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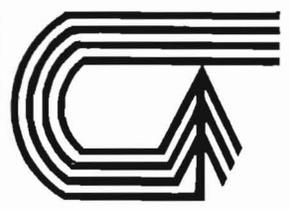
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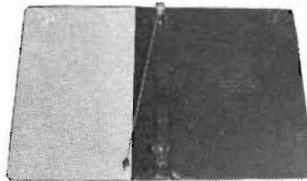
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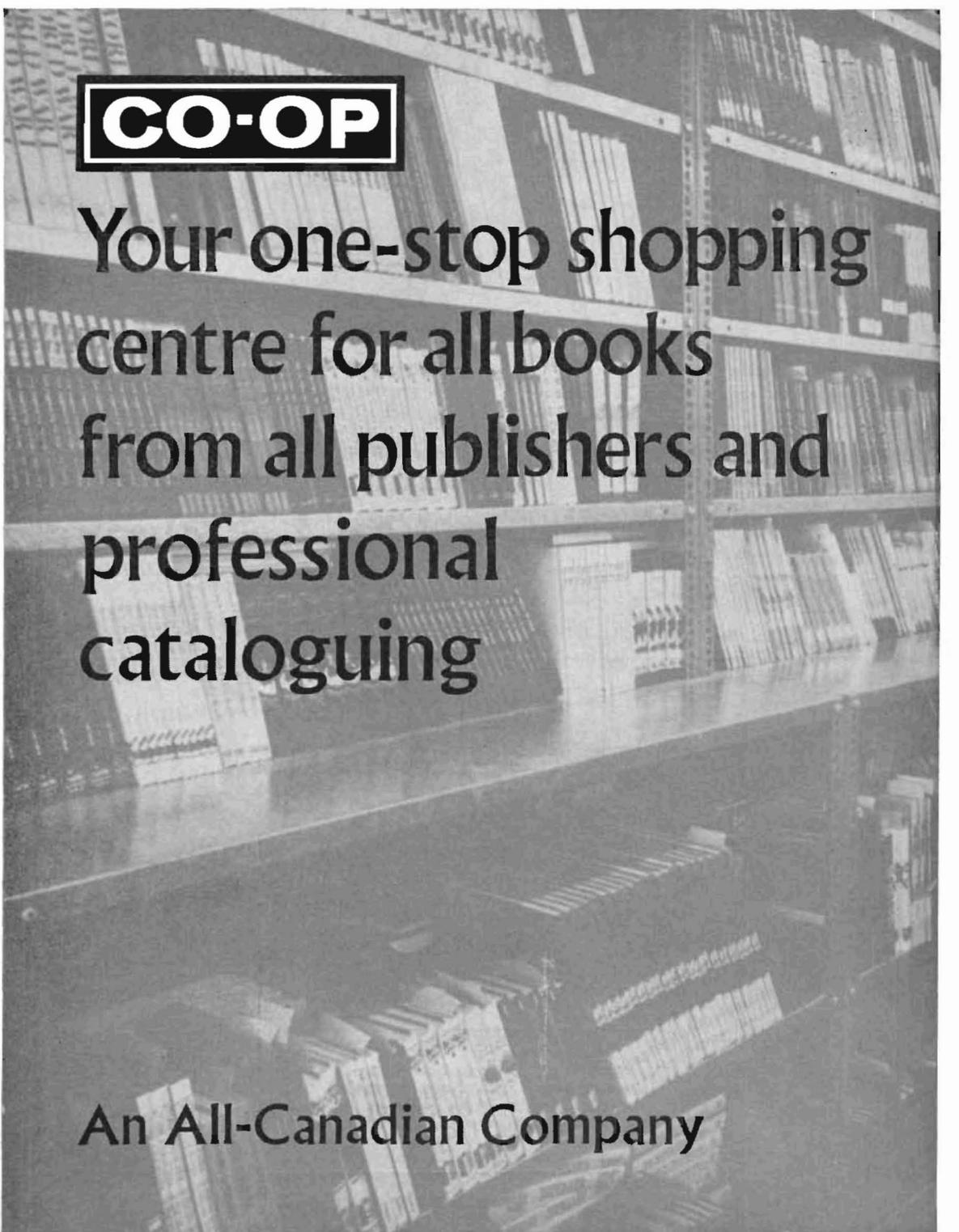
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

1971-72

The Annual Conference of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association is the time of the year when your President is obligated to put forth to the membership an accounting of his stewardship of the organization over the past year.

Each of the last two presidents has tried to characterize their stewardship in terms of the primary thrust of activity in the organization. On re-reading the Minutes of the Executive and last year's Conference it would appear that this year's thrust has been most importantly a financial one. The call early in the year was for funds to keep the organization going, to maintain the *Bulletin* and to start publishing the *Atlantic Provinces Checklist*. Deliberately or otherwise, a four-pronged attack was set up to allay this problem.

Firstly, there was an attempt across the Atlantic Provinces to obtain new advertising revenue for the *Bulletin*. Late last year and this year the advertising revenue has increased greatly thanks to the efforts of Mr. A. MacDonald and Mr. H. B. Mitra, the past and present advertising managers of the *Bulletin*.

The second important area of endeavour has been an attempt to gain new members. As you can see also by the Treasurer's Report, the revenue from membership has increased and should increase even more. There are, as of April 30, 213 paid members from the following locations — Nova Scotia, 102; New Brunswick, 47; Newfoundland, 41; Prince Edward Island, 11; Ontario, 6;

Saskatchewan, 1; Alberta, 3; Manitoba, 1; United States, 1. The Treasurer informs me that new members are joining at a rapid rate this year. This is due partially through the efforts of Sister Eileen Collins, Chairman of the Membership Committee who distributed membership forms throughout the Atlantic Provinces, in addition to establishing local committees in each of the Provinces.

