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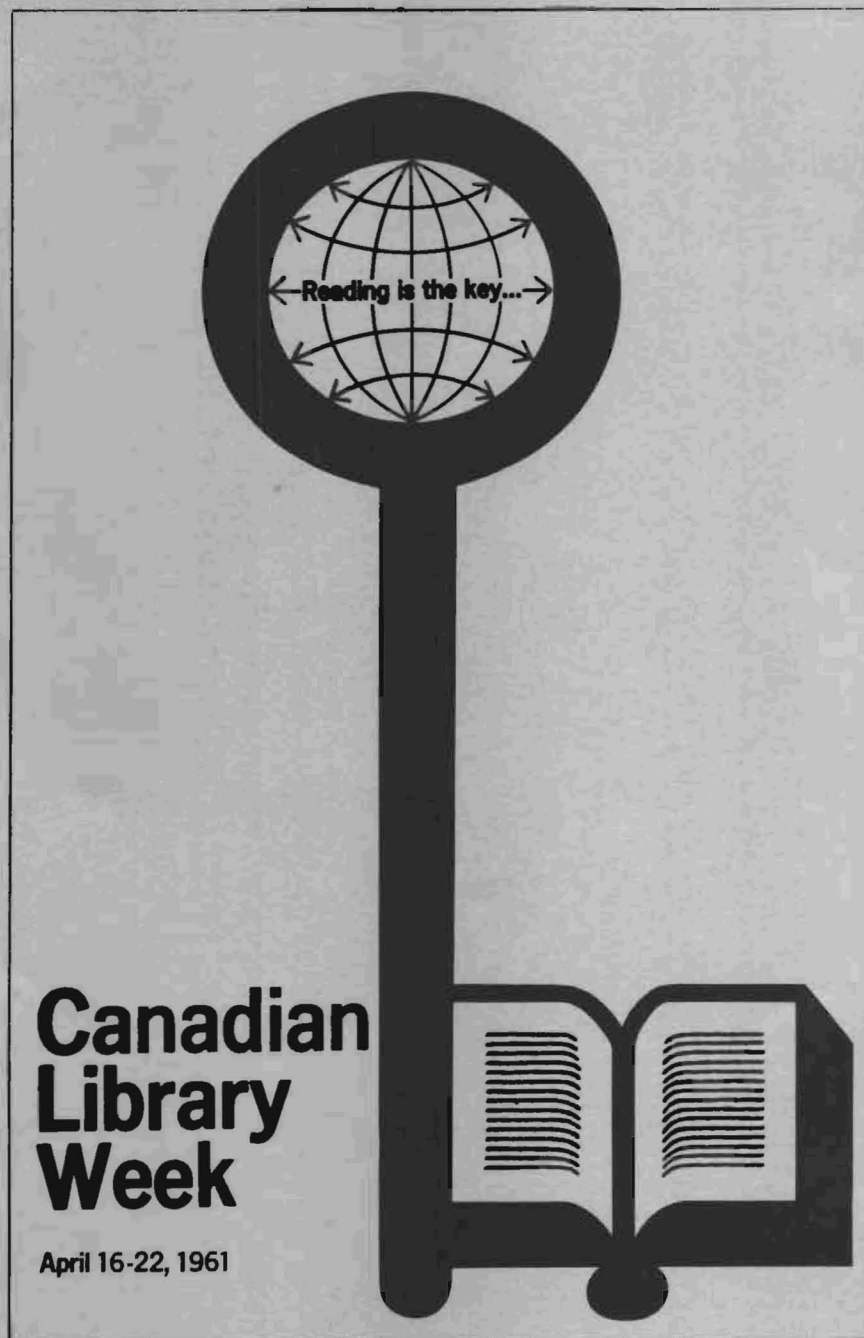
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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

Apologies are in order for the lateness of the Winter Bulletin. As you know, the Editor has changed jobs and is now "on the road" a great part of the time. Consequently, work on The Bulletin did get behind considerably. Many thanks to the members who sent unsolicited articles - please keep it up. Letters will be going out soon requesting material for the SPRING Issue, so be prepared.

BOUQUETS TO THE BULLETIN:

January 3, 1961

I have just read the autumn 1960 issue of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association Bulletin and have found it delightful. Please accept my congratulations on such an interesting issue.

Elizabeth H. Morton
Executive Secretary
Canadian Library Association

(All right, Members - this should inspire you to bigger and better things. Start writing that article NOW! Ed.)

INTERLIBRARY LOAN:

We have had a number of requests, once again, from libraries involved in interlibrary loan, to ask borrowing libraries to be more careful when making out request slips. The following points should be noted:

1. Please follow the instructions on the interlibrary loan request. Give author or periodical title, volume number and year.
2. Give the correct title with author and page numbers for periodical articles, including edition, place and date.
3. If possible, give the source of the reference.
4. Then recall that much time was spent at a Canadian Library Association conference in deciding that every interlibrary loan request be accompanied by a self-addressed gummed label.

