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MARITIME LIBRARY ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL CONFERENCE May 22, 23, 1952.

Our 1952 Conference will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, with three sessions as follows:

1st Session Thursday, May 22, 2-5 p.m. Assembly Room,
Halifax Memorial Library.

President's remarks
Appointment of Resolutions Committee
Minutes (These were published in the M.L.A. Bulletin,
Summer, 1951, and will be taken as read)
Treasurer's report
Correspondence
Reports from the provinces - Vice Presidents
Report on the M.L.A. Bulletin - The Editor
Report of Librarianship Pamphlet Committee - Miss
Black
Report of National Bibliographic Centre Committee
Scientific Catalogue - Additions and Corrections
Report of Certification Committee

7.00 p.m. Dinner - Lord Nelson Hotel

2nd Session Friday, May 23 Assembly Room, Halifax Memorial
Library

9.30-10.45 Inter-library loan and reference
problems. Chairman - Miss Gladys
Black.

10.45-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30 General discussion of library
association policies and plans.
Cataloging group - Chairman, Sister
Frances Dolores
Circulation group - Chairman, Miss
Mary Falconer

3rd Session Friday 2-5 p.m. Mount St. Vincent College Library

2.00-3.30 Discussion of Library School Curricula -
Chairman, Mrs. G.J.Hart

3.30-4.00 Tea

4.00-5.00 Tour of Building

Report of the Nominating Committee

The following names of officers for the year 1952-53 have been submitted by the Nominating Committee, Miss Mary E. Cameron, Chairman.

President	Miss Dorothy Cullen
President-Elect and Vice-President for New Brunswick	Mr. Maurice Boone
Vice-President for Nova Scotia	Miss Ruby Wallace
Vice-President for Prince Edward Island	Mr. William Ledwell
Secretary-Treasurer	Miss Evelyn Campbell

In connection with the Nominations, attention is called to Article III, Section II and III of our By-laws:

"Up to one month after the date of publication of the report of the Nominating Committee the President may receive proposals for additional nominations providing such proposals are signed by not fewer than three members of the Association."

"No person shall be nominated who is not a member of the Association and whose written consent has not been filed with the Secretary of the Association"

"Nominations determined as herein provided shall be placed before the members of the Association on a ballot at least two weeks prior to the Annual Conference."

"The Executive shall appoint a Committee on election which shall have charge of the conduct of the regular election and shall report the results to the Association at the Annual Meeting."

NEW BRUNSWICK LIBRARY WEEK

New Brunswick Library week was enthusiastically observed in many parts of the province. Libraries, Newspapers and radio stations cooperated closely in helping to make the general public more fully aware of provincial library needs and resources.

The Moncton Public Library sponsored an interesting exhibition of works by New Brunswick authors. The Legislative Library in Fredericton chose as its display theme "New Brunswick of Old". The services of a public library were featured in a poster display in the Saint John Free Public Library. "How a Book gets into your Library" was the subject of an exhibit in the Bonar-Law Bennett Library, Fredericton.

A series of articles on library service appeared in the leading daily newspapers. Miss Elizabeth Morton, Executive Secretary of the Canadian Library Association, opened the series with an informative article on regional libraries in Canada. Miss Corinne Harquail, Librarian of Campbellton High School, wrote on school libraries, while Mrs. Hugh John Flemming of Juniper outlined the services of a small community library. "Libraries in Restigouche County" was the subject treated by Mrs. F.A. Collier of Dalhousie. The services of the Department of Education Library were described by Miss Alice Oulton. An article on "Libraries and Research" was contributed by Miss Louise Manny, Newcastle, and Mr. Maurice Boone and Mr. Robert Rogers, Fredericton. Favourable editorials and several news items appeared in English and French newspapers.

Radio programs included a talk on British libraries by Mr. Alfred C. Hall, Information Secretary to the United Kingdom High Commissioner in Ottawa, recorded through the courtesy of Radio Station CKCW, Moncton and broadcast over CFNB, Fredericton, CKNB, Campbellton and CFBC, Saint John. Under the sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Radio Station CHSJ carried a discussion by Mrs. G. J. Hart, Librarian of the Saint John Free Public Library and Miss M. L. Lynch, a member of the Board of Trustees.

Teachers' College observed Library Week by awarding two Grolier Society of Canada scholarships of \$50 each. These scholarships, awarded for outstanding work in the library science course, were presented by Dr. F. E. MacDiarmid, Chief Superintendent of Education.

The most interesting announcement of the week was the following item in the Speech from the Throne read to the New Brunswick Legislature on February 19: "As the result of increased demand for libraries, this important educational problem is being studied in the Department of Education in the hope that High schools, regional, rural and urban alike might be used to advantage in forming the framework of a provincial library system".

