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### C. Accessions and Cataloguing

Work in the Technical Services Branch increased over the previous year, notably in titles catalogued and classi-

fied and books ordered and received. This increase will probably continue as service to the Confederation Building and the expansion of parliamentary staff require additional copies.

The statistical report below compares 1972-73 with 1971-72.

### TECHNICAL SERVICES BRANCH, APRIL 1—MARCH 31

	1972-73	1971-72	Increase/ Decrease	Increase/ Decrease
Books ordered.....	5,800	4,897	+903	+18.0%
*Books received (orders)				
Title.....	6,175	5,776	+399	+7.0%
Volumes.....	6,834	6,659	+175	+3.0%
*Books received (non-orders)				
(a) documents, gifts, etc.....	3,050	2,739	+311	+11.0%
(b) continuations added.....	3,054	3,459	-405 <sup>1</sup>	-12.0%
Vols. withdrawn.....	1,265	1,687	-422 <sup>1</sup>	-25.0%
Titles catalogued and classified.....	7,971	6,836	+1,135	+17.0%
Vols. catalogued and classified.....	19,351	19,329	+22	+1%

NOTE: <sup>1</sup>Reduction caused by transfer of processing to Reference Branch.

\*These figures include only material processed by the Technical Services Branch. In addition, the Reference Branch receives and processes material including approximately 10,000 microfiche, 700 reels of microfilm and 45,000 documents annually.

Welcome gifts were received from the embassies of Bulgaria, India, Portugal, Romania, Sweden, the U.S.S.R., the United States, and the Parliamentary Librarians of Australia, Hungary, and the United Republic of Cameroon. Additional useful items were received from institutions and individuals in Austria, England, the Federal Republic of Germany, South West Africa, and the United States.

Canadian parliamentarians continued to be generous contributors, particularly of government documents and ephemeral publications, especially Senators D. Cameron, A. Denis, and E. Forsey, and Members of Parliament B. Beer, L. Benjamin, E. Broadbent, G. Fairweather, the Hon. D. S. Harkness, the Hon. E. Kierans, A. Peters, D. Tolmie, I. Wahn, and the House of Commons Parliamentary Counsel. The House of Commons Postmaster presented a personal collection of 1st day covers dating from 1967 which will be displayed when appropriate space is made available.

Special thanks also to the National Librarian for arranging the magnificent restoration and return of a number of valuable 17th and 18th century volumes on British parliamentary practice and history, to the Librarian of the British Department of Trade and Industry for two volumes of British House of Lords Papers missing from our collection (Vol. 1, 1844 and Vol. 2, 1847); to the Hon. Judy LaMarsh, P.C., Q.C. for 50 scrapbooks of her personal clippings of 1964-1968; to Senator Donald

Cameron for an autographed copy of his book *China Revisited*.

Three typescripts, generously presented by their authors, were added to our Rare Book collection: the Hon. Paul T. Hellyer's, *Agenda: A plan for Action*; Anthony Westell's, *Paradox: Trudeau as Prime Minister*; Bruce M. Thordarson's, *Trudeau and Foreign Policy: A Study in Decision-Making*.

To all these, and others unmentioned, we again express our thanks.

### D. Bindery

The bindery had problems as the Senior Binder was absent for 9 months. Fortunately, his assistant carried on ably, and though some 20% fewer books were bound, there was a considerable increase in repair and other work. Total tasks performed were 11,067, compared to 10,663 in 1971-72.

### 2. RESEARCH: Staff of 39

#### A. Individual and General Service

For the first time numerous background papers were prepared during the long recess, some 800 copies of which were sent to parliamentarians at their request.

The following tables give detailed comparative information. Of the 253 papers completed 38 were in French, an increase of 17.