

The Librarians have to acknowledge with much pleasure the gift of a bust of the Duke of Newcastle, formerly Colonial Secretary, presented to the Library by the Right Honorable Sir John Macdonald. This bust, the work of a distinguished Sculptor, has been duly placed in the Library and forms a valuable addition to the Statuary by which the Library is adorned.

The Librarians have also to acknowledge the receipt from the British Government of the numerous, costly and most valuable reports of the Challenger Expedition which were sent to the Library on the application of the Honorable the Secretary of State, through the High Commissioner in London. These reports have been carefully indexed, and their contents swell the Scientific Section of the Catalogue of additions.

The Librarians have also to acknowledge the great courtesy of the Honorable the Secretary of State at Washington in promising for the use of the Library, the extensive and valuable records of the late Civil War, which are in course of publication. The great courtesy of the officers of the United States Government and of the various States in supplying the Library with reports that are asked for, makes us regret that we have so little to offer them in return.

Among the donations of the year is one from Hon. Mr. Haythorne, of the Senate, a member of the Library Committee, consisting of a valuable collection of the Laws of Prince Edward Island from the earliest period of the Island's legislative history. An example so well set may well be recommended to those gentlemen who, having passed many years in public life, have accumulated large stores of valuable public documents and pamphlets, for which the only permanent place of deposit for useful purposes is the Parliamentary Library.

The number of books added to the Library during the past two years is estimated to be about 9,500 volumes, making the total number of volumes 120,694.

Annexed will be found a table showing the circulation of Library books during the year. If the large figures induce Members to aid in diminishing the number of persons who have access to the Library, the institution, intended as a Library of reference for Members of Parliament, will benefit greatly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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MARTIN J. GRIFFIN, P.L.

(For List of Copyrights, Donations, &c., Vide Sessional Papers, No. 17.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—A statement of affairs of the British Canadian Loan and Investment Company up to 31st December, 1886.

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

(Vide Sessional Papers, No. 27.)

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Smith, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Botsford,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.