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REPORT.

First Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses for the direction of The Library of Parliament.

Printed by order of the Legislative Assembly.

REPORT.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly for the management and direction of The Library of Parliament, beg leave to present a First Report:—

Having received from G. B. Faribault, Esquire, the Agent deputed by the two Houses of the Legislature, at the last Session, to proceed to Europe for the purchase of Books for the Library, a detailed Report of his mission, the Committee desire to record their satisfaction at the manner in which Mr. Faribault has discharged the trust confided to him; notwithstanding the painful interruption to his labors, occasioned by domestic bereavement, and his own ill-health. The zeal and assiduity displayed by Mr. Faribault, and also by Mr. Wicksteed, Law Clerk to the Legislative Assembly, who assisted the object of the mission whilst in London, in obtaining from the Public Departments, both of France and England, valuable Donations of Works published under the direction of the respective Governments, is deserving of honorable mention. Further particulars in reference to these Donations, and to the labors of Messieurs Faribault and Wicksteed, generally, will be found in the Report and Memorandum annexed: and, adverting to which, the Committee take the first opportunity afforded them to express their high sense of the liberality displayed by the Governments of France and England, in enriching the Library of Canada with a series of publications, of a costly and valuable character. They would also desire to express to the Gentlemen in Paris and London, who, with equal kindness and success, furthered by every possible means, the applications of our agents to their respective Governments, and thankful acknowledgment of the kindly interest displayed by them on behalf of the Library. Feeling assured that these sentiments will be fully responded to by the House, they have prepared formal Resolutions expressive of the same, which, upon receiving the sanction of the House, should, it is suggested, be enclosed to the Gentlemen in question, by the Honorable The Speaker.

The Committee have also received from Mr. Faribault, full statements of Accounts, with Vouchers, in respect to the expenditure of the monies entrusted to him, both for the purchase of Books and Manuscript documents, and to defray his personal expenses. These Accounts have been laid before the Committee too short a time to permit of their full investigation, but so far as they have been yet examined, the Committee are bound to express their approval of the very judicious and economical expenditure of the funds placed in his hands, which has been made by Mr. Faribault, as well as for his endeavors to secure a proper Agency for the purchase of Books in Europe, hereafter.

In addition to the Donations above mentioned, the Librarians have received various gifts, from private gentlemen, and official personages, which will be found enumerated in the accompanying List of the Donations to the Library since last Session. Provision has been made for the due acknowledgment of these, in the formal Resolutions of thanks herewith submitted:—

1. Resolved, That this House receives with much satisfaction, the intelligence of the munificent Donations which have been made in aid of the reconstruction of the

Library of Parliament, by the undermentioned Heads of Departments of State in France, viz.:—M. le Ministre de l'Instruction Publique; M. le Ministre de l'Intérieur, (Département des Beaux-Arts); M. le Président et M. le Secrétaire perpétuel de l'Académie Française; Monseigneur le Prince Président du Sénat; M. le Président du Corps Législatif; M. le Ministre de la Guerre; M. le Ministre de la Marine et des Colonies; and by the Right Honorable Sir John S. Pakington, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies; by the Right Honorable The Speaker, and by The Clerk of the House of Lords; by the Right Honorable The Speaker of the House of Commons; by Admiral Sir Francis Beaufort; by the Royal Commissioners for superintending the Exhibition of 1851; by the New York State Agricultural Society; and by the Smithsonian Institution at Washington.

- 2. Resolved, That this House desires, furthermore, to record its thankful appreciation of the liberality of the undermentioned Gentlemen, in contributing Donations of Books to the Library, viz.: Of Assistant Commissary General Curpenter; of the Honorable Jean Chabot, M.P.P.; of the Honorable W. B. Robinson, M.P.P.; of Doctor Fortier, M.P.P.; of the Trustees of the Manchester Free Library; of M. Adolphe de Puibusque; of Thomas Vardon, Esquire, Librarian to the House of Commons; of Colonel Bruce, Secretary to His Excellency the Governor General; of E. B. O'Callaghan, Esquire, M.D. of Albany; and of William McDougall, Esquire, Proprietor of the Canadian Agriculturalist.
- 3. Resolved, That the thanks of this House are due, and are hereby given to the undermentioned Gentlemen, for their courteous and valuable assistance to the Agents of this House in their applications to the Departments of State in England and France, on behalf of the Library, viz.: J. S. Lefevre, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Lords; Thomas Vardon, Esquire, Librarian of the House of Commons; Meyer, Esquire, Librarian to the Colonial Office; Robert Lemon, Esquire, Chief Clerk of the State Paper Office; and Adolphe de Puibusque, Esquire, of Paris.

