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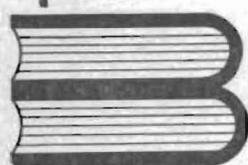
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The APLA Bulletin, published quarterly, is the official organ of the ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, formerly the Maritime Library Association. APLA, organized in 1918, is a registered and incorporated company under the Nova Scotia Companies Act, and serves the provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and, more recently, Newfoundland and Labrador.

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The HALIFAX LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S CENTENNIAL DISPLAY

The preparation of bibliographies and presentation of book exhibits are normal preoccupations of librarians in all types of libraries, but the continuous manning of an exhibit of books and sale of a bibliography in tourist-oriented environment is a new experience to many librarians.

As Centennial Year approached the Halifax Library Association, a group of about 70 librarians in the Halifax Metropolitan area, went through the usual routines of discussion and planning for a Centennial project and settled on "Nova Scotia in Books, 1752-1967" as the theme of an exhibit and an accompanying bibliography. Months of work followed, and gradually it was decided what to include, and, more painfully, what to exclude; copy was prepared for the printers, all carefully checked and documented, and arrangements were made to borrow the books for the exhibit from the co-operating libraries.

The opportunity to hold the exhibit in the Colonial Room at the Museum on Citadel Hill brought with it the responsibility for manning the exhibit—and volunteers from the membership of the Library Association have done so on a 9-5, 7 days a week basis for the months of July and August. This has been an enlightening and rewarding experience for librarians—for technical service and administrative librarians, a face to face confrontation with "the public"; for children's, school and university librarians, a meeting with the segments of the public they do not normally serve; even for public librarians, used to constant contact with their "publics," it has been a meeting under different circumstances—as a guide to tourists through a particular display.

The display got off to a fitting start with a formal opening on July 2nd by the Lieutenant

Governor of Nova Scotia and gained momentum throughout the summer, climaxing in a busy Labour Day weekend.

Visitors to the exhibit came from all parts of the world—some with whom we could not communicate because of the language barrier (Japanese and Russian speaking librarians are rare in Halifax); others who could not be reached because they had no real interest in books or history ("Let's skip this, it's just books!") but many were anxious to learn more about our books, our history and our Province. Others were ready to teach us—like the Grade VI student who pointed out that our map didn't show Antigonish County—he was right, but so was the map which, being published in 1861, showed Antigonish as Sydney County.

A sidelight on biligualism came from two young Canadian sailors, one from Quebec and one from Newfoundland. As shipmates, we asked if they were teaching each other and the quick reply from the French-Canadian lad was "All the guys on the ship are teaching me English but they're all too lazy to learn French!" We showed him our French language books on display but these were scanty—and not entirely fitting since one was L'Evangeline and the other a cartel for exchange of prisoners in the French-English conflict of the 18th century! Relations were improved by the arrival of some of our Nova Scotians from Meteghan who proved to the lad that bilingualism and friendliness do exist "down East".

Have you ever been asked to describe in detail an event such as the Halifax Explosion? You have read about it; you, as a Haligonian, have heard stories of it all your life, but do you really remember all the details? I hope our urging to read "Barometer Rising" and "The Town that died" will straighten out any errors

we made.

So many Canadians and Americans have roots in Nova Scotia that the County histories and the local newspapers from the early days drew many comments. Many did not know of the existence of such county histories and now plan to study them. We hope all libraries are ready to supply the demand.

As we read through the written remarks from the thousands of visitors who viewed the exhibit, we glow with pride over "Best I've seen anywhere" from an Iowa citizen; and "Excellent presentation" from a Scottish friend; "Groovy" from a young Haligonian and "I think it's O.K." from another Nova Scotian

leave us happy; "Very educationable" may please us but cause some concern about the modern teaching of spelling and "It will pass" climaxes things but leaves us puzzled as to its exact meaning; the modern "it will do" or related to the Biblical "these things will pass" which we recall as referring to evil things.

This display has brought books and librarians in close touch with members of the public who do not use our libraries. We have placed our wares in the public market place and the interest and enthusiasm which this has brought forth can show us the need to reach out to all segments of the public—to make books part of every person's experience. All librarians can learn from meeting people in such a way.

A Tribute to Miss Gladys Black

Two constantly recurring topics of discussion at the early meetings of the Maritime Library Association, were the importance of possessing the Library of Congress Catalogue, and the almost impossible dream of a Union Catalogue for Nova Scotia.

The first goal was reached fairly easily but the second was a more Herculean task. We despaired of being able either to finance the Union Catalogue or to secure a librarian with the special qualifications needed for organizing such a project. However, these seemingly insurmountable difficulties were overcome and the appointment of Mr. Peter Grossman as Director of the Nova Scotia Regional Libraries in 1949 and that of Miss Gladys Black in 1951; assured us that better times were ahead and that librarians in the Province would have the help and cooperation needed to offer a really efficient library service.

Librarians, not only in Halifax, elsewhere in Nova Scotia and the remaining Atlantic

Provinces, but in Canada, the United States and Great Britain, must pay tribute to the work of Gladys Black in the last sixteen years. The reference service, set up primarily for the regional libraries in the Province, was soon found to be of great importance to government departments and other libraries in the area. Gladys was never too busy to search and to find the answers not only to serious questions but to lighter ones as well. It was in the planning, however, and the setting up and carrying out of the work of the *Union Catalogue* and the *Checklist of Serials Currently Received in the Nova Scotia Libraries* that Gladys showed her scholarship, organizing genius and the willingness to cooperate with other libraries. Familiar with several languages, meticulous in checking bibliographic references, Gladys has indeed possessed those qualifications which have made the *Union Catalogue* so valuable to all of us.

I know I speak for all the librarians when I say, "Thank you" Gladys, "We wish you every success, and we miss you".

