

same, continued punctually to keep Accounts on behalf of the Library. In reporting the introduction of the new system, which has been effected by desire of the Auditor-General, I gladly avail myself of the opportunity to record my thankful recognition of the value of the services which Mr. *Stephen* has gratuitously performed for so long a period, and my hope that they may not remain unrewarded.

Within the year the Library has been enriched by a considerable number of Donations; a complete list of which is hereunto appended, together with an enumeration of the works deposited under the Copyright Act.

Conspicuous amongst the Donations, in value and bibliographical interest, is the gift received from Mrs. *John Carter-Brown*, the widow of the late *John Carter-Brown*, of *Providence, Rhode Island*, the eminent and learned Book-collector, whose magnificent Library of early printed books relating to this continent, is probably the finest and most complete in either hemisphere. The donation consists of a copy, in 4 volumes, of the Catalogue of Books, concerning *North and South America*, to be found in this Library, and which were printed between the years 1482 and 1800. This catalogue is enriched with *fac-similes* of early title pages, of illuminations and portraits, of copies of ancient maps, and similar embellishments, and is annotated by an experienced American scholar, Dr. *John Russell Bartlett*. Very few copies of this catalogue were printed, and these only for private circulation. Mrs. *Brown* has received applications from several of the great Public Libraries of *Europe*, and from many similar institutions on this continent, for a copy of the catalogue, but she thought there should be one, at least, in the Dominion of *Canada*. She, therefore, generously responded to my earnest appeal for one of these remarkable and sumptuous catalogues, to be deposited in the Library of Parliament.

I would also call attention to the list of Books received from General *Horatio Rogers*, an American officer of distinction, who visited this Library about a year ago, for purposes of literary research, and who, in grateful recognition of the assistance then afforded him, kindly forwarded to the Library, the Books enumerated in the Appendix, under his name.

The number of volumes in the Library, last year, was estimated at 100,800. Since then the total number has increased to about 104,000.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS TODD,  
*Librarian of Parliament.*

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,  
8th February, 1883.

(*For List of Copyrights, Donations, &c., Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell* presented to the House, the Report of *A. H. Blackeby*, the Commissioner appointed to inquire into and report on the system of laws regulating labor in the State of *Massachusetts*.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 16.*)

The Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell* presented to the House, the Report of the Honorable *James Cockburn*, the Commissioner appointed to collect, examine and classify the Statutes of the Dominion of *Canada*.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 17.*)

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