

jointly controlled by the Senate appear before it was not answered, but though the Officers of the House of Commons appeared in defence of its estimates, the Officers of the Senate did not. Our meeting with the Committee, however, was interesting, useful, and amiable.

3. F. *Staff Exchanges With Other Parliamentary Libraries*

This matter has been given some attention as more contact will benefit all parliamentary libraries, and working attachments are clearly superior to short visits. The difficulties are considerable because of conflicting sessions, qualifications of staff, size of libraries, etc., but we are happy to report that the House of Commons Library in London, England, after initial hesitation, accepted Mr. Lloyd Heaslip, now Assistant Chief of our Reference Branch, from May 12 to June 7, 1968. This was the first time we have sent one of our staff overseas for this purpose, but we hope it will not be the last. By letter we have discussed exchanges with the Australian Parliamentary Librarian, and are considering other attachments.

3. G. *Courses and Conferences*

Attendance at courses and conferences is essential if our staff is to continue to improve qualifications, keep up-to-date, and maintain perspective. Courses taken include: Public Service Commission language courses, both French and English, followed by twelve staff members; Planning, Programming & Budgeting sponsored by the Treasury Board, conducted by Kates, Peat, Marwick & Co., taken by the Parliamentary Librarian and the Assistant Librarian; Central Data Processing Service Bureau courses on data processing and automation attended by four staff members; the National Science Library course on interest profiles attended by one reference librarian; post graduate studies in Library Science taken by one cataloguing librarian.

Conferences include those attended by the Assistant Librarian, Computers and the Law, at Queen's University in June, 1968, and the Data Processing Conference in Ottawa in February, 1969; the annual Association Canadienne des Bibliothécaires de Langue Française conference at Beauport, Québec, attended by the Chief Reference Librarian in October, 1968; the April, 1968, Joint District Programme of Interlibrary Co-operation and Resource Development of the Institute of Professional Librarians of Ontario in Ottawa attended by a cataloguing librarian and the Parliamentary Librarian; and the Canadian Micrographic Society Conference in Toronto, November 24/25, 1968, attended by the Parliamentary Librarian.

At the International Federation of Library Associations meetings in Frankfurt in August, 1968, the Parliamentary Librarian, voting delegate for the Canadian Library Association, found his increasing, but still awkward, bilinguality helpful particularly when speaking with his unilingual colleagues from France. The Parliamentary Librarian is Canadian Correspondent for Parliamentary and Administrative Libraries, and in 1968, he was elected one of three directors of IFLA's Special Libraries Committee.