the library when the old reflectors were removed from the dome and replaced by special lamps, the Public Works Department state that it will not be possible to do anything about the lighting of the alcoves while war restrictions prevail.

The congested state of the library has been referred to year after year since 1900. All space available inside and outside has been used, and there are no means at present of securing additional space in the library nor in any other building under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department, according to a report of the Chief Architect. The architectural construction of the building makes it impossible to alter the plan of the chamber, or to enlarge the building itself.

These matters were fully dealt with in a report submitted by the General Librarian to the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament which sat July 22, 1943, at which sitting the Committee adopted the following resolution:—

That this Committee is of the opinion that as soon as circumstances permit the government should consider the desirability of creating a