NEW BRUNSWICK LEGISLATURE RECOMMENDS SURVEY OF LIBRARY RESOURCES AND NEEDS

Mr. Peter Grossman, Director of Regional Libraries for Nova Scotia, addressed the members of the Legislative Library Committee on Wednesday, March 26. Mr. Grossman came to Fredericton through the courtesy and cooperation of the Nova Scotia Department of Education. In his address he dealt at length with regional library development in Nova Scotia. He also spoke on similar developments in some of the other provinces of Canada. The members of the Committee showed keen interest in his address, and, after considerable discussion, the following resolution was unanimously passed: That the Committee recommend to the House that a survey of New Brunswick's present library facilities, with recommendations as to future library developments in the province, be made as soon as possible by qualified personnel.

The report of the Committee has since been received and adopted by the House. Librarians and friends of libraries in the province consider that this is the necessary initial step to implement their recommendations of last November when the New Brunswick Library Association was formed.

NATIONAL LIBRARY FOR CANADA

The announcement in the Speech from the Throne that " a bill will be introduced to authorize certain preparatory steps in connection with the establishment of a National Library" has been a matter of encouragement to us all. "A Preliminary Report with Recommendations" of the National Library Advisory Committee was tabled in the House of Commons on March 3. The Canadian Library Association forwarded a letter in appreciation of this announcement to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State and the Chairman of the National Library Advisory Committee.

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The seventh annual Conference of the Canadian Library Association will be held at Banff, Alberta June 7-12, 1952 with headquarters at the Banff School of Fine Arts. The Conference Secretary is Mrs. Richard Taylor, Calgary Public Library.

Three of the sessions will see delegates meeting with the various Sections and Committees or in small groups for discussion of the following topics (1) Government aid to Libraries (2) Inexpensive reference materials (3) Public library standards (4) Question box for C.L.A. (5) Regional library growth (6) Massey Commission Report (7) What do we need from a national library.

General sessions will be devoted to the annual business meeting, discussion of the findings of the Special Topic Groups, and an address and discussion on the Massey report. Speakers will include Premier Manning, Dr. Hilda Neatby and Dr. Earle Birney.

Bus trips to Lake Louise and Mt. Torquay are planned and there will be free time for sight-seeing, riding, swimming.

D.C. NUMBERS ON L.C. CARDS

To fulfill the needs of subscribers, the Decimal Classification Section of the Library of Congress will assign numbers from both the 14th and 15th editions of the Dewey Decimal Classification. If the numbers from the two editions are alike except in length, only the longer number will be given. If the numbers differ other than in length, both will be given. In all cases the number from the 15th edition will be starred.

Questions in regard to the Section's application of the Decimal Classification should be addressed to Miss Julia C. Presseu, Head, Decimal Classification Section, Subject Cataloging Division, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C. It should be noted, however that questions regarding the structure and development of the Decimal Classification should be addressed to the Director, Decimal Classification Editorial Office, in care of the Library of Congress.

Beginning in January 1952, the Decimal Classification Section's quarterly publication "Notes and decisions on the application of the Decimal Classification" will include additions and corrections to the 15th edition. Issues of the "Notes and Decisions" from 1934 through 1948 may be purchased from the Card Division of the Library of Congress for \$3.45 a set; from 1949 to date, from the Supt. of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington at 30 cents a year.

NEWBERY - CALDECOTT AWARDS

Newbery Award Eleanor Estes for her book Ginger Pye

Caldecott Award Nicholas Mordvinoff for illustrating Finders
Keepers

Official presentation will take place at the Newbery Caldecott dinner to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria during the A.L.A. Convention July 1952.

NEWS OF MARITIME LIBRARIES

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Miss Mabel Gray is retiring on May 1 of this year after twenty years' service with the Citizens Free Library and the Halifax Memorial Library.

The Halifax Memorial Library was chosen by the Lions Club of Halifax to be featured on the first of their series of broadcasts on educational and cultural institutions of Halifax. The series of four or more programs will be broadcast over station CJCH, Halifax.

Miss Mervin Crombie, Librarian of the new National Research Council Laboratory, has her library in operation although the building has not yet been officially opened. The library quarters are small but well equipped and the room is bright and attractive. The collection consists mainly of periodicals; some books of a specialized nature are included also.

Pictou County Regional Library

Mr. Stanley MacDougall, now with the Cape Breton Regional Library, was appointed as the new head of the library at a recent meeting of the Pictou County Regional Library Board. He will take over his duties on June 1st when the present Librarian, Mrs. Howard Wheeler retires to her home in Runnymede, Quebec.

The bookmobile librarian, Miss Patricia O'Neill, plans to make up a motor party to attend the C.L.A. Conference in Banff in June.

