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SUPREME COURT LIBRARY COMMITTEE

In concluding its report two years ago, your Committee, constituted then as now, referred to the fact that the Supreme Court was then in hopes of securing at an early date a competent librarian. Shortly after our report was submitted, Mr. Justice Denison and Mr. Justice Teller referred to the Committee the names of several applicants for the position of librarian. These applicants had furnished certain references and this Committee not only corresponded with numerous persons who know the candidates, but also had conferences with the applicants themselves. The correspondence and investigation were carried on for several weeks and, as a result, we finally were in a position to recommend to the Court the appointment of Mr. Fred Y. Holland. In due course thereafter, the Supreme Court saw fit to make this appointment and from all the information we have obtained, Mr. Holland has been rendering efficient service as librarian.

While Mr. Chief Justice Teller, on June 25, 1924, addressed a circular letter to the Colorado Bar Association—a letter which has doubtless been brought to the attention of all lawyers, nevertheless we think it desirable that this letter should be appended to and made a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER H. HOLME,

Chairman.

To The Colorado Bar:

The Justices of the Supreme Court take this opportunity to call your attention to the Supreme Court Library. It now contains approximately 28,000 volumes, including practically all of the reports of the United States; of the several states, and of Hawaii and Porto Rico. Also the reports of England, Canada, Ireland, Scotland, Nova Scotia, etc. Included with the reports are the corresponding Digests, Statutes and Session Laws, and some 2,500 text books by the best authors, and legal periodicals, on every branch of the law. Also complete bound volumes of abstracts and briefs in all cases in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. To these has recently been added a complete set of Shep-

ard's Citations. The total value of these books may be reasonably estimated at \$100,000.00.

In the summer of 1921 the library was entirely rearranged and new equipment added, including steel cases and fixtures, the total cost of which was over \$45,000.00. Of this amount \$20,000.00 was paid out of the library fund, and \$25,000.00 by legislative appropriation. The latter sum was but a partial return of a much greater amount theretofore taken by the Legislature from the library fund and devoted to other purposes. The library has now been completely catalogued and cross-indexed, and every volume is easily and readily accessible.

The sole source of income of the library fund is docket fees and attorneys' license fees in the proportion of about five to one. The library is under the general management of the court. The rules adopted for its government are intended to permit the largest possible use by the bar consistent with its proper preservation. Books may be withdrawn only as provided by Rule 59. It is the intention of the court as soon as time and funds permit to issue a new and complete catalogue of the library, deposit one copy thereof in the office of each District Clerk in the State, and enable members of the bar to procure additional copies at actual cost.

Mr. Fred Y. Holland is the librarian, and the two bailiffs of the Court are his assistants. They will give you every possible aid in the line of their duty, and their prompt and courteous service is at your command. For the convenience of lawyers located outside of Denver arrangements have been made by the librarian to supply typewritten copies of judicial decisions or other matter desired from the library at a minimum cost. Information in this connection may be obtained from the librarian. He will also be glad to answer any inquiries addressed to him concerning the library. You are most cordially invited to make the fullest possible use of it.

By direction of the court:

JAMES H. TELLER,

Chief Justice.

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