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Proceedings of Maritime Library Association Conference

The tenth annual Conference of the Maritime Library Association began its sessions in the Annex of Acadia University Library, June 3d, 1949 with Mr. Maurice P. Boone, President presiding. There were 39 members present.

The President welcomed the delegates to Acadia and then introduced each member by name and stated the library in which each one worked.

The minutes of the last Conference were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was given and on a motion by Mrs. Hart seconded by Miss Allan, was approved. The only correspondence was that relating to the revision of the catalogue of Scientific Periodicals.

The Reports from the various committees were then presented.

Mrs. Hart, as Chairman of the Salaries Committee gave a detailed report and presented mimeographed sheets to each member, containing material she had collected on salaries from members of the M.L.A. Discussion followed on the advantage of having a comparison made with the Canadian Library Association scale of salaries for Canada, and it was suggested that a comparative report be published in the Bulletin and that the Committee carry on its work.

Mr. Boone presented a brief Report for the Certification Committee. In the discussion that followed Mr. Grossman said that we are not yet ready for Certification in the Maritimes, but that the Committee should keep up with trends in Canada. On motion it was decided that a Certification Committee have representatives from Public libraries, Regional libraries, University and Special libraries, with representatives from each Province and from Newfoundland, with power to add to the number on the Committee.

A Report of the Publicity Committee was given by Mrs. Hart and Miss Swim. Mrs. Hart suggested using the film "Know your Library" as a means of publicizing the library.

In a discussion on a Union Catalog for the Maritime Provinces, the need of such a catalog and the labor, space and money involved in maintaining one were brought out by Miss Charlotte Allan, Sister Regina Clare, Mr. Peter Grossman and others. Mr. Donald Redmond suggested that a union catalog could be established economically by buying a Library of Congress printed catalog and having Maritime libraries check their holdings in this catalog. A Committee consisting of Miss Allan, Sister Regina Clare and Mr. Redmond was appointed to consider further the possibility of a Union Catalog.

At the afternoon session of the M.L.A., the President first appointed the Nominating Committee and the Resolutions Committee whose members were the following:

Nominating: Miss Dorothy McKay, Chairman  
Miss Dorothy Cullen  
Mrs. M. J. Thompson.

Resolutions: Miss Alberta Letts, Chairman  
Miss Olga Bishop  
Miss Grace Campbell

After a brief discussion on standard simplified cataloging for the Maritime Provinces, a committee consisting of Sister Francis de Sales, Mrs. Myra Vernon and Mr. M.P. Boone was appointed to draw up a standard code for simplified cataloging and distribute this Form Manual to libraries.

The discussion on Government Documents was opened by Miss Jean Gill. Mr. Ganong of Acadia then told of some of the problems at the Acadia University library, where part of the collection is classified according to Dewey, and part according to L.C. Other librarians reported how they dealt with Government Documents and questions were posed as to what was cataloged and what was not. Mrs. Thompson spoke of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics card index that has just been issued.

Miss E. Campbell opened the discussion on the revision of the 'Catalog of Scientific Periodicals in the Maritime Provinces' stating that the Nova Scotia Research Foundation would finance such a project and that Mr. Boone would supervise this work. Mr. Redmond suggested that libraries try to complete the partial sets that exist in some libraries.

On motion it was decided that a list of the scientific holdings in each library should be sent to other libraries for examination and checking for exchange purposes before the final revision of the catalog.

Miss Barbara Murray of Dalhousie University Library gave an interesting paper on periodical holdings and their method of dealing with subscriptions. Miss Bishop and Mrs. Thompson took part in this discussion. Mr. Redmond gave some figures on comparative costs of periodical subscriptions in different libraries and asked for further information on this subject. Mr. Boone stated that subscription costs to Acadia University were high, but the fact that their business was done thru a local agency might increase costs.

Mrs. Hart opened the discussion on the necessity of revising a library book collection in the fields of constantly changing subjects and spoke of some of the method she has used. Mrs. Vernon stated that many school libraries have books that might be more useful to university libraries.

The meeting adjourned for tea. A very pleasant tea was given to the M.L.A. by the staff of the Acadia University Library.

8:30 p.m.

Dr. William Kaye Lamb, Dominion Archivist and Librarian of the future National Library, addressed the Association at its evening session at 8:30. The Meeting was opened by the President, Mr. Boone, and then Mr. Peter Grossman introduced Dr. Lamb. The title of Dr. Lamb's address was "A Librarian's Map of Canada" in which he outlined the constantly expanding picture of Canadian Libraries, and gave the Conference details of the work that has been done to start work on a Union Catalog for Canada. He spoke at some length on Union Catalogs in general, pointing out the terrific cost of such a project and cautioned the Association to think carefully before starting such a project. The National Union Catalog will do the work of all such regional catalogs, Dr. Lamb stated. A vote of thanks was given by Dr. Longley of the History Department of Acadia University and the meeting adjourned.

June 4, 9:30 a.m.

The President opened the morning session of the Maritime Library Conference by reading a letter of greeting from Miss Morton, Executive Secretary of the Canadian Library Association, in which Miss Morton mentioned the British Book

Display that will be available to libraries shortly. She also stated that the 1950 Conference of the C.L.A. would be held in Montreal, and the theme will be "Libraries and the Community".