A third thrust has been an attempt to cut down on the normal expenditures of the Association in terms of mailing and printing costs.

A fourth approach has been to seek assistance for the Conference from commercial suppliers who can conveniently do so. This will hopefully permit some profit without necessarily increasing regular fees.

A fifth idea, which has crossed my mind, has, in the opinion of the Executive, not been deemed necessary because of the successes of the other thrusts, and that is the possibility of a dues increase. The organization is now in a solid financial situation. We are not as yet prepared to undertake anything as expensive as a checklist with a paid editor and secretary. We are, however, quite prepared to begin searching for grants, etc., which could subsidize the organization in this endeavour. An increase in membership dues might very well assist in that project in some future year, but it is not needed at the moment. You already have before you the reports of the various committees. It is my feeling that if the

organization is going to carry on from here it needs not better committees, because these committees have by and large worked well and done their job excellently, but new committees need be formed to branch out in the activities.

One hope is that a committee structure can be established whereby individual librarians with professional complaints may take them and receive a hearing and receive assistance in presenting their cases to the proper authorities. During the past year two such cases have arisen, one in New Brunswick, and a committee appointed by the Executive was assigned to look into the problem. This was done and a recommendation was made and accepted by the committee. A second case came up in Newfoundland in between Executive meetings. This was handled by the members of the Executive in the Province of Newfoundland and in that case, while it was felt impossible to assist the individuals, since they had already resigned, the Association did join in with other library associations and presented a detailed job description which apparently was the center of contention to the organization concerned. The organization agreed to the job description and it is hoped that any people succeeding to the position will have a well-defined and useful job description set before them.

Another major item of business was the search for a successor to Miss Whiteside. The ultimate decision was not to find a successor, but two successors. This, perhaps, is testimony to the kind of job Miss Whiteside has done. Miss Aileen Barker has been appointed by the Executive as Editor and Mrs. Phyllis MacDougall as Managing Editor.

RESOLUTIONS

The following action has been taken on

Resolution No. 3 – the Executive voted to donate to the School of Library Science a prize of \$50.00 to be given to the outstanding student as chosen by the Library School.

On Resolution No. 5, letters were sent to the professional organizations as well as the Provincial Governments of all the Provinces, indicating the need for equal remuneration for school librarians based on their education and experience as compared with teachers holding equivalent education and experience.

On Resolution No. 7, letters were sent to all the Provincial Governments and again numerous replies were received. The letters indicated the need for adequate funding for the libraries sponsored by these provincial governments.

On Resolution No. 8, action was taken by the outgoing secretary in attempting to get the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and the New Brunswick Union of Municipalities to support a programme for the improvement of libraries as multi-media and resource centres to assist public libraries to develop their potential for contributing to Canadian communities, and that libraries should be included in plans for any infra-structure development wherever applicable.

This report is submitted in the knowledge that much more could have been accomplished over the past year, but in the hopes that what was accomplished meets your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Ryan

May 26, 1972

ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MINUTES
33rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE,
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND
MAY 26 – 28, 1972

FIRST GENERAL SESSION. Great Hall, Queen's College, Friday, May 26, at 8:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Don Ryan, President of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association.

In the absence of the President of Memorial University, Mr. Ryan officially welcomed the delegates to the Conference. He then opened the meeting by showing the gavel which had been presented to the Association in 1965 on behalf of Memorial University by Mr. Eugene Gattinger, President of APLA, 1965. A scroll which accompanies the gavel shows the names of the Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of APLA. The President then gave special thanks to various people and organizations that had contributed to the planning and cost of the conference.

MINUTES OF THE 32nd CONFERENCE

Miss Barbara Hann pointed out one omission in the minutes as published in the *Bulletin* V. 35, No. 3, 1971, page 56 to 63:

a) page 57, under "Reports" — Bulletin Advisory Board — should have included Mrs. Frances Dindial as a member of that committee.

It was moved by Mr. Merritt Crockett, seconded by Dr. Horrocks that the Minutes of the 32nd Annual Conference be adopted as corrected.

Motion Carried.

REPORTS

President's Report

Mr. Ryan read his annual report to the conference.

Vice-President's Report

A written report was prepared by Mr. Don Scott, Vice-President for Prince Edward Island and copies were distributed at the meeting. As the Vice-Presidents for Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick had made submissions to the *Bulletin*, no reports were given by them at the meeting.

Secretary's Report

Miss Harriet Pearce, Secretary, read her annual report noting that the Executive had met four times during the year to discuss various APLA business. Miss Pearce moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Mrs. Randell.

Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Stan Squires, who, on the resignation of Mr. Partridge assumed the post of Treasurer, presented his annual report which showed a balance of \$1,274.00 in the General Fund and a balance of \$1,979.00 in the Bulletin Fund as of April 30, 1972. The report had been submitted to the firm of Thorne, Gunn, Helliwell and Christenson for formal audit. It was noted that the favourable balance in the General Fund was due to an increase in membership; a lesser appropriation to the Bulletin Fund; sale of back issues of the *Checklist* and the absorption by Memorial University of many of the conference expenses. Mr. Squires moved the adoption of his report, seconded by Miss Clark.

Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Mr. Squires, Treasurer, submitted a deficit budget for 1972-73. The deficit was due to a decision by the Executive to pay back an outstanding debt of \$427.00 to the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council. Mr. Squires moved the adoption of the budget, seconded by Mr. Melanson.

Motion Carried.

