

as incurred in the year 1881, including an additional liability incurred in anticipation of the increased grant for 1882-83, as explained by the Librarian—amounting together to the sum of Three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars, thirty four cents (\$3,350.34), thus leaving only a balance of \$3,649.60 for the support of the Library during the remaining portion of the current year.

W. H. ODELL. }  
CHAS. C. COLBY. } *Auditors.*

LIBRARY, 8th May, 1882.

OTTAWA, 26th April, 1882.

Hon. W. H. ODELL,

DEAR SIR,—I beg to repeat in writing the substance of my statement to the Library Committee, at its first meeting, this Session, in regard to the Library expenditure.

On 26th November, 1881, I applied to the Finance Minister,—in answer to his circular for an estimate of money required for the Library Department, as well for the present as for the ensuing financial year—that the existing deficiencies in the Library made it highly desirable that we should receive “an immediate advance of \$3,000—and also, that for the ensuing fiscal year, a further sum of \$10,000, be granted for the purchase of books.”

Some time after a Clerk from the Finance Office brought me (*by order*) a proof sheet of the Estimates, which included the items above-mentioned.

But shortly before the House met, I learnt with surprise and chagrin, that, on finally revising the Estimates, the Government had concluded to give us nothing but the *ordinary grant*, for next fiscal year!

Meanwhile, I had sent home some orders, and had arranged for a supply of new, important, and desirable books, to be sent on once a month during the sitting of Parliament.

I did not countermand my orders, because I felt that even if our means were of the smallest, it would be best to expend the greater portion of the annual grant, whilst Parliament was in Session, and so give Members the advantage of our additions, rather than spread over our purchases to months when the Parliament was not in Session.

I have had the satisfaction of knowing that this plan has met with the practical approval of Members, for, in addition to various works indispensable for reference which have been bought, the selections in general literature have proved very acceptable, and have been, for the most part, quickly taken up by Members on the look out for new and interesting publications.

I hope, after this, that our grant may be adequate to sustain the credit of the Library, and to gratify the taste of our readers.

Believe me, dear Sir,  
Truly yours,

ALPHEUS TODD.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Sub-Committee for Audit further report the following additional information in regard to certain details of expenditure, viz:—