Colchester-East Hants Regional Library

The fourth Branch in the Region was opened to the public at Great Village on January 29th, with Miss Elsie F. Layton as custodian. This Branch will help to service a large section of Colchester West, and will be open two afternoons and two evenings each week.

Since September the Regional Library has provided the Colchester County Hospital with book service. Mrs. Dorothy Benson visits the wards and private rooms one afternoon each week, with a hospital book truck provided by the Truro Rotary Club.

Visitors to Regional Library Headquarters recently included Albert C. Hall, who is Deputy Director of the United Kingdom Information Office, Ottawa, and who formerly was active in county library work in England.

Little Stanley Oickle, wishing to become a member of the Truro Branch, took home a registration card for his mother or father to sign. We suspect that his parents did not approve of his joining the library. At any rate, when the card was returned (and upon solemn declaration that his parents had signed) the lower line was completely filled with large and immature letters, STAN AND GERTIE.

Prince Edward Island

The Charlottetown Library will have a section more definitely marked off as a Children's Corner when renovations now under way are complete. Double faced movable shelf units will divide off about one quarter of the floor space. These are of counter height and finished in natural color; they will provide additional space for children's books to be placed in the library from P.E.I. Libraries stocks. Improvements in lighting and floor covering are also planned.

Cape Breton Regional Library

Miss Betty Morris, Children's Librarian for Sydney Branch, has accepted a position with the Circulation Department of Hamilton Public Library.

It is interesting to note that the reading tastes of the children of Sydney are changing in that the books they now choose are of better material. Young Canada's Book Week made a deep and lasting impression. Still patrons of the Cuckoo Clock hour, they show initiative and enterprise in finding books of similar calibre in the library stock.

Cape Breton Regional Library cont'd.

Projects outlined in the school for the junior and senior High School students bring them to the library for research material. This has been particularly true in the case of the students of the new Junior Xavier College, Sydney.

Cape Breton Regional Library has on loan from Regional Headquarters in Halifax a micro film reader. C.L.A. films of the early Canadian newspapers the Nova Scotian and the Colonial Patriot have been loaned with the micro film reader for a short time. The fact that it is possible to read these early newspapers has been a thrilling experience for the public to whom such library procedures were unknown.

Book Review

by Sister Marie Michael

Librarian, St. F. X. Extension Library

The most sought-after book in our library just now is All Honorable Men, by James Stewart Martin (Little, Brown). We first saw it reviewed in the News Letter of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Union. The reviewer, Mr. L.J. Bright of Saskatoon, very kindly allowed us to use it for the library column in the Maritime Co-operator. We published it in the January 15 issue, and since then we have had continual requests for the book.

About two weeks ago I took the reckless step of making All Honorable Men the subject of a radio interview with Mr. Alex Laidlaw of our regular library program. Now we have a lengthening list of students, agricultural workers, clergymen, and farmers, patiently awaiting their turn.

I am condensing Mr. Bright's review in the hope that it will be of as much interest to librarians as it has been to the general public. My own opinion of the book is that it is repetitious in places, and I think that most people will skip a good many of the investigational details. The over-all impression is a disturbing one, as even this abbreviated review will show.

All Honorable Men, written by James Stewart Martin, gives us an authoritative glimpse of the anti-social, not to say unpatriotic activities of monopolies tied together in international cartels. Napoleon Bonaparte expressed the opinion that "international finance has neither patriotism nor decency." If lack of patriotism or decency was the birthright of international Big Business, this book proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that in the past hundred years they have increased their inheritance.

James Martin is the former chief of the Decartelization Branch of Military Government in Germany. His book is based on the information gathered by his staff. It is the first inside story of how the Cartels held up and hindered the Allied war effort and of how the program to end this menace was frustrated and finally stopped by "American and Allied powers, industrial and financial interests whose paramount concern was "Business as usual.'"

Not only does Martin expand and prove our previous statements regarding sabotage of war production, but incidental comments are illuminating and frightening.

For example, it is the generally accepted opinion, initiated by Press and Radio, that the enemy secured vital information regarding war plants, ship movements, et cetera, by the use of spies. We, the working Joe's of democracy, were exhorted not to be careless in our everyday conversations, as spies might be listening. If you, our readers, think that, please disabuse your minds. This information was wired to Zurich and thence to Munich as part of the everyday reinsurance routines of the big insurance firms. For example, full data on ships leaving our ports carrying food and munitions was in enemy hands before the ships cast off. Martin's staff found complete blueprints of war plants on this continent neatly filed in Germany as sent by Big Business at the time the plant was completed.

If you want good reading that will make you a more alert citizen, read All Honorable Men, by James Stewart Martin, published by Little, Brown & Co., Boston.