UNION CATALOGUE FOR NEW BRUNSWICK

December 6, 1960

It has been four years since a report has been made to the libraries of New Brunswick on the Union Catalogue. Since the effectiveness of the Catalogue is measured in direct proportion to its bulk, there has been little to say after the original bulletins, outlining its history, uses, and proposed development, were published.

In a word, the last four years have been a time of growth. Ten libraries now contribute author cards, and contributions to the Catalogue are as up to date as is the cataloguing in the individual libraries. The following is a list of participating libraries and the number of titles from each:

Bonar Law-Bennett Library	53,515
Legislative Library	7,634
York Regional Library	5,426
Saint John Free Public Library	47,725
New Brunswick Museum	6,114
Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library	16,395
Memorial Library, Mount Allison University	36,418
Central Library Service	489
New Brunswick Technical Institute Library	955
Federal Dept. of Agriculture Library (Fredericton Region)	826

This gives a grand total of 175,497 titles. It should be noted that statistics are based on titles, and not volumes; this would explain any conflict between Union Catalogue figures and accession numbers in the various libraries.

All cards submitted by the Bonar Law-Bennett Library, the Legislative Library, Saint John Free Public Library, the New Brunswick Museum, and Memorial Library, Mount Allison University, are retyped at Central Library Services, and forwarded to the National Union Catalogue in Ottawa.

Three uses of the Catalogue are being increasingly noted: 1) the location of books for inter-library loan purposes; 2) the provision of information about particular books; 3) assistance in book purchasing. During the last year, for instance, about 300 books were located and borrowed with the help of the Union Catalogue. Titles requested were as varied as Handbook of Noise Control, by Harris, and Male and Female, by Mead. Titles not found in New Brunswick are passed on to the National Union Catalogue in Ottawa for location.

Editing the Catalogue has proved to be an overwhelming job. The work is slow, and at times can scarcely keep abreast of the acquisitions. This, more than any other point, has held back work on the New Brunswick bibliography. It is hoped, however, to continue the work as time permits. The job of editing has revealed many things about the libraries in the province. Each library's holdings are very different from those of any other, and present day buying appears to be maintaining these differences.

The free-for-all which exists throughout the library world in cataloguing publications of corporate bodies, particularly government documents, has caused some difficulties in editing the local union catalogue. It will probably be a matter of years before editing can catch up with these cards, and bring like items together under uniform headings. ALA Cataloguing Rules for Author and Title Entries is followed, while an eye is kept on headings used in Canadiana and the L. C. Catalogue, themselves based on the ALA Rules. As every cataloguer knows, these rules are difficult to apply, and consistency requires a formidable amount of research. It is hoped that now more help is available in handling these "corporate" problems, libraries will step up their efforts to produce more uniform cataloguing. The problem is particularly serious when it is remembered that corporate publishing, particularly in the field of documents, is big business now, and libraries are receiving ten or even twenty times the bulk of items as formerly.

Donald Gammon
Legislative Library

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST -

TOOLS FOR TEACHING ENGLISH published by

The National Council of Teachers of English
508 South Sixth Street, Champaign, Illinois

This is an annotated list and buying guide of all materials published by this organization and includes books, filmstrips, magazines, reading lists, recordings and items useful for display purposes. Copies of the reading lists and literary maps (for displays) have been received by the Editor of the Bulletin and can be highly recommended, especially to librarians working with children and young people. All materials are fairly inexpensive and well worth the price. Send for a copy of this publication to-day and get some of these items for your library.

LIBRARIANS AND THE COLD WAR

(contributed by an APLA member)

Let's face it -- librarians in Canada, in a democracy and in a Christian nation, are involved in the Cold War.

We are facing new influences from the patrons who use our libraries. We have immigrants, new Canadians and many foreign students. Let these people see that we are proud of our Canadian literature and that our concern in our jobs is not just to get a high salary. By means of the devoted service these new Canadians and immigrants are receiving from the bookmobile librarian who visits tiny, rock-bound hamlets, the bilingual librarian working in French-speaking communities, the librarians in economically depressed areas of the Atlantic provinces, from the world's finest literature chosen with care for each particular library, these newcomers will get a picture of dedication to service. Yet we must be realistic about librarians' salaries so that they can compare with those offered by the other professions to young people starting their careers. Only in this way can the high standard set by the dedicated be maintained.

We should give special sympathy to foreign students. We serve many students who are here because our Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce is paying their way. If the Canadian Government is to get a return on its investment, the foreign student must get a good impression of those he meets. Be sympathetic to the Indonesian student who fears that snow comes from the sky in large blocks or the Chinese student who thinks all Canadians look alike. Make books on comparative religions available to them. Help them with their English -- they want to practice.

These are our weapons in the Cold War: the upholding of the finest tenets of our library school training supplemented by the reading we are doing while we give thought, discussion and application to the best of them.

This is what Dr. Victor Sifton said when he laid the cornerstone of the new University Library on the campus of the University of Manitoba, October 26, 1952:

"Every library is a symbol of the riches of the human spirit. Every library to some extent reminds us of the continuity of the human tradition, of our debt to the past and our obligation to the future.