THIRTY YEARS A-GROWING

SISTER FRANCIS DOLORES

I remember when the Maritime Library Association was hosting for the first time the Canadian Library Association meeting in Halifax for its Ninth Annual Convention. Angus Mowat remarked during one of the local sessions that "the *MLA Bulletin* was one of the smartest little library publications around". That was 1954. Donald Redmond, then Librarian of Nova Scotia Technical College, was the *Bulletin's* editor. He had taken over in 1952 from Dorothy Cullen who in 1944 had succeeded Mrs. Mary Kinley Ingraham—that gracious and genuinely dedicated charter member who had held the joint offices of Secretary-Treasurer and Editor of the *Bulletin* from its beginning in 1935.

Donald Redmond was New Breed in 1952. He liked to experiment with ideas and loved to have too much to do. His first issue appeared with cover pictures which the new Editor offered to extend in subsequent issues if membership comment were favorable. He also called for "articles up to 10 or 15 typed pages—on technical, popular or hobby subjects, connected with libraries".

Donald's cover-appeal continued with a constancy and variety that were not always equally matched by membership contributions of "articles up to 10 or 15 typed pages"—although some really appreciable effort was contributed during those years.

"Campbell to act as Bulletin Editor" headlined in the Fall 1956 issue a change of editor—but not of editorial policy. It was no secret that Evelyn Campbell had for years been contributing a major share of 'technical assistance' to the preparation of the *Bulletin*. When Evelyn assumed editorial responsibility, Don Redmond was taking a leave-of-absence to accept

a Colombo Plan appointment in Ceylon. By the summer issue of 1958, he was greeted again as editor for the year ahead in an editorial in which his competent substitute announced that "the next issue of the *Bulletin* will have a different name, one that is more in keeping with the Atlantic region as it is now organized".

And so, the Fall 1958 issue appeared under the title of the *APLA Bulletin*, with a cover-sketch of "Four-way carrels at Memorial University Library" and D.A. Redmond's name again on the editorial page. However, by the summer of 1959 "the lightning had struck twice in the same place". This time a UNESCO posting was taking Donald Redmond as advisor to university libraries in Turkey. His editorial note announced that "the *Bulletin* will be put to bed this issue by Miss Shirley Coulter. . . whose versatility with the typewriter is thus extended again". He wrote: I leave the torch to her, leaning against the wall, not even lit. The hands aren't failing, but I haven't time to spare from packing to throw it properly".

Shirley evidently recovered from the impact of Don's metaphors and tried her best to light that torch—once again, with the generous assistance of Evelyn Campbell as Assistant Editor. But it was the end of an era. When APLA's president, Charlotte Allan, announced in the Fall 1962 issue that pressure of work forced Miss Coulter to resign as editor of the *Bulletin*, significantly she paid tribute to all the editors who had served the Association during those years which Miss Allan herself knew so well. She announced the appointment of

Sister Francis Dolores is the University Librarian, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax.

Donald Gammon of Fredericton, N. B. as the succeeding editor.

If anyone feels inclined to brush off the efforts of the next two years during which the *Bulletin* 'diminished in stature' (at least in physical format!), I would suggest a re-reading of Mr. Gammon's first editorial in the February 1963 issue. He made a valiant effort to shift gears—but the vehicle was too, too outmoded. Mr. Gammon was one of the first to admit this inadequacy. At the Halifax Conference of 1964, in his letter of resignation as Editor, he stated that the *Bulletin* lacked the interest and professional quality that might be achieved under more favorable editorial direction.

When volunteers were called for a successor, F. Eugene Gattinger, University Librarian at Memorial University of Newfoundland, offered to accept the responsibility. Before the Conference sessions came to a close, he presented a dynamic departure from previous policy—a plan to *print* the *Bulletin*, to solicit paid advertising to help defray printing costs, and to make the Association's official organ more professional in appearance and content.

In launching his new project, Mr. Gattinger was fortunate in finding an apt and experienced co-pilot in Father Gibson Hallam who since his appointment as Librarian at St. Mary's University had managed to conceal the 'printer's ink' that ran in his veins from at least a generation back. His 'to-the-MANNER-born' approach to typography and layout was in fact one of the few known elements as the editorial staff set out to explore new horizons for the *APLA Bulletin*. Father Hallam's first contribution was a new ensign for the masthead—the distinctive APLA design with its sophisticated simplicity. Photos, styling, and a variety of smart type-face would follow.

WHAT DID WE WANT FROM OUR ASSOCIATION MOUTHPIECE, THE APLA BULLETIN? This was the question asked in challenging sentences in Mr. Gattinger's first editorial which, like all succeeding ones, bore his familiar initials.

...A review of our past reveals sharply divided opinion on the *form* which this Association's official organ should take. Many questions arise. Should such a bulletin merely provide a medium for the publication of the Association's reports

and general business? Should it be a pseudo-biographical news medium? Should it carry technical articles, flatter advertisers, or attempt to meet the needs of all its "publics" in every single issue? How shall the bulletin strike a balance in its space allocations between the halting, sometimes inarticulate and often "old hat" ideas of fledgling librarians, and the cautiously conservative views of veteran professionals whose thoughts begin more and move to dwell upon past "victories" and present pitfalls?

...If the *APLA Bulletin* is to survive; if it is to develop and even improve its ambitious new format; if it is to be a vital and viable organ of our *corps bibliotheque*, the *Bulletin* had better be a spontaneous response to forces within the organisation itself.

What this means is that a member should feel disposed to write an article because to remain silent is more painful than it is to express his present enthusiasm, disappointment, or quandary. An advertiser should want to support the journal not as some vague gesture of charity but in recognition of a business opportunity which he cannot afford to miss.

