

of this Library. In September Miss Hardisty became Chairman of The Government Reference Librarians' Committee of the Canadian Library Association, and in November attended the Ontario Library Association's Reference Workshop in Toronto.

Mr. Sylvestre, in March, spoke to the students of Laurentian University in Sudbury, and gave a public lecture in the evening. In Sherbrooke, in June, he gave papers at the Annual Meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, and in August, attended the Annual Meeting of the Association canadienne des Bibliothécaires de Langue Française in Moncton. Finally, as Chairman of the Organizing Committee, World Poetry Conference, to be held in Montreal in September of 1967, the Associate Parliamentary Librarian visited Europe in November, and in Paris called at the Bibliothèque Nationale and the Library of UNESCO. In addition, Mr. Sylvestre travelled to Quebec City in May to interview candidates for research positions, and in November represented the Library at the funeral of Madame St. Laurent, wife of the former Prime Minister, also in Quebec City.

The Parliamentary Librarian, who is also a Director of the Canadian Library Association, headed the Canadian delegation to the 32nd Annual Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations held in The Hague in September. It was an interesting and important meeting dealing with international exchange, parliamentary and administrative libraries, union catalogues, international loans, libraries and documentation, National Libraries, mechanization, statistics, and exchange of official publications, to mention only the working meetings attended by the Parliamentary Librarian. The Parliamentary Librarian on the same trip visited the libraries of the House of Lords, the House of Commons, the British Museum, and also our British book agents in London. After the conference, on vacation in Paris, he visited the Library of the French National Assembly. He was warmly welcomed by all his colleagues, and welcomes the opportunity to publicly express his thanks.

As was decided by the Joint Chairmen, and confirmed by the Joint Committee on the Library, we shall tender a luncheon to the IFLA delegates when they visit Ottawa in August, 1967, when, for the first time, they meet outside Europe.

The Parliamentary Librarian also attended the Canadian Library Association Workshop on Intellectual Freedom in Banff in June en route to the Annual Conference in Calgary. At the workshop he chaired a group meeting, and at the Conference he chaired a meeting on "Federal Aid to Libraries", and later spoke on "Graduate Work for Advanced Degrees and Needed Canadian Library Schools".

He attended the meetings of the Institute of Professional Librarians of Ontario, and the Ontario Library Association held in Ottawa in April, and spoke, on "National Implications of the St. John Report" (a partial survey of Ontario libraries) at the final luncheon. In November he spoke to the Eastern Ontario Library Trustees Association meeting in Perth.

In an effort to help improve the quality of library service generally, he has been in frequent contact with the Principal and the Librarian of the Ontario Vocational Centre in Ottawa regarding a proposed course for library technicians, and also serves on the Ontario Library Association's Education Committee.

Once again, we should like to thank our colleagues on the staff of the Senate, the House of Commons, the Department of Public Works, the Depart-