Library of Parliament, 8th November, 1852.

MR. FARIBAULT'S REPORT.

To the Honorable the Speakers of both Houses of the Legislature, and to the Honorable the Members of the Joint Committee for the management and direction of the Library:—

The mission with which I had been honored by the Resolutions of both Branches of the Legislature having been accomplished, a sense of duty demanded that I should have prepared a detailed Report of my proceedings in time to have submitted the same to the consideration of Your Honorable Committee, at the opening of the present Session; but a state of constant suffering, caused by severe illness, rendered impossible the performance of such a duty, and, even at this moment, it is not without the greatest effort that I can draw up the present Report, which, of necessity, will be as brief as possible.

Having provided myself with the instructions laid down by the Committee of the preceding Session, I left Quebec on the third of October of last year; and, after a short stay in New York, arrived in London, on the twentieth of the same month. My first care on my arrival there, was to visit the most respectable Booksellers, to ascertain their terms as well as the means they had of supplying me, at a reasonable rate, with the Works I required. From an experience of fifteen years, I was acquainted with the Firm of Messieurs Rich Brothers; of the reputation of

integrity, and honorable conduct, which had always distinguished them, I was perfectly aware; besides, having ascertained that their conditions and prices were infinitely more reasonable than those of the other Booksellers, I determined to accept their offers, namely, that they should be allowed a Commission of five per cent. for cash, on the price of purchase of the Books procured by them. I have the satisfaction of being able to state to the Committee, that these Gentlemen most scrupulously fulfilled their engagements, as will be plainly seen on reference to their invoices, in which they give credit for reductions, sometimes to a considerable amount, obtained by them on their purchases from other Booksellers. example, Valpy's splendid Edition of the Classics, in one hundred and fifty-nine volumes, the selling price of which is from £100 to £120, is charged in their invoices at the incredibly low price of £27. The same thing occurs with regard to the binding which these Gentlemen have had done for the Library. The Messieurs Whittaker & Co., of London, have recently been paid an Account, in which they charge ten shillings per volume, for half-binding about one hundred in folio volumes, whilst the Messieurs Rich charge but four shillings and six pence per volume, for work of the same kind. I cannot, therefore, hesitate in recommending that henceforth the Messieurs Rich be exclusively entrusted with all further purchases to be made in England.

After having left with these Gentlemen such instructions as they required, I deemed it advisable to visit the Government Offices, in the hope of receiving Donations; but the Session of the Imperial Parliament being closed, I became convinced that, in the absence of the Officers of the different Public Departments, it was quite impossible that I should present myself there with any chance of success. I nevertheless presented myself at the Board of Admiralty, where, after I had explained the mission with which I was charged, I was most graciously and kindly received by Admiral Sir Francis Beaufort, who gave orders that a complete series of the Maps and Plans relating to Captain Bayfield's explorations on the Lakes, and the River St. Lawrence, should be placed at my disposal. This beautiful collection, much more complete than any to be found for sale in the Geographical Book Stores,

may be looked upon as a very precious Donation to the Library.

My presence not being further required in London, at least for some time, I started for Paris; and, on the tenth of November, arrived there. I lost no time in calling on Mr. Adolphe de Puibusque, so advantageously known during his stay in Canada, from 1848 to 1850. The intimate acquaintance I had had the opportunity of forming with this distinguished man of letters, the feelings of affection which I knew him to entertain for Canada, and his ardent desire to see the Legislative Library re-established, were to me as many reasons of assurance that he would lend me his most strenuous support. In this I was not mistaken. Mr. de Puibusque gave me the benefit of his advice in the choice of Books; pointed out the steps to be taken to obtain admission to the Ministerial Departments, and exerted himself to the utmost with reference to the manuscripts relating to the History of Canada. In a word, he facilitated, in every possible way, the success of my mission; and I here beg to tender to this friend of our Country, my most fervent acknowledgments of gratitude.