BUDGET:

Revenue	
Membership Fees	\$1,090.00
Expenses	
Transfer to Bulletin Fund	340.00
Travel Expenses	400.00
Memberships: CLA and APEC.....	85.00
Postage	65.00
Audit	100.00
Dalhousie Library School	100.00
Atlantic Provinces Economic Council	427.00
	<u>1,517.00</u>

Bulletin Fund:

Revenues	
Advertising	\$1,700.00
Subscriptions	1,338.00
Transfer from General Fund	340.00
	<u>3,378.00</u>
Expenses	
Printing	3,100.00
Postage	200.00
Typing and Engraving	50.00
	<u>3,350.00</u>

Nominating Committee:

Mrs. Somers presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The following are the proposed slate of officers for the year 1972-73:

President — Mr. Don Scott, Confederation Centre Library, Prince Edward Island.

Vice-President (Nova Scotia) and President-Elect: Miss Heather Harbord, Dartmouth Regional Library.

Vice-President (New Brunswick): Mr. Terence Amis, Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library.

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Vice-President (Prince Edward Island): Mr. Merritt Crockett, University of Prince Edward Island.

Treasurer: Mr. Stan Squires, Cape Breton Regional Library.

Secretary: Miss Sandra Taylor, Confederation Centre Library.

The President, at this point, called for nominations from the floor. As no nominations were forthcoming, Mrs. Somers moved the adoption of the Nominating Committee's report, seconded by Mr. Richard Ellis.

Motion Carried.

Publications Committee Report

Miss E. Cameron, Chairman of the Publications Committee gave her report recommending that the terms of reference of this committee and of the Bulletin Advisory Board be defined in order to avoid overlapping of responsibilities. It was also recommended that a membership list of APLA be printed in the centre fold of the *APLA Bulletin* and that a questionnaire be prepared to determine the necessity of revising and continuing *The Checklist*.

There was much discussion from the floor concerning the position of the Publications Committee vis-a-vis the Bulletin Advisory Board but it was ultimately decided that their terms of reference were already defined clearly enough. It was moved by Mr. Melanson, seconded by Miss MacQuarrie that the Executive delegate responsibility to the Bulletin Advisory Board and the Publications Committee within their terms of reference.

Motion Carried.

Bulletin Advisory Board

Miss Barbara Hann, Chairman of the Bulletin Advisory Board gave her report, noting the various activities of the Board,

including their successful search for a new editor and managing editor of the *Bulletin*. It was noted that the Bulletin Advisory Board also felt a need for their terms of reference (vis-a-vis the Publications Committee) to be clarified.

At this point it was moved by Mrs. Sally Davis, seconded by Mr. Melanson that a vote of thanks be given to Miss Susan Whiteside, Past Editor of the *Bulletin*.

Motion carried.

Mr. Ryan then introduced the new Editor, Miss Aileen Barker, and the new Managing Editor, Mrs. Phyllis MacDougall, of the *Bulletin*.

Committee on Committees:

Mr. Don Scott reported on the membership of the following committees as set up for 1972-73:

a) Committee on Committees:

This is made up of one person, the President-Elect.

b) Publications Committee:

J. C. Harrison
Miss Margaret Williams
Miss Pamela Mills } tentative
Mr. Ed Hannus }
Mr. Stan Squires Ex-Officio

c) Bulletin Advisory Board:

Miss Diane MacQuarrie
Mr. M. Claude Potvin
Miss Barbara Hann
Mrs. Frances Dindial
Miss Aileen Barker
Mrs. Phyllis MacDougall
Mr. H. B. Mitra - Ex-Officio

d) Membership Committee:

Miss Mary Beth Harris
Miss Gertrude Barrett
Miss Yvonne Earle
Miss Isabel Abernethy (tentative)
Miss Bernadine Conran

e) Resolutions Committee:

Miss Diane MacQuarrie
Miss Pat Rahal
Mr. Andre Guy
Mr. Merritt Crockett

It was moved by Mr. Melanson, seconded by Mr. Crockett that the reports of the Bulletin Advisory Board, the Publications Committee and the Committee on Committees be adopted as presented.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

SECOND GENERAL SESSION -

Science Lecture Theatre,
Memorial University of Newfoundland,
Sunday, May 28, 11:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Don Ryan.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Miss Diane MacQuarrie, Chairman Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolutions. They were presented in French by Mr. Andre Guy.

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the thanks of the Association be extended to:

- (a) Memorial University of Newfoundland for its hospitality and provision of conference facilities.
- (b) the Newfoundland Public Libraries Board for its hospitality.
- (c) Mr. Donald Ryan and the Local Arrangements Committee for efficiently organizing the conference and for their true Newfoundland hospitality.

- (d) Mr. Patrick Eagan of Clarke-Irwin for his constructive comments on publishing in Canada.
- (e) Miss Jessie Mifflin for her humorous "clever skitching" of Newfoundland traditions and customs.
- (f) G. K. Hall and our anonymous sponsor for financial support of the conference.
- (g) the Dalhousie Library School Faculty, the Tatamagouche Group, the school library participants and MacDonald Drive School for their contribution to the conference program.

Moved: Merritt Crockett

Seconded: Patricia Rahal

Resolution Passed.

1. IL EST PROPOSE que l'Association offre ses remerciements:

- (a) à l'université "Memorial" de Terre-Neuve pour l'hospitalité et les facilités qu'elle a offert lors de cette assemblée annuelle;
- (b) au Conseil des Bibliothèques Publiques de Terre-Neuve pour son hospitalité;
- (c) à M. Donald Ryan et au comité d'organisation local pour avoir organisé efficacement l'assemblée annuelle ainsi que pour leur hospitalité typiquement représentative des gens de Terre-Neuve;
- (d) à M. Patrick Eagan, représentant de Clarke-Irwin pour ses commentaires présentés de manière constructive à l'endroit des Maisons d'édition au Canada;
- (e) à Mlle. Jessie Mifflin pour sa

description humoresque des coutumes et traditions des gens de Terre-Neuve;

(f) a M. G. K. Hall et a notre donateur anonyme pour leur support financier lors de cette Assemblée annuelle:

(g) a la faculté de l'école de bibliothéconomie de Dalhousie, au groupe de Tatamagouche, aux participants du groupe de discussion traitant des écoles publiques, ainsi qu' a l'école "MacDonald Drive" pour avoir bien voulu contribuer au programme tel que présenté par l'Association.

