
The amount available therefore, after deducting the existing indebtedness from the reduced sum placed in the Estimates (viz : \$3,500, one half of the usual grant having been retained to repay the advance made last year) will leave only a balance of \$2,747.53 for the service of the current year, requiring the strictest economy to be rigidly enforced, in regard to the expenditure, to bring the accounts into a satisfactory state.

The Sub-Committee in the course of their Audit and enquiries into the state of the Library, finding that the endeavours of the Librarian to secure the return of books to the Library, prior to the opening of the Session, in accordance with the rules, have proved ineffectual, would draw the attention of the Joint Committee to a list prepared by the Librarian of a very large number of unreturned books in the hands of Members and others at the opening of the present Session—with a view of devising some means for remedying the evil in future.

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Sub-Committee of Audit.

Library of Parliament,
February 7th, 1881.
