

The Supplementary Catalogue of books donated, purchased, deposited under the Copyright Act, and obtained through intergovernmental exchange of documents during the year is in the hands of the printers.

The Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament met on Tuesday, May 23, 1950. The Committee recommended:

1. That the necessary steps be taken to erect a library building for the National Library, in which could be stored all books surplus to the needs of the Library of Parliament; and that in the meantime the Department of Public Works be requested to provide space for the storage of such books.
2. That the Civil Service Commission be requested to increase the establishment of the Library of Parliament by the addition of two positions: (1) Cataloguer (English), as from January 1, 1950, to be filled by Miss Florence Moore, at present Librarian Grade I, Library of Parliament; (2) Librarian Grade II (French).
3. That the sum of \$1,000 be provided annually in the estimates for the microfilming of old and valuable newspapers and periodicals in order to complete the bound files in the Library.

The last two recommendations have been carried out. The Civil Service Commission has filled the position of Librarian Grade II (French) by the appointment of Mr. Guy Forget.

The superannuation of Mr. Joseph Tarte, Chief Reference Clerk, has resulted in several changes in the personnel of the Library. The Civil Service Commission has appointed Mr. T. E. Monette as Chief Reference Clerk, Mr. L. W. Lusignan as Reference Clerk, Mr. L. O. H. Tarte as Cataloguer, Mr. Bertrand Poulin as Clerk of Periodicals and Mr. Jean-Marie Scantland as Clerk Grade 3. All these employees, except Mr. Scantland, had been on the staff of the Library for some years.

On May 8 last a few panes of glass in the dome of the Library were broken during a windstorm, and the Public Works Department decided as a safety measure to remove all sixteen windows, and these were replaced by wood-board panels painted green. This not only affects the lighting in the main rotunda but gives a rather unsightly appearance to the Library as viewed from both inside and outside. It is hoped that the Public Works Department will replace these windows when spring comes.

On July 6 last a heavy storm opened a seam in the roof of the Library, allowing water to damage a large number of books. Nothing has been done to repair this defect.

The problem of placing some fourteen large card cabinets on the main floor of the Library has been solved by removing part of the old "Ring" and arranging the cases there. This will provide adequate accommodation for catalogue cards for many years to come.

The bindery of the Library has been enlarged and improved.

The Canadian section has also been re-arranged along more modern lines.

Respectfully submitted,

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