A library set in the university tradition, however, has very special responsibilities to face. It must not be merely a storehouse of cultural riches. It is and must be a practical working tool for enlargement of knowledge and the enrichment of character. To its doors will come a procession of young men and women, year by year,

to kindle their hopes, to resolve their doubts, to confirm their faith. Under the guidance of their professors, they will enter upon that endless pursuit of learning, whose glory is as much in the spirit in which it is conducted as in any material prize to which it may ultimately lead."*

A Canadian teacher, who has just returned from Russia, tells a story of the moral teaching she found in operation there. Goodness, truth, honesty are all qualities which the Russian teacher must embody in her teaching. So the Canadian asked on what precepts these were based. After much persistence, she got the answer: "On the teachings of Marx and Lenin."

We can do better than that. We have the Golden Rule. It's as simple as that.

* University of Manitoba Alumni Journal, January 1961, p. 6.

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INDIAN LEGENDS APPEAL TO ALL AGE GROUPS

(from a recent issue of the Maritime Telecaster,
Halifax Chronicle-Herald)

Long after the Halifax production, INDIAN LEGENDS, finishes on CBC-TV's Junior Roundup this spring, the production staff will be kept busy answering the thousands of requests for the Micmac language word list.

The series, seen each Wednesday afternoon, has been entertaining young viewers since the fall. It tells, with pictures and music, the story of the mythical chief and demi-god Glooscap and the ancient legends which surround the Micmac tribe of the Maritimes.

Last month the story teller, Nawadaha (Kathleen Currie, Children's Librarian, Halifax Memorial Library) spoke about the language of this ancient tribe and mentioned briefly, on only two occasions, that a list of Micmac words was available on request. "Requests for the list from across Canada and the United States have been overwhelming," says producer Sandy Lumsden. "We have sent over three thousand and requests are still pouring in. It's quite a surprise. We have received requests from parents, groups of children, Scout troops and even from two Indian tribes - the Weywaykums of British Columbia and the Beaver from Alberta. From the letters we have discovered that the series has appealed to all age groups, from the four-year-old to the teenager and adult."

NOTES FROM OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Montreal, February 1961.

... Montreal is a fascinating city. If only there were more time to explore it, and to take advantage of its many opportunities. However, I don't think I will ever become adjusted to the pace here, or to the traffic. I still dread trying to cross Sherbrooke St. every morning. Don't ever let anyone say anything about Halifax motorists!

I can only thank those friends who warned me of the rigours of Library School. I found that I had an advantage over those who considered it just another year of college. Many times it seemed to be an endurance test where "survival of the fittest" was the general rule. However, so far I have been among the "fit". After successive shocks of reading lists and assignments, one becomes hardened to it. I've reached the stage where I cringe only slightly when a professor enters the classroom with an armful of mimeographed sheets.

Seriously, it is hard work but most interesting. I find every aspect of the whole course intriguing, but it is exasperating at times to find that there is not enough time to go deeper into some of the matters brought up in class.

The Faculty is an interested group of people who are always willing to give individual assistance to a student. The class this year is much larger than usual; there are over fifty in the BLS course. This has added to the problems of both student and faculty as there is neither space nor facilities to meet the needs of such a group.

Class members come from every part of Canada and every part of the world. Among the countries represented are Ceylon, Australia, and HongKong, which makes for a group with varied experiences and interests.

I am having such an exciting and rewarding year, and I want to express my sincere thanks to the members of APLA for the scholarship which has made this year possible for me.

Incidentally, first term results came out last week, and I managed to pass all the exams and get an A average.

And now for the second term --

Sincerely,

Bertha Higgins

A WORD ABOUT CANADIAN LIBRARY WEEK

April 16 to 22, 1961, will be CANADIAN LIBRARY WEEK. As we make plans for the occasion, it may be useful to keep one or two things in mind.

First, our continent is in the midst of a BOOK BOOM. In the United States 154,200,000 books were sold in 1931; no less than 959,600,000 were sold in 1958. Figures for Canada are not available, but it is certain that in one respect they would be comparable with those in the United States: they would show that book sales have increased in the last twenty or thirty years out of all proportion to the growth of population. Many more books are being written, published and sold than ever before.

Secondly, we are in the midst of a READING BOOM. The annual reports of most of the larger libraries in Canada come to my desk each year. Of late all of them have recorded a rapid increase both in circulation and in book stocks. In 1958 our public libraries alone had almost 12,500,00 volumes on their shelves - an increase of fifty per cent, in only five years. Their total circulation jumped to over 45,000,000. Once again, these increases were out of all proportion to the growth of population in the areas served. More books are being consulted, borrowed and read than ever before.

In great part this LIBRARY BOOM reflects better library facilities. More books, new buildings, more branch libraries, larger staffs - all these have been important factors. But the really significant thing is that experience shows that when better library facilities are provided, the public will make use of them - will, indeed, soon tax them to capacity.

