

duly awarded. That M. Sylvestre was also awarded a pin for twenty-five years service is almost an anticlimax.

And though it is not technically a happening in 1967, I should be remiss if I neglected to inform all Parliamentarians that on June 1, 1968, M. Sylvestre was appointed National Librarian of Canada. We all wish him every success in his new position, but regret very much his loss to Parliament.

On March 2nd both the Associate Parliamentary Librarian and the Parliamentary Librarian appeared before the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on The National and Royal Anthems, presented papers, and answered questions. M. Sylvestre's paper dealt with the National Anthem, and mine, prepared by our Research Branch, with the Royal Anthem. We enjoyed appearing before this Committee and should like to express our thanks to the Joint Chairmen, the Honourable Maurice Bourget and Mr. S. Perry Ryan, M.P., and all members, for their courteous and interested reception.

The Parliamentary Librarian, as a member ex-officio, and the Associate Parliamentary Librarian, as an invited guest, also attended meetings of the National Library Advisory Council on February 24th, June 21st, and December 5th.

The Parliamentary Librarian submitted a brief to the Royal Commission on Security in defence of the "right to know" on March 22nd, after prior discussion with Mr. Speaker Smith, Mr. Speaker Lamoureux, and the Honourable L. T. Pennell, P.C., M.P., then Solicitor General.

The Parliamentary Librarian participated in the Ontario Library Association Conference in Fort William May 14-18, and the Conference of the Canadian Library Association in Ottawa in June. More important, he attended the International Federation of Library Associations' Conference in Toronto August 15-19 as the voting delegate of the Canadian Library Association, and spoke to the Special Libraries Section on *Special Libraries in Canada*.

The Parliamentary Librarian also participated in the meetings arranged by the Ontario government at Lake Opinicon in September to discuss "Swedish-Canadian Problems of Mutual Interest", and spoke on administration to the Montreal Chapter of the Special Libraries Association meeting in Ottawa in April.

In November, when in New York on private matters, he visited the United Nations Library. As we are a UN depository library, and frequently assist them in obtaining official Canadian publications, this was a mutually useful visit. On the same trip the Parliamentary Librarian visited the Library of the Council On Foreign Relations, and as a result our Library now has improved coverage of events in Russia.

Almost without exception our staff is hard-working, well-qualified, and sincerely anxious to serve. We all hope we shall have the opportunity, but it is a choice each one must make. Our services cannot be forced on anyone. To those who have given us the opportunity to serve, we say thanks; to those yet to do so, we say, please come, or write, or telephone. We exist only to serve you.