

By the Honourable Mr. Cochrane,—Of Charles King and others, of the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec.

By the Honourable Mr. Ferguson (Niagara),—Of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company.

By the Honourable Mr. McMillan,—Of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada; and of the Dominion Burglary Guarantee Company (Limited).

By the Honourable Mr. McClelan,—Of the Synod of Toronto and Kingston of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the House,—A statement of the affairs of The British Canadian Loan and Investment Company, for the year ending 31st December, 1893.

Also,—A list of Shareholders on 31st December, 1893.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, No. 20.*)

The Honourable the Speaker presented to the House,—The Report of the Joint Librarians on the state of the Library of Parliament, for the year 1893.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER OF THE SENATE.

The Joint Librarians of Parliament have the honour to make the following report for the year 1893 :—

During the long recess a further attempt was made to extend our exchange relations with newer States of the American Union.

The latest revisions of the Statutes of the various States were procured at considerable expense.

The reports of the Boards of Trade of the United States and Canada were procured as far as they were obtainable, and all statistical publications have been placed at the service of Members.

The removal of the Patent reports and specifications placed some space at the disposal of the Librarians, and they have utilized it to relieve the shelves of the main Library, and render access to the books more convenient.

The catalogue volumes have been rearranged and rebound; but in view of the fact that these volumes will not last, and are fast filling up, the Librarians propose to extend the card catalogue system already in partial operation in the Library. The Canadian section has received several important additions during the year. This section is now so far complete that the Librarians can submit it for the inspection of experts with some satisfaction. There are, however, some books still beyond our reach. Among other things the earliest newspapers published in Upper and Lower Canada and the Maritime Provinces are not easily obtainable.

Among the additions to the Library the attention of Members is directed to the new edition of May's "Parliamentary Practice," edited by Sir Reginald Palgrave, K.C.B., the Clerk of the House of Commons of England.

The new edition of Todd's "Parliamentary Government in the Colonies," for which a sum was placed in last year's Estimates, will be ready for delivery early in the Session.

The Annual Catalogue of additions to the Library will be issued at an early day.

A list of the copyrights deposited during the year is appended hereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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(*For List of Copyrights, &c., Vide Sessional Papers, No. 17.*)