In spite of striking advances in many places in recent years, library facilities in Canada - public, University and special - are still far short of what they should be. CANADIAN LIBRARY WEEK is intended to help libraries to secure better facilities by giving every library in the country an occasion - if it wishes to have one - to bring its own individual services, needs and potentialities to the attention of the community it serves.

We hope that you will participate.

W. Kaye Lamb, Chairman
CANADIAN LIBRARY WEEK COUNCIL, Inc.

NEW LIBRARY SCHOOL

A graduate school for the training of professional librarians, which has been under consideration by the University of British Columbia for more than 15 years, will enrol its first students in September, 1961, UBC's president, Dr. N. A. M. MacKenzie, announced today. Dr. MacKenzie also announced that Dr. Samuel Rothstein, associate librarian, would become director of the School of Librarianship which will be part of the faculty of arts and science.

The School will offer a one-year, postgraduate program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Library Science (BLS). A second program leading to the degree of Master of Library Science (MLS) will be offered in the future, the president said.

Requirements for admission to the school will be a Bachelor's degree from UBC or its equivalent and a reading knowledge of a language other than English. Applicants must normally have achieved second class standing in the third and fourth of their undergraduate program.

Enquiries regarding admission should be made to Dr. S. Rothstein, at the University Library, Vancouver 8, B. C.

Dr. Rothstein said there is a serious need for trained librarians in the four western Canadian provinces. "The Canadian Library Association reports that there are several hundred vacancies in Canada," he added, "and the gap between the number of qualified persons available and the existing demand has been steadily increasing in recent years."

Dr. Rothstein received his Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from UBC in 1939 and 1940. He did postgraduate work in romance languages at the Universities of California and Washington. After service in the Canadian Army, he obtained his Bachelor of Library Science degree from the University of California in 1947. In 1951 he received a grant from the Carnegie Corporation for advanced study at the University of Illinois. He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by that University in 1954. He is also the author of a book on the development of reference services in American research libraries.

He joined the UBC library staff in 1947 and served successively as head of the acquisitions division, assistant librarian and associate librarian. He is former chairman of the Library Education committee of the Canadian Library Association, immediate past president of the B. C. Library Association, and currently serves on the councils of the Canadian Library Association and the Bibliographical Society of Canada.

— BULLETIN BRIEFS —

- HALIFAX COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY - On Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1960, Nova Scotia's newest Regional Library was opened with Mrs. Anne McCormick as Chief Librarian. Headquarters for the Library as well as the Armdale Branch are in the Municipal Building on Dutch Village Road, just outside the Halifax City limits. One of the two bookmobiles is already in operation, with Miss Diane MacQuarrie as librarian, and covers the Eastern Shore and Musquodoboit Valley areas of the County. (We hope to have a more complete story on this library in a future Bulletin.)

- CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARY - (from the Cape Breton Post, Dec. 17, 1960) Of recent events herabouts, the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Cape Breton Regional Library was particularly memorable. The guests came at the invitation of the Library Board to honour a decade of growth that was not halted although seriously hindered by the County Court House fire, which destroyed the regional headquarters, the Sydney branch library, and many thousands of books including rare and costly volumes on Cape Breton's early days. A noteworthy feature of the celebration was the presentation of the Canadian Library Trustees' Association Award of Merit to Miss Katharine McLennan of Sydney, whose donation of the land on which the Sydney library now stands, whose past and continuing donations of rare books and other distinguished aid, are of a nature to command national attention. As Regional Library Board chairman, Warden Frank Beaton contributed notably to the pleasant dignity of the occasion. He hoped that when two decades of library progress are celebrated in 1970, the event will take place at the regional headquarters in the new Cape Breton County Court House. On behalf of the Board, Warden Beaton made a presentation to Chief Librarian Ruby Wallace who has headed the library from its inception in 1950. In recognition of the widespread public significance of this service, it is imperative to note here that two important but very modest persons at the celebration, held at the James McConnell Memorial Library, were the drivers of the Bookmobiles which carry books through the counties of Cape Breton and Victoria. May the day soon dawn when the Regional Library serves all the people of Cape Breton Island.

- SCHOOL LIBRARIES - Nova Scotia - The Supervisor of School Libraries has been kept busy since Christmas supplying buying lists for a number of elementary and high school libraries. A number of libraries have also had assistance in cataloguing and organizing their collections. These include Dartmouth High School, North Woodside School, and West Pictou District High School. Mrs. Dorothy LeVatte, teacher in charge of the library at North Woodside, is doing much to interest her students in using the library and has shown them films on library subjects.

The Home and School Association at the Windsor Public Schools has been working hard to get the library in shape there. Some of their projects include the sale of discarded books at the school and at Home and School meetings (proceeds to be used to buy new books for the library) and a poster contest with books as prizes. In November, a dance festival was held in aid of the library at the new Sidney Stephen School, Sackville. A number of Home and School groups discussed school libraries and books for children at their Fall and Winter meetings.

- DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY - In December, Mrs. Jean Carter, formerly Head Cataloguer for the Regional Libraries of Nova Scotia, became Humanities Librarian for Dalhousie University Library. Mrs. Carter will be responsible for the book selection, public service and processing of materials for this department.

- HALIFAX MEMORIAL LIBRARY - (from the Annual Report, 1960)
There comes a time in the life of a library as in the life of an individual when a disease which has developed imperceptibly suddenly reaches proportions requiring major surgery. This happened to the Halifax Memorial Library in 1960 when a case of space-itis became acute. A drastic but controlled campaign of withdrawing books was undertaken. As a result, the net gain to the book stock was only 657 volumes. The total is still below 100,000 volumes, and is just over half the recommended standard for a city the size of Halifax. The unfortunate part of this extensive surgery is that judging by the present situation it is only the beginning of a series of similar major operations. Surgery is serious at the best of times, but seems particularly harsh in the young person still far from maturity. The Halifax Memorial Library is just nine years old and far from its full growth. Yet its true potential is cut off at the stage when it should be growing and developing rapidly.

The Library Board has been conscious of this increasingly serious situation, and having failed to convince City Council of the urgency for building the North End branch, it investigated the possibility of a branch in rented quarters in the Bayers' Road Shopping Center. Suitable space was available, and the proposal with estimated costs was submitted to the Finance and Executive Committee of the City Council in November. The Library Board deputation was received graciously and the principle of Library expansion was approved by the aldermen once again. But the Board's submission can scarcely be regarded as successful since nothing was accomplished except that its proposal was put on a priority list with other City matters before Council. So on this somewhat uncertain footing the future development of the Public Library system in Halifax rests at the close of 1960.

- ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY - Greenwood Branch Library at the RCAF Station has withdrawn from the Regional Library and set up a separate station library. Mrs. Marion Moffat, who had previously worked at the Wentworth County Co-operative Library, Hamilton, Ontario has joined the headquarters staff.
- PICTOU COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY - The new Headquarters and New Glasgow Branch opened in October in the Masonic Building in downtown New Glasgow. The Library is spacious and attractive. Equipment for the Children's Department, including a comfortable window seat, was supplied by a local chapter of the IODE. In December, the bookmobile was off the road for repairs due to an icy spot along the route. This was just the second accident to the bookmobile in the hundreds of miles travelled during the last ten years. Damages included one cut nose - the Bookmobile Assistant's!
- YOUNG CANADA'S BOOK WEEK - Celebrations in Nova Scotia included Story Book contests in Reserve Mines and Dominion, branches of the Cape Breton Regional Library, and a week-long Story-telling programme at the Halifax Memorial Library with five librarians from the Halifax area taking part.

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LIBRARY LAUGHS -

- Book requested- Bear on the Balcony
Suitable substitute (?) - Miranda the Panda is on the Veranda
- A university student approached a new staff member in the Reference Department of a Halifax library, requesting information on euthanasia. The young librarian disappeared, to return after some time with the comment: "I can't find anything dealing strictly with euthanasia, but I found a book on "Youth in India."
- MEC, in speaking before the Salary Committee of City Council on behalf of the staff of the HML, said she had discovered that because of the low beginning salary for junior clerks, at least two of them had taken to "moonlighting" to supplement their income. A kindly but irate gentleman phoned the library the next day to complain: "I think it's perfectly dreadful that you don't pay those poor girls enough to keep them from streetwalking." (All we need now is a red light at the entrance to the Library).

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY SERVICE

from Report of the Newfoundland Public Libraries Board
for 1959-1960.

R. M. Donovan
Director

The Public Libraries Board directs the operation of Provincial Library Services and of the Gosling Memorial Library. Provincial Library Services includes Regional Library Service with its Travelling Libraries Section and Cataloguing Service. Gosling Library offers Adult Service of a circulating Collection, Reference, Young People's and a separate Boys and Girls Service.

REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE

provides books and makes and maintains the card catalogues for the books, which it distributes among about fifty libraries throughout the Province. It distributes book-repair supplies and periodicals as well. It also provides a service of advice and inspection for the fifty libraries. This service is limited however, to the number of visits which can be made by ONE trained person. This person is responsible also for the organization of new libraries. The fifty Regional and Branch libraries serve the communities they are in and some provide a box-of-books service to schools and in some cases to small settlements in their environs. In addition Regional Library Service operates, by car, the St. John's Region Service, box-of-books service to schools within a radius of about fifty miles of St. John's, the nucleus of a regional mobile service of the future. Travelling libraries, under the direction of Regional Library Service, distributes boxes of books by train, boat, etc. to remote schools and outports which are out of reach of extant libraries.

CATALOGUING SERVICE

catalogues (designates the information for the card catalogues) for books for Gosling Library and for the Regional Libraries. In addition it processes the books for Gosling Library and for St. John's Region (marks, stamps, installs pockets, makes book cards, etc.) and maintains the card catalogues for both organizations.

GOSLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

serves the people of St. John's, adults and students with books, periodicals, pamphlets, newspaper files and an extensive collection of Newfoundlandiana. A separate service for children under High School age is maintained which also provides boxes of books to some city schools. Adult Reference Department provides a service of information, location of material, help to students and a special request service for outport libraries. A special collection of circulating books for Young People is maintained, serving children from about Grade IX to XI.

CONDITION OF SERVICE

REGIONAL SERVICE

is extended beyond the point of effective service. Whereas an excellent service of supplying books, materials and periodicals is given to the fifty libraries being served, other aspects of the service are sadly underdeveloped. There is no effective exchange of books among the libraries. There is only one person available to do field work among the libraries, give guidance to Boards and Librarians, and on-the-job training for librarians, weed collections, effectively fill in gaps in collections and many other guidance and coordinating functions, which made for effective library service. The specialized problems of children's departments in libraries and of school libraries lack an "expert" to provide information and guidance to resolve them. There is no special trained person to coordinate inter-library loans of books for special needs, book displays for temporary loan to libraries. All these derelictions do not, however, distract from the phenomenal job performed by the one person who attempts to do them all. It is self-evident that more trained people are needed to assume supervisory roles, each over a more limited number of the libraries in the Province, with some exercising jurisdiction, province-wide, over certain special services. A method of exchanging books among libraries is of the essence.

TRAVELLING LIBRARIES

has been long isolated physically from the other Provincial Library Services and only recently officially designated as working under Regional Library Service. It is hoped that this will help to improve and expand this service. Considering the number of towns with no library service, the distribution of books by Travelling Libraries seems small indeed. This service should serve not only remote towns, but those settlements between libraries yet out of reach of them. The comparative failure to do so is probably due in part to insufficient books, but in greater part to the lack of field personnel to awaken interest in these towns.

CATALOGUING SERVICE

is a smoothly operating organization doing fine work. It is however so organized and staffed that large increases in book handling could not be effected without reorganization and some mechanization. Present planning is directed toward expanding the Department so that it will control ordering (although not book selection), cataloguing, processing of all books for all departments, in an assembly line procedure, using multiple forms for control and duplicating equipment to produce items requiring repetitive duplication of information. As a Technical Processing Department this Service will later organize a repair and binding section.

GOSLING LIBRARY

is offering a good service in the basic information media, save films, recordings, microfilm. Circulation of books is not high by standards of cities in other Provinces, but the book collection is of good quality. Reference services is good within the limits imposed by a comparatively small reference collection of books and the work done with and from the collection of Newfoundlandiana is outstanding. Crowded conditions in both Adult and Children's Departments are great hindrances to attracting patrons and serving them adequately when they do come. This can be relieved in the Adult Department by the addition of shelving and the concentration of them, leaving larger open floor space for movement, study tables, etc., and such a project is on paper. In the Children's Department the immediate need is much more space in which to operate, and this will be possible only when the Cataloguing and Regional Libraries Departments are moved from the building. Many more children's books are needed as well. Condition of books throughout the system leaves much to be desired. Introduction of plastic covers shortly will initiate improvement in the appearance of books and in maintaining them in good condition. Establishment of a bindery and repair shop will permit rehabilitation of many of the older books.

REGIONAL AND BRANCH LIBRARIES

have been mentioned above. There is a great variety in the quality of service in these Libraries. In common they suffer from static collections, which become "read out" among the comparatively few people in their respective spheres of influence. These collections need to be shuffled among the libraries. Some perform a laudable and effective extension service to schools and settlements nearby. Many do little or nothing of this. Perhaps the comparative failure of this extension service is attributable to the limited time devoted to the libraries by the Librarians. Short hours and low pay are contributory. The success or failure of these libraries seems to hinge on the knowledge, enthusiasm and activity of Boards and Librarians working with them. On the good side is the on-going faithful, regular service being rendered to tens of thousands of people, provision of books and information.

In summation the Provincial Library Service is hemmed in by four major lacks:

1. Sufficient trained personnel to supervise small libraries and special services.
2. Facilities to permit exchange of books among libraries.
3. Space in which to operate and grow.
4. Funds to allow development and growth.

Improved methods to cope with expansion of service and materials together with provision of the above can provide an adequate service for the people of Newfoundland.

NOVA SCOTIANA 1960

A Selected List of Titles

ATKINSON, F. T. and GORDON, S. C., eds.

The Superintendent and good teaching, by F. T. Atkinson ... and S. C. Gordon ... Toronto, Ryerson (1960) viii, 87 p. (The Canadian Superintendent, 1960)

A series of articles on teaching by ten Maritime educationists.

BANNON, Laura M.

Whistle for a pilot; story and pictures by Laura Bannan. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1959. 48 p., illus. (part col.)

A children's story with a Bay of Fundy setting.

CAMERON, James M.

Industrial history of the New Glasgow district. (New Glasgow, Hector Publishing Co., 1960) v.p., illus., plates.

An historical record of the many varied industries which have been carried on in Pictou County during the past century and a half.

