

On motion of Mr. St. Laurent it was ordered,—That a Special Committee be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, lists of Members to compose the Standing Committees of this House under Standing Order 63, said Committee to be composed of Messrs. Fournier (Hull), Harris (Grey-Bruce), Casselman, Shaw and Weir.

Mr. St. Laurent delivered a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

VINCENT MASSEY:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved Minute of Council appointing the Honourable Alphonse Fournier, Minister of Public Works, the Honourable D. C. Abbott, Minister of Finance, the Honourable J. J. McCann, Minister of National Revenue and the Honourable F. G. Bradley, Secretary of State of Canada, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of Chapter 145 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1927, intituled: "An Act respecting the House of Commons".

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA.
February 28, 1952.

On motion of Mr. St. Laurent, Louis Rene Beaudoin, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Vaudreuil-Soulanges, was appointed Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Mr. Speaker presented the Report of the Librarians of Parliament, which is as follows:—

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:

The Joint Librarians made their last report as recently as October 9, 1951. There has been little to report since that time.

An important step was taken in January when the collection of coins and medals, which the Library had accumulated through the years, was transferred to the Public Archives. This transfer was arranged with two considerations in mind. First, it would make available display cases in which the Library could exhibit a selection of the many interesting books, fine bindings, etc., that are included in its collections. Many inquiries are made about such items, and most visitors will undoubtedly find them much more interesting than the coins and medals, which are of a highly specialized nature. Secondly, the transfer made the coins available to a sister institution which already possessed a great deal of material of the kind, and which has adopted the definite policy of keeping its collections up to date by the systematic addition of new and current Canadian material. A total of 1,797 items was transferred. This number included rare and valuable items that will add greatly to the interest and completeness of the collections in the Public Archives. Special mention may be made of the medals dating back to the French regime, and the fine collection of Newfoundland coins.