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The complete works of Carlos Vaz Ferreira, the great Uruguayan humanist and philosopher, were presented to the Library of Parliament as a gift of the Chamber of Deputies of Uruguay at a special ceremony in the Hall of Honour of the Parliament Buildings at one o'clock to-day. Mr. Ernesto Benavides, Chargé d'Affaires of Uruguay, made the presentation on behalf of his country. Senator the Honourable Mark R. Drouin, Q.C., Speaker of the Senate and the Honourable Roland Michener, Q.C., M.P., Speaker of the House of Commons, accepted the books on behalf of the Parliament of Canada.

Mr. F.A. Hardy, Parliamentary Librarian, as well as other officials and parliamentarians were present at the ceremony.

In a short presentation speech, the Chargé d'Affaires of Uruguay reviewed the distinguished and varied academic career of Mr. Carlos Vaz Ferreira. Noting that during his long life he always held high the importance of a broad interest in the arts and humanities, as opposed to narrow professionalism, Mr. Benavides pointed to the realization of his

compatriot's dream in the creation of a Faculty of Humanities and Sciences at the University of Montevideo in 1946.

Mr. Michener and Senator Drouin in brief addresses in response, asked Mr. Benavides to convey to the Uruguayan House of Representatives the thanks of the Canadian Parliament for the generous gift. Mr. Michener expressed the conviction that a wise and noble spirit like that of Mr. Ferreira would provide inspiration to those who read his works.

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