

In the Canadian Bank Note building all bound periodicals and continuations, such as year-books and other annuals, are shelved and indexed.

In the Parliament Building we have three collections. In the room connecting the basement of the House of Commons with the old library (Room 127) are current periodicals as well as Canadian documents. In that part of the House of Commons Reading Room which has been assigned to us as a central office we have assembled a collection of material which we hope will give Members a quick reference service. Here may be found Statutes, Parliamentary Papers, Journals, works dealing with parliamentary procedure, law, Canadian history, finance, and other subjects. In other rooms under the Senate are the United Kingdom documents, Statutes and Debates, United States Statutes-at-large, Senate Journals, and other reference material for which there is no space in the Reading Room, but which can be obtained very quickly for Members. Material not available in the Parliament Building may be obtained at short notice from the Supreme Court or Canadian Bank Note buildings.

The Joint Librarians find their present quarters very unsuitable, but so far no other space has been found. As a result Honourable Senators and Members are unable to discuss their needs with freedom and in privacy.

Most of the books damaged by the fire and sent for rebinding have been returned, and the Library's collection is now almost complete.

The contractors have been at work on the reconstruction of the Library of Parliament building for several months and appear to be making good progress. The architects assure us that as far as the exterior and interior appearance are concerned the new library will be almost an exact copy of the old one. The building will be fireproofed and air-conditioned. The old carved panelling will be restored, and the much-admired parquet floor will be replaced exactly as it was in the early 70's. Surrounding the main reading room will be cataloging rooms, administration rooms, rest rooms, and all the improvements needed to make a modern library. An elevator will serve all floors.

In the course of the year Mr. Ernest Bilodeau, Assistant Librarian (French), was retired on superannuation. Mr. Bilodeau had given honourable service in the Library for nearly thirty years. The Civil Service Commission has appointed to the vacant position Mr. Guy Sylvestre, M.A., F.R.S.C.

Respectfully submitted,

FELIX DESROCHERS,  
FRANCIS A. HARDY

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Library of Parliament,  
Ottawa, November 12, 1953.

Mr. St. Laurent moved,—That William Alfred Robinson, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Simcoe East, be appointed Chairman of Committees of the Whole House, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 56.

And the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. St. Laurent, the House was adjourned at 4.40 o'clock, p.m., until tomorrow, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m.