

*Parliamentary Information on Indian Rights and Treaties, 1869-1961* which was used by the Committee as a basic tool of reference. A copy was sent to the National Indian Brotherhood. As far as we know this work was a totally original survey and nothing similar has been done before.

### C. Work for Parliamentary Delegations and International Conferences

The provision of background papers for parliamentary delegations and for Members and groups of Members attending conferences and seminars continued. Thirty-two such papers were prepared compared to 20 in the previous year.

Since a reasonable period of notice is usually given for such papers enabling their preparation in a comprehensive form (not inclined towards an individual or sectional viewpoint) they are generally suitable for wide circulation.

Papers prepared for delegations frequently deal with international problems. One entitled *New Forms of Political Pressure in International Affairs*, dealing with hijacking, political kidnapping and other revolutionary activity, was used at the Interparliamentary Union meeting at Yaoundé in the spring of 1972. Papers on the background to the crises in Pakistan and Northern Ireland, are other examples.

During the year, a series of meetings was held under the auspices of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association on the problems of the Caribbean countries. Five separate papers dealing with Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Barbados, Guyana, and the Associated States of the West Indies were prepared for these meetings.

The Director of the Research Branch continued his close association with the activities of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association of which he is an honorary member. He attended the Canadian Area Conference in Nova Scotia in July 1971 and presented a paper on the problems of procedural reform in the Canadian Parliament and Legislatures. He also continued to work closely with Mr. Speaker Lamoureux in connection with the activities of the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of Commonwealth Parliaments, Mr. Speaker Lamoureux being a member of the Standing Committee of the Conference.

In the fall of 1971, the Assistant Director of the Branch assisted the Canadian delegation to the Third Meeting of the Association Internationale des Parlementaires de Langue Française which was held in Canada. She acted as secretary to the delegation, played an important part in the organization of the Conference, and prepared a study entitled *La francophonie au Canada* which was introduced at the opening session. She accompanied the delegates to Montreal and Quebec City and prepared briefs for Canadian parliamentarians as required.

## 3. ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

### A. Mechanization

A new system IBM MT/ST for reproducing catalogue cards was introduced in June 1971. The system is now working smoothly. Although the production of cards decreased during the first months of operation, it has increased steadily and now equals the number of titles catalogued. A great deal of the credit for this is due to the ability and perseverance of the operators who had to help in setting up the program since this was the first library application in Ottawa.

*QUIC/LAW Information Retrieval System*: A video terminal providing access to four data bases, was introduced in our Library in the fall of 1971. It covers the Revised Statutes of Canada 1970, the Supreme Court of Canada decisions (1923-1970), 65,000 abstracts on recent scientific works on pollution, and a data base on environment compiled by Environment Canada.

These two systems constitute first steps towards mechanization of some library facilities.

### B. Additional Assistance

Once again student assistants were employed during the summer months. These temporary employees assisted the reorganization of our book collection after the installation of mobile shelving in the basements.

### C. Courses, Conferences, Meetings, Demonstrations and Working Visits:

During the summer of 1971, several staff members took French and English language courses provided by the Language Bureau of the Public Service Commission. Two others took language courses in late afternoon and evening classes during the year. Several others took courses in library technology, economics, Canadian economic history, etc.

The Parliamentary Librarian continued private lessons provided by the Language Bureau of the Public Service Commission.

The Associate Parliamentary Librarian who is responsible for coordinating and advising on the feasibility of mechanizing operations, attended a series of seminars on Advanced Computer Based Techniques given by the Bureau of Staff Development and Training of the Public Service Commission. He also attended a seminar on Reference Bibliography in Specialized Subject Areas in the Social Sciences and Humanities, sponsored by the Canadian Association of Colleges and Universities Libraries of the Canadian Library Association.

The Parliamentary Librarian, together with the National Librarian, jointly chaired an invitational meeting of parliamentary and legislative librarians on April 15 and 16, 1971, at the National Library. Among the Speakers for this meeting, all the senior officers of the Library of Parliament presented papers.