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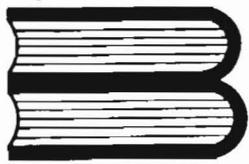
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AN INFORMATION SERVICE NETWORK

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(The following article was originally prepared during the winter of 1970 as a term paper in completion of degree requirements at the Dalhousie University School of Library Service. The author's proposal deals with an increasingly urgent problem of library service. The suggested solution is applicable to all types of libraries, could be built upon existing information resources, and faces obstacles that are primarily economic. This article is particularly interesting in that it reflects a newcomer's assessment of and fresh approach to our professional problems.)

THE PROPOSAL

Librarians dedicated to the ideal of service should perhaps be receptive to any proposal which might enable them to utilize their special talents more effectively and extend their services to a wider group of library users. Obviously, machines of all kinds, and particularly computers, offer new opportunities to librarians to extend themselves in this way. The computer may one day drastically alter the present relationship between information, librarian, and user¹, but assuming that the librarian still does have a role to play as intermediary between book and reader, it is worthwhile exploring ways to apply automation to improve this traditional library service.

Increasingly, specialized information needs are creating the demand for librarians with specialized subject and bibliographical knowledge. The proposed information service network would make available to any library user the services of a librarian who specialized in the user's area of interest — "the right librarian for the right user at the right time." Each partici-

pating library would be on-line to a central file containing the names of cooperating librarians who had agreed to offer their services to users of the system. Whenever an important problem or question arose in a local participating library which the librarian could not adequately handle, he could locate through the system another librarian with the necessary expertise. Through this system, users of smaller libraries would have access to the same quality of information service available to users in urban centres. In addition, the cooperating "experts" would be available to other librarians for professional consultation. The present paper suggests what kinds of information might be included in the central file, and illustrates with a sample file of hypothetical Canadian librarians.

THE FILE

The file consists of a maximum of 999 items representing 999 librarians, each item stored on a separate punched card. Thus the "document" file, containing all the information, and the "index" file, by means of which the information is retrieved, are consolidated into a single file. The file is arranged in numerical order, the numbers being assigned to produce an alphabetical sequence of surnames. In general, the data stored for each item is a combination of the *Who's Who* biographical type of information about the librarian and the directory type of information about the special collections held by the library in which he works.

Each data card in the file is divided into 13 fixed fields (see Figure 1). The majority of the fields are coded and both alphabetic and numeric codes have been employed. Keys to the codes are found in the tables

(Figure 2). These codes are of course only suggestive at this stage. They would be expanded and altered as necessary to accurately describe the information supplied by the cooperating librarians. Data stored in the fields is of three types: identification data, which is potentially useful for identifying the item in a search; display data, which is intended for output; and processing data, which is used in the computing operations.

Processing data

1) Number (Columns 1-3) — The unique tag into the system, this serves to distinguish between librarians with the same name. It is the sorting medium and is also useful in the non-mechanical processes such as input and posting.

Display data

1) Name of librarian (Columns 4-21) and title (Column 22) — The most important part of the output as far as the user is concerned. A large field was allowed for the name to safeguard against truncation.

2) Publishes (Column 65) — This is merely added information about the librarian, which might be useful to the user (particularly another librarian) wanting to pursue his question further.

3) Name of library (Columns 23-35), area code and phone number (Columns 38-47) — Additional information printed out to aid the user in contacting the librarian whose help is sought.

4) Geographical time zone (Column 37) — Although this data might be used as a searching criterion as, for example, if a patron wished to contact a librarian who knew Sanskrit and who lived in the Atlantic region, its main purpose is as display data. The system could be programmed to automatically print out the time of day in the region the user was about to

call, thereby reminding him, for example, not to call Vancouver, from Halifax at 9:00 a.m.

Identification data

1) Languages (Columns 48-52) — The languages read or spoken by the librarian would be important criteria in many user requests. The cooperating librarian is asked to rank his languages (up to five) in order of fluency. Thus a user requesting the name of a librarian who read Chinese would, other factors being equal, receive as first choice a librarian having Chinese as his native tongue in preference to librarians knowing Chinese as a second language.

2) Non-professional subject specialty (Columns 53-61) — The cooperating librarian is asked to describe his subject specialties (up to three) in terms of subject, place, and time (for example, 20th century American literature) where applicable. Having a subject specialty implies having at least some theoretical background in a field as well as a thorough knowledge of bibliographical tools and other sources of information. As with the languages, the subject specialties of the librarian are weighted or ranked in order of competency.

3) Professional specialty (Columns 62-64) — Each cooperating librarian lists up to three areas of library work in the order in which he regards them as his specialties. This data is mainly of interest to other librarians seeking professional counsel.

4) Special collections of the library (Columns 66-80) — These are of potential importance because they provide the librarian with substantial resources upon which to base his reference service. The cooperating librarian lists special collections of his library (up to five) in order of their importance as resource material.

5) Type of library (Column 36) — This is a possible searching criterion, especially for librarians seeking professional consultation.

FIGURE 2: TABLES

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Table 1: Title

- 1) Mr.
- 2) Miss
- 3) Mrs.
- 4) Prof.
- 5) Dr.
- 6) Sister

Table 2: Type of Library

- 1) college or university
- 2) special
- 3) public
- 4) school
- 5) other

Table 3: Time Zone

- 1) Newfoundland
- 2) Atlantic
- 3) Eastern
- 4) Central
- 5) Mountain
- 6) Pacific

Table 4: Languages

- A) English
- B) German
- C) Dutch
- D) Norse (Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Icelandic, etc.)
- E) Latin
- F) French
- G) Italian
- H) Spanish
- I) Portugese
- J) Russian
- K) Other Balto-Slavic
- L) Celtic
- M) Greek

- N) Any African language
- O) Sanskrit
- P) any modern Indian language
- Q) Chinese
- R) Japanese
- S) other Oriental language
- T) other

Table 5: Subject Classification

- A) Religion, Theology
- B) Philosophy
- C) Literature
- D) Philology, Linguistics, Languages
- E) Fine Arts, Theatre, Dance, Sport
- F) Music
- G) History
- H) Geography
- I) Economics, Business
- J) Political Science
- K) Sociology
- L) Anthropology
- M) Psychology
- N) Law
- O) Education
- P) Mathematics
- Q) Physics, Astronomy
- R) Chemistry
- S) Geological Sciences
- T) Biological Sciences
- U) Medical Sciences
- V) Agriculture
- W) Engineering Sciences
- X) Military and Naval Science

Table 6: Geographical Divisions

- 1) Canada
- 2) U.S.
- 3) Mexico, Central and South America, West Indies
- 4) Great Britain

- 5) Continental Europe
- 6) U.S.S.R.
- 7) Asia, (except U.S.S.R.)
- 8) Africa
- 9) Australia, New Zealand
- 9) Oceanea, Polar Regions

Table 7: Chronological Divisions

- 1)
- 2)
- 3) 20th C
- 4) 19th C
- 5) 17th - 18th C
- 6) 15th - 16th C
- 7) Medieval
- 8) Ancient

Table 8: Library Specialty

- A) academic (teaching)
- B) acquisitions (ordering processes)
- C) administration
- D) archivist
- E) audio-visual
- F) automation, data-processing
- G) bibliography
- H) buildings, facilities, equipment
- I) cataloguing
- J) children's
- K) collections
- L) documentation, information storage and retrieval
- M) finance and cost accounting
- N) government documents
- O) legislation, library
- P) personnel
- Q) rare books
- R) reference
- S) serials
- T) systems analysis

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FIGURE 3: THE FILE SAMPLE

THE IMPLEMENTATION

When a librarian in a participating library found it necessary to refer his client to a specialist, he would translate the user's requirements into the language of the system, using the thesaurus provided by the code tables. The librarian as "operator" would need to be aware of the basic searching strategies available to him in order to get the maximum benefit from the system. For example, suppose a monolingual French-speaking patron came into a college library with an esoteric question concerning Northwest coast Indian music which, because of inadequate resources, the local librarian was not able to answer. The librarian might decide to "ask" the system to supply the names of cooperating librarians who spoke French and who specialized in music or anthropology and whose library possessed a special collection in the field of Canadian anthropology. Should the search produce a long print-out of names, this would be an indication that the criteria ought to be more specific. If, on the other hand, a blank search resulted, the criteria would have to be broadened and another search made. As the next step, the user would phone the librarian at the top of the list and, hopefully, receive the information wanted or be directed to appropriate sources of information. Finally,

the librarian who initiated the search would record certain details about the transaction, including whether or not the specialist was able to assist the patron. And, at the other end, the cooperating librarian would make a note of time spent in answering the query so that his employer could be compensated.

An information service network of this kind might add another dimension to inter-library cooperation, beyond inter-library loan, union catalogues and isolated projects. It offers a way to use the special skills of librarians more efficiently and to provide a more uniformly excellent library service throughout the country. Technically the network would not be difficult to set up — it could simply be superimposed over the existing library system. Economically, however, it could be justified only if it resulted in a substantial increase in user satisfaction, as indicated in part by a greater demand for in-depth information service. Of crucial importance to the quality of service achieved would be the initial selection of the cooperating specialists and the constant refinement and adjustment of the system on the basis of feedback. If nothing else, this proposition shows one way computers can be used to help libraries fulfil their role as information service agencies through facilitating human communication.

