

During recess continued efforts have been made to bring up to date the Law and Political Economy sections to meet the requirements of the legislature.

The work of the different catalogues has been pushed forward to completion for all the additions. Several parts of the Canadian and American Catalogue have been remodelled and copied, with a view of preparing the printing of the same in the near future. For the information of the members of Parliament, it may be stated here that the General Catalogue of the Library has never been reprinted since 1858, and that the Law and Political Economy Catalogue has been reprinted in 1880. It would be a great advantage to the public at large to publish the Canadian section of the Catalogue, as demands for the same are frequently made to the Librarians. In anticipation of this emergency, the Canadian Catalogue has been prepared and is almost ready to be placed in the hands of the printer.

The Canadian and American sections have received several important editions. The price of the works out of print on America and Canada is constantly on the increase on account of the keen competition among the American Librarians for scarce books. Among the additions to the above section may be mentioned:

John Brereton. *True Relation of the Discovery of Virginia* (1602).

Thomas Hariot. *True Report of Virginia* (1588).

Hakluyt (R.) *The Principal Navigations* (1598) 2 vols.

Father Hennepin. *New Discovery of a vast country*.

The usual lists of donations to the Library and of the works deposited under the Copyright Act, which have been received since the last report, are hereunto appended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. D. DECELLES, G.L.

MARTIN J. GRIFFIN, P.L.

Library of Parliament,

March 10th, 1904.

(For list of donations to the Library of Parliament, 1903-4, vide *Sessional Papers*, No. .)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate,—A Statement of the Affairs of the British Canadian Loan and Investment Company (Limited), for the year ended 31st December, 1903.

Also, a list of the Shareholders on 31st December, 1903, in accordance with Sec. 33, Chapter 57 of 39 Victoria.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers*, No. .)

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Fourth Session of the Ninth Parliament,

The Honourable Mr. Kerr (Toronto) moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Tessier,

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:—

TO HIS EXCELLENCY the Right Honourable Sir GILBERT JOHN ELLIOT, Earl of Minto and Viscount Melgund of Melgund, County of Forfar, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Minto of Minto, County of Roxburgh, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Baronet of Nova Scotia, Knight Grand Cross of The Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, etc., etc., Governor General of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of Canada in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.