

The Honourable Senator McDonald moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Bourget, P.C.:

That all the Senators present during this Session be appointed a Committee to consider the Orders and Customs of the Senate and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as it please.

The question being put on the motion, it was—
Resolved in the affirmative.

The Honourable the Speaker having put the question whether the Senate do now adjourn during pleasure to reassemble at the call of the bell at two o'clock p.m., it was—

Resolved in the affirmative. 11.45 a.m.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed. 2.00 p.m.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the Senate the Report of the Parliamentary Librarian, Third Session of the Twenty-eighth Parliament, 1970, as follows:—

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate

To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons

The Parliamentary Librarian has the honour to submit his report for the fiscal year April 1, 1969, to March 31, 1970. His last report was presented to the Senate on October 23, 1969, printed in the Minutes October 28th, and to the House of Commons October 24, 1969, and covered the calendar year 1968, in addition to the fiscal year 1968-69.

Before proceeding with the regular report, however, the Parliamentary Librarian is pleased to report the appointment by the Prime Minister of a new Associate Parliamentary Librarian, Mr. Gilles Frappier, effective August 17, 1970. Mr. Frappier, B.A., B.Ph., B.L.S., all from the University of Ottawa, was Director of Science Libraries for the University of Montreal immediately prior to his appointment. He brings to the position of Associate Parliamentary Librarian a background of progressively responsible experience, primarily in special, technical libraries, and thus helps fill a gap in the experience represented by our present staff. His appointment will particularly help improve service in the fields of science and technology, and especially service to French-speaking Parliamentarians.

In this connection the Parliamentary Librarian would like to pay tribute to the Assistant Librarian, Miss A. Pamela Hardisty, who willingly accepted additional administrative responsibility, and to Mlle Simonne Chiasson who, with equal willingness, accepted responsibility for the French collection, and served as senior French staff member during the 27½ months this position

was vacant. It is hoped that these two able, hard-working librarians may be suitably rewarded.

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A. Reference, Circulation, Clipping and Indexing Services

Inquiries reached a record 7,143 compared with 5,101 in 1968-69, an increase of 40%. Circulation of books also reached a new record of 19,171 compared to 17,358, an increase of over 10%. Interlibrary loans remained constant at 650; letters of inquiry dropped from 563 to 487 for the year.

Chronology of Legislation in Process: This current record of bills passing through the Senate and the House of Commons, begun with the 1st Session of the 28th Parliament, provides current information on the status of pending legislation. Together with the indexes of bills by sponsor and subject, it supplies a retrospective record of each session's legislative activities.

Indexing of Committee Proceedings and Reports: The subject indexing of the proceedings of Senate, House of Commons, and Joint Committees increased, but the increased activities of committees under the new procedural rules of the House of Commons demands more indexers than originally estimated. Since the indexes are to be printed with the committee proceedings beginning with the 2nd Session of the 28th Parliament, it is now necessary to complete as many as possible by the end of each session. The proceedings of the following committees for the 1st Session of the 28th Parliament were completed: *ENGLISH; Senate*—Banking, Trade and Commerce; Foreign Affairs; Health, Welfare and Science; Poverty; Transport and Communications; *House of Commons*—External Affairs and National Defence; Indian Affairs and Northern Development; Labour, Manpower and Immigration; Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders; National Resources and Public Works; Official Languages Bill; Privileges and Elections; Regional Development; Statutory Instruments; *FRENCH; Sénat*—Banques et Commerce; Transports et Communications; Santé, Bien-être et Sciences; *Chambre des Communes*—Affaires indiennes et Développement du Nord canadien; Instruments statutaires; Langues officielles; Radiodiffusion, Films et Assistance aux Arts; Ressources nationales et Travaux publics; Travail, Main-d'œuvre et Immigration. In addition, the proceedings of other committees of the 1st Session were partially indexed and indexing was begun on the committee proceedings for the 2nd Session of the 28th Parliament.

Bibliographies: The increasing pressure of day-to-day reference inquiries made it impossible for the reference librarians to prepare supplements or up-dated editions of some bibliographies requiring them. However, the following special bibliographies or reading lists were prepared when requested:

Arctic Exploration

Canada-U.S. Auto Pact/accord Canada-États-Unis
sur les parties d'automobiles