Propose: Merritt Crockett

Appuyé: Patricia Rahal

Resolution Adaptee.

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive of the APLA investigate the feasibility of setting up an Atlantic Provinces information booth at the 1973 CLA Conference to be held in Sackville, N. B.

Moved: Pat Rahal

Seconded: Merritt Crockett

Resolution Passed.

2. IL EST PROPOSE qu l'exécutif de l'APLA étudie la possibilité d'établir un centre d'information sur les provinces Atlantiques lors de la tenue de l'assemblée annuelle de l'Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques à Sackville, au Nouveau-Brunswick en 1973.

Propose: Pat Rahal

Appuyé: Merritt Crockett

Resolution Adaptee.

Mrs. Greer and Mrs. MacDonald elaborated on this resolution explaining the type of information that could be supplied. For example: tourist information, handicrafts from the Atlantic Provinces, native drinks and works of Atlantic Provinces authors.

NEW EXECUTIVE

Mr. Ryan called on Mr. Don Scott, the incoming President, to take over the meeting. Mr. Scott announced that the 1973 Atlantic Provinces Library Association Conference would be held in P.E.I. hosted jointly by the Public Library and the University of Prince Edward Island Library.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Miss Barbara Hann that Miss Heather Harbord be appointed APLA's representative on CAG.

At this point, Mrs. Sally Davis put to the conference a list of recommendations which had arisen as a result of the School Library Meeting on Saturday, May 27. It was decided that no action could be taken on these until they had been studied thoroughly by the membership.

It was moved by Mrs. Travis, seconded by Mrs. Somers that the proposals concerning Information Canada be given to the Committee of CLA which serves as a liaison committee with Information Canada. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Harriet A. Pearce,
Secretary.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS FROM THE SCHOOL LIBRARY SESSION

(Editor's note: The following recommendations from the School Library Session, held at the APLA conference on May 27 have been printed for the purpose of making them available to the membership of APLA, for their thoughts and consideration. It is hoped that those interested in this subject will make their feelings known to the Executive.)

40 people attended the school library session of APLA and an open discussion was held from which emerged the following:

1. It was felt that many persons associated with libraries, or wishing to work in the library, would welcome the opportunity to acquire their creditation by means of correspondence courses. It was recommended that an ad hoc committee be set up by the Executive of APLA to look into the possibility of such a course being made available in the Atlantic Provinces.

2. It was felt that all higher learning insti-

tutions with the facilities should be encouraged to establish instructional media courses at the undergraduate level with the aim of producing teacher-librarians. The Executive of APLA should make this known to these institutions.

3. It was recommended that APLA go on record as supporting a proposal made by Don Hamilton (incoming president of CSLA) that Information Canada enlarge its services to schools by setting up a school library office within its structure. There are seven ways, at least, that such an office could serve schools. These seven ways are listed in the *Moccasin Telegraph* (the journal for Canadian School Librarians) in its May issue.

4. It was recommended that the Standards for Canadian School Libraries be brought to the attention of the Departments of Education of the four provinces, especially in relation to staffing school libraries with trained personnel.

LIBRARIES – P.E.I.

DON SCOTT

The Province of P.E.I. has had regional public library service since 1933 when the Carnegie Corporation set up a library demonstration project. In the intervening forty years the level of support has never been adequate and at times it has almost reached the starvation level. A high point was reached during the mid-fifties when professional staff numbered five people. During the next ten years that situation was reversed for no obvious reason and by 1964 the professional staff had been reduced to one person, Miss Dorothy Cullen, long-term Provincial Librarian.

A public library service for the city of Charlottetown developed in parallel with the regional service. Its actual beginning goes back to 1905 when a bequest from Hon. T. W. Dodd provided 375 books for a public library and the Executive Council agreed that they should be housed in the Legislative Library. In 1929 an act was passed to incorporate the Harris Memorial Gallery and the Legislative and Public Library which in effect transformed the Legislative Library into a public library. During the Carnegie demonstration the Legislative Library became loosely affiliated with the P.E.I. Libraries and received most of its book stock from that source. It did maintain a small independent budget and, contrary to any form of logic was maintained as a unit of a separate department of government. During the period from 1934 to 1964 a joint financing arrangement was established whereby the costs were shared by the province and the city. The city's contribution was to be the salary of one employee. This arrangement still holds and in addition, the city provides a small annual grant. Charlottetown is thus in the position of having a public library service almost totally and directly funded and administered by the province.

In 1964-65 the Confederation Centre Library was established, assuming the library responsibilities of the former Harris Gallery/Legislative Library. This marked a turning point for library service in the province. Reasonable levels of support began to be provided for the city service and following the principles of equality, corresponding resources were devoted to the Prince Edward Island Libraries.

In the process of planning the new facilities for Confederation Centre Library an obvious and desirable move would have been the physical and political unification of the Confederation Centre Library/Legislative Library with the P.E.I. Libraries. Lack of proper planning or consultation (ie. building the library without consulting the librarian) precluded the possibility of physical unification. Without this there seemed no clear motive for political amalgamation, so the two systems were allowed to go their own separate ways together; cooperating, but with no clear policy of uniform effort or hope of achieving any single goal.

This policy continued through mid-1968 when it was further complicated by the addition of yet another library. In the summer of 1968 a Crown Corporation, the Economic Improvement Corporation, in cooperation with the Canada Land Inventor group decided a special library was needed to support their efforts in Socio-Economic and Land Use Planning. A librarian was hired and a collection assembled utilizing the facilities of the Confederation Centre Library, but as a completely separate unit. The Planning Library, as it was called, assumed responsibility for the Legislative collection of the "Legislative Library", set up its own catalogue, its own ordering and processing sys-

tem and went into business with minimal contact with either of the existing libraries. This collection now numbers about seven thousand volumes with a periodical collection of three hundred titles. It assumed the function of a government reference library or legislative library.

