

When it became necessary for me to prefer my applications to the various Departments of State, in *Paris*, for donations from the *French Government*, *M. Bossange's* services were of the greatest utility. He accompanied me in my visits to the Bureaux; on my return to *London*, he waited repeatedly upon the several Officers of State, to ensure the due fulfilment of the generous assurances of the *French Ministers*, that directions should be given to all the Departments to contribute as liberally as possible towards the *Canadian Library*. In every respect, I am bound to acknowledge that if the expectations of the Legislature, with regard to the *French* portion of the Library, have been satisfied, the credit is mainly, if not altogether, due to *M. Bossange*.

Notwithstanding the most strenuous efforts to complete my labours at an earlier day, the length of time required to further the applications to the Governments of *England* and *France*, for donations, the necessity for informing myself, by frequent visits to leading public and official Libraries, as to the most desirable works to select for the Library, and the time necessarily taken up in the book market, prevented my return to *Canada* until the beginning of *January*. Even then I had been unable to expend the whole of the moneys in my hands; but the near approach of the meeting of Parliament rendered my return imperative.

The books purchased in *London* and *Paris* have been all substantially bound, upon very economical terms; and the greater portion of them have already arrived either at *Toronto* or at *New York*. The remainder, including the balance of the *French* purchases, which were unavoidably in a less forward state, for shipment, when I left *Europe*, may be expected within two or three months. Meanwhile, I am preparing, for immediate publication, for the use of the Members, a Catalogue of all my purchases, which, though it will necessarily be meagre in its description of the books, will be complete, and will include also the books previously in the Library.

Before closing this Report, I have thought that it might be gratifying to many were I to point out some of the special objects of interest and literary merit, which I have been enabled to collect; particularly as owing to delay in providing suitable accommodation for the Library, it has not been possible to open even those cases of books which have reached *Toronto*. Reference has been already made to the series of Parliamentary papers, the Maps of the Ordnance Survey, and from the Board of Admiralty, the Public Records, the series of Patent Specifications, and other official publications obtained in *England*, and also to the munificent donations received from the Government of *France*; I would now call attention to a few of the most rare and curious works included in my purchases; premising, however, that the several classes of law, politics, science, and literature, have been fully represented by selections of the best and most recent publications, and of standard writers.

The whole of the undermentioned works were bought from Mr. *H. G. Bohn*, to whose information I am chiefly indebted for the descriptive notices:—

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