

## APPENDIX

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## REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARIAN

Fourth Session of the twenty-eighth Parliament, 1972

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate

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The Parliamentary Librarian has the honour to submit his report for the fiscal year April 1, 1970, to March 31, 1971. His last report, covering the fiscal year 1969-70, was presented to the Senate October 8, and to the House of Commons October 9, 1970.

## 1. INFORMATION Staff of 65

## A. Reference, Lending, Clipping and Indexing Services

A 36% plus increase was registered in reference inquiries. A total of 10,678 inquiries was received, including 495 letters from the general public and students compared with 7,969 inquiries for 1969-70 (7,482 reference questions and 487 letters). Book loans also reached a record of 21,636 compared with 19,171 last year, an increase of some 13%. Interlibrary loans increased by over 30% to 872.

*Indexing of Committee Proceedings and Reports:* Although the Index Section was still understaffed, considerable progress was made in recruiting and training new staff and in preparing indexes. It was agreed that the indexes prepared by the Library to the proceedings of the Committees of both the Senate and the House of Commons would be printed in the same format as the proceedings beginning with the 2nd Session of the 28th Parliament, and early in November 1970, the first printed index appeared. By the end of March 1971, 20 indexes (in English and French) to Committees of the House of Commons had been completed for this 2nd Session of which 19 have so far been printed. Indexes (English and French) to 12 Senate Committees were also completed but not printed at this date. Beginning with the 3rd Session of the 28th Parliament, participating committee members will be included in the indexes in addition to subjects and witnesses. By the beginning of the 4th Session, indexing should be completed for the 3rd Session and indexing for all committees should then be on a current basis.

*Bibliographies:* Largely due to the increasing pressure of day-to-day demands it was again impossible to update bibliographies previously prepared. The following special bibliographies and/or reading lists were, however, prepared in response to individual requests:

- Selected Bibliography on the Medical Aspects of Oral Contraceptives.
- Population, Family Planning and Birth Control.
- The Official Heraldry and Seals of Canada/Armoiries et sceaux officiels au Canada.

—Works by and about M. Maurice Lamontagne.

—Select Reading List on the New Democratic Party.

—Parliamentary Press Galleries.

—Pressure Groups.

—Canada—Foreign Relations—West Indies.

*Selected Lists: Selected Additions List/Liste d'acquisitions récentes and Selected Periodical Articles List/Choix d'Articles récents* both appeared regularly. Through the cooperation of House of Commons staff the preparation of the 'master' copy has been simplified and the printing is now done by House of Commons staff. During the past year, it became possible to print on both sides of the paper, thus reducing their bulk by almost 50%.

*Vertical File and Clipping Service:* The Vertical File Section continued invaluable service. Requests numbered 2,196, an increase of 20% above the previous year. Entirely new files numbered 157; 206 existing files were sorted and subdivided. One additional paper—*The Windsor Star*—was added to the 19 clipped regularly. Files xeroxed during the year were those of the Right Honourable P. E. Trudeau, War and Emergency Powers, the FLQ Kidnappings, the Right Honourable L. B. Pearson, and the Right Honourable J. G. Diefenbaker. The clipping files of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism and those of the Library of the Department of Trade and Commerce were acquired and clippings and pamphlets useful to parliamentarians incorporated into our files. The Bilingualism and Biculturalism files had material from a considerably wider selection of papers than we process; the Trade and Commerce files had material pre-dating our clippings.

*Special and Continuing Projects:* The *Speech Index* expansion was slowed down by staff shortages, changes and the pressure of public service. The most pressing need is more indexing of French language texts.

*The Constituency Representation History* should be completed in 1971-72. This compilation includes all federal constituencies prior to the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act of 1964/65.

*The Chronology of Legislation in Process* now provides more information relating to the progress of legislation through Committees and a table has been added showing the position of every bill introduced.

A revised and enlarged edition of *Periodicals and Newspapers in the Library of Parliament and the Parliamentary Reading Room/Revues et Journaux à la Biblio-*