

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Abbott, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Flint, it was

Ordered, That the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, to-morrow.

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Ordered, That all the Members present during this Session be appointed a Committee to consider the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in this House, when and as often as they please.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House,—The Report of the Joint Librarians on the state of the Library of Parliament, for the year 1888.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

TO THE HONORABLE THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE.

The Joint Librarians of Parliament have the honour to report as follows for the year 1888.

It has been deemed advisable to delay the reprinting of the American Catalogue until the work can be performed by the Government Printing Bureau.

The Librarians expect to be able to place the copy in the hands of the printers as soon as they are able to use it. In the meantime the Canadian Section has received valuable additions.

The collection of Original Editions of the *Relations des Jésuites* has been nearly completed; a full series comprises forty volumes, and the Librarians have been able to secure, up to the present time, thirty-six volumes of the series. A complete set of these remarkable annals of our early history is now valued at \$2,500.

Among the principal additions which come under the general title of Americans, the Librarians desire to call attention to:

1st. The Christian Recorder, 2 volumes, published at York (Toronto) in 1819-20, one of the earliest prints of Upper Canada and one of the rarest.

2nd. A series of letters addressed by the late L. J. Papineau, during the years 1824-25 and 1826, to J. Neilson and members of the British House of Commons.

3rd. "Les Voyages de Champlain," 1613.

4th. Herrera's "Description des Indes Occidentales." (Amsterdam, 1622.)

5th. De Champigny's "La Louisiane Ensanglantée" (Londres, Fleury Mesplet, 1673.)

6th. "History of Massachusetts Bay, 4 volumes, 1628 to 1774; one of the most complete collections of papers on the history of the early settlement of Massachusetts:

The debates of Congress on the Fisheries Treaty and on the Retaliation Message, have been specially arranged and bound for library use.

A special collection of all the American documents on the Fisheries Question, has been made from 1776 to the present date. The catalogue for the year contains the contents of these volumes. Copies of all the recent publications of the United States on this subject have been provided, in number sufficient to satisfy the reasonable demands of members.

Attention has been given to the collection of Statistical Works and books on Political Economy, and the contents of Economical Works of various kinds, including some periodicals, have been printed for the assistance of members.

Among the donations which the Librarians have to acknowledge is a collection of pamphlets on the subject of Education, presented by the Honorable the Minister of Education of Ontario, and by J. G. Hodgins, Esq., LL.D., his deputy.