...If librarians do not now respond in kind to this professional opportunity; if, in short, they fail to communicate the ferment and present growth which is now so evident in libraries of all types in the A.P. L.A. region, they will have managed to fail their supporters, to have disappointed their patrons, and to have neglected their professional responsibilities. (v. 29, no. 1, F. '65, pp. 2, 3)

This editorial emphasis on "spontaneous response to forces within the organisation itself", on communicating "the ferment" and "growth" revealed the courage of conviction that pervaded Mr. Gattinger's efforts and recurred in various guises of editorial comment:

...What we do appeal for is a librarian whose stance and comment on a conference floor reveals an inner compulsion about the power of a book.

...Do we still possess some of the vision which first prompted us to speak to a guidance counsellor about librarianship? (v. 29, no. 3, o. '65, p. 79)

His unambiguous crusading *did* win response in some professional contributions of more than average current and topical interest—even it few gave the impression of having broken into print just because the writer could no longer contain his own inner convictions or enthusiasm.

Some of the more controversial exchange Mr. Gattinger had to instigate himself—for example, the series of articles on “Reclassification in Canadian academic libraries” which certainly contributed (one viewpoint?) to a problem of more than regional interest and concluded with the publication of Philip John Schwartz annotated bibliography on the subject. (v. 30, no. 4 D. '66, pp. 120-127)

Again, forthright determination to publish “articulate, professional articles” challenged those “who question why we go beyond the pale and accept articles from that *terra incognita* outside the four provinces. Still others who question “a preponderant interest in academic library matters”.

The answer to these questions is, simply, that by editorial policy . . . we make it a point of ethics and expediency to support those who support us; further, we would as leave publish a respectable article from Siam as we would beg for, wait for, re-write, and then print a pedantic piece whose only claim to public notice was that it had been written in this region. (v. 30, no. 3, s. '66, p. 72)

As a matter of fact, an actual check on *Bulletin* content beginning with the new editor's first issue in February 1965 shows a total of about 49 feature articles—of which 17 were related to college and university libraries (though 4 of these were *by* university librarians rather than about exclusively university interests); 11 pertained to public libraries; and 6 (including an editorial) to school libraries. Therefore, the *Bulletin* was not really as college and university orientated as was often supposed by “public” readership (presumably on account of the affiliation and suspected bias of editorial leadership).

A similar viewing of *editorial* comment reveals a spectrum of *Bulletin* commitment to a

wide range of contemporary professional interests. School libraries, books and reading, museums and special collections, “Town and Gown” library cooperation, the University's Sacred Cow—the Reserve book collection, library automation, the Atlantic Provinces *Checklist*, the proposed library school for the Atlantic Provinces, and a penetrating tribute to the work of Elizabeth Homer Morton—these are not the utterances of a spokesman for a special interest group!

Eugene Gattinger was at home with Sir C. P. Snow's “Two Cultures”—and though he took many a teasing about such ‘idiosyncrasies’ as his “Miltonic” presentation of “Data Processing at M.U.N.” (v. 30, no. 2, May '66, pp. 54-60), yet we honestly acknowledge his versatility as well as his ability to read, and write, and speak—and think.

If in some eschatological future, “Eugenius Magnus” should find himself involved in a Cause for Canonization—(and didn't one of his editorials invoke a certain Santa Wiborada, allegedly canonized in 1047, as the patron Saint of librarians and booklovers?)—his colleagues and contemporaries might be surprised. However, the Devil's Advocate would be hard put to gainsay that Editor Gattinger (to use one of his own modes of address) was usually challenging, creative and courageous; unstinting with his time and effort; seldom dull and often delightfully (?) or exasperatingly (?) provocative; spontaneous, forthright and free.

These are desirable qualifications for any editorial undertaking. Mr. Gattinger has earned our thanks for his more than two and one half years of genuinely productive effort in the best interests of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association.

The BULLETIN

-- an outsider's view

SAMUEL ROTHSTEIN

Assignment, outrageous, as made by Gibson Hallam: "We would very much like to have an 'outsider's' view of the *APLA Bulletin*. In a couple of hundred words give us a *frank* appraisal of the content and general direction of the *Bulletin* since February, 1965. Perhaps something about the impact it may or may not have had, could or should have had. Perhaps something in regard to the content of the editorials and on the direction which the articles took. Format also if you wish."

Response, fearful, as made by Sam Rothstein:

If you will forgive my inevitable errors of fact and comprehension, let me indicate the way the *Bulletin* looks to me:

On the whole, it does a good, workman-like job of doing what I suppose A.P.L.A. members primarily want it to do; tell them about the library situation in their area. I would rate it as the third-best of the Canadian library periodicals.

The articles tend to be very much of the same sort—brief descriptions of one or another library in the region. They seldom are analytical or critical, and with the exception of two articles in ten issues, they are not based on research. In short, the *Bulletin* by and large does not attempt to deal with the larger issues in librarianship, and its interest is purely local.

The "editorials" are something else again. They do try to hit on larger issues and they are often perceptive and imaginative. The trouble is that they are also apt to sound contrived. When a set space is assigned in each issue to an editorial and said space has to be filled, suitable subject or no, the impression sometimes conveyed is apt to be that of a laboured attempt

to be provocative. I would recommend that editorials appear only when the occasion warrants it and that they not be given typographical prominence. At present the large-type headings and the acres of white space of the editorial pages clash with the close-packed small print of the rest of the *Bulletin*. Moreover, the typography makes the editorials seem unduly portentous.

With respect to its format and appearance as a whole, I am reasonably satisfied with the *Bulletin*. It is no feast for the eye (I dislike particularly the heavy black used for emphasis and the muddy grey of the illustrations) but it is neat, clean and unobtrusive. The covers and, strangely enough, the advertisements are particularly good.

The title needs rescuing. Please find some title that is distinctive enough to be remembered (Down East Libraries?) and use the present designation as a sub-title. Or something.

The term "Seacopes" bothers me because it sounds "cute" and self-conscious.

I came across a good many misprints in each issue. My favorite "typo" occurs on page 94 of the September, 1966 issue where among the persons whom Father Hallam thanks for having "faithfully helped. . . through the drudgery of proofreading" is Barabra [sic] Smith.