Having long recognized the folly of continuing to go their own separate ways the librarians in charge of the various service units met in 1969 to consider the possibility of amalgamating all government supported library services on the Island; school, university, special and public. Added impetus was given to these considerations when in June 1970 the Provincial Government White Paper on government reorganization gave the following directive:

"To reinforce our new program in education the department (Education) will now be asked to establish a central library administration embracing all school libraries, mobile libraries, Confederation Centre Library, P.E.I. Libraries and the Planning Library and integrate these services to the fullest extent possible with the valuable resources of both Holland College and the University Library."

In the early stages of deliberation a very bold suggestion was put forward for the total amalgamation of university, school and public library services in one unit. At that time a new University Library was being planned and preliminary space requirements were considered to provide a building to house all these operations and include the Public Archives.

Various factors have mitigated against this proposal even being given the more serious consideration it required. Economics was a primary concern in that the facility required would have been a very expensive one. Cost sharing on the facility would have been difficult to arrange as government and university priorities with regard to new buildings were not the same.

It also seemed that there would be problems of jurisdiction and arranging priorities of service which could only be resolved by compromise unsatisfactory to anyone. Part of the reason for dropping the idea of complete amalgamation was a fear of plunging into a new and unprecedented type of service, but mainly it was recognition of the fact that significant economic benefits would not be gained. It was felt that improvements in service could as readily be implemented through closer cooperation.

During this period of soul-searching and discussion, plans were being made to carry out the directives of the White Paper on reorganization as it affected government supported libraries. In late 1971 a director of libraries was appointed and reorganization is now in process. The three separate library budgets have been combined and activities divided into the following three areas: Public Library Services, Education Media Services and Technical Services.

There has been little immediate effect for the public service other than the relocation of certain activities from the Confederation Centre Library. A project to establish bookmobile service on the Island is now under way. This, we expect, will make significant changes in our pattern of public service.

The need for bookmobiles has long been recognized in the province. In the initial years of the library service, lack of paved roads made this impossible. More recently the problem has been one of funding. As a result of a good deal of pressure from rural organizations and individuals, the Centennial Commission has made available a grant of sixty thousand dollars to establish a bookmobile service. Staff, including one professional librarian, will be hired immediately and it is planned to have the service under way not later than January 1, 1973.

The most significant benefits to be derived from our reorganization are being realized in our Technical Services area.

Many problems are being met with the amalgamation of slightly varying systems but we are making much better use of staff time and effort. The present facilities are overworked, but when we have more space we expect to become involved in centralized processing for the province's schools.

This account has so far neglected mention of the school library system. This neglect is a reflection of the traditional policy of neglect under which school libraries have suffered in the province.

There has long been a policy of school grants but these have been most inadequate. Not surprisingly the Prince Edward Island Library system was called upon to supplement or provide the school library. Over the years a program of circulating school collections sent from branch libraries or from Library Headquarters has developed. This was not a planned part of the service but grew up in answer to a need; it was established at first on a casual basis and became an accepted part of the operation. It is fair to say that this operation has been detrimental to development of libraries as it could always be used as an excuse, when no real efforts were being made to support the school library system.

A first recognition of the problem facing the schools was given in 1964 when a School Library Coordinator was appointed to the staff of the P.E.I. Libraries. Owing to internal staff problems he has only acted in this capacity on a full time basis since 1970, and the advance in school libraries has reflected this neglect.

The School Library service is the area which will receive the greatest amount of attention over the next several years. It is hoped that in five years time every school will have a well stocked, staffed, and equipped resource centre functioning as a vital part of the educational process.

The Department of Education, in cooperation with the federal government, has set a policy of establishing and equipping resource centres as part of the capital costs of school construction. It is hoped that a system of grants to bring facilities in existing schools to this same level can be instituted and we are now working toward this goal. In addition to this the department has committed itself to a policy of generous annual per capita grants. These are not yet adequate but it is hoped that over a five year period they can be brought closer to the level suggested by CLA standards.

The major stumbling block that we see in our attempts to reach our goal is shortage of capable staff. It is essential that interested and well-trained people be found to manage the resource centres. At present it appears that we will have difficulty in accomplishing this. It is hoped that in conjunction with Holland College and the University of P.E.I. we can provide some of the necessary training. We are also hopeful that some regional training scheme might be set up, or the Dalhousie University School of Library Service may come up with some solution to this problem. The provision of adequate staff is seen as the key to the success or failure of our School Library Programme and looking at the larger picture, perhaps to the future success of all our aims as a Department of Education.

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REVEREND GIBSON HALLAM, S.J. REQUIESCAT IN PACE

To the library community of the Atlantic area, Father Hallam was well known and liked. As the only English Canadian Jesuit with a Master's Degree in Library Science, he was appointed as Head Librarian at Saint Mary's University in the fall of 1963. Although this new job involved planning and overseeing the construction of a new library building, which opened in 1965, he still found time to become involved in library matters in the area.

In November, 1964, at a meeting of the Librarians' Committee of the Association of Atlantic Universities, he suggested the setting up of a printing centre for the production of catalogue cards for A.A.U. libraries, and set up such a centre in February 1965 at Saint Mary's.