DAWSON, Robert MacGregor, jr.

Place names in Nova Scotia; a paper read before the Linguistic Circle of Manitoba and North Dakota on May 16th, 1959. Winnipeg, Ukrainian Free Academy of Sciences, 1960. 16 p. (Onamastica, no. 19)

Describes the origin of some of Nova Scotia's place names.

HANDFORTH, Edna and others.

This is Waverley, Nova Scotia. (Waverley, N. S., Waverley Home and School Association, 1960. 40 p., illus., map.

The history of the village of Waverley, with particular emphasis on gold mining in the area.

JOHNSON, Angus Anthony.

A history of the Catholic Church in Eastern Nova Scotia; Volume I - 1611-1827. Antigonish, St. Francis Xavier University Press (Longmans, Green & Co.) 1960. viii, 568 p.

LEIGHTON, Alexander H.

My name is legion; foundations for a theory of man in relation to culture. New York, Basic Books, 1959. xii, 452 p. diagsr.

(Stirling County study of psychiatric disorder and sociocultural environment, v. 1)

Based on research conducted in Nova Scotia.

LEONARD, Margaret.

Historic sketch of the Paradise-Clarence United Baptist Church, 1810-1960. Paradise, 1960. 20 p., illus., ports.

Includes considerable general history of the Paradise-Clarence community.

LEFNER, Leonard.

Miracle at Springhill. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1960. 179 p., illus.

A Boston reporter describes the Springhill mine disaster of November, 1958.

LOCHHEAD, Douglas Grant

It is all around. Toronto, Ryerson, 1960. 24 p. (Poetry chap-
book 191)

A collection of poems by the former librarian of Dalhousie University.

MACDONALD, Angus Lewis

Speeches ... with a biographical note by the Hon. T. A. Crerar
and a foreword by the Hon. J. L. Ilesley. Toronto, Longmans,
Green, 1960. xxvii, 227 p.

A selection of some of the more representative speeches of the
former Premier.

MARITIME Museum of Canada.

... The dory, by Constructor-Lieutenant Commander F. W. Nicholson,
C. D., R. C. N. Halifax, 1960. 7 p., illus., plans (fold.)
(Occasional papers, no. 7)

Describes the construction of this distinctively Nova Scotian craft.

NOVA Scotia. Department of Trade and Industry.

Nova Scotia directory of manufactures, 1960. Halifax, 1960.
viii, 97 p.

The current listing, both alphabetical and classified, of the
industries of the provinces.

NOVA Scotia. Public Archives.

... Mechanics' Institutes in Nova Scotia, prepared by C. Bruce
Fergusson. Halifax, 1960. 47 p. (Bulletin no. 14)

How the Institutes contributed to the early cultural life of the
province.

PARKER, John P.

Sails of the Maritimes. (Halifax, Maritime Museum of Canada, 1960)
226 p., illus., plans. Published in Great Britain.

A record of the many wooden ships, built in Maritime ports, which
sailed the seas during the 19th century.

PERCY, H. R.

The timeless land and other stores. Toronto, Ryerson, 1960.

163 p. A collection of short stories, varied in nature, by a
new Canadian author.

QUIGLEY, John Gordon

A century of Rifles, 1860-1960; the Halifax Rifles (RCAC) (M)
"Cede nullis" ... Halifax, Wm. Macnab & Son (1960) xvii,
230 p., illus., plates (part fold.)

The centennial history of one of Canada's early regiments.

RANDALL, Thomas Head

At the tide's turn and other stories. Introduction by Allan
Bevan; general editor, Malcolm Ross ... Toronto, McClelland
& Stewart, 1959. ix, 178 p. (New Canadian Library, no. 9)

A selection of short stories chosen from three earlier volumes
by Raddall.

--- The governor's lady. Garden City, Doubleday, 1960. 474 p.
A novel of the life and times of Sir John and Lady Frances Wentworth.

RICHARDSON, Evelyn M.

My other islands; illustrations by Winifred Fox. Toronto, Ryerson, 1960. vii, 213 p., illus., map (front.)

The author of We keep a light reminisces on her early life, during which she lived on several different islands along the Nova Scotia coast.

SLOCUM, Joshua

Sailing alone around the world. (Abridged) London, Methuen, 1960. 191 p., illus., maps, tab. (Venture Library)

STIRLING, Lilla M. E.

The pipe organ in the parlour. Illustrated by Charles Geer. New York, Toronto, Nelson, 1960. 95 p. illus.

A children's story with a Nova Scotia setting.

TURNBULL, John F.

History of the Turnbull family of Digby, Nova Scotia. Agincourt, Ont., Book Society of Canada, 1960. 47 p., maps, col. coats of arms, diagr., facsims, geneal. tabs. (part fold.)

A genealogical record of a Nova Scotia family.

Shirley Elliott
Legislative Library

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ATLANTIC PROVINCES CHECKLIST

The latest edition of the Checklist is just going to print and should be available shortly.