To sum up, then: the *Bulletin* is pretty good, good enough, in fact, not to cause much

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EDITORIAL

With this issue, the *Bulletin* rests on a plateau, in the midst of a long, hard climb. F. Eugene Gattinger, Editor for almost three years, has left the expedition; a new Editor, Louis G. Vagianos, with a new editorial board representing all four Provinces, will begin pushing onward and upward with the next issue in December.

In the pause between the struggles and storms of the past and the as yet unknown difficulties of the future, I, as Managing Editor, asked two Librarians who have climbed many a mountain of their own, to help us appraise our position. Starting on page 84 Sister Francis Dolores' article looks back and very properly reminds us of the struggles, victories and failures of the past. To her gracious and well-deserved tribute to the individual APLA Librarians who kept the expedition moving, she adds a warm, perceptive yet realistic analysis of F.E.G.'s often discouraged, almost frantic, yet always bouyant, hopeful efforts to make the *Bulletin* a truly professional journal and to bring more and more of the membership into the excitement of the climb.

A complementary view from Samuel Rothstein. He cracks the ropes around us, prods us with a cold ice-ax. He reminds us that we have not climbed far enough; that wider horizons, grander views and greater accomplishments are ahead of us.

We must be grateful for these two contributions and profit from them. At the same time we must welcome the new Editor's decision to broaden the scope of the *Bulletin* and to bring more APLA Librarians into the editorial work. Ultimately, however, the future success of the climb depends on each and every member of APLA. Proud of the *Bulletin's* past, happy with its present, we must, in response to these two articles and to yet another editorial challenge, bring our own stamina, imagination and courage to the effort.

We have in the Atlantic region a rich past and an exciting future which deserve to be placed before the library world. We must bend every effort to analyse and present them ever more critically and professionally. At the same time, there is much from outside our area which must be brought to us. We have been too provincial; we must now reach out and bring the experience and wisdom of others to bear on our problems. Rothstein is right.

But, again, this depends on the concerted efforts of all members of the Association. There were challenges from Ingraham, Cullen, Redmond, Campbell, Coulter and Gattinger. Vagianos' challenges await us. Every one of us must respond more than in the past, must push together into the fog and mist, over the ice and through the snows.

Just because it is there.

G. H.

Rothstein, continued

concern if it carries on in much the way it has. If you do want to go to the effort of making it better, I would suggest that the editor try for:

1. more variety in the articles, particularly looking for pieces that will be critical and analytical and not merely statements on "how we do it in our library."

2. some indication of what is happening in the large library world outside the Maritimes.
3. some sprucing up of the *Bulletin's* appearance.
4. a new name for the journal.

Assignment completed and I now run for cover.

The 1967 APLA CONFERENCE

Dalhousie University, Halifax, May, 1967

The 28th Annual Conference of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association was held in Halifax, May 26, 27, and 28, with 173 registered delegates. On Friday evening there was a reception in the Weldon Law Building, and Dr. Henry Hicks, President of Dalhousie University, officially welcomed the delegates.

On Saturday morning the first general session, which was the annual meeting, was held in the Weldon Law Building. The minutes of the previous conference were declared approved as they had appeared in the APLA Newsletter, September, 1966. The Treasurer's report and the proposed budget were presented, discussed and adopted. Miss Cullen gave the report of the Nominating Committee.

The Provincial Reports were given by Miss Mercer for Newfoundland, Miss McDormand for New Brunswick, Mr. Benson for Prince Edward Island. Miss Letts' report for Nova Scotia is in this copy of the Bulletin.

It was decided after some discussion that APLA adopt a policy of not having displays at conferences, due to the problems involved. A great deal of time and effort on the part of the firms is necessary to arrange displays, and frequently there is not sufficient time for the delegates to see them adequately.

A request was received from the librarians' section of the AAU asking that the APLA study the problems involved in the gathering and care of archival material. It was decided to authorize the executive to set up a committee to study the problem as far as librarians are concerned and to suggest a policy.

The report of the Education Committee was given. There was considerable discussion on the new Library School proposed for Dalhousie University. A report was given on the recruitment pamphlet.

There was discussion on the 1968 conference. It was decided to hold the meetings at Digby Pines early in September. Mr. Gattinger reported on the Bulletin and Father Hallam on the APLA Checklist.

Mount Saint Vincent University entertained the delegates at a luncheon in the new Student's Union Building. Sister Alice Michael, the President of the University, welcomed the Conference members. Dr. Robert Hayes of UCLA was the luncheon speaker. He stressed quality of service and urged librarians to explore technical advancements only in as much as they are able to improve library service.

Saturday evening the delegates were guests of Dalhousie University at a dinner in the Imperial Ballroom of the Lord Nelson Hotel. On Sunday morning several Halifax Libraries held open house for the visiting librarians.

Sunday evening the second general session was held. The President, Mrs. Cooke, expressed the appreciation of the Association to the retiring editor of the APLA Bulletin, Mr. Eugene Gattinger. The executive was authorized to appoint a successor.

APLA fees were increased to Five Dollars (\$5.00) for personal members as a result of discussion and a motion from the floor.

Mr. John Archer, the President of CLA read a paper on the structure of CLA and the possibility of regional chapters. There was a general discussion and it was moved that APLA observe and report on any meetings at the CLA conference on this subject.

Miss McDormand, Chairman gave the report of the resolutions committee. The incoming President took the chair and expressed the appreciation of the Association to the outgoing executive. On a motion, the conference was adjourned.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

A report from the Education Committee was published in the May Bulletin. In addition to this I should like to give you a brief summary of the replies to the CLA questionnaire on needed library schools which were received from the Atlantic area.

560 questionnaires were sent out across Canada, and 194 libraries replied—an average of 1 out of 3. 25 replies came from this area and Miss Cameron and I feel this is probably above the average—possibly 1 out of 2. Of these 25:

New Brunswick: 7	Public Libraries: 9
Newfoundland: 2	University: 9
Nova Scotia: 11	Special: 4
Prince Edward Island: 5	Provincial: 2
	School: 1

In answer to the Questions:

1. "How many professional librarians as defined by DBS are currently on the staff of your library?" Atlantic libraries—95.
2. "Have you any vacancies for professional librarians in your current budget?"—in other words present authorized positions—Atlantic Libraries said 32 plus (yes)
3. "How many additional professional librarians should you have to provide adequate service?" A.L.—53.
4. "What are your estimated needs in the next 10 years?—546 In this we showed about 1/10th of the national figure (5236). It is rather interesting that the breakdown of the needs across Canada for the next 10 years shows college and university libraries needing over 2000, public libraries 1824, special—479, schools—410, and provincial libraries—387. And of course, these figures represent only those libraries which answered the questionnaire.
5. "Would you support such a school? yes—33, no—1, no answer—1.

This committee was set up two years ago and its terms of reference included specifically directions to get in touch with the secretary of

the Association of Atlantic Universities and seek the support of this organization in the establishment of a library school in the Atlantic provinces. We also spoke to a member of the University Grants Committee.

As a result, this was discussed at a meeting of the Association of Atlantic Universities, and a recommendation for the establishment of such a school was included in the annual report of the University Grants Committee. The matter was considered by more than one university on the policy making level. One of these, Dalhousie University, set up a committee to study the question and has expressed its intention of establishing such a school.

Your Education Committee recommends that the Atlantic Provinces Library Association expresses its appreciation to the Association of Atlantic Universities, to the University Grants Committee and to Dalhousie University for the initiative they have taken towards the establishment of such a school.

I move the acceptance of the report of the Education Committee, as printed in the May Bulletin, with this additional material. Seconded by Sister Francis Dolores.

THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES CHECKLIST

EMCS CHECKLIST has been in dry dock during the past few months, having barely weathered a nasty storm or two this past year. For some time it was doubtful whether she would sail again under her present sponsors.

Following my report at the last General Meeting, efforts were made to have the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council improve the distribution of the CHECKLIST. Not only was nothing done by APEC last year, but Volume nine was distributed in the old fashion and its price raised from \$2 to \$5 without any consultation with APLA. At the time I felt that APEC was simply not interested in continuing their support of the CHECKLIST.

I consequently called a meeting of the Checklist Editorial Committee in April of this year to discuss the relation of the CHECKLIST

to APEC and the whole future of the project. The Committee asked Mrs. Cooke, President of APLA, and myself to interview Mr. Mann at APEC, in order to discover his organization's present attitude and future plans vis-a-vis the CHECKLIST. I am happy to report that the difficulties of the past year were not due to a lack of interest and that APEC is most anxious to continue its support. Moreover, they embarked on a promotional campaign the first stage of which was the mailing of standing order forms to 70 Atlantic Provinces libraries. The results of this first effort have been fairly satisfying: as of May 25th, 20 new standing orders have been placed, making a total of almost 30 Atlantic Provinces libraries now with standing orders for the CHECKLIST. In addition, there were 13 requests for back-issues: 4 for complete sets, 9 for partial sets.

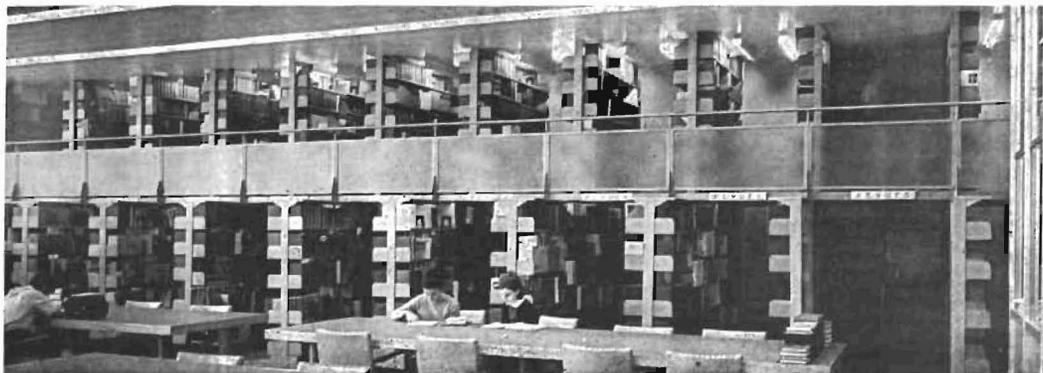
I am not entirely satisfied even with this substantial increase, but at least the situation has improved. It is now obvious to APEC that a little organized effort is all that is necessary to raise the distribution substantially. Later in the summer we will be using the APLA membership list to contact libraries outside the Atlantic Provinces region.

Volume 10 (1966) has been seriously delayed by these problems. The organization installed last year to obtain entries from the four Provinces has worked very well, and I personally wish to thank the Provincial Editors and Local Representatives who are responsible entirely for its success. The majority of the entries for the 1966 issue are in but not yet processed. I am hopeful but not sure that Volume 10 will be published by September, 1967.

At the meeting of the Editorial Committee in April, the question of changing the coverage of the CHECKLIST to eliminate duplication of entries with other indexes was discussed at some length; but it was finally decided to look into the matter again after the publication of Volume 10 and then to make recommendations to the membership at the 1968 General Meeting.

So HMCS CHECKLIST will leave dry dock soon. Refitted and trimmed with a few dabs of new paint, she will continue to sail as a proud member of the APLA fleet.

Respectfully submitted,
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NOVA SCOTIA

In the university libraries the main news was about buildings. Acadia, Saint Francis Xavier, and Saint Mary's were settling into new quarters, and reported increased circulation and use of the library in all departments. Faculty and students were demanding and making use of additional services, the most important note being the number of requests for assistance in research.

Mount Saint Vincent reported that the expansion of the library had doubled the seating capacity, made possible a second reading room with carrels and a reference area, an audio-lounge with both discs and tapes, and much needed additional space for reserves. This report also mentioned that increased budget for books and staffs meant the most effective use could be made of the expansion.

Dalhousie University announced that plans for the new Killam Memorial Library included quarters for the proposed library school. The Sir James Dunn Law Library opened for use in September, 1966, and was officially opened in March 1967. The staff and students were still settling in. The Medical Library was preparing for the move to its new quarters.

Several university libraries report new equipment. Acadia has installed Gaylord charging, and new audio equipment. Saint Francis Xavier has installed binding equipment. Dalhousie reported the reorganization of procedures and the introduction of mechanization to improve services.

Most of the libraries mentioned staff increases, both professional and clerical. It was interesting that, where figures were given, the ratio of one to three was fairly well maintained. One library commented on the difficulties of staffing during the evening hours. The Mount report mentioned that the library was open seventy-eight hours weekly. Most reported increase in budgets, and apparently library surveys are still among us. An interesting footnote to the report of the university libraries, was the frequent mention of growing shortage of space, even in new buildings.

The Nova Scotia Research Foundation reported an increase in the resources and use of its library, without the essential corresponding increase in space and staff. However, plans for new quarters have been approved.

The reports from the regional public libraries were a weak echo of the university libraries. Here, also, the main note was on buildings. Halifax City had opened the new Halifax North Memorial Library. Colchester-East Hants and Dartmouth have new centennial library buildings. Annapolis Valley and Pictou-Antigonish reported the refurbishing of several branches. Halifax County is looking forward to one or two new branches.

The public libraries have not caught up with the universities in the obtaining of staff. Several regions reported curtailment of service due to staff shortages. Two new regions ready to organize were delayed because of staff. Annapolis and Halifax County reported new chief librarians in the persons of Miss Abernethy and Mrs. Somers. An interesting note was the mention of scholarships and bursaries offered by regional library boards.

In spite of lack of staff and the need for new quarters, several libraries mentioned an increase in service, in circulation, in book stocks, and in interest in library facilities by the public. The 1966-67 reports presage a more interesting 1967-68.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Central Library Services

James F. MacEacheron reports as follows: The Nepisiguit Regional Library employed its first staff in March of this year. The staff is now processing books. Miss Jocelyne LeBel, 1967 University of Ottawa graduate, will become the Librarian. The new Bathurst library, the only unit in this region to date, will likely open during the summer of 1967.

The Saint John Free Public Library has made application to become part of the regional library system. Money for this purpose has been included in the 1967-1968 Estimates of the Province.

The Provincial Estimates of expenditure on the regional library system were \$175,220 in the 1966-1967 fiscal year and \$532,534 in the 1967-1968 fiscal year. In addition to this, school libraries for the first time in the history of the Province, are being allotted a 60 cents per student grant.

Following introduction of The New Brunswick Municipal Reform Programme, the Provincial Government announced last Fall its intention to pay the operating costs of regional libraries. To implement this new policy a new Libraries' Act has been drafted and has been introduced at the current session of the Legislature as Bill 63.

Legislative Library

Maurice Boone reports: Publication of No. 12 in their series of *New Brunswick Government Documents*.

Mount Allison University Library

Laurie Allison reports: Miss Eleanor Magee, Head of Technical Services, McGill University Libraries, will become Chief Librarian at Mount Allison University on July 1. L. M. Allison will take up the position of Chief Librarian at Bishop's University on the same date. Miss Grace Pratt will be joining the staff of Dalhousie University Library in September. Mr. H. B. Mitra has joined the staff as Serials Librarian.

Mount Allison's Library Planning Committee has submitted its final report on space requirements to the university administration. The university plans to convert the present library into a University Centre, and eventually build a new library in another location.

Université De Moncton

Yves Roberge reports the arrival of some new librarians, Mr. Agnez Hall, Miss Mildred Comeau, and Mr. Claude Potvin, and the resignation of the Chief Librarian. Yves is going to the Saint-Sulpice Library in Montreal where he will be Conservateur adjoint à l'administration, and I know that I am expressing the feelings of librarians, not only in New Brunswick, when I say that his departure from the Atlantic Provinces is viewed with regret. The University Library received a donation of 10,000 French books from the French Government

and a donation of 500 English titles from the British Government.

University of New Brunswick Library

Dr. Gunn reports, from the midst of the Move: that they expect to be installed in their new building by June. New features there will include six new professional librarians including an experienced Collections Librarian, a Documents Librarian, and an Engineering Librarian. University of New Brunswick has subscribed to the microprint edition of all U.S. Government Documents. By September they will have new microfilming equipment and note continuing projects at the University — graduate theses, New Brunswick weekly newspapers, internal Library records, and their own vast newspaper collection. Their answer to the problem of missing books will be to install a uniformed inspector on exit control.

York Regional Library

Kate LeButt reports the departure from Fredericton Public Library of Miss Hope Jarvis and her replacement by Mrs. S. B. Benton. She also reports progress in the matter of library accommodations and services at Fredericton and two branch libraries, and the adoption of a revised salary schedule which recognizes training at both the professional and sub-professional levels.

Restigouche Regional Library

Robert Richards reports that the new libraries in Campbellton and Dalhousie, units of the Restigouche Regional Library, were opened to the public in late 1966. A bookmobile has recently been delivered and is presently being made ready for the rural people of Restigouche County. Mr. Robert Richards became regional librarian in July, 1966.

Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library

Reports: There was a good reception for the Library's Centennial Project, a series of Book Lists beginning with readings in Canadian history. Seven clerical staff members are working enthusiastically on a correspondence course leading to certification as Library Assistant in the Province of New Brunswick. A new salary schedule has brought staff remuneration in line with that offered elsewhere. The book budget has been doubled. On August first we expect to have an Assistant Regional Librarian

with resulting improved service to our French-speaking public.

Saint John Free Public Library

Helen Cummings reports increased library service and circulation, and plans to meet the needs of the amalgamation of the City of Saint John with Lancaster City, Lancaster Parish, and the Parish of Simonds. In 1967 Saint John Free Public Library will be organized as a regional library. Two new city branch libraries, the purchase of a Recordak microfilm reader, and the microfilming of Saint John's two daily newspapers are immediate projects. The \$1,000 scholarship offered by the Board of Library Commissioners this year resulted in the training of Miss Mary Morrison who will join the staff as reference librarian after graduation; Miss Gertrude Barrett, on the present staff has received this year's scholarship and will attend library school in September. Miss Florence Whitby is now librarian for Saint John High School.

NEWFOUNDLAND

School Libraries

A School Library Council of the Newfoundland Teachers Association with the aim of promoting and encouraging library services in Newfoundland schools was formed within the last school year. Details of its purpose and function are contained in an article by Brother P. V. O'Shea published in the A.P.L.A. Bulletin, February 1967. As a result of the efforts of the Council, a recent joint meeting of N.T.A. officers, Deans of Memorial University of Newfoundland, and Superintendents of the Department of Education, recommended to the Department of Education that twenty teachers be granted financial assistance this year to attend summer courses in librarianship at selected universities mainly in New England. Thirty-five teachers from various parts of the Province have expressed an interest in attending such a course. It is still hoped that Memorial University may eventually be able to offer courses in library science for prospective school librarians, but the difficulty of obtaining staff must first be overcome.

In St. John's, the United Junior High School enlarged its library recently, and the Holy Heart of Mary Regional High School opened a new library about four times as large as the previous one, which has been taken over for classroom use. Sister Andrea is the librarian, replacing Sister Chrysostom, who moved to the new St. Bride's College in September 1966.

College and Special Libraries

St. Bride's College, a teachers' college affiliated with the Memorial University of Newfoundland, was officially opened in April. It has over 200 resident students in first and second year Education, as well as a number of day students. The library is not yet furnished, because of shipping delays, and its 4000-5000 volumes, most of them transferred from the old St. Bride's College, are as yet uncatalogued, but Sister Chrysostom hopes to have her library in good order by next semester.

The library of the College of Fisheries in St. John's, now three years old, is growing at the rate of over 2000 volumes a year, with approximately 6400 books now accessioned. Its holdings also include a considerable collection of charts, 372 periodicals regularly received, and nearly 500 films and filmstrips which are in constant demand for courses in the College itself and for extension courses in other parts of the province. Miss Ada Green, Librarian, reports that the use being made of this library is beyond all her expectations. Unfortunately, Miss Green resigned her position at the end of April.

Miss Elizabeth Jeffers, of the Legislative Library, retired recently after 18 years of service. Since her retirement the posts of Clerk of the House and Librarian have been combined, and the former Assistant Clerk of the House, Mr. George Baker, has been appointed to the dual position.

Memorial University of Newfoundland

From Memorial University comes word of a large, central library to be completed in the next four years on the new campus adjoining the present one. Meanwhile, because of the tremendous increase in student enrolment and book stock, an addition to the present main library will be provided before the start of the 1967/68 academic year.



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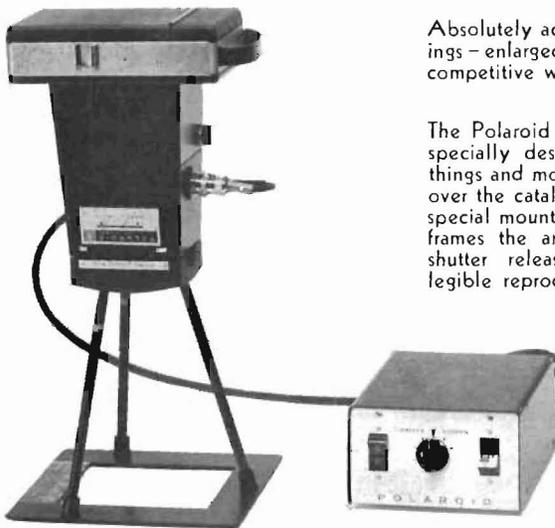
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The new Education Library which was opened in November 1966 to serve the needs of first and second year students is now being re-organized to include the materials for Education courses in all years.

The transfer of the library of Queen's College to its new location on the campus of Memorial University will be carried out in the autumn of 1967.

Coughlan College, the United Church of Canada college now in planning stage for the University campus, is to be the recipient of Premier the Honourable J. R. Smallwood's library of Wesleyana, according to a recent announcement made by the Premier. This collection has been widely referred to as the most valuable and comprehensive of its kind in North America, and Premier Smallwood intends to continue adding to it, thereby enhancing his benefaction to Memorial University.

Two members of the University Library staff, Miss Evelyn Noel and Brother P. V. Shea, will make study tours in Quebec and Ontario during the month of June this year. Miss Noel will study the application of computers to the work of a Serials Division. Brother Shea's interest will be in the area of Reference.

Public Library Services

Two libraries in Placentia Bay (Bar Haven and St. Krynan's) closed because of the Provincial Government's centralization policy. One of them has since been re-opened, in the new settlement of Southern Harbour, where most of the former residents of Bar Haven and St. Kyran's live. The library building was floated across the Bay for the purpose.

Tilt Cove library, which closed three years ago when it was thought the town would become a ghost town as the mines were closing down, re-opened when new discoveries of ore made it possible for the mines to continue.

A new library building at Winterton was opened for use in February.

Corner Brook is to have a new library, housed in a large Provincial Government building which is scheduled to be completed in late summer.

Some eighteen libraries are being built as Centennial projects. The first and largest of these, Gander Library, was officially opened in March, replacing the former library there. Another opened for use in April, at Bishop's Falls, which had not had a library previously.

Requests for libraries were received during the year from fifteen communities, but these requests could not be granted.

The second Boys' and Girls' Branch Library in St. John's opened in mid-June 1966.

The new library in the Arts and Culture Centre at St. John's will soon be ready for use—except that it has no books. It will hold 100,000 volumes. The Public Libraries Board hopes to maintain a downtown library, either in its present location or somewhere nearby.

A special project last summer was the placing of a box of books on the M.V. Cabot Strait for the use of tourists travelling in Labrador. The collection contained books about Labrador and Newfoundland.

A week-long Librarians' Workshop for newly appointed librarians was held in St. John's in October 1966, and was attended by fourteen, from fourteen different communities.

The Newfoundland Chapters of I.O.D.E. recently made a most welcome donation of approximately \$4,500 for the purchase of reference books to be placed in libraries throughout the province.

The Provincial Government grant for public library services has been increased this year from \$280,000 to \$546,000, which is a little more than half the estimated amount required.

The position of Director of Public Library Services has been vacant for the past sixteen months, and no appointment has yet been made; nor has a Chief Librarian for the St. John's Library yet been appointed.

Respectfully submitted

H. Faith Mercer

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Public Libraries

Four branches of the P.E.I. Libraries have been located in new buildings. Meetings of local branch librarians were held in five different centres during the fall, and the usual one-day convention held at Headquarters.

Book circulation in 1966 was at the rate of three per capita in Charlottetown and two per capita in the rest of the Province.

Librarians in the public library service studied the library system in the Province, with a view to seeking library legislation and improvement of organization.

School Libraries

The new Senior High School in Charlottetown has a professional librarian. Fourteen elementary and high schools in Charlottetown and Summerside have full or part-time teacher librarians. In other centres school library service is meagre or non-existent. Progress is slow because of small book budgets, lack of proper staff, and the attitudes of some school principals. Consolidation of elementary schools, which is just beginning, and further consolidation of high schools will facilitate the

development of school library programs.

The Prince Edward Island Libraries supplies classroom collections to some 400 classrooms annually, as well as supplementary loans to central school libraries. An Association of school librarians has been formed with Mrs. Frances Lothian as President. A committee is working on a revision of a Recommended Reading List for schools.

University Libraries

The Prince of Wales College Library was moved and given more space. The staff was increased from one to seven (two librarians, one B.A. two clerks, two typists.) With a greatly increased book budget the emphasis was on revising and building up the book collection. It will be classified by LC. Changes in the collection were necessary with the ending of high school classes at Prince of Wales and the addition in September 1967 of the junior college year. Plans are being drawn up for new library building, expected to be ready in September 1968.

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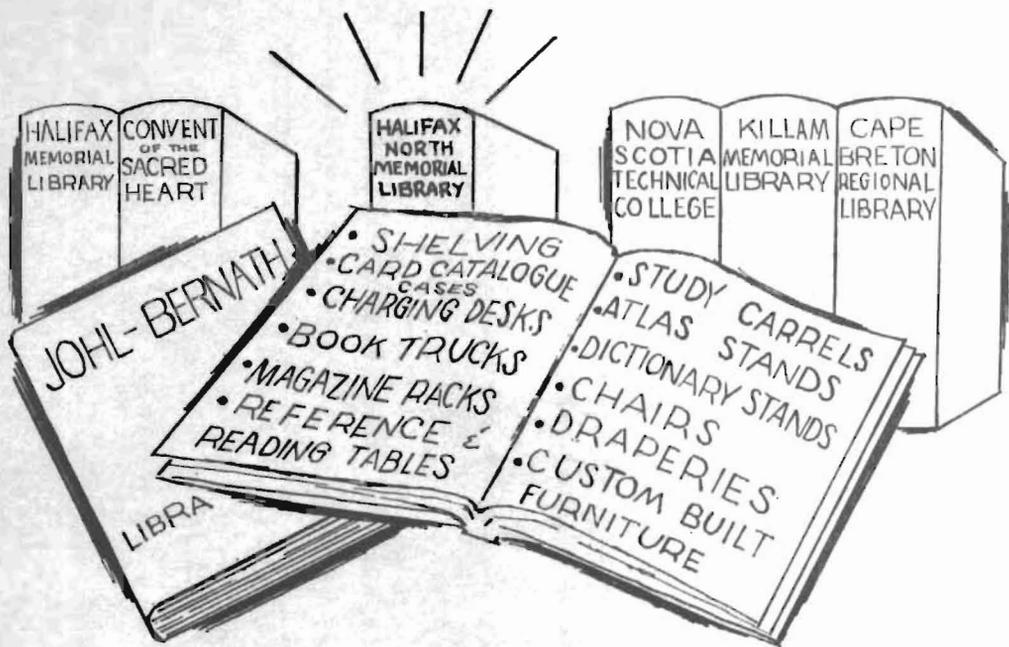
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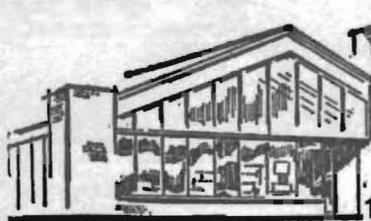
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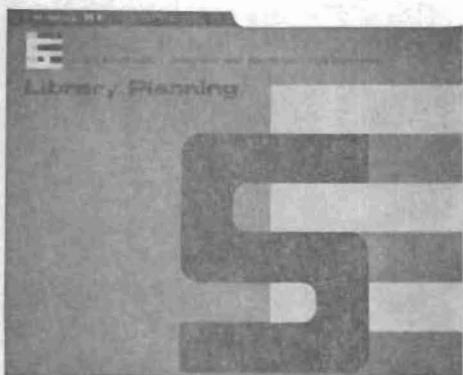


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