In the Atlantic Provinces Library Association, he was most active. When the *APLA Bulletin* began, in 1965, to be commercially printed, partially supported by advertising, Father Hallam became the Assistant-Editor to Eugene Gattinger, and later served a Managing-Editor under Louis Vagianos. In this capacity, he was responsible for the physical production of the *Bulletin*: design, layout and advertising. Father Hallam later agreed to serve as the Editor of the *Atlantic Provinces Checklist*, after the resignation of Shirley Elliott in 1966. He succeeded in compiling the data for volume 10 of the *Checklist*, but, upon his resignation from St. Mary's in 1969, he also resigned as Editor of the *Checklist*, while the issue was still in proof. His efforts in the Atlantic Provinces Library Association also included other activities requiring less continuous effort, such as several times serving as Chairman of meetings held at the Annual Conferences of the A.P.L.A.

His activities, however, were not restricted to the A.P.L.A. He took an active interest in the Canadian Library Association and had been elected Incoming-Chairman of C.A.C.U.L., although he retired from library work before he assumed the office. He was also active in the Halifax Library Association, and acted as advisor on layout and printing for the Centennial project of the H.L.A., the booklet entitled *Nova Scotia in Books, 1752-1867*.

Father Hallam resigned as Head Librarian of Saint Mary's in May, 1969, and moved to Ignatius College in Guelph. Several months later, he had his first heart attack; these attacks were repeated until April 23rd, 1972, when he suffered the fatal one he had been led to expect, and he died in his sleep at the age of 41.

In Halifax, a Commemorative Service was held on April 26, for the University Community of Saint Mary's and for other friends of Father Hallam. At this service a Mass was concelebrated by the Jesuit Fathers, and a eulogy was delivered by Professor Roger Crowther, the University Orator. The library community of the Atlantic area will most assuredly endorse the sentiments expressed by Professor Crowther, when he said at the conclusion of his eulogy:

"For my part, I have to confess, that I have delayed the expression of what I owed to his kindness, until, alas, it is now too late. But if I cannot say this to him, at least I can say it to you, his friends, that if the ideal of a Christian University has any meaning at all, it compels the

recognition of those personal qualities which belonged to Gib Hallam. It is, perhaps, because he thought so little of it himself, that the value of his contribution to the life of the University community has never been fully realized. It never should have been so, but we seldom recognize the value of what we have, until it is realized that we can have it no more. But we can remember a man who believed in Faith, Hope, and Charity and of these three he certainly possessed the greatest.

For us all, may I say that I feel

as privileged to have known his friendship, as I feel the loss of him deeply.

When he wrote to my wife and me, Gib always concluded with a simple hope. 'God Bless', he said. And so I end with the prayer that he be rewarded by the happiness he so often sought for others.

Farewell Father Hallam and God Bless."

— Lloyd Melanson

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Notes from Newfoundland

Miss *Jessie Beaumont Miffen*, Acting Director of the Newfoundland Public Libraries Board, retired on May 31, 1972, after twenty-two years service with the Public Libraries. Miss Miffen has, during her career, visited on several occasions the 78 provincial libraries; visits which, in the early days, meant travelling by dog sled, airplane, and boat. Miss Miffen is Past President of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association and Past Vice-President of the Canadian Library Association. She was awarded a Canada Council grant, to visit libraries in the Scandinavian countries and in 1966 was one of five Canadian librarians selected to visit libraries in the U.S.S.R. The Newfoundland Public Libraries Board held a Testimonial Dinner in honor of Miss Miffen at the Hotel Newfoundland, on June 22, 1972.

Mr. *Pearce Penney* has taken up his duties as Chief Provincial Librarian for the Newfoundland Public Libraries Board, as of June 1, 1972. Born in St. Anthony, Mr. Penney is a graduate of Mount Allison University, Pine Hill Divinity Hall, and Syracuse University, where he received the degree of Master of Science in Library Science.

Miss *Margaret Williams*, Deputy Chief Librarian at Memorial University, has been appointed for a three-year term to the National Library Advisory Board. The 15-member Board includes the National Librarian, Parliamentary Librarian, Dominion Archivist, and the National Librarian of the National Science Library. The Board advises and assists in the organization and development of the National Library, and its relations with other libraries and associations.

Deer Lake's library committee is current-

ly working on plans to convert an eight-room school into a library. It is hoped that the recently vacated building will house a library on the first floor, and a museum or meeting room on the second. An extensive "face-lifting" job is needed on the outside of the building, and the committee hopes to receive a grant similar to the one it received last year from the Provincial Libraries Board. The project received a shot in the arm recently, when local pupils raised \$1000 towards the new library during a Walkathon. January, 1973, should see the opening of the library.

Appointments — *Henrietta Harvey Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland.*

Miss Brenda Ryan — Cataloger — appointed January 1, 1971;

Mr. Richard Ellis — Head, Collections/Acquisitions Division — appointed May 1, 1971;

Mr. Richard Curtis — Head, Circulation Division — Appointed May 15, 1971;

Miss Ellen Fagan — Assistant Director for Public Services — appointed July 5, 1971;

Miss Irene Bennell — Orientation Librarian — appointed July 12, 1971;

Mrs. Francine Tiller — Social Science Librarian (Acting) — appointed July 27, 1971;

Miss Audrey Logie — Government Documents Librarian — appointed May 15, 1972.

Newfoundland Librarians' Association

Officers and council elected for 1972/73.

President — Miss Barbara Hann, Education Librarian, Memorial University;

Vice-President — Miss Ellen Fagan, Assistant Director for Public Services, Memorial University;

Secretary/Treasurer — Mr. Howard Saunders, Children's Librarian, St. John's City Libraries;

Past President — Mr. Calvin Evans, Head, Periodicals Division, Memorial University.

Other members of the executive include Miss Catherine Sheehan, Miss Patricia Rahal, Miss Mary Groves, and Mrs. Phyllis Escott.

Dalhousie University School of Library Service

The School announces that a special lecture series will begin at the school again in September, on Fridays, beginning at 10:15, running until noon.

Watch for *Mr. Louis Vagianos*, Director of Communications Services and Director of Libraries at Dalhousie University, series of articles, in *Library Journal*, entitled "Soundings", beginning in the September issue.