FOOTNOTES:

¹J. C. R. Licklider, *Libraries of the Future* (Cambridge Mass.: M. I. T. Press, 1965)

²Source for this information: Janet Fyfe and Raymond H. Deutsch, *Directory of Special Collections in Canadian Libraries* (Ottawa: Canadian Library Association, 1968)

ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF THE 31st ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA MAY 22 - 24, 1970.

FIRST GENERAL SESSION. Ballroom, Isle Royale Hotel, Friday, May 22nd - 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Carin Somers, President of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association.

Alderman Elizabeth Vaughan, representing the Mayor of the City of Sydney, officially welcomed the delegates to the City.

The President read letters of good wishes from Mr. Bruce Peel, President of the Canadian Library Association, and from Mr. Clifford Currie, Executive Director, C.L.A.

First-timers at the A.P.L.A. Conference were introduced by Province.

Mrs. Somers showed the delegates the gavel which was presented to the Association by Mr. Eugene Gattinger, 1965 A.P.L.A. President, on behalf of Memorial University of Newfoundland, at the St. John's, Newfoundland, Conference in 1965.

The President reported the sudden death of the husband of Mrs. Eileen Travis, Past-President of the Association, and said that flowers had been sent on behalf of the Association. It was moved by Miss R. McDormand, seconded by Miss E. MacKay, that a letter of condolence also be sent to Mrs. Travis from the Association. Motion carried.

Minutes of the 30th Conference

It was moved by Mr. A. Peck, seconded

by Mr. A. Guay, that the minutes of the 30th Annual Conference be adopted as published in V. 34, No. 1, of the A.P.L.A. Bulletin. *Motion Carried.*

Amendment: It was moved by Miss E. Magee, seconded by Miss F. Geitzler, that these minutes be amended to include the following: "That the Minutes of the 29th Annual Conference be accepted as published in v. 33, no. 4, of the A.P.L.A. Bulletin." *Motion carried.*

President's Report: Mrs. Somers read her Annual Report to the delegates. Vice-President's Reports: Written reports from the Vice-Presidents in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island were circulated. Secretary's Report: Miss Bertha Higgins, Secretary, read her Annual Report.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Lloyd Melanson, Treasurer, presented his annual report which showed a balance of \$766.42 in the General Fund and a balance of \$123.00 in the Bulletin Fund as of April 30, 1970. It was moved by Mr. Melanson, seconded by Mr. A. Peck, that the Treasurer's report be adopted as presented. *Motion carried.*

Regarding the profits from the 1969 Conference, Mrs. Somers said that the City of Saint John, New Brunswick, had given a \$200 grant to the Association for the 1969 Conference when it was held in Saint John in September.

Committee On Archival Materials

Father Brewer stated he had no report to make this time and moved that the committee be disbanded. This motion was seconded by Miss E. Magee. *Motion carried.*

Education Committee

Miss Barbara Hann, Chairman of the Education Committee, said that since this committee had two special purposes and these had been accomplished, she moved that the committee be disbanded. Miss Geitzler seconded the motion. *Motion carried.*

Resolutions Committee

The following were appointed to the Resolutions Committee: Miss Ellen Webster, Chairman, Miss Shirley Elliott, Mr. Claude Potvin, Miss Margaret Williams.

Nominations Committee

In the absence of Mrs. Eileen Travis, Miss Alberta Letts presented the report of the Nominating Committee, as published in v. 34, no. 1, of the APLA Bulletin. The following slate of officers for the year 1970 – was presented:

President – Miss Eleanor Magee, Mount Allison University Library.

Vice-president (Newfoundland) and President-Elect: Mr. Donald Ryan, Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Vice-President (Nova Scotia): Mrs. Gail D'Arcy, Halifax County Regional Library.

Vice-President (P.E.I.): Miss Mary Beth Harris, University of P.E.I.

Vice-President (New Brunswick): Miss Nan Gregg, University of New Brunswick.

Secretary – Mr. Agnez Hall, Université de Moncton.

Treasurer – Mr. Lloyd Melanson, St.

Mary's University.

Miss Letts moved the acceptance of the report of the Nominating Committee, seconded by Mrs. M. Wheeler. *Motion carried.*

Correspondence

The President read a letter of resignation, effective June 30, 1970, from Mr. Louis Vagianos, Editor of the APLA Bulletin. He made several recommendations for the continuance of the publication. He recommended that Miss Susan Whiteside, Managing Editor, be promoted to Editor and that consideration be given to the appointment of an Editorial Board. Mrs. Somers reported that at the afternoon meeting, the Executive had accepted this resignation. It was moved by Miss D. Cullen, seconded by Miss B. Henderson, that the recommendations as embodied in the letter from Mr. Vagianos be dealt with by the membership in connection with the Reviewing Committee's Report on publications at the Saturday evening session. *Motion carried.*

It was moved by Mr. D. Ryan, seconded by Miss G. Hughes, that a vote of thanks be extended by the Association to Mr. Vagianos for his work as editor of the A.P.L.A. Bulletin. *Motion carried.*

A.L.A.

The President read a letter from Miss Shelagh Keene, Provincial Chairman, Canadian Subcommittee, A.P.L.A. Membership Committee, urging the members of A.P.L.A. to take out membership in the American Library Association.

Council Advisory Group

A letter from Miss Diane MacQuarrie was read with reference to her representation of A.P.L.A. at the March C.L.A. Council Sessions held in Ottawa. Miss MacQuarrie informed the President that at the Spring session it was moved that the Council Advisory Group continue to serve in its present capacity until June 1972. It was further moved that the Provincial and

Regional Library Associations be asked to reappoint the same members to CAG for that period, if possible, because of their background and experience regarding the restructuring of C.L.A. Miss MacQuarrie asked that the appointment of a representative to CAG be considered by the membership at this conference.

The Executive recommended that the Association appoint a representative until 1972 and pay that representative's expenses for two sessions per year up to a maximum of \$150.00 per session. After some discussion, it was moved by Miss M. Cameron, seconded by Mr. A. Peck that "we agree in principle that a representative from A.P.L.A. be appointed by the Executive to attend the meetings of the Council Advisory Group, with expenses to be paid, if the Executive finds this possible." *Motion carried.*

The Meeting was Adjourned

On Saturday morning, May 23rd, the delegates split into the following groups for discussions: 'School Libraries' led by Mrs. Phyllis Muggah; 'Public Libraries' led by Miss Diane MacQuarrie; and, 'University and Special Libraries' led by Father Brewer.

At noon the delegates attended a luncheon at Louisburg given by the Cape Breton Regional Library Board. Mr. Alex Storm was the guest speaker. The afternoon was spent touring the Fortress of Louisbourg.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION —
Ballroom, Isle Royale Hotel
Saturday, May 23, 1970.
8:00 p.m.

The President turned the meeting over to Miss Margaret Williams, Chairman of the Reviewing Committee. Miss Williams introduced the members of the Committee, who were with her on the platform: Miss Molie Cameron, Miss Betty Henderson, Miss Eleanor Magee, Mr. Agnez Hall.

Miss Shirley Elliott agreed to act as parliamentarian for this meeting.

Because of the time factor, it was decided to deal directly with the Recommendations Section of the Report, assuming that members had read the background material preceding these Recommendations.

I Finances

A. On Financial Reporting

1. It was moved by Miss E. Magee, seconded by Miss M. Cameron that the financial year be specified as the 12 month period of May 1 to April 30. *Motion carried.*

2. It was moved by Mr. A. Hall, seconded by Miss B. Henderson that the official financial report presented at the Annual Meeting be the report for the preceding 12 month financial year. If the conference is held in the Fall an interim report for the current year should also be presented. *Motion carried.*

3. It was moved by Miss E. Magee, seconded by Miss M. Cameron that the financial report be presented to the Annual Conference as having been formally audited. *Motion carried.*

4. It was moved by Miss B. Henderson, seconded by Mr. A. Hall that a standard format be developed for the financial report to make possible meaningful comparison between reports. *Motion carried.*

5. It was moved by Miss M. Cameron, seconded by Miss E. Magee that a separate financial report be made for each conference and appended to the main report and that conference receipts and expenditures be shown only as totals in the annual financial report. *Motion carried.*

6. It was moved by Miss B. Henderson, seconded by Mr. A. Hall, that a statistical

membership report be given at every conference and published as part of the conference minutes and proceedings. Such a report should give statistics of types of membership and the income from each, geographical distribution, a report of new members, etc. *Motion carried.*

7. It was moved by Miss E. Magee, seconded by Miss M. Cameron, that the membership be kept informed of the financial status of the Association, e.g. following Executive meetings. *Motion carried.*

B. On the Use of Association Funds

1. It was moved by Mr. A. Hall, seconded by Miss B. Henderson, that a budget be prepared each year by the Finance Committee for presentation to the Executive for approval and for presentation to the Annual Meeting. *Motion carried.*

2. It was moved by Miss M. Cameron, seconded by Miss E. Magee that any expenditure in excess of the budgeted amount require the approval of a majority of the Executive. *Motion carried.*

Mrs. D. Cooke asked if such an expenditure would be reported to the membership at a subsequent meeting. The Chairman agreed to the suggestion.