I was on the eve of beginning my purchases, when the Events of the 2d of December occurred in *Paris*. This circumstance had the effect of suspending my operations, and especially of retarding for a considerable time the answers to the requests I had made to the different Ministerial Departments. But other circumstances occurred which placed me in a position of the greatest trouble, by subjecting me to the most severe affliction that could have befallen me. My family had accompanied me to *Europe*, and about the period in question, my wife became seriously ill. Having on the one hand my solicitude and the care I owed to my wife, and on the other, the obligation I had of attending to the interests confided to me in my mission, I was at last obliged to confide my task to a confidential per-

son whom Mr. de Puibusque had procured to aid me. The progress of the malady which had already lasted several months, soon gave presage of a fatal termination; and about the middle of March, my wife died. Quite overcome by such a misfortune, and suffering moreover as I was, from an illness of several weeks duration, I was a long time unable to take part in the transaction of any business. It was about this time that I received a Letter from the Honorable The Speaker of the Legislative Council, who, having heard of my misfortune, was kind enough to inform me that Mr. Wicksteed, then in London, would shortly arrive in Paris, and give me every assistance in his power. Fortunately, at this time, the purchases I had ordered, were all completed. Mr. Wicksteed was nevertheless of the greatest service to me from the steps taken by him in London, where he obtained several Donations of great value, amongst which is the collection entitled "Public Records."

As soon as my health allowed me to leave the house, I presented myself at the respective Departments of the Minister at War, the Minister of Public Instruction, the Minister of Marine, and the Minister of the Colonies; and also called on the Secretaries of the several Academies. I experienced the most kindly reception at the hands of all the Ministerial Departments, and from every one; all did their best to promote the object of my mission. Most generous and valuable Donations, well worthy of France, were made to me for the Library, although part of the Works comprised in these Donations had already been presented to the Library in 1849. At this moment, it is quite impossible for me to give a detailed exposition of the richness and importance of these Donations; but I can say, that their value may be estimated at not less than £400 sterling. I must not, moreover, omit to state that henceforth, all new publications of the several Ministerial Departments, will be sent to Canada for the Library, as an order to that effect has been entered in the Register of each Department.

I endeavored as much as possible to conform to the instructions given me by the Committee, both as regards the choice of the best editions, and the quality of the binding. As to the prices, I respectfully refer the Committee to the two manuscripts detailing the purchases made by me from day to day. The prices paid for purchases made in *Paris*, shew the immense reductions obtained on a great many Works, as a number of Works, including the binding, were purchased at prices much lower than those at which they were estimated on the list, which in many

cases did not include the cost of binding.

As I have already had the honor of submitting to the Committee a statement of the manner in which the monies entrusted to me were expended, I shall not make further mention of them, except to state that, after payment of all purchases, there still remains at the disposal of the Committee, for further use, in the hands of the Bankers in London, a sum of £479 9s. 6d. sterling.

I have found it impossible to keep a detailed account of my personal expenses: I estimate them at £450 currency; but I will respectfully submit to any determina-

tion the Committee may think proper to come to.

The whole respectfully submitted. Quebec, 5th November, 1852.

G. B. Faribault.

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Under the authority of two Letters of Credit from the Receiver (Faribault was authorized to draw from time to time, in London:— 1st. On Messieurs Glyn, Mills, & Company, forSterling, 2 2nd. On Messieurs Baring Brothers & Company, for a like sum,	E1792	0 0	[r. 0 0				
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It is proposed to employ a certain proportion of this balance, in procuring from *Paris*, copies of ancient Plans and Charts relative to the early events of *Canada*, and to employ, for this purpose, the services of Mr. C. P. Morin, an eminent draughtsman, who proposes to visit *France* in the course of this autumn, on a visit to his family.

Quebec, 22nd October, 1852.