Dr. Norman Horrocks, Acting Director of the School of Library Service, has been appointed Chairman of the International Relations Round Table of the American Library Association. Dr. Horrocks has also been elected to the Council of the American Library Association, for 1972-76.

Recent appointment: *Dr. Frederick W. Matthews* has been appointed Associate Professor, effective August 1, 1972. Born in Newfoundland, Dr. Matthews received his BSc. from Mount Allison University, and his Ph.D. from McGill. He has been with

Canadian Industries Limited since 1941; and served as Information Services Manager from 1961-1969. *Miss Doreen Fraser* has been appointed as an Assistant Professor, effective July 1. Formerly Health Sciences Librarian at Dalhousie, Miss Fraser has recently been appointed Regional Health Sciences Librarian in the Dalhousie School of Medicine Division of Continuing Education. *Mrs. Mary Dykstra* will join the Faculty as a part-time Lecturer in Classification and Cataloging in the Fall Term.

The School of Library Service and the Department of Education of Dalhousie are in the process of establishing a multimedia examination centre for current books and related materials for children and young adults. The materials will be located in the Learning Resource Centre already operated by the Department of Education. Once the centre is organized, it will open to all teachers, librarians, and college and university students.

If *APLA Bulletin* readers indicate an interest, a sampling of the books available for examination will be published regularly. Readers requesting information about the centre are invited to write to Miss Dorothy M. Broderick, School of Library Service, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N. S.

Nova Scotia Notes

Regional Libraries

The *Dartmouth Regional Library* has a most attractive new bookmobile to replace their 1964 vehicle. The new bookmobile, built by Massey Associates Ltd., features a California style kick-out rear window, skylights, both fluorescent and dome lighting, and an 110-volt AC inverter unit.

Halifax City Regional Library is featuring July story hours at bookmobile stops. Children cluster around the librarian, on small specially designed camp stools under a large lawn type umbrella. The total investment to get the program started was approximately \$150.

A new regional library — The Towns of Bridgewater, Lunenburg, and Mahone Bay have signed an agreement with the Minister of Education to establish the *South Shore Regional Library*. Service to the three towns will be provided under a contract arrangement between the South Shore Regional Library Board and the Halifax County Regional Library Board.

Western Counties Regional Library is presenting a series of art exhibits this summer with the general title "Meet your Artist". Shows will travel to all three of the branches in Yarmouth, Digby and Shelburne. It is planned that the artists concerned will be at the branches for a time, on each respective opening day.

Radio book review programs, broadcast weekly on station CFDR by the staff of the *Halifax City Regional Library* have proved to be most successful. The programs will be resumed in September.

Dartmouth Regional Library's travelling Punch and Judy show is playing to large crowds of youngsters this summer, as the puppets perform at the bookmobile stops and in the Main Library.

Halifax City Regional Library Board announces the extension of borrowing privileges to all residents of Nova Scotia. Applications for inter-library loan and other specialized services should still be made through the Regional Library where the borrower is resident.

Staff appointments

Miss *Pauline Home* has been appointed as Deputy Chief Librarian of the Halifax City Regional Library.

Mrs. *Joan Petrie*, formerly with the Dartmouth School Board, has been appointed

Reference Librarian with the Dartmouth Regional Library.

Two recent graduates of the Dalhousie University School of Library Service will join the staff of the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library: *Sister Ingrid Haase* as Deputy Chief Librarian in August 1972 and *Sandra Williamson* as Children's Librarian in September 1972.

Mr. *Stanley Squires*, formerly Bookmobile Librarian, Cape Breton Regional Library, has accepted a position as Cataloger with the Nova Scotia Teachers College.

Mr. *Alan MacDonald*, Acting Chief Librarian of the W. K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library, Dalhousie University, has been appointed to the National Library's Advisory Board.

Shelagh Keene, A.L.A. Regional Chairman for Canada, reports that she has available a multi-media presentation for A.L.A. membership. Entitled "Voices of A.L.A.", an 11 minute program — the kit includes: a 7 ½ IPS reel-to-reel tape and/or a standard cassette tape a cued script to match reel or tape 80 numbered 2 x 2 slides in a Kodak carousel.

For further information on the "Voices of A.L.A." and on A.L.A. membership, write to Miss Keene, c/o Dalhousie University Library, Halifax, N. S.

The Tatamagouche Group held an informal weekend meeting in Gaspereau, Kings County, on April 16-17. Approximately 30 library-oriented people hashed over ideas on publicity and public relations, helped no end by "special guest" Miss Beverley True, Chief Librarian of the Cumberland Regional Library. The Group met again in Cape Breton, July 22-24, Tat members bringing their own tents and swim suits. Dick Ellis and June Dunn came all the way from Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland, and it's hoped that others from neighbouring provinces will join in. "All systems go" for the next meeting in

Hubbards, near Halifax, in mid-September. Anyone interested in attending should contact Stan Squires, at the Nova Scotia Teachers College, Truro.

Notes from New Brunswick

Mrs. Mary Eileen Travis, Regional Librarian for the Saint John Regional Library, has been appointed to the first Advisory Board of the National Library.

Saint John Regional Library

The Boys and Girls Department of the Saint John Regional Library has moved to new quarters in the Fairview Shopping Plaza. This move to a shopping centre in the northern part of the City tripled the circulation in a one month period.

The Department of Education, Frederic-

ton, N. B., has provided funds for the opening of a new branch of the Saint John Regional Library, in Sussex. Plans are proceeding for a fall opening.

Miss Barbara Cowan, a recent M.L.S. graduate of the Dalhousie School of Library Service, has been appointed Head of Adult Circulation at the Saint John Regional Library, as of June 1, 1972.