3. It was moved by Miss B. Henderson, seconded by Mr. A. Hall, that support to the Bulletin, as a required membership publication, be given on the basis of a percentage of each membership fee, and that this percentage be specified in the By-laws. If the support required exceeds the amount of this subsidy for two successive financial years the Executive should be empowered to recommend an increase in fees sufficient to provide the required revenue at the specified percentage. This increase should be recommended at the Annual Meeting occurring at the end of the second financial year. *Motion carried.*

4. It was moved by Miss E. Magee,

seconded by Miss M. Cameron that the registration fee for each conference be set at a realistic amount based on projected attendance and expenses (such as expenses of speakers), so that each conference can be self-supporting. *Motion carried.*

5. It was moved by Mr. A. Hall, seconded by Miss B. Henderson that memberships and corresponding fees in other associations be evaluated annually on the basis of:

- i) value of membership
- ii) value of the association

Motion carried.

C. On a Publications Policy

1. It was moved by Miss E. Magee, seconded by Miss M. Cameron, that a clear distinction be made between publication as service to the membership and publication for revenue. *Motion carried.*

2. It was moved by Miss B. Henderson, seconded by Mr. A. Hall, that the publications covered by the membership fee be clearly indicated in the Constitution and By-laws, and these publications be the Bulletin, Membership list, Annual Reports, and Minutes and Proceedings of Conferences. *Motion carried.*

3. It was moved by Miss M. Cameron, seconded by Miss E. Magee that the categories of publications not covered by this membership fee be stated. *Motion carried.*

4. It was moved by Miss B. Henderson, seconded by Mr. A. Hall that a publications policy for revenue be undertaken for:

- i) The Checklist, as recommended in Section II, B below
- ii) An area director of libraries and librarians
- iii) Miscellaneous, as recommended by the Publications Committee.

Motion carried.

The Chairman was asked to enlarge on the publication for revenue policy. The Chairman stated that it was the intention to explore the possibility of publishing for revenue but no definite policy had been established.

D. On Memberships and Subscriptions

1. It was moved by Miss E. Magee seconded by Miss M. Cameron that the membership year be the financial year of the Association. *Motion carried.*

2. It was moved by Mr. A. Hall, seconded by Miss B. Henderson that all publications of the Association be available for purchase. *Motion carried.*

3. It was moved by Miss E. Magee, seconded by Miss M. Cameron that Bulletin subscriptions be sold based on the volume year. Institutions may secure the Bulletin by subscription only. *Motion carried.*

Miss Magee stated that the Bulletin would be made available to institutions by subscription since they do not wish membership in the Association and that other publications should also be available for purchase by institutions. It was felt that subscription rates might have to be raised to offset loss of revenue from institutional memberships, and that payments from subscriptions should go directly to the Bulletin fund.

Item D, 2. was amended to read "that all publications of the Association be available for purchase. Institutions may secure by subscription only." Miss True and Miss P. Mills registered negative votes.

4. It was moved by Miss E. Magee, seconded by Miss M. Cameron that subscriptions to the Bulletin be based on the actual cost of producing a volume, exclusive of advertising income. *Motion carried.*

II Publications

A. APLA Bulletin

Discussions took place as to the cost of publishing the Bulletin and how to raise the funds to support it. Advertising revenue was averaging \$1,600 per year and the Advertising Manager had advised that the maximum had now been reached. The Association's financial support was \$2,000 and it was felt that the membership fees might need to be increased to raise this amount.

1. It was moved by Miss M. Cameron, seconded by Miss E. Magee that the members assembled in annual conference decide by vote whether the publication of the APLA Bulletin be continued beyond 1970. *Motion carried.*

2. It was moved by Miss B. Henderson, seconded by Mr. A. Hall that the Committee recommends that membership fees may be increased if necessary to provide the funds to support the Bulletin if the membership decides to continue the Bulletin beyond 1970. *Motion carried.*

3. It was moved by Miss B. Henderson, seconded by Miss E. Magee that the Editor(s) be guided by the wishes of the membership as expressed through the recent questionnaire. *Motion carried.*

It was moved by Miss D. MacQuarrie, seconded by Mrs. D. Cooke that the APLA Bulletin be continued beyond 1970. *Motion carried.* Mrs. G. D'Arcy registered a negative vote.

Miss Williams asked the President to take the chair to deal at this time with the implications of Mr. Vagianos' resignation and his recommendations.

Miss Susan Whiteside, Managing Editor of the APLA Bulletin asked for a clarification of what was meant by "editorial policy" as well as what powers an editorial board would have over the Editor of the Bulletin. Miss Whiteside said she would be

in favor of an editorial board serving in an advisory capacity to the editor and felt that the guide lines for the publication should be clearly defined. Miss D. MacQuarrie suggested that the editorial policy outlined in the December, 1967 Bulletin recognized responsibility to local readers but also stressed that problems are no longer just local but national and international as well, and that much of what is being undertaken in our region may be of interest to others. Miss MacQuarrie suggested that this might continue to be used as an editorial policy for the Bulletin. Miss Whiteside said that since this policy had been stated in 1967, she wondered if any change in the policy should be made now. Miss Cameron suggested that Miss Whiteside meet with the Reviewing Committee and give them her ideas. It was moved by Miss F. Geitzler, seconded by Mr. A. Guay that the discussion of the Bulletin be discontinued at this point and be deferred until tomorrow morning for concrete recommendations. *Motion carried.*

Mrs. Somers asked Miss Williams to continue chairing the discussions of the Reviewing Committee's Report.

B. Atlantic Provinces Checklist

1. It was moved by Miss M. Cameron, seconded by Miss E. Magee that the publication of the Checklist be resumed as quickly as financially possible with plans made to publish volumes for the years since 1965, as well as for the future. *Motion carried.*

Miss Cameron said that publication of the Checklist will depend on whether the money can be found to keep producing it, and told the members that it was an extremely expensive project.

2. It was moved by Miss M. Cameron, seconded by Miss E. Magee that the Checklist be put on a strictly business-like basis and made to pay for itself. *Motion carried.*

3. It was moved by Miss B. Henderson,

seconded by Mr. A. Hall that a business office be set up to include a paid secretary-typist whose first duties should be to go through the existing files, sort out current orders and correspondence and bring some order out of the existing confusion. *Motion carried.*

A further discussion took place regarding the financing of the Checklist. Miss Cameron said it would cost \$5,000 to produce the first volume. It was moved by Mrs. D. Cooke, seconded by Mr. A. Hall that a publication policy be undertaken for the Checklist and that the whole matter be left to the committee set up to undertake this review. *Motion carried.*

Items 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Report were deferred because of above motion.

C. Conference Minutes and Proceedings

1. It was moved by Miss M. Cameron, seconded by Miss E. Magee that all conference minutes and proceedings be published in the Bulletin, providing its frequency is not less than quarterly. *Motion carried.* Miss B. Truc registered a negative vote.

Supplement to Item 1. It was moved by Miss F. Geitzler, seconded by Miss P. O'Neil that the following be added to Item 1, "or otherwise, as a supplement to the Bulletin." *Motion carried.*

2. It was moved by Miss B. Henderson, seconded by Mr. A. Hall that these minutes and proceedings be included in the first issue following the conference, providing this issue is not in press. *Motion carried.*

3. It was moved by Miss M. Cameron, seconded by Miss E. Magee that provision be made in the By-laws of the Association for the publication of minutes and proceedings. *Motion carried.*

4. It was moved by Miss B. Henderson,

seconded by Mr. A. Hall that guidelines be established for all officers and chairmen so that there may be uniformity in their reporting. *Motion carried.*

D. Annual Reports

1. It was moved by Miss D. MacQuarrie, seconded by Mrs. D. Cooke that Item D, 1 be omitted. *Motion carried.*

E. List of Members

1. It was moved by Miss M. Cameron, seconded by Miss E. Magee that a list of members be prepared and distributed in a format approved by the Executive. *Motion carried.*

2. It was moved by Miss E. Magee, seconded by Miss M. Cameron that the cost of this membership list be budgeted annually. *Motion carried.*

F. Recruitment Pamphlet

1. It was moved by Mr. A. Hall, seconded by Miss B. Henderson that the Association continue to sponsor the publication of a pamphlet for recruitment to the profession. *Motion carried.*

2. It was moved by Miss M. Cameron, seconded by Miss E. Magee that the Association sponsor, if financially possible, the publication of a pamphlet for recruitment to membership in the Association. *Motion was defeated 32 to 25.*

III Committee Structure

1. It was moved by Miss B. Henderson, seconded by Mr. A. Hall that a committee be set up to study and report on all aspects of the committee question. *Motion carried.*

2. It was moved by Mr. A. Hall, seconded by Miss B. Henderson that terms of reference be set forth at the time of appointment for all standing and *ad hoc* committees. *Motion carried.*

3. It was moved by Miss E. Magee, seconded by Miss M. Cameron that special committees be formally disbanded upon completion of their work or given new and defined terms of reference. *Motion carried.*

IV Inter-relations with Other Organizations

1. It was moved by Miss B. Henderson, seconded by Mr. A. Hall that a committee be set up to study and make recommendations on relations with other organizations. *Motion carried.*

2. It was moved by Miss B. Henderson, seconded by Mr. A. Hall that this committee be informed that this Association is concerned more with relations with other Canadian Associations than with non-Canadian. *Motion carried.*

3. It was moved by Miss E. Magee, seconded by Miss M. Cameron that this committee be instructed to consider costs on a per member basis. *Motion carried.*

V Constitution

It was moved by Miss D. Putnam, seconded by Miss E. Webster that consideration of the Constitution be deferred until tomorrow morning. *Motion carried.*

It was moved by Miss B. Hann, seconded by Miss R. McDormand that a suitable gift be sent to Mr. G. Chaisson, who had been taken ill suddenly and was now in hospital. *Motion carried.*

Meeting was adjourned.

