

On motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Martin (Essex East), Herman Maxwell Batten, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Humber-St. George's, was appointed Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

On motion of Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Martin (Essex East), Maurice Rinfret, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Saint-Jacques, was appointed Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Governor in Council had appointed Alistair Fraser, B.A., LL.B., as Clerk Assistant of the House of Commons.

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*Returns and Reports Deposited with the Clerk of the House*

The following papers having been deposited with the Clerk of the House were laid upon the Table pursuant to Standing Order 40, namely:

By Mr. Speaker,—Report of the Proceedings of the Commissioners of Internal Economy of the House of Commons, for the period April 5, 1965 to January 17, 1966, pursuant to Standing Order 81. (English and French).

By Mr. Speaker,—Report of the Parliamentary Librarian, pursuant to section 2 of the Regulations respecting the Library of Parliament. (English and French), which is as follows:

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Commons:*

The Parliamentary Librarian has the honour to submit his report for the Calendar year 1965. The last report was presented to both Houses on April 5, 1965.

The most important development of the year was the establishment of a Research Branch in the Library as recommended by the Special Committee on Organization and Procedure in its report to the House on October 7, 1964.

This new Branch carries our reference work beyond the stage of providing the raw material of books, pamphlets, clippings, and isolated facts in that it compresses this information into more useable form. Mr. Philip Laundry, A.L.A., an internationally-recognized authority on Parliamentary Affairs, author of *The Office of Speaker*, co-author of *An Encyclopaedia of Parliament*, and formerly Librarian of Parliament of Southern Rhodesia, heads this new service assisted by Messrs. L. A. Christie, M.Sc., P. MacDougall, B.A., R. J. Préfontaine, B.A., W. H. Hopkinson, B.A., and one secretary. Several reports have been completed, more are in preparation, and much indexing and abstracting has been done, but the real test begins with this session. Though the positions were advertised early in the year, and many applications were received, only six of the nine positions were filled by the end of 1965. In using this new service we hope all Senators and Members will realize that it is at present understaffed and the personnel inexperienced as a team. However, we look forward with confidence to carrying out this new function to your satisfaction.

In view of the importance of this new development we particularly regret that there was no meeting of the Joint Committee in 1965, for the formation of