

it is hoped that all Parliamentarians will make generous allowance for the difficulties inherent in the absence of an Associate Parliamentary Librarian. Certainly, M. Sylvestre, who had been with us since his appointment as Assistant Librarian in 1953, is sorely missed by all his colleagues and all Parliamentarians. We all wish him well, however, and look forward to improved co-operation with the National Library as a result of his appointment.

### 3. C. *The National Library*

Relations with the National Library were also discussed at each of the three Joint Committee meetings held since our last report. At the first meeting the Committee was informed of the transfer to the National Library of some 250,000-300,000 volumes no longer required by the Library of Parliament, including some 7,200 volumes of bound newspapers. At the second meeting a lengthy discussion of relations with the National Library ended with general agreement that material surplus to the needs of Parliament should go to the National Library, but caution should be exercised and some of our treasures displayed in the Centre Block outside the Library if secure arrangements could be made. At the final meeting the Committee was informed of the replacement of the Library of Parliament by the National Library as the recipient of copyright deposits. In addition, it was drawn to the Committee's attention that under Section 10 of the new National Library Act the National Library no longer has the legal power (held in Section 9 of the old National Library Act) to claim any books from the Library of Parliament. This change restores Parliament's power over its own library collection.

As the National Library and the Library of Parliament serve two distinct purposes, it is important that they not be confused. As it is equally important that they work closely together, the Parliamentary Librarian remains an ex-officio member of the National Library Advisory Board, and Parliament is fortunate that one of its long-time senior servants is now National Librarian.

### 3. D. *Amendments of the Library of Parliament Regulations*

At the last meeting of the Joint Committee, June 18, 1969, changes were made in the regulations governing the Library. These were assented to in the House of Commons on June 27, 1969, and in the Senate June 26, 1969. As the Regulations were reprinted with the amendments in the Votes and Proceedings of the House, and the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate June 25, 1969, they are not repeated here, but they are designed to improve operational efficiency.

### 3. E. *Estimates*

For the first time the Parliamentary Librarian appeared before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates April 1, 1969, and found it an excellent opportunity to answer questions and inform members of the intricacy and extent of our operations. The delicate question of whether or not the House of Commons has the right to insist that an entity which is