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Mrs. Mary Kinley Ingraham, 1874-1949

On November 20th the Canadian Press brought us the sad news of the death at Livermore Falls, Maine, of Mrs. Mary Kinley Ingraham, Honorary-President of the Maritime Library Association, formerly librarian of Acadia University, Secretary-Treasurer of the M.L.A. and Editor of the Bulletin.

Born in Prince Edward Island, Mrs. Ingraham moved to Nova Scotia in 1891 and taught there for some years. After her husband's death in 1910 she spent a few years in the United States and then returned to study at Acadia, graduating in 1915 with honors in English and Classics. She went on to take her M.A. at Acadia, and then studied library science at Simmons College. In 1917 Mrs. Ingraham was appointed Librarian at Acadia, and the next year began to teach Library Science there as well. She won the highest respect and affection from both faculty and students during her years at Acadia.

To Mrs. Ingraham must be given much of the credit for the existence and progress of the Maritime Library Association. Early attempts to organize librarians for the promotion of library affairs did not meet lasting success, until in 1934 the present association was formed; Mrs. Ingraham as Secretary-Treasurer and Editor of the Bulletin contributed much to its success. Librarians who had the pleasure of knowing and working with her were charmed and impressed by her personality. She helped us to know one another better through the Bulletin. She gave us the joy at conventions of hearing minutes and reports written - and read - in her own inimitable style.

Many events in Mrs. Ingraham's life proved her readiness to cope with new situations; she attacked problems energetically and persevered until she had control of them. Even the infirmities of age could not daunt her. About a year ago I asked if she would write for the Bulletin something about her favorite books; she answered that she had just come out of the hospital (where she had had cataracts removed from her eyes) but that, as soon as she could see properly, she would write the article. She did so, and we all enjoyed hearing from her again. That was typical of her unfailing courtesy, her willingness to do her bit - whatever the effort.

Commenting on Mrs. Ingraham's retirement in 1944, Marion Gilroy, then President of the Maritime Library Association, expressed her admiration in these words (with which I heartily agree): "Mrs. Ingraham's ability, enthusiasm, wit and wisdom have set a high standard. If we have workers in the Maritime Library Association with a fraction of her gifts, this part of Canada will become more and more 'librarianous'".

The Editor.

NEW LIBRARY AT JUNIPER, NEW BRUNSWICK

A library for the use of children and grownups was opened in Juniper during Book Week. Mr. H.J. Flemming acted as chairman. Principal speakers were Dr. O.V.B. Miller, Director of School Services and Miss Alice Oulton, Librarian, Department of Education, Fredericton. Moving pictures were shown featuring the uses of books and libraries; the film entitled "Know your library" proved particularly instructive and entertaining. At the close of the evening ice cream and cake were served.

The Juniper Library won praise from Miss Elizabeth Morton, executive secretary of the Canadian Library Association, who saw in this effort an example of what an interested community can do to help itself by co-operative effort without the aid of public funds.

Mrs. M.J. Thompson, Librarian of the University of New Brunswick, who directed the work of preparing, for use in the library, 700 donated volumes, points out that the Juniper Library now makes the second lending library in Carleton County, the other being the very fine Fisher Memorial Library in Woodstock. One or two more public libraries in Carleton County

would form the basis on which to build a regional library system whereby books would be circulated from community to community at regular intervals and so give a wider choice to readers everywhere.

The Juniper Library is endeavoring to feature the books of local authors whenever possible. Dr. F.G. Clarke of Woodstock, author of some of the best books for boys ever written, is a case in point. The locale of his fine book "Chris in Canada" is York and Carleton counties, and it is particularly interesting for the children to read about their own section of the country as seen through the talented and observing eyes of this local writer.

Lord Beaverbrook has shown his interest in the Juniper Library project and has sent from London a collection of books, including copies of all the books he has written as well as a dozen children's books from his own library, each one having his crest in it.

One book of special interest in the Juniper collection is a book inscribed by the late Lord Bennett and given by him to the school library which was burned in the school fire of 1947, all but the Bennett book, which a borrower had fortunately failed to return to the library. This book was on display at the opening.

In addition to approximately 1500 books including many splendid new sets for children, Juniper has a fine collection of pamphlets including literature descriptive of almost every country in the world. The latter were collected by a Juniper resident from the exhibits of more than fifty nations participating in the New York World's Fair, and were presented to the library.

Several magazine subscriptions have been donated including two of the best known children's magazines, a national woman's magazine, a natural history publication, "Life" magazine, and a baseball Digest for the boys.

A splendid addition to the Juniper School Library is the loan collection sent by the Department of Education Library. This consists of about fifty books, some of which are children's classics, while others are teaching aids for the staff. This loan remains four months when it may be exchanged for another similar collection.

The New Brunswick Museum has sent a loan collection of colour reproductions of famous paintings, which will be changed at regular intervals during the school year. The National Gallery at Ottawa has contributed pictures and pamphlets.

The school and community are particularly fortunate in having the services of Miss Blanche Peterson, B.A., teacher of Grades 1 and 2, as librarian. Miss Peterson had wide experience in Connecticut schools before returning to her New Brunswick home in Carleton County.

The Library will be open to the public for two hours every Thursday evening; the Juniper Citizens' Forum will meet in the library on Thursday evening also. The library will be open to the school children daily at the close of the school day. In addition, each teacher plans weekly library periods for the pupils in order that they may develop the library-using habit and learn the many pleasures awaiting them in good books. After all -

"There is no frigate like a book
To bear us worlds away,
Nor any courser like a page
Of prancing poetry."

The children are so enthusiastic about their library that after two months in operation the librarian reports that there are not enough children's books to go around. In consequence, Grades 1, 2 and 3 are not able to borrow books to take home. This causes much disappointment, and further donations of children's books would be greatly appreciated. Miss Edith Schofield, Commissioner for the New Brunswick Red Cross, was much impressed with the library when she visited Juniper, and urged that the Junior Red Cross in the school include as part of their efforts the procuring of more books.

The Library in Grand Falls, Victoria County, has shown its interest and the librarian, Miss Anita Lagarè, has donated her book "How Grand Falls grew" in both English and French, and has suggested an exchange of books when spring comes and we can more conveniently visit and exchange ideas and books.

A committee has been formed to look after the compiling of a scrap book containing all publicity in connection with the Juniper School and its Library, which book should in years to come be a very interesting history of the school.

A mineral collection is being put on the shelves, and an effort made to stimulate the hobby of rock study, as Juniper is very fortunately situated for this fascinating pastime.

Many helped to make the Juniper Library a success. Shortage of space prevents mentioning them here, but to all of them we extend thanks for their wonderful cooperation.

Mrs. H.J. Flemming.

YOUNG CANADA'S BOOK WEEK

Saint John

Young Canada's Book Week in Saint John seemed to be most successful. Plans were made ahead of time for some of it, but most of it just happened.

The Boys and Girls Room, which was enlarged during the summer, was decorated with C.L.A. posters, book jackets and book displays. Many new books were ready for the occasion and the Room was filled daily after school with eager and interested youngsters. School classes also visited the Library during the week. In school they were shown the film "Know Your Library" and had a unit of study about it. When they arrived in the building the children were shown how to use the card catalogue with a poster to aid the explanation; they were shown how to use the Readers Guide, with magazine articles attached to the notation in the Guide by string to explain more fully; and they looked up explorers they were studying in the encyclopaedias. A Cook's tour of the whole building followed, and they saw the adult departments as well as the Boys and Girls Room.

The Boys and Girls Room had all kinds of book lists for the children and they seemed to disappear as soon as they were put out. Children love something to take home but they looked for the books before they left the library. The book lists were made according to grade levels, and book marks were also available with the authors and titles of a few books on each. Besides, we had a good supply of C.L.A. lists that were different and pleased the children very much.

Three radio programs were planned for Young Canada's Book Week. The first one dealt with library service - the reason for Y.C.B.W., the work that is carried on in the Boys and Girls Room, the Teen Alcove with its books for High School students, and the Reference Department and Film Department. The second broadcast was a talk on books for children - picture books, fourth and fifth grade reading and books for those in Junior High. The third program was a children's story. We wrote the publisher and asked if we could read "The Little Lost Boy" over the air. It was very appropriate as it ends with the lost boy's friends and relations finding him in the Childrens Room reading stories. We were also able to get daily flashes about Y.C.B.W. over each radio station during the week. Since then we have had a Library Broadcast about every 10 days. We are giving Book Talks and find it very worthwhile. Many people are interested, and many who knew nothing about us before are becoming library conscious.

Two Home and School Associations met during the week and asked if we would speak on Children's Books. One Home and School worked out a real program. The children in grade 6 made posters on "Books" and prizes were awarded during the meeting for the two best posters.

A combined book display was also arranged. A local book shop displayed books that could be bought for Christmas; the school showed off some of the books in the School Library, and the Public Library brought a few to show the parents what we have of general interest. We made annotated booklists for the books in our display. It contained books on child psychology, sex education, and aids to teachers and we felt a list would be useful. The whole collection was brought into the Book Talk and proved very popular.

The other Home and School Association has just started a library for their school and is most interested in books. The Public Library display was also taken to their meeting but other books were added, such as picture books, fourth and fifth grade reading and books for those in Junior High, and reference volumes. As the children in this school are too far away to come to the library, the parents have taken the initiative to try and get more money available for the library so that boxes of books can be sent out to the schools for supplementary reading.

Our Boys and Girls Room is really very busy these days. During the month of October at least 1035 children took out books and in November 1245. That means that many children were in the Room during the month. The new borrowers registered in October numbered 106 and in November 215. The Reference section is used also; there are very few libraries in the schools of the city and today the curriculum calls for much more reference work than in our day. A library is a real necessity.

As I see the Boys and Girls Room and the Teen Alcove grow, and grow so rapidly, I am sure that if we had the books and could afford a good service the comic books would lose their appeal and other worthwhile books would take their place. I am always amazed to see youngsters grab every new book put on the shelves. If we can only keep them interested!

Mrs. Patricia Hart, Librarian

BOOK WEEK IN CHARLOTTETOWN

Children's Book Week which we have been celebrating for a number of years at the Public Library in Charlottetown, this year had a much more enthusiastic response. The reason for this was that we were celebrating for the first time Young Canada's Book Week, November 12 - 19. Sponsored by the Canadian Library Association this week was set aside to encourage reading of worthwhile books at home, at school and in the library. We believe that the enthusiasm which this, the initial drive has aroused should promise bigger and better celebrations in the future.

We are looking forward to having a boys and girls room, and in the meantime we are using a corner of the main adult reading room which shelves the junior books. The display was centred around the posters carrying the American and Canadian slogans "Make Friends with Books" and "Young Canada's Book Week". Our idea was to try to link the two, and in order to do this we used a miniature bridge as a connecting link to bring out the idea. On the bridge was a miniature truck carrying books. It was quite effective. We had such an attractive display of new books for the boys and girls. Being a branch of the Prince Edward Island Libraries they supplied us with many delightfully illustrated editions. The children were made happy by the attractive book marks which were distributed with each book. We also had several photographs taken of the display with the children reading.

At the beginning of the week the librarian gave a short radio talk, through the courtesy of Radio Station C.F.C.Y. on Children's Book Week, outlining the objects of such a week. She stressed the importance of children forming the reading habit at an early age, and how they retain their affection for the books that they enjoyed in their childhood. C.F.C.Y. also broadcast the news flashes supplied by Young Canada's Book Week headquarters.

On Saturday morning at 9 o'clock we had a short programme arranged. Through the courtesy of Mr. John Martin of the National Film Board two films were shown to the children of Grade one of the City schools, which they enjoyed. Following this the boys and girls gathered around the fireplace and listened eagerly to fascinating stories. The Saturday morning attendance was most encouraging under our present limited space.

Jean C. Gill, Librarian.

THE B - I - G COMMITTEE

Dr. William Kaye Lamb, Dominion Archivist, named it the BIG Committee as it was appointed at the Maritime Library Association Conference in June, 1949. The name came not from its size - there are only three members, Sister Francis de Sales, Miss Alberta Letts and Miss Barbara Murray. Nor does it come from what the committee has done or intends to do. Instead, in the style of wartime Washington, the initials B - I - G are taken from the longer name: "A committee for Bright Ideas and Gadgets in Maritime Library service".

On October 1, 1949, at its first meeting, each member, as if weighed down by her responsibility to the cause, appeared to be stripped of all ideas and devoid of knowledge of new gadgets.

The meeting began with the airing of mutual difficulties in library service. It would appear that there is an insurmountable difficulty facing all because of the eventual high-cost of American-bought library supplies while at the same time these are not to be had in Canada.

Sister Francis de Sales spoke about her efforts to purchase locally and exhibited an electric punch for drilling holes in catalogue cards or magazines which she had purchased from William Stairs, Son and Morrow, Halifax. This efficient article is produced by Toronto Skiltools and is Skildrill Model 242. At the same time, it was evident that her library was running efficiently with the most satisfactory Gaylord products, e.g. a Gaylord shellac pot. She suggested that the Moyer's catalogue from Moyer's Supplies, Moncton, should be studied for possible equipment.

It was thought that an immediate survey into the need of steel stacks in the Maritime libraries should be made and that purchase might be made either in Canada (New Glasgow was suggested) or in Great Britain.

An effort will be made to encourage local manufacturers to produce the desired book pockets, pamphlet boxes and book trucks.

A report was given on the use in the Montclair Public Library, Montclair, New Jersey, of wire grocery push-carts as book trucks at each librarian's desk. (These are the same as used in a serve-yourself grocery store.)

More meetings will be held and correspondence is encouraged from all members of the Maritime Library Association and beyond, supplying Better Ideas and Gadgets or asking for assistance from the BIG Committee. Please mail letters to Miss Barbara Murray, MacDonald Memorial Library, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Donald A. Redmond, acting librarian at the Nova Scotia Technical College, is playing host to many Halifax librarians who are applauding his efforts to get suitable library equipment locally. A light-weight book-truck was made by local carpenters and is as efficient as it was reasonable. Pamphlet boxes, catalogue cards and call slips have all been produced in Halifax and they can compete with the best Gaylord stock. Specifications and prices will be given on application to Mr. Redmond.

Would a Maritime community like to have its book service from a trailer? This system worked effectively in New Hampshire and specifications can be had from the Chairman of the BIG Committee. Write for them at Dalhousie University.

The Eastern Sheet Metal Works Ltd. of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia will make up steel shelving to individual requirements. We have obtained some for the P.E.I. Libraries, but as the shelves are not erected we can't tell whether they will be satisfactory. The cost is about twice what we paid for shelving in 1933 - which is perhaps to be expected in these days of inflation. D.C.

WANTED by Dalhousie University Library--The Ontario Library Review:

v.1;2;3; v.7, 1; v.12, 1,2; v.21; v.27;
v.4, 1,3; v.8, 2; v.17, 4; v.22, 1; v.28;
v.6, 4; v.9, 1; v.20, 4; v.26, 2,3,4; v.29.

Brief to the Royal Commission on National Development in
The Arts, Letters and Sciences.

Submission by The Maritime Library Association.

The Maritime Library Association appreciates this opportunity to present a brief to the Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences.

The Association was established in 1934 and represents the public and university libraries of the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Its chief aim is to promote a general knowledge and understanding of the library problems of the region among its members through its publication the Maritime Library Bulletin and by discussion at annual conferences. It maintains close and friendly relations with its national voice, the Canadian Library Association.

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY

The Maritime Library Association endorses in general the Brief of the Canadian Library Association, The National Library of Canada, Its Eventual Character and Scope, presented to the Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences, August 18th 1949.

The Association wishes to urge the advantage accruing to Canadian Libraries from the establishment of a National Library. It is hoped that the National Library will provide:

1. A source of reference material on all subjects.
2. Photostat and microfilm facilities, particularly for material in expensive journals.
3. Cataloguing and reference aids.
4. Bibliographic service.

We feel that the ultimate success of the National Library will be judged by the extent to which it can serve all the people of Canada in terms of the ready access that all libraries will have to its services.

We are of the opinion that the National Library, apart from its characteristic collection of Canadiana, should be a source for a much wider variety of material on all subjects, especially those publications which are too difficult or too expensive for smaller libraries to obtain. Primarily, it should be the best reference library the nation can afford.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

The growth of public library service in the towns, villages and rural areas of our country has been slow. Relatively few of our larger cities have adequate library service. The modern public library is a fairly complex organization and it is difficult to ensure success if started in a small way. Experience has shown that regional library schemes, particularly well adapted to serve rural and village areas, can succeed in Canada if adequate financial assistance is available from the beginning. Such assistance has up to the present been given by the Carnegie Corporation, but it seems unlikely that any further aid can be expected from this source.

The Maritime Library Association would like to recommend that financial assistance on a national scale be granted to aid further library development. Grants should be conditional on matching provincial grants and on accepted professional standards in organization and practice. The Association is convinced that federal aid would give a great impetus to regional library development in all parts of the country. An organization to administer and guide such a programme was suggested in a Brief, LIBRARY SERVICE FOR CANADA presented August 2, 1944 by the Canadian Library Council (now Canadian Library Association) to the House of Commons Special Committee on Reconstruction and Reestablishment.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAINING IN LIBRARIANSHIP

The Association believes that scholarships such as were formerly available from the Carnegie Corporation through the American Library Association are of great value in developing librarians of ability in the profession. We would like to suggest that provision be made for scholarships, either through the Canadian Library Association or through the National Library, for the training of librarians or for postgraduate training in specialized fields.

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The Canadian Library Association is a National organization, working on behalf of all Canadian libraries, and assisting in nation-wide library development. Two of its projects, the microfilming of early Canadian newspapers, and the production of the Canadian Periodical Index, are activities of the Association which are of great value not only to libraries, but to those working in the fields of government, industry and education.