All members who wish a copy of the Checklist please write

The Editor
Atlantic Provinces Library Association Bulletin
c/o The Provincial Library
Provincial Building, Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Checklist will not be mailed out unless requested.

OVERDUE BOOKS

The following is a statement from David H. Clift, executive director of the American Library Association, regarding the recent nationally publicized library book borrowing incident in East Orange, New Jersey.:

"The recent episode in East Orange, during which drastic legal action was taken against persons who had ignored repeated requests to return long overdue books to the public library, points up a situation which plagues libraries constantly and denies many persons the use of books. It is a rare library that does not have some trouble in getting borrowers to return books. The principal sufferer in these instances is the borrower's neighbor; his failure to return books imposes a hardship on others who wish to read and use the books. Fairness to other readers requires the return of borrowed books within a reasonable time. The failure to return public library books, which are on of a city's capital assets, is wrongful use of materials provided by public funds and some means to insure equity among users of books and the maintenance of a minimum custodianship of public materials is necessary. Public libraries can function satisfactorily only when most readers recognize their responsibility to their fellow citizens. The steps take in East Orange under which persons were taken from their homes at night and lodged in jail if they could not make bail would appear to many to be regrettable. The Mayor, I understand, has taken steps to ease the manner of the enforcement of the ordinance. However, it may be true that many persons throughout the country who have been waiting and waiting for the return of long overdue books may have a feeling of gratitude for the publicity which the East Orange situation has received. We hear that many libraries are experiencing a sudden deluge of overdue books."

It hasn't quite come to this in the Atlantic Provinces, but the Halifax Memorial Library has taken steps to try to improve this situation. Fines levied for overdue books were increased, as of January 1, 1961, from two to five cents per library day in an effort to crack down on "inconsiderate" borrowers. Miss M. E. Cameron, Chief Librarian, stated that the increase was not aimed at making more money, but to discourage patrons from keeping books beyond the three-week loan period. Since the loan period was extended in 1958 from two to three weeks, retention of books past the loan period had increased. The library staff was dispatching 25-35 overdue notices a day--many to borrowers who had kept their books four to six weeks over the loan period. A leaflet explaining reasons for the increased fine is given to borrowers and states "failure to return books is unfair to other patrons who are finding difficulty in obtaining books. We don't want you to pay fines. We want books returned promptly."

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Halifax, Nova Scotia

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Application forms available from:

Miss Evelyn Campbell, Chairman
Scholarship Committee
Atlantic Provinces Library Association
Nova Scotia Research Foundation
Halifax, Nova Scotia

REPORT OF THE A. P. L. A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of officers for the year 1961-1962:

President: Miss Dorothy Cullen, Librarian, Prince Edward Island Libraries, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Past President: Mr. Laurie Allison, Librarian, Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B.

Vice-President for N. S. and President Elect: Mrs. Anne McCormick, Librarian, Halifax County Regional Library, Armdale, N. S.

Vice-President for N. B.: Miss Doreen Harper, Librarian, Saint John Free Public Library, Saint John, N. B.

Vice-President for P. E. I.: Miss Mary Donahoe, Librarian, Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Vice-President for Newfoundland: Miss Ada L. Green, Librarian, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Nfld.

Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Isabel Abernethy, Librarian, Glace Bay Library, Glace Bay, N. S.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Don Gammon
Miss Mona Cram
Mrs. Mildred L. MacLaren, Chairman

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1961 NEWBERY and CALDECOTT MEDALS

The John Newbery Medal, given annually since 1922 for the "most distinguished contribution to American literature for children" goes to Mr. Scott O'Dell for Island of the Blue Dolphins published by the Houghton Mifflin Company.

The Randolph Caldecott Medal, awarded since 1938 to the artist of the year's "most distinguished American picture book", was won by Mr. Nicholas Sidjakov for Baboushka and the Three Kings, published by Parnassus Press.

POSITIONS VACANT

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARY

Children's Librarian required for the James McConnell Memorial Library, City of Sydney Branch, Cape Breton Regional Library. New building opened in 1960 with new book collection. Opportunity for experience in a City Library under Regional System. Salary \$4,200.00 C. L. A. Pension plan after one year. Medical group plan available. 5 day, thirty-five hour week (Monday closing). 3 weeks vacation.

Apply to:

Miss Ruby Wallace
Chief Librarian
Cape Breton Regional Library
Box 622
Sydney, Nova Scotia

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Dalhousie University Library is advertising for the position of Medical Librarian at an initial salary of \$6,500.00. The successful candidate will receive faculty status equivalent to that of departmental chairman in the Faculty of Medicine. His duties will include full responsibility for the administration of the Medical Library. Minimum qualifications must include the Medical Library Association Grade I certificate, or its equivalent, with some experience in library administration.

Apply to:

Chief Librarian
Macdonald Memorial Library
Dalhousie University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

THE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SCIENCE, which is an annexed school of the University of Montreal, will become a part of the University in September. It will probably come under the jurisdiction of one of the humanities faculties, University officials announced recently. At the same time