THIRD GENERAL SESSION. —
Ballroom Isle Royale Hotel
Sunday, May 24, 1970
9:00 a.m.

The President turned the meeting over to Miss Margaret Williams, Chairman of the Reviewing Committee, who presented the draft for the new Constitution and By-laws.

CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE I — NAME

Section I — Name.

It was moved by Mr. D. Ryan, seconded by Miss S. Elliott, that the name of this body shall be Atlantic Provinces Library Association, hereafter referred to as "the Association." *Motion carried.*

ARTICLE II — OBJECTS

Section I — Objects

It was moved by Miss E. Magee, seconded by Miss B. Hann, that the objects of the Association shall be:

- a) To promote library service throughout the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland.
- b) To cooperate with other associations on matters of mutual concern.
- c) To serve the professional interests of librarians in the region. *Motion carried.*

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Section I — Membership.

It was moved by Miss M. Cameron, seconded by Miss J. Miffen, that any individual may become a member on payment of the fees provided for in the By-laws; however, the Executive reserves the right to suspend members with cause. Honorary membership may be conferred at the discretion of the Executive. *Motion carried.*

ARTICLE IV — OFFICERS

Section I — Officers.

It was moved by Miss E. Magee, seconded by Miss B. Henderson, that the officers of the Association shall be:

- a) A President

- b) A Vice-President from each of the four Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, one of whom shall be designated as President-Elect. In order to provide greater continuity one Vice-President other than the President-Elect shall be elected for a two year term. This shall be done on a rotational basis among the Provinces.

- c) A Secretary residing in an area geographically convenient to the President.

- d) A Treasurer residing in the Province of Nova Scotia.

All of the above shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association.

The immediate Past President shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive.

Section II — Duties of Officers

The officers shall perform such duties pertaining to their respective offices and such other duties as may be approved by the Executive. The President-Elect shall serve the first year after election as first Vice-President, the second year as President and the third year as Past President. The President, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall report annually to the Association.

Section III — Term of Office.

- a) All officers and all elected members of the Executive shall serve until the adjournment of the meeting at which their successors are chosen.

- b) No member shall hold the office of Treasurer for more than three years.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE V — COMMITTEES

Section I — Committees.

It was moved by Miss S. Elliott, seconded by Mr. D. Ryan, that Committees shall be established as set forth in the By-laws or as appointed by the Executive. *Motion carried.*

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

Section I – Meetings

It was moved by Miss B. Hann, seconded by Miss E. Magee, that meetings shall be held as provided for in the By-laws.

Section II – Quorum

A quorum shall consist of ten percent of the membership or twenty-five delegates, whichever is greater. *Motion carried.*

ARTICLE VII – MANAGEMENT

Section I – Executive.

It was moved by Miss M. Cameron, seconded by Mr. D. Ryan, that:

- a) The administration of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Executive.
- b) The Executive shall have power to fill all vacancies in office *pro tem*, the person so elected by the Executive to serve only until the next annual meeting of the Association.
- c) Meetings of the Executive may be called by the President at such times and places as he may designate and shall also be called upon request of a majority of the Executive.
- d) A majority shall constitute a quorum of the Executive.

Section II – Finances

- a) It shall be the duty of the Executive to review and approve the budget as prepared by the Finance Committee.

All expenditures beyond the budgeted amount shall be approved by the Executive.

- b) The Treasurer shall sign all cheques which subsequently shall be co-signed by the President.
- c) The Treasurer shall submit his financial statement for formal audit at the conclusion of the financial year.

Section III – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall be May 1st to April 30th. The fiscal year shall govern all business and activities of the Association except as otherwise provided by the Constitution and By-laws. *Motion carried.*

ARTICLE VIII – BY-LAWS

Section 1 – By-laws.

It was moved by Miss Hann, seconded by Miss Henderson that,

- a) By-laws may be adopted and amended by vote of the Association upon written report of the Executive or of a special committee appointed by the Association to report thereon.
- b) The Executive may amend, annul or add to these By-laws, such changes to be voted on at a following meeting of the Association.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Section I.

It was moved by Miss Elliott, seconded by Miss B. Henderson that this constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote taken at the Annual General Meeting provided that notice of motion is given to all members not less than one month prior to the vote being taken. *Motion carried.*

ARTICLE X — AFFILIATION

Section I.

It was moved by Miss D. Cullen, seconded by Miss A. Letts, that this Association may affiliate itself with any other library association and with any organization, upon consent given by vote at a general meeting, and may elect representatives and pay a membership fee required by the constitution or by-laws of that association or organization. *Motion carried.*

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I — MEMBERSHIP

Section I — Rights and Privileges.

It was moved by Miss Magee, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that all members of the Association shall have the right to vote. All members shall have the right to hold office. *Motion carried.*

Section II — Fees

a) The annual fees shall be:

Personal Members	\$ 5.00
Life Personal Members	\$100.00
Honorary Members	No fee

While there is no category for institutions, they may purchase any publications.

- b) To remain in good standing members must pay fees within three months of the start of the fiscal year of the Association.
- c) These fees entitle members to receive the official publication of the Association and any other releases authorized by the Executive. The Checklist and other publications of the Association are not covered by the membership fee.
- d) A percentage of each membership

fee, not to exceed 50% of the fee, may be allocated to the support of the official publication of the Association.

e) The annual fees may be revised only by vote at an Annual Meeting.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE II — MEETINGS

Section I — Annual Meetings

It was moved by Miss M. Cameron, seconded by Miss A. Letts, that there shall be an Annual Meeting of the Association at such place and time as may be determined by the Executive. For all persons attending the Annual Meeting there may be a registration fee as fixed by the Executive. Members shall be notified of the agenda at least one month in advance of the meeting. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting shall be published in a format approved by the Executive.

Section II — Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Executive and shall be called by the President on written request of ten members of the Association. At least one month's notice shall be given and only business specified in the notice shall be transacted. *Motion carried.*

ARTICLE III — NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section I

It was moved by Miss E. Magee, seconded by Miss J. Miffen, that prior to each annual meeting of the Association, the Executive shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members, the Chairman of which shall be the Past President of the Association, to nominate candidates for elective positions.

Section II

a) The Nominating Committee shall re-

port its nominations to the membership at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting.

- b) Further nominations may be placed on the floor at the Annual Meeting provided that the written consent of the nominee has been received by the Secretary of the Association.
- c) Every person nominated shall be a member in good standing of the Association and a letter of acceptance shall be filed with the Secretary of the Association.

Motion carried.

ARTICLE IV – EXPENSES OF OFFICERS

Section I – Expenses of Officers.

It was moved by Miss S. Elliott, seconded by Miss M. Cameron, that:

- a) The following standing committees shall be established:
 - (i) Finance Committee – to work with the Treasurer in preparing the estimates of budget for the fiscal year for the final approval of the Executive.

The membership of this committee shall consist of the President and the President-Elect and the Treasurer.
 - (ii) Publications Committee – to conduct a continuing study into all areas of the Association's publications, to recommend new publications, to formulate publishing policies in cooperation with the editors of publications and recommend these policies to the Executive.
 - (iii) Committee on Relations with

Other Organizations – to study and make recommendations on relations with other organizations especially those Canadian. Consideration must be given to cost in relation to the total membership.

- (iv) Committee on Committee Structure – to recommend as necessary to the Executive and the Association formation of new committees and to prepare terms of reference for these committees if established. To appoint chairmen and members to serve on these committees and to recommend when necessary the dissolution of standing and special committees established in the by-laws. The President-Elect shall be the Chairman of this committee.
- (v) Nominating Committee – as provided under Article III of these By-laws.
- (vi) Resolutions Committee
- (vii) Membership Committee – to recruit new members; to maintain, report and publish membership statistics. The normal term for chairman shall be at least two but preferably three years.
- b) The Executive shall establish such other standing and special committees as deemed necessary to advance the work of the Association.
- c) Chairmen of the committees shall have the power to co-opt.
- d) The chairman of each committee shall prepare a report to the President at least three

weeks prior to the Annual Meeting with the exception of the Nominating Committee which shall report at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting.

Amended May 1957
Amended May 1966
Amended May 1970

It was moved by Miss M. Williams, seconded by Miss D. MacQuarrie that the Constitution and By-laws as amended here be approved by the Association. *Motion carried.*

Miss Williams asked the President to return to the chair.

Mrs. Somers stated that a great deal of time had been devoted to the internal affairs of the Association at this conference. This was done at the request of the membership as a result of the previous conferences.

The President returned to unfinished business of the previous nights' session, viz. Reviewing Committee Report.

APLA BULLETIN

It was moved by Miss D. MacQuarrie, seconded by Mr. D. Ryan that the Executive appoint a working Bulletin Advisory Board that will help solicit for the consideration of the Editor material reflecting the concerns and interests of the membership at large. *Motion carried.*

It was moved by Miss B. Hann, seconded by Miss M. Cameron that Item A 3, under Publications in the Reviewing Committee report, "That the Editor(s) be guided by the wishes of the membership as expressed through the recent questionnaire" be deleted. *Motion carried.*

It was moved by Miss E. Magee, seconded by Miss M. Cameron that the Editor operate within an approved budget only and incur additional financial obligations

with the approval of the Executive. *Motion carried.*

Editorial Policy

It was moved by Miss A. Letts, seconded by Miss D. Putnam that the Bulletin be generally guided by a policy that reflects its first concern with regional affairs, while yet recognizing that our interests are of a wider scope. This policy should also reflect the involvement of the Atlantic Region in library and communications developments in general, and should meet the need to inform the profession at large of Atlantic Region affairs. *Motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

A.P.L.A. Conference - 1971

The meeting was turned over by Mrs. Somers to Miss Magee, the new President. Miss Magee extended an invitation to the Association to hold the 1971 A.P.L.A. Conference at Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick, May 14 - 16. The meetings could be held on the campus and accommodation for delegates would also be available. It was moved by Miss P. Mills, seconded by Miss M. Cameron that the Association accept the invitation. *Motion carried.*

A.P.L.A. Conference - 1973

An invitation was extended from the librarians of Prince Edward Island to the Association to hold their 1973 Conference in Prince Edward Island (Charlottetown) in conjunction with the Prince Edward Island Centennial celebrations. It was moved by Mr. J. MacEachern, seconded by Miss M. Williams that the Association accept this invitation. *Motion carried.*

Resolutions

It was moved by Miss A. Letts, seconded by Councillor T. Tonks that, WHEREAS, libraries are an integral part of the municipal structure, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of the Atlantic

Provinces Library Association here assembled request the incoming Executive to draft and present a resolution to the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities meeting in annual conference in Halifax this June 8th — 11th, 1970, asking for their continued and increased support of libraries as a vital part of the life and development of every Canadian community. *Motion carried.*

It was moved by Mr. A. Guay, seconded by Mr. Doucette that the reading of the resolutions in French be waived. *Motion carried.*

1. COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

BE IT RESOVLED that the thanks of the Association be extended to:

- A. The Cape Breton Regional Library Board for the warm hospitality enjoyed, for the delightful luncheon, and for the very convenient transportation arrangements.
- B. To Mr. Alex Storm for the marvellous experience he shared with us, not only because of the adventure and daring, but also because of his appreciation of the value of research.
- C. To Mr. Yves Roberge, as a previous active member of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association, for his address on the role of the Bibliothèque Nationale du Quebec.
- D. To the management of the Isle Royale Hotel and staff for their help and courteous service.
- E. To Miss Mary Fraser and the staff of the Cape Breton Regional Library for upholding the traditional Cape Breton hospitality in their arrangements for this conference, especially for the warm welcome at the airport and for the attractive floral decorations at the Saturday luncheon.
- F. To the Cape Breton Post and to the

radio and television stations CBI and CJCB for their coverage of this conference.

Moved: E. Webster
Seconded: M. Williams *Motion carried.*

2. *BE IT RESOLVED* that the members of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association in annual conference assembled urge the Governments of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Nova Scotia to consider in their plans for Infrastructure development in Special Areas and Growth Potential Areas the availability of funds through the Canada Department of Regional Economic Expansion, Atlantic Region, to develop library services in the Special Areas designated by that Department in these three provinces, in consultation with the appropriate library authorities in these provinces. And be it further *RESOLVED* that the appropriate provincial library authorities be forwarded copies of this resolution.

Moved: M. Williams
Seconded: E. Webster *Motion carried*

3. *BE IT RESOLVED* that the members of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association in annual conference assembled ask the Canada Department of Regional Economic Expansion, Atlantic Region, to consider with favor any requests by the Governments of New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia for Federal Government funds to be used for library development in Special Areas designated by the Department in the Provinces of New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

Moved: E. Webster
Seconded: M. Williams *Motion carried*

4. *WHEREAS* the National Film Board

makes a major contribution to the educational, cultural, and social development of a Canadian identity, and

WHEREAS the National Film Board makes a significant contribution to the film as an art form, and

WHEREAS the economically and culturally deprived regions depend heavily on this national service, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association assembled in annual conference thank the Secretary of State for his action in reversing the decision to charge rental fees for films adequate and sustained financial support is given to the National Film Board to continue and amplify its programs.

And be it further

RESOLVED that copies of the foregoing resolution be sent, for informational purposes, to the federal members of Parliament for the four Atlantic provinces.

Moved: S. Elliott
Seconded: C. Potvin *Motion carried*

5. *BE IT RESOLVED* that the Atlantic Provinces Library Association express its gratitude to the Members of Parliament who have responded to the Association's letter of concern over the proposal to impose rental fees for National Film Board films, and ask those Members of Parliament to continue their efforts in this direction, to ensure the awareness of Parliament of the importance of the Film Board services to the Canadian people, and especially those of the Atlantic Provinces.

Moved: C. Potvin
Seconded: M. Williams *Motion carried*

6. *WHEREAS* the Printing and Publishing Division of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Government of Canada, has commissioned the Management Consulting Division of Ernst & Ernst, chartered accountants, to conduct a study of the Canadian book industry, including publishing, printing, binding and distributing, and

WHEREAS the libraries of Canada are vitally concerned with all aspects of the book industry, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlantic Provinces Library Association prepare and submit a brief to Ernst & Ernst, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the Minister of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and a copy to the Canadian Library Association.

Moved: E. Webster
Seconded: S. Elliott *Motion carried*

7. *RESOLVED* that all teacher training institutions in the Atlantic Provinces be urged to initiate courses or increase present courses which emphasize the importance of school libraries as part of the total educational process, and that a letter containing this resolution be sent to such institutions, as well as Departments of Education, and other pertinent bodies.

Moved: S. Elliott
Seconded: E. Webster *Motion carried*

8. *RESOLVED* that the incoming executive of APLA write to the Director of the Atlantic Institute of Edu-

cation to inquire into the possible establishment, in the near future, of a program to train school library personnel.

Moved: C. Potvin
Seconded: S. Elliott *Motion carried*

Miss M. Kelly and Miss B. Henderson registered negative votes.

It was moved by Miss D. MacQuarrie, seconded by Miss A. Letts, that a vote of thanks be extended to the Reviewing Committee, for the excellent work done, and especially to Miss Margaret Williams, Chairman. *Motion carried.*

It was moved by Miss M. Williams, seconded by Miss A. Forster, that the meeting be adjourned. *Motion carried.*

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

As Bruce Peel wrote in *FELICITER* shortly after assuming the presidency of CLA, this certainly was not the year to be president of anything. It seems that every organization (perhaps only library organization?) is experiencing some form of unrest among its younger members, as well as an over-all uneasiness and dissatisfaction with the *status quo*. Even though we, in the Atlantic Provinces, are usually being ebided for being behind everybody else in the country — we're certainly with it in APLA, as far as self-examination and self-criticism is concerned. Last year's rather innocent looking motion to appoint a committee to review APLA's goals, activities and costs has certainly produced a real Pandora's box. But remember, it was *hope* that *remained* in Pandora's box! And though we will most likely not reach unanimous agreement on all of the Reviewing Committee's recommendations and alternatives — the Committee members' very thorough examination of APLA's present status does offer not only hope but definite promise for APLA's future.

For the benefit of first-timers and those of you who have not yet read the Reviewing Committee's Report (if you haven't, you'd better find time to do so between now and tomorrow night!), Committee members were appointed at the first Executive meeting in October. In order to

save travelling and other expenditures it was decided that the Committee would consist largely of Executive members who would have to get together several times anyway for Executive meetings and could, at the same time, meet to discuss their preliminary studies and findings. Other APLA members were called in for consultation on specific topics. The Reviewing Committee held a lengthy meeting on the weekend of January 31st in connection with an Executive meeting that same weekend. Individual preliminary reports on each topic were submitted and taken apart point by point and a summary presented at the Executive meeting. Since then individual reports were revised taking into consideration criticisms made at the January 31st meeting as well as subsequent ones received by the Chairman in written form.

Committee members are to be commended highly for the amount of work, serious consideration and time they gave to this project on your behalf. Since this Report, its recommendations and implications are most important to the future of the association, the whole Conference program is arranged around it. This fact also accounts for having only tomorrow morning devoted to a program on library service as such. Furthermore, because discussion of the Report will be lengthy — and heated — I felt fresh air would be much needed and a cooling off in the breezes of Louisbourg most desirable.

As for other business conducted by the

Executive on your behalf during the months since our last conference: at the Joint Executive meeting we appointed Sister Marie Michael of the Coady International Institute to act as Archivist of this association on a continuing basis. Sister has kindly consented to act as receiver of the archival materials of APLA and to organize these archives. The Dalhousie University School of Library Service has agreed to accept storage or custodial responsibility for the APLA Archives, to be housed in closed stacks in the new Killam building. There they will be available upon request to people with a purpose for their use. A four-drawer legal-size filing cabinet has been purchased and Sister Marie Michael has begun sorting out some of the material.

With respect to the *APLA Bulletin*, the following decisions were made by your Executive. As of the October 18 Executive meeting, the Bulletin is available by subscription only to institutions *outside* the four Atlantic Provinces. For *this* year, one year's *subscription* fee to the Bulletin was set at \$6.00, the price of a single copy at \$1.50. These rates are to be reviewed yearly. On November 1, 1969 a special Executive meeting was held to deal with the financial situation of the Bulletin — outcome, the Questionnaire you received with your December issue.

I also investigated the matter of having the APLA Bulletin exempted from Provincial Hospital and Federal Sales Taxes. These are the replies I received:

Attention: Mrs. Carin Somers,
President,
Atlantic Provinces Library
Association

Dear Mrs. Somers:

I have received your APLA Bulletin, which I am returning to you, and I regret that due to the advertising matter that is contained therein and the fact that it is only published quarterly, there is no exemption for this under the Health Services Tax Act.

Yours very truly,
D. K. Currie, C.A.,
Provincial Tax Commissioner

Dear Mrs. Somers:

Thank you for your letter of January 29th with enclosure concerning the application of the Federal sales tax to your publication entitled APLA Bulletin.

From your letter to the Minister of Education, I understand that this APLA Bulletin which is printed by Allen Print Ltd. in Halifax informs your membership of trends and innovations in the library field generally, particularly in the Atlantic Provinces, and thus provides further education for all members.

Schedule III of the Excise Tax Act provides sales tax exemption for certain printed matter including:

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I have examined the publication submitted and note that it contains advertising; consequently, notwithstanding that it serves as a medium of further education to the membership i.e. the practicing librarians in the four Atlantic Provinces as well as the trustees of public and regional libraries who are either elected officials or provincial appointees, there is no alternative but to hold this APLA Bulletin subject to sales tax current rate 12%.

It is very much regretted that a more favourable ruling cannot be furnished to you in this regard.

Yours truly,

A. F. Dunlop,
Regional Chief,
Excise Tax Values & Classification,
(Atlantic Provinces)

While the membership will discuss and decide the future of the Bulletin tomorrow night, this year's Executive, at its January 31, 1970 meeting, committed the Association to the publication of four issues during 1970; the first two issues will be supported by APLA funds to the extent of \$500.00 per issue, will contain no French articles and will be limited as closely as possible to 32 pages each. To ensure staying within this \$500.00 cost figure, these decisions were taken with regret but the Executive, according to our present Constitution, must insure that the Association's expenditures do *not* exceed its income.

This conference will have to decide whether to continue publication of the Index to *APLA Bulletin*. I feel that this can be dealt with in connection with the Reviewing Committee's Report on Publications tomorrow evening.

Again, recommendations regarding the future of the *Checklist* will be proffered tomorrow night. During the last few months Miss Higgins and I got together and sorted out Correspondence and Standing Order files. Then we drew up two form letters to advise Standing Order holders and general enquirers that the issue of the *Checklist* would be decided at this conference and that they would be advised of APLA's decision.

As per the motion carried at the Saint John Conference, the Executive got together with Mrs. G. D'Arcy and we had the revised inserts for the Recruitment Folders printed. Miss F. Geitzler, Vice-President for Nova Scotia, very kindly assumed responsibility for unstuffing the old folders and stuffing them with the revised inserts. Miss Geitzler also drew up a form letter to advise other library associations, departments of education, etc. that these recruitment folders had been revised and could be obtained from APLA's Secretary. As you will have seen in the March *APLA Bulletin*, a notice regarding these recruitment folders was included under Association Notes.

Mid-way through the year I received a

letter from Miss Betty Henderson, Vice-President, Prince Edward Island, and APLA's representative to CAG, notifying the Executive that Miss Henderson was teaching at the University of Alberta Library School and would be staying there for the 1970/71 academic year. As CLA was holding Council Sessions in March and due to the financial straits of APLA, I took up Miss Henderson's suggestion to have Miss D. MacQuarrie, A CLA Councillor, act as APLA's CAG representative in March and advised Mr. Clifford Currie of this decision. At our Sunday session we will have to consider appointing a new CAG representative.

So much for Association business, now for APLA lobbying! At the request of some members it was decided at the October 18th Executive meeting that letters should be sent to the Education Ministers or Deputy Ministers in each of the four Atlantic Provinces asking them to consider *special aid for libraries* in their briefs to the federal government regarding the implementation of *bilingual districts*. Dr. Rowe in Newfoundland replied that that province had no bilingual districts, Prince Edward Island advised that it had only one area and that our request would be brought to the attention of Doug Boylan who is on the Committee to promote bilingualism in the various provinces. M. Saint-Onge replied for New Brunswick that the whole Province was declared a bilingual district and invited a special brief from the Association. In the meantime, the Public Libraries Seminar occurred in Moncton and APLA Executive members who were attending the Seminar discussed the various replies and the lack of a reply from Nova Scotia. It was then decided that the two provinces most concerned, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia should now pursue this matter on a provincial level. I understand that the New Brunswick librarians' group is attending to this. A reply from Mr. S. A. Edwards, Consultant in Modern Languages, Nova Scotia Department of Education, was finally received on April 24th. In the meantime the Chairman of the N.S.C.L.R. has written a letter supporting APLA's request that library services be considered in the planning

for implementation of bilingual districts in Nova Scotia.

Early in December I received a letter, dated November 27, 1969, from the President of the Association of B. C. Librarians urging us to support their request to the President and Directors of the CBC to continue the *CBC Times*. On your behalf and feeling that APLA members would want me to do this, I wrote to the President and all seven Vice-Presidents of the CBC. A rather blah reply was received from D. H. Orr, Director of Information Services. However, the fact that we now have the publication *SELECT* does indicate that, perhaps, our protest was not entirely in vain.

Also in December a letter was received from Heather Harbord, President, Saskatchewan Library Association, urging other library associations to write to the Secretary of State and area M.P.'s to protest the imposition of *rental fees on NFB films*. So, on the morning of December 24, my staff had a marathon, typing letters to the Secretary of State, making 32 copies of it and typing 32 accompanying letters to each of the 32 Atlantic Provinces' M.P.s. The tally of replies I found most intriguing and revealing:

of 10 New Brunswick MPs	- 3 replied
of 11 Nova Scotia MPs	- 5 replied
of 7 Newfoundlan MPs	- none replied
of 4 P. E. I. MPs	- 2 replied
32 MP's	- 10 replies

Lloyd Crouse from Lunenburg wrote *twice* on the subject and Robert McLeave

sent three letters, copies of Hansard and phoned me long distance from the House on the afternoon of March 4 when the decision to impose rental fees for NFB films was rescinded by the Secretary of State. (I had also written Mr. McCleave in my capacity as Chief Librarian for the Halifax County Regional Library, Headquarters of which is situated in his constituency.)

"And that's what's *been* happening!"

As to the future - a few personal comments: quant à l'avenir, j'espère que l'APLA, d'après ce congrès, soit une association plus stable et plus forte. Nos buts et priorités, à l'égard des activités, une fois clairement définis et nos affaires financières redressées, je crois que nous ayons une bonne raison d'être. D'après cette année passée, je suis très consciente de l'importance pour nous — bibliothécaires — d'avoir une voix forte et unie vis-à-vis du gouvernement, soit fédéral, soit provincial. Après tout, tout le monde aujourd'hui fait les couloirs!

This past year has made it quite clear to me that a regional organization such as APLA is an effective medium for pressuring government, whether federal or provincial. Even though we are subject to four different Departments of Education we can speak with one voice where the improvement and promotion of library services throughout our area are concerned. This, in my opinion, will become an ever more important part of APLA activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Carin Somers

LA BIBLIOTHEQUE NATIONALE DU QUEBEC

YVES ROBERGE

The following paper was originally presented as the guest speech at the 31st annual APLA conference held in Sydney, Nova Scotia, May, 1970.

Si la Bibliothèque nationale du Québec a pu, en quelques mois d'existence, s'affirmer de multiples façons, il faut attribuer cette activité aux nombreuses années de préparation silencieuse.

Fondée en 1844 par les messieurs de Saint-Sulpice sous le nom de cabinet de lecture ou de bibliothèque paroissiale Notre-Dame, cette bibliothèque comprenait alors 2,400 livres. Première bibliothèque publique de langue française, à Montréal elle fut créée dans le but tel que mentionné dans le catalogue de la Bibliothèque de l'Oeuvre des bons livres, de "défendre la Foi et les moeurs attaquées par des productions impies et immorales".

Cette bibliothèque fut d'ailleurs érigée en association sous le nom de l'Oeuvre des bons livres et affiliée à l'Oeuvre des bons livres établie à Bordeaux. En 1885, naissait le cercle littéraire Ville-Marie, créé dans le dessein d'accroître le rayonnement culturel de la bibliothèque. En 1915, la bibliothèque, qui possédait alors près de 100,000 livres, déménageait dans l'immeuble actuel de la rue Saint-Denis et changeait de nom pour devenir la Bibliothèque Saint-Sulpice. Installée dans le quartier latin de cette époque, elle allait devenir durant de nombreuses années, par son emplacement et sa riche collection, la bibliothèque universitaire des étudiants montréalais. En 1931, la bibliothèque suspendait ses services au public et dix ans plus tard, était acquise par le gouvernement et placée sous la juridiction du secrétariat du Québec; elle était réouverte en 1944.

Another important step in the historical development of the library was made in 1961; the library was placed under the jurisdiction of one of the new ministries created at that time by the government; the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. From then on the library gradually got ready to play a new role and, in 1967, a law replaced the act of the Saint-Sulpice Library into that of the Quebec National Library.

The Quebec National Library officially exists since January 1st, 1968. Although it is one of the most recent National Libraries, it is already internationally known for its realizations not only in Quebec but also in different parts of the world.

Like all National Libraries, it collects and safeguards everything that is printed in the country and on the other hand endeavors to make these printed works known in bibliographies whether current or retrospective. Moreover the important responsibilities given the library by the National Assembly make it possible for the library to plan its numerous activities for the years to come. Article 5 of the law of the Quebec National Library (1967 chapt. 24) clarifies the role of our National Library:

"The chief librarian of the National Library shall:

- a) collect and keep, if possible in their original form, copies of the documents published in the Province of Quebec and of those published outside the Province of Quebec that treat mainly of that Province;
- b) acquire and keep all the documents which he can collect and which may be useful for research in the various branches of knowledge;

- c) compile and publish periodically a current bibliography and a cumulative bibliography of the documents published in the Province of Quebec and of those published outside the Province of Quebec that treat mainly of that Province.
- d) make and keep up to date a catalogue of the collections of the most important libraries in the Province of Quebec;
- e) encourage bibliographic research and, if expedient, organize a bibliographic centre;
- f) cause an index to be made of the principal periodicals of the Province of Quebec and ensure the regular publication of such index;
- g) organize a central document exchange bureau for the benefit of the libraries of the Province of Quebec;
- h) perform any other similar function assigned to him by the Minister."

Every National Library has to acquire and keep the body of the printed work in the nation: books, periodicals, newspapers, brochures, booklets, briefs, posters, signs, maps and so on, and this is mandatory by virtue of the legal deposit. The aim of the legal deposit is twofold, first to acquire all current publications, and second to recuperate all ancient documents.

This recuperation of documents dating from the beginning of printing in Quebec, necessitates long and meticulous work. The search must go back to the year 1765 up to 1967. The library has already acquired some of these rare documents at auctions or through libraries specialized in rare books. Out of 1200 known Canadian incunables, the National Library already has in its possession more than 800. The acquisition of current publications on the other hand, is made easy by the legal deposit.

The legal deposit was started in Quebec with the creation of the National Library

and its modalities of operation are to be found in article 8 of the law.

"Every publisher of a document published in Quebec shall, within thirty days from the date of publication of such document and at his own expense deliver two copies thereof to the National Library; but where the retail value of the two copies to be delivered exceeds in the aggregate twenty five dollars, or where not more than fifty copies of such document are printed, one copy only shall be required".

"Failing a publisher domiciled or having a place of business in the Province of Quebec, the obligation imposed by this section shall devolve upon the following persons domiciled or having a place of business in the Province of Quebec:

- a) the printer of the document or the person who reproduces it by a graphic process other than printing or, failing them;
- b) the person having the exclusive right to distribute the document in the Province of Quebec or, failing him;
- c) the author of the document, in the case of a printed document."

From the beginning of the legal deposit, the library informed the editors of its existence and their immediate collaboration demonstrated their complete agreement with the creation of this National Library which from its inception has received regularly all new publications; the library lists them and codifies all relevant information obtained with each deposit. Because of this information the library knows the exact state of publishing in Quebec which enables it to publish annual statistics on editing in Quebec.

Pour la compilation des statistiques de l'édition, la bibliothèque a décidé de suivre la méthode proposée dans la Recommandation concernant la normalisation internationale des statistiques de l'édition de livres qui était adoptée par la conférence

générale de l'Unesco, à Paris, le 19 novembre 1964.

Les chiffres fournis par la bibliothèque pour l'année 1968 et 1969 sont beaucoup plus complètes que ceux qui furent présentés antérieurement et ils reflètent une image beaucoup plus juste de l'édition québécoise.

En 1967, ils étaient de 400 titres environ et, cela avant la création de la Bibliothèque nationale.

En 1968, ils étaient de 851 titres et de 1,254 titres en 1969.

Les bibliographies facilitent la recherche et contribuent aussi à faire connaître la production intellectuelle d'une nation. La compilation de ces bibliographies demande une somme de travail considérable, qu'une Bibliothèque nationale se doit d'encourager.

Aussi, afin de répondre aux nécessités de la recherche dans notre milieu et de favoriser la diffusion du livre québécois, la bibliothèque a déjà commencé à publier des bibliographies courantes et rétrospectives.

Publiée trimestriellement, la **Bibliographie du Québec** contient tous les documents reçus en dépôt légal durant le trimestre qui a précédé. Les documents décrits sont classés systématiquement selon les rubriques du système de classification "Library of Congress".

La bibliographie analytique, "**Les ouvrages de référence du Québec**" préparée sous la direction de M. Réal Bosa, est une bibliographie rétrospective des principaux ouvrages de référence publiés au Québec avant 1968. Cette bibliographie est la première de plusieurs bibliographies rétrospectives qui seront publiées par la bibliothèque et qui renfermeront, un jour tout l'imprimé québécois depuis les origines.

May I also add that our library publishes a quarterly bulletin called "Bulletin de la Bibliothèque nationale". We also published a catalogue called: "Collection Jacques

Mordret". Others like:

— FQ 5000, made in collaboration with Laval, McGill, Sir George William, Sherbrooke and Moncton Universities.

— Index alphabétique du catalogue systématique

— Répertoire des bibliothèques du Québec which will go out of press soon and also made in collaboration with ACBLF.

Two other bibliographic projects in collaboration with University of Montreal will be realized in the next few months:

- 1) catalogue collectif des périodiques canadiens sur microfilms, disponibles au Québec dans les bibliothèques universitaires et à la Bibliothèque nationale;
- 2) les bio-bibliographies et bibliographies compilées par les étudiants de l'École des bibliothécaires de l'Université de Montréal.

Today, the library comprises several departments and services extended in two and soon three buildings. The main buildings on Saint-Denis street, which is situated at the intersection of the subway lines of Montreal, contain most of the book collection as well as the administration offices, Information services, and the service of cultural activities. The reading hall sits 180 readers; moreover 10 separate tables in the mezzanines are reserved for more extensive research. The researchers can keep on those tables for several days the necessary documentation for their work.

As far as the Reference service is concerned, several professional librarians are always on duty to answer all requests for information, written, phoned, or at the library itself. A system of reproduction of documents enables them to get any copy of documents in the library collections (photostats, photographs, or microfilms).

Le deuxième immeuble qu'occupe la bibliothèque, situé avenue Esplanade, face au Mont-Royal, regroupe les départements suivants: Département des périodiques, Département des publications officielles, Département des cartes et plans, Département des manuscrits et bientôt le Département des archives sonores. Ces départements spécialisés ont leurs méthodes propres de dépistage, d'acquisition et de traitement des documents: notons qu'en 1968 le seul département des manuscrits a fait l'acquisition de 60.000 pièces.

La bibliothèque occupera enfin une partie importante d'un troisième immeuble où seront logés tous les services de la Direction des entrées: Service des acquisitions, Service du catalogage et Service de la reliure.

Un projet de regroupement de tous les départements et services, qu'une rapide expansion a dispersés, permet de croire que la bibliothèque continuera son expansion et son oeuvre de revalorisation de la recherche au Québec et de diffusion de la culture française en Amérique du nord.



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THE RABBIT HOLE

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The Rabbit Hole is a regular feature of the APLA Bulletin. We invite contributions from readers and we offer contributors the same latitude (and longitude) as the Rev. Dodgson afforded Alice. Any reader who feels himself falling through the earth and approaching the Antipathies is urged to put it all down on paper and send it to the attention of the Editor. "Perhaps (you) shall see it written up somewhere."

DO WE OR DON'T WE

The Rabbit Hole has been designed for the airing of personal viewpoints, placing no other obligation upon the writer than to query or challenge his audience — and hopefully to arouse discussion. In a communications profession confronted by the necessity for reassessment and readjustment one might legitimately look for a healthy volume of argument and proffered panaceas. In an area where general pressures are intensified by a regional complexity of historic, geographic and economic circumstances now taking on a particular urgency, opinions and questions should cry for a hearing. Or are these false premises for an argument.

Having waited in vain I am going to take advantage of an empty column to query the role of this Bulletin — and, incidentally, of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association.

A stimulus to such questioning has been the indeterminate discussion over the past year concerning the APLA Bulletin's development, and the failure of the June APLA conference to bring these rumblings into public forum for a sufficient airing. The membership did approve at that time an editorial structure and policy. The voting, however, was not accompanied by any significant discussion of the service to be rendered by or demanded from the Bulletin as the "information organ" of APLA — a service to which only the membership can give shape and substance. It may be that the Association does not represent a truly cohesive association of separate identities strong enough in their mutual understanding and acceptance of inter-dependence to

make effective use of a communication vehicle. It may be, therefore, that the Bulletin should seek some other base on which to justify its existence, or should cease to attempt the useless.

The editorial policy agreed to in Sydney, May 1970, deliberately stated a primary emphasis on regional application and regional reaction:

"A policy that reflects its first concern with regional affairs, while yet recognizing that our interests are of a wider scope. This policy should also reflect the involvement of the Atlantic region in library and communications developments in general, and should meet the need to inform the profession at large of Atlantic region affairs."