G. B. Faribault.

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Memorandum of Mr. Wicksteed:-

From all the Authorities in England I received the greatest attention, with regard to my application for official documents and papers published by the Government. To Mr. Lefevre, the Clerk of the House of Lords,—Mr. Vardon, the Librarian of the House of Commons,-Mr. Meyer, the Librarian of the Colonial Office,-and Mr. Lemon, the Chief Clerk of the State Paper Office, my thanks are especially Copies of all the Works published by order of the Government were immediately granted on my application. It is true these (apart from the Sessional Papers of the two Houses of Parliament,) amounted then only to about 60 volumes; but in comparing the amount and value of the Donations from the English Government with those from the French Government, it must always be borne in mind, that the kind of Works which, in France, are published by the Ministers of the several Departments, are, in England, laid before Parliament by the Ministers, and published by order of one or other of the Houses. The Government, as such, publishes little or nothing, except (as in case of the Record Commissioners) when some Commission is issued by the Crown, at the request of the Legislature, for the express purpose of collecting and publishing certain documents. The Sessional Papers must therefore be taken into account in comparing the Donations received from the two Governments; and when this is done, the advantage will, I believe, be found to lie with the British Government, both as regards the number and the value of the Works presented to our Library.

G. W. Wicksteed.

List of official Personages, and Private individuals, from whom Donations of Books to the Library of Parliament, have been received since last Session:—

Reported by Mr. Faribault:* (From France.)

M. le Ministre de l'Instruction Publique, 100 volumes.

M. le Ministre de l'Intérieur, (Départment des Beaux-Arts) 80 volumes.

M. le Président et M. le Secrétaire perpétuel de l'Academie Française, 95 volumes. Monseigneur le Prince Président du Corps Législatif, 295 volumes.

M. le Ministre de la Guerre, 14 volumes.

M. le Ministre de la Marine et des Colonies, 92 volumes.

M. Adolphe de Puibusque, 2 works.

(From England.)

Admiral Sir Francis Beaufort, complete set, Charts and Plans of Gulf and River St. Lawrence &c.; and other Publications of the Board of Admiralty.

Reported by Mr. Wicksteed: (From England.)

The Right Honorable Sir John S. Pakington, Secretary for the Colonies:—The works of the Record Commission; Colonial Regulations; Notes on Public Departments; [Series of State Papers,—not yet received]. In all about 60 volumes.

The Speaker of the House of Lords, and the Clerk of the House of Lords:—A

set of the Parliamentary Papers of that House, -not yet received.

The Speaker of the House of Commons:—Continuations of Parliamentary Pa-

pers, previously sent. About 210 volumes.

Thomas Vardon, Esquire, Librarian to the House of Commons:—A copy of a General Index to the first 17 volumes of Commons' Journals, compiled by himself and Mr. May.

Mr. Wicksteed further states, that he was much indebted to — Meyer, Esquire, of the Colonial Office, and Robert Lemon, Esquire, of the State Paper Office, for

valuable assistance in procuring the above mentioned Donations.

^{*} Complete Lists of these Books are given in the Library Catalogue, distributed to Members during the present Session.

Donations received by the Librarians, since the last Report; and not yet officially acknowledged:—

From Assistant Commissary General Carpenter:

First Report of Commissioners for conducting the Great Exhibition; 1 volume.

From New York State Agricultural Society:

Transactions of the Society, for the years 1842 to 1847 and 1849; 8 volumes. Transactions of the American Institute, for the years 1848 and 1849; 2 volumes. Norton's Elements of Scientific Agriculture; 1 volume.

From William McDougall, Esquire, Proprietor:-

Canadian Agriculturalist, for the years 1849 to 1852; 4 volumes.

From the Honorable Jean Chabot, M.P.P.:

Municipal and Agricultural Acts of Lower Canada; in French and English; 4 copies.

From the Manchester Free Library, through Mr. Henry Stevens:—Catalogue of the Chetham Library, Manchester; 3 volumes.

From the Honorable W. B. Robinson, M.P.P.:

System of Public Instruction in the State of Michigan; 1 volume. Robinson's Canada, and the Canada Bill; a Pamphlet.

From the Royal Commissioners, through the Governor's Secretary:—Prospectuses of Exhibitors at the Great Exhibition; 16 volumes, 8vo.

From the Secretary to the Governor General:-

Account of the Boston Railroad Jubilee, in 1851; 6 copies.

From the British Government, through the Governor General:—
Sabine's Magnetical and Meteorological Observations at the Cape of Good Hope and Hobarton; 2 volumes.

From Doctor O' Callaghan:-

Acts of the Legislature of Louisiana, passed in 1852; 1 volume.

From Doctor Fortier, M.P.P.:

Todd's Parliamentary Practice; 1 volume.

From the Smithsonian Institution, Washington:—

Volumes 1 to 4 of the Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge.