

In an article in the London *Sunday Times*, Sir Gilbert Campion, giving his impressions of the Parliaments of the British Commonwealth, wrote of the General Assembly Library:—

The block on the right, which survived the fire of 1907, contains a Library which provides one of the best parliamentary services in the world.

Coming from such an authority, this is a very gratifying compliment and one which gives us a reputation to uphold.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I should like to express my thanks to the Joint Library Committee for the genuine interest it has taken in the work of the Library and for the very real help it has given me. Our thanks are due also to the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London and his staff for the courteous and efficient way they have met our many requests, and to the overseas agents of the New Zealand Government in the United States of America, Canada, and Australia. Finally, I wish to thank the staff of the Library for their loyal and efficient co-operation.

Attached is the statement of receipts and expenditure for the year, with the Auditor-General's certificate.

I am, &c.,

W. S. WAUCHOP,

Chief Librarian.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY LIBRARY ACCOUNT STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1949

<i>Receipts</i>			<i>Payments</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance—			Purchase of books and sub-		
Bank of New Zealand, 1st			scriptions to sundry		
April, 1948	127	2 6	periodicals, &c.—		
Petty cash, 1st April, 1948 ..	0	13 11	United Kingdom	1,407	0 9
Annual grant	2,000	0 0	United States of America and		
Refunds, lost books, resale of			Canada	353	1 10
books, &c.	14	14 1	Australia	39	8 11
			New Zealand	271	1 0
			Bank charge	0	10 0
			Cheque-book	0	10 0
			Petty expenses	0	19 5
			Balance at Bank of New Zea-		
			land: £88 4s. 10d., less		
			cheques unrepresented,		
			£20 0s. 9d.	68	4 1
			Balance of petty cash ..	1	14 6
	£2,142	10 6		£2,142	10 6

Private Bill fees due from Treasury but not yet received, £75:

W. S. WAUCHOP, Chief Librarian.

Examined and found correct.—J. P. RUTHERFORD, Controller and Auditor-General.

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given; printing (573 copies), £7.

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