

The Library has lost five of its staff in the past year; three by death—Mr. H. D. Throop, Mr. H. C. Stock, and Mrs. A. Tremblay; two by retirement—Mr. J. G. Pigeon and Mr. R. M. Hamilton. Mr. Throop had been in the Library over thirty years, Mr. Stock twenty-seven years, and Mrs. Tremblay twenty-three years. Mr. Pigeon retired after forty-four years service. All these officials filled important positions and will be hard to replace, particularly at this time when trained librarians are hard to obtain.

The need of increased space for the library, which the Librarians have emphasized in their annual reports for many years, has become so acute that in parts of the Library books are being piled on the floor. When post-war projects are being considered the question of additional space for the Library of Parliament should not be forgotten.

The lighting condition has become worse since our last report. Whole sections of the library have been left in darkness for months, necessitating the use of electric torches by the Library Staff.

The supply of books from English publishers remains small, and in the past year publishers in the United States also have had to curtail the number of their publications. French publishers have advised us that they will begin shortly to export books again to this country.

Respectfully submitted,

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Library of Parliament,

Ottawa, 19th March, 1945.

Mr. Crerar, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Annual Report of the Department of Mines and Resources including Report of Soldier Settlement of Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1944. (English and French editions.)

Also,—Annual Return of Permits issued during the calendar year 1944 as required by subsection 2 of section 4 of the Immigration Act.

Also,—Statement respecting loans made to Indians during the calendar year 1944, out of the Revolving Fund as established under subsection 1 of section 94 (b) of the Indian Act, Chapter 31, Statutes of Canada, 1938.

Also,—Statement showing the number of Enfranchisements under the Indian Act during the fiscal year ended 31st March, 1944, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 98, section 113, of the Revised Statutes, 1927.

Also,—Return showing land sales and leases cancelled by the Indian Affairs Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, from January 1, 1944, to December 31, 1944.

Also,—Copies of Orders in Council passed under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act, R.S.C. 113, 1927, Section 75, since the last Return to Parliament.

Also,—Statement with respect to liquor permits issued during the period January 1, 1944, to December 31, 1944, as required by Section 93 of the Northwest Territories Act, Chapter 142, R.S.C. 1927.