

which, with so many periodicals received, is always heavy; to purchase some books for the exchanges—for example, the expensive series of *Upper and Lower Canada Law Reports*, with those of the Supreme Court of the Dominion—to keep up at least a large portion of our serial publications, and to buy copies of all books issued in *Canada*. Consequently, with the limited means remaining at our disposal, and anxious to avoid, as far as possible, the accumulation of unpaid accounts, we have refrained from sending the customary orders for new books to *Europe* and to the *United States*. This enables the Librarian to state, with much satisfaction, that, up to the present time, no accounts for books have accrued in excess of the funds still on hand for their payment. He must add, however, that in order to procure certain books which he deemed to be indispensable to meet the wants of Members during the ensuing Session he has ventured to forward small orders to *London, Paris, New York and Boston*, the cost of which must devolve upon the grant for the next fiscal year. But he confidently anticipates that, before the arrival of another Session of Parliament, the income and expenditure on behalf of the Library will be completely, and, as he hopes, permanently adjusted.

Owing to the few new books bought this year, it has seemed unnecessary to issue any supplementary printed catalogue, as heretofore.

All the rooms in the basement of the Library premises, temporarily assigned to other public uses, until actually required for Library purposes, have now been restored to this department, which has permitted various large collections of books to be arranged in an improved order, for access and consultation.

The recent abolition of the Government Workshops, and the consequent vacation of the building in the precincts of the Houses of Parliament which was used for that service, affords reasonable grounds for anticipating that more convenient accommodation may thus be found for the Supreme Court, and that the Chambers now occupied by that institution will, ere long, be restored to the Library. Some such arrangement, whereby improved accommodation can be afforded to the Library is rapidly becoming indispensable. If it can be effected, by the restoration of these apartments to their original use, it will undoubtedly admit of a better arrangement of the Library, as well as on behalf of Members, as of the public in general, and it will furnish ample space for the necessary augmentation of this valuable national collection for many years to come.

Lists of donations received, and of works deposited under the Copyright Law, since last Session, are appended to this Report.

The number of volumes in the Library last year was estimated at 96,596. Since then about 1,600 volumes have been added, making a total of 98,196.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS TODD,

Librarian of Parliament.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,
9th December, 1880.

(For List of Copyrights, Donations, &c., Vide Sessional Papers, No. 15.)

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*,
The House adjourned.