By what means could the APLA membership translate this policy into useful, continuing practice?

One section of the Bulletin — with its all embracing title of *Out of the In Box* — was specifically instituted for the exchange of information on regional affairs. A grab bag of interesting things to know; a bulletin board to serve notice of past and future activity; or a digest column accommodating items that can be more effectively presented "in summary" than through the detailed exposition of a feature article — whatever its definition, the *In Box* exists (negatively or positively) only as a reflection of its audience. It therefore remains dependent upon the desire of that audience to further acquaintances among its members.

It might be possible to justify certain short-comings of the Bulletin with the

evidence of an empty *In Box*, but what should be of more concern, regarding the health of the Association, is the lack of response of another sort. During the past year several areas of the Atlantic Provinces have become involved in major reviews of library service problems. Nova Scotia libraries are studying the adequacy of their resources and services, with the implications for cooperative action; Prince Edward Island is contemplating possible re-organization of library services; and in New Brunswick public libraries are raising questions regarding the entire structure of administration, financial support, and staffing. But there has been regrettably little airing of viewpoints or sharing of experiences. It is true that these issues have immediate application for only specific segments of the Atlantic region and its library profession. The problems, debate and solutions, reflect specific circumstances. Such have been the arguments justifying silence. But surely the origin and objectives of these activities are derived from and must contribute to the more generally shared experiences of the profession. Are Atlantic Provinces libraries so fragmented into mutually exclusive and specialized factions that they cannot talk to one another or benefit from each

other's mistakes and discoveries? Moreover, if it is "not suitable" for the Bulletin to impose upon its readers matters of this kind, how can it hope to provide material of substance that will be generally acceptable?

A recent Rabbit Hole decried the crippling effects of "secret societies" — crippling because of the resulting lack of information that aggravates misunderstanding and non-involvement in professional activities. If non-involvement, which so often allows secret societies to exist by default, is bred by a skimpy diet of information one obvious remedy lies at hand.

The APLA Bulletin must be able to claim some unique identity, other than whatever standards of excellence it might aspire to, if it is to serve and survive with any distinction. It would seem logical that that identity be linked to its parent Association. The necessary condition for this is a continued, demonstrated willingness of the Association to articulate its own existence.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

As one who is a member of the group to which Miss Keene refers as a body of elite, I should like to assure her of my concern and sympathy with the opinion expressed in her letter in the last issue of the APLA Bulletin.

Not in justification but in explanation of the Nova Scotia Council of Library Resources, it may be necessary to record a little history. Four (?) years ago a new administrative librarian came to the city, and as a welcoming gesture the predecessor arranged a small luncheon of about eight librarians. As it happened, all were heads of libraries. At the conclusion of the social and library talk, one of the guests suggested that we should meet on a regular basis since it was obvious we had much in common as library administrators. Later, the same librarian suggested we should enlarge the group to include head librarians of the Province. But it was agreed to keep the membership small to insure free and easy discussion around a table. At the same time a high sounding name was dreamed up — and there we were, willy nilly, an organization with a chairman (two co-chairmen, in fact) and a secretary.

Alas, the group originating as a social gathering has taken on an importance and an aura of secrecy which were never intended. All that really happens is that each meeting is a ring into which ideas are thrown, there to be pulled apart, developed or abandoned by the participants.

With the wisdom of hindsight one wonders if the Halifax Library Association were expanded into a Nova Scotia Library Association in which all librarians of Nova Scotia could be members, then those with common interests could meet as committees or sections under the aegis of and report to the parent body.

If the ideas Miss Keene has expressed represent a general feeling of librarians in the area, it is a situation to be deplored. Always in the past, cooperation, mutual respect and understanding have marked every aspect of the library scene in Nova Scotia. To lose these because of some well intentioned, but perhaps ill founded creation of a so called body of elite is too high a price to pay.

As proof of the importance I place on the continuing rapport among all librarians in the province, I am prepared to resign officially from the Nova Scotia Council of Library Resources. However, I certainly intend to remain free to discuss with any library administrator matters of common concern. I assure Miss Keene that doesn't imply I am brandishing a flag of superiority to overcome my insecurity.

Yours sincerely,

Mary E. Cameron,
Chief Librarian
Halifax City Regional Library

Dear Editor:

Having had the pleasure of hearing Miss Alberta Letts speak to the Dalhousie Library School this spring and having watched regional public libraries develop in Nova Scotia over the past twenty years, I am replying to Mrs. Phyllis MacDougall's letter in the June 1970 APLA BULLETIN.

While no one would question the need for expansion of regional library collections and services, I would not agree that public,

unlike university, libraries in the Province of Nova Scotia do not know where they are going. Compared to the public library, the university library serves a clearly defined group. The public library has a fascinatingly varied public, which in a city such as Halifax, expects everything from *BOILER ROOM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS* to the latest Gunter Grass novel.

Patrons of the ten Nova Scotia regional libraries do need a more educative service, but reference librarians skilled in the art of discovering their patron's informational needs are required as well as a Telex in the local community centre. People, even those who are highly intelligent, frequently

do not know exactly what information they want, and if they do, do not necessarily ask for it in a direct manner.

If Miss Nora Bateson were able to return to Halifax and see the services offered by the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, particularly the provincial union catalogue, and the Province's ordering and cataloguing services, she would surely feel the foundations for good public library service had been well laid.

Yours sincerely,
Pauline Hone,
Chief Circulation Librarian
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In 1969, when the Dalhousie University School of Library Service was created, K & W Enterprises Limited decided to establish a Scholarship to assist Maritime students in this study, "In recognition of the contribution made by the library profession to the total education process".

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Pine Hill Divinity Hall Library

It is hoped that in future issues other libraries will follow this example and "introduce" themselves. The smaller and more specialized libraries in particular have remained somewhat shrouded — from where did they come, how and why do they exist, and with what particular strengths?

Pine Hill Divinity Hall in 1970 is celebrating its 150th Anniversary, as the oldest United Church theological college in Canada. It traces its origins to the Rev. Thomas McCulloch who envisaged a dissenters' theological college in Nova Scotia. In 1820, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in N. S. appointed Dr. McCulloch professor of theology, and the trustees of Pictou Academy gave him permission to hold a class in divinity in an unused room at the Academy.¹ Twelve students attended the first divinity classes in November of 1820. In 1838 Dr. McCulloch left Pictou to become the first president of Dalhousie University. The college has been located in Pictou, P. E. I. and Truro, N. S. For some thirty years the Presbyterian college occupied a building located on Gerrish Street, Halifax, N. S. In 1878 the 9 acre Albro property on the Northwest Arm was purchased. With the union of the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist churches in 1925, the Department of Theology at Mount Allison was merged with the Presbyterian College to form Pine Hill Divinity Hall. To com-

¹Betts, E. Arthur. *Pine Hill Divinity Hall 1820-1970; A History*. Truro, Executive Press, 1970. p. 6.

memorate the founding, the alumni of Pine Hill have raised money to begin an ecumenical library to be located on the main floor of the administration building. This library was opened September 2, 1970.

At present, Pine Hill's library collection is between 30,000-40,000 volumes, mostly in the field of theology. There is a considerable back periodical collection including series that date to 1840. One of the projects begun in the summer of 1970 has been the listing of these old periodicals as well as the current collection. Copies of this list are available from the library.

There is an extension Bible collection containing translations in Ethiopic, Syriac, Micmac and Esperanto. Many of the older books have moved with the college and were published in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. The oldest part of the library is the McCulloch library collection. In the residence, there is the Maritime Conference Archives under the supervision Dr. E. A. Betts, archivist. Here can be found early church records of the three uniting churches in Canada and their parent bodies in Europe.

There are many problems and advantages of working in a small library. At present there is a small student enrollment at "The Hill"; consequently staff has a better chance to get to know their clientele. The atmosphere is relaxed and there is time to discover the needs of the borrower. Because this library has its own classification system, there is greater need to help the student locate his books and train him in using the library productively.

One service that has proved very successful is the Extension Library Service. Ministers and laymen in the Maritime provinces may write in requests for individual books and have them sent by return post. In 1969-70 some 150 ministers took advantage of this service which provides the isolated minister with access to a substantial collection.

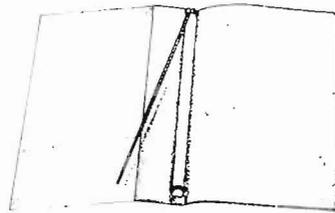
Because Pine Hill is a special college, it

does not purchase books in the general subjects of arts and science but relies on the resources of King's Dalhousie and St. Mary's Universities. In the past, there has been good understanding between Pine Hill and these institutions. In return, students of Dalhousie, King's and St. Mary's have access to Pine Hill's Theological collection.

One of the greatest problems in working or studying in a smaller college is a feeling of isolation. It is difficult to convince faculty and students that there are available to them larger library facilities in the city. On the part of the librarian, there is no one to check his mistakes and keep him on his toes. But no other librarian can spend his long lunch hours cultivating his vegetable garden or sunning on the shores of the Northwest Arm.

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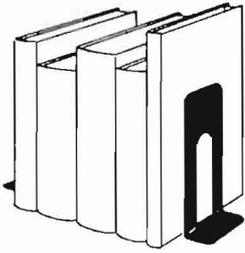


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