

this case characterized the action of the Library Commissioners. Unquestionably Mr. Bulmer is a most competent man for any such position, because he has not only proved himself a most successful manager, but a founder and organizer as well.

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While in Halifax recently we gave the Provincial Library a call for the purpose of noticing the progress made in the work of building up a great library of books, pamphlets, and papers, relating to the old Province of Acadia, and the Maritime Provinces of Canada. A notice on the door informed us that it was "closed by order of the commissioners," and on enquiry we found that during the time of the general election, when the newspapers were wanted most, and after the election, when the law-books were likely to be of service, the public had been carefully excluded from the premises. On getting inside we found that Mr. Bulmer had resigned the librarianship in March last, owing to the hasty and inconsiderate action of the commissioners in appointing a cataloguer during his absence, and without reference to the true interests of the library. We ascertained that the cataloguer was a party who would have done well enough to fill a place in the Civil Service at Ottawa, or perform the difficult work of a locker in the Customs, but who knew no more about the life work of Panizzi, Cutter and Jones than about the curious inscriptions on the pyramids. The catalogue in course of preparation is a marvel, and the commissioners have done well to close the library to the public, and if they are wise they will keep it closed. Like the famous catalogue which it follows, it will be light reading for hot weather, and a worthy twin of its predecessor, which cost a graduate of Oxford a few minutes' thought, and the Province many hundred dollars of money. While in Halifax, we learned that the late librarian, Mr. Bulmer, contemplated a working catalogue for

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