The library sponsored two projects for the annual City of Saint John Loyalists Days celebrations. The first was an antique display of items, some more than 150 years old. The library also prepared for distribution 8,000 book-marks listing firms which were in business 100 years ago, as well as excerpts from the diary of Sara Frost, a passenger on the first ship that landed the Loyalists in Saint John.

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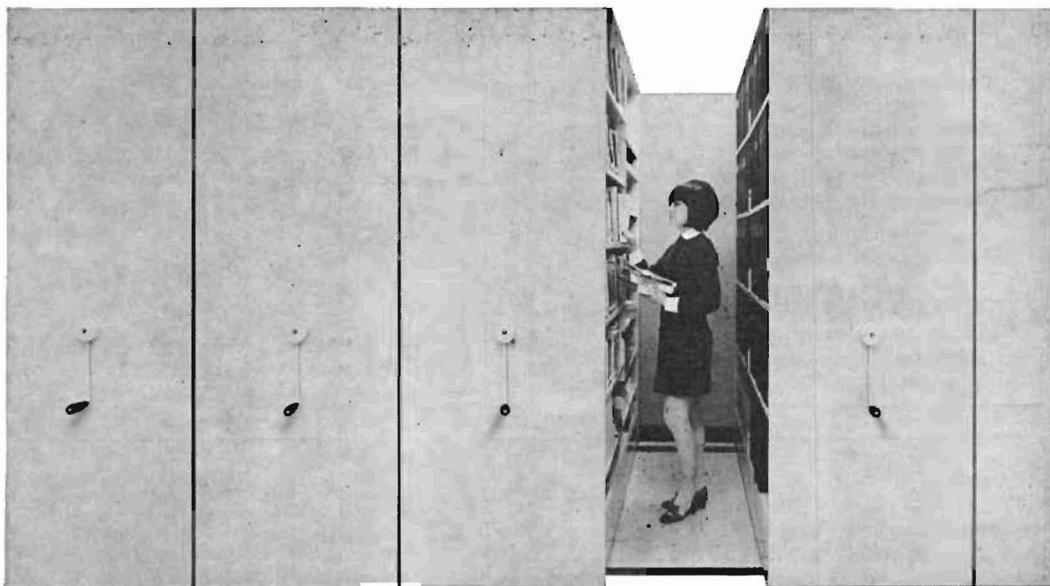
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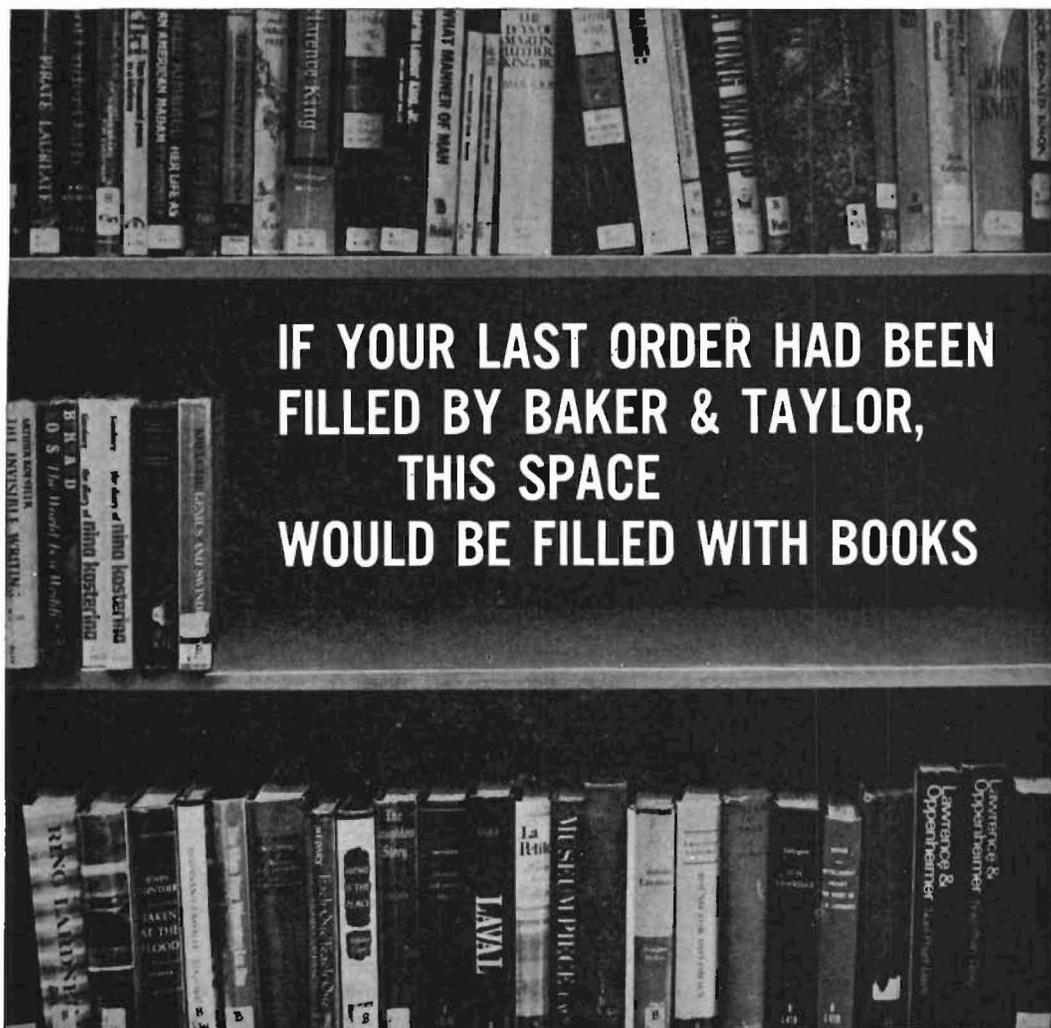
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