Miss Jean Gill brought greetings to the M.L.A. from the Honorary President, Mrs. Mary K. Ingraham. The President also read a letter from Miss E. Miller of Baltimore suggesting that the M.L.A. have a policy of recruitment for libraries.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read and accepted.

Mr. Peter Grossman, Director of Regional Libraries gave a report on the work that has been done in Nova Scotia in the establishment of one Regional Centre, and the preparations being made for others. All the book ordering is done at the Central Office as well as partial cataloging. Mr. Grossman spoke of 'in-service training' scholarships that might sometime be available. Miss Letts, Librarian of the Regional Centre in Annapolis, stated that there are four branches now established in the Valley Area - Annapolis, Bridgetown, Middleton, and Lawrencetown. The board in Annapolis has seven members and the Municipal Grant is \$3000 with the towns each contributing \$750.00. The Province gives \$1 for \$1 which makes the appropriation approximately 50¢ per capita. The Main Library is in the Annapolis Community Centre. There will be a Bookmobile to serve outlying country districts. Each Branch has about 700 books.

Miss Campbell, Librarian of the Nova Scotia Research Foundation spoke briefly on the establishment of the Foundation in 1946, and on the library recently organized. The library hopes to cooperate with other libraries both public and university.

Mrs. Thompson gave a brief report on the addition to be made to the library of the University of New Brunswick. This new wing will provide for a main floor recreational reading room, additional space for newspapers and for many other excellent library improvements.

Miss Barnaby spoke on the new Halifax Library, whose Foundations are now being dug. She pointed out the advisability of having the librarian appointed to organize and supervise all details and to work with the book collection that already exists. Blueprints of the new library were on display.

Binding and library supplies was the next topic before the Conference. Mrs. Thompson stated that the library of UNB. sends its books and pamphlets to the Bookshelf Bindery at Ridgetown, Ontario, and finds their work very satisfactory. She also mentioned that Brown Bros. of Toronto can provide pamphlet boxes and various other library items. Patrick and Hutchins of Ottawa also make pamphlet boxes. Dr. Lamb suggested that a committee be appointed to make a study of library equipment and new and interesting ideas that may be helpful to librarians. Miss Barbara Murray, Sr. Francis de Sales and Miss Alberta Letts were nominated to this Committee.

Three topics, 'Reading of Teen-Agers', 'Circulation problems' and 'Interlibrary Loans' were not discussed owing to lack of time, but they will receive attention in the Bulletin.

The Nominating Committee then presented its Report. The following is the new Executive:

President, Mr. H. B. Chandler  
Vice-President and Councillor for N.S. Mr. Peter Grossman  
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Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Evelyn M. Campbell.

The new president, Mr. Chandler, then spoke briefly, thanking the Association for the honor paid him. He promised to carry on the work of the Association in cooperation with the rest of the Executive and invited the Association to hold its Conference in Charlottetown in 1950. He asked for more cooperation from members for the M.L.A. Bulletin.

On a motion by Mr. Grossman, seconded by Miss Bishop, the Conference adjourned.

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Library Periodicals Questionnaire

There was a very good response to the questionnaire on library and "bookish" magazines in the Maritimes. I want to say "Thank you" to those who sent them back so promptly and added many interesting titles to those I had listed. Most popular periodicals in our libraries are, in this order:

Canadian Library Association Bulletin  
-Wilson Library Bulletin  
Saturday Night  
New York Times Book Review

Ontario Library Review  
American Library Association Bulletin  
Saturday Review of Literature  
Library Journal.

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Personals

At St. Paul's Church, Rothesay, N. B. on June 18 Miss Ada Hazen Mackay, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Mackay, was united in marriage with Lieut.-Commander George Archibald Campbell Scarth, R.C.N. son of Mr. & Mrs. H.A.C. Scarth of Sherbrooke, Que., formerly of Charlottetown, P.E.I. The bride has been on the staff of the library of the University of New Brunswick since graduating from McGill University Library School in 1948. Lieut-Commander Scarth is stationed at H.M.C.S. Cornwallis, Deep Brook, N.S. where he and Mrs. Scarth will make their home.

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Miss Marion Gilroy, Director of Regional Libraries, Saskatchewan, will visit Europe this summer.

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Maritime librarians attending the C.L.A. Convention in Winnipeg were: Sister Francis de Sales, Halifax, N.S.; Sister Frances Dolores, Reserve Mines, N.S.; Mrs. J.G. Hart, Saint John, N.B.; Mrs. M.C. Vernon, Halifax, N.S.; Miss Evelyn Campbell, Halifax, N.S.; Mr. Peter Grossman, Halifax, N.S.; Miss Dorothy Cullen, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

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Useful Pamphlets

Dear Editor:

We keep a vertical file of up-to-date pamphlet material. This started out in a big way, but has come down in the world, and is now limited chiefly to government material and free unsolicited material. I follow the lists in professional magazines, and occasionally order some, but I was wondering if we might have a Bulletin corner in which free and inexpensive material could be listed, such lists to come from a different member of the M.L.A., each time, and to consist of material found particularly useful by that library, together with its source. The list could consist of 2 or 3 or a dozen pamphlets. I'll start it off with a mention of some with which you may already be familiar:

a) Vocational Guidance Manuals, 228 Varicke Street, New York 14, N.Y.. - these manuals are in great demand here, because of accuracy and completeness of information, though they have the American slant. Cost varies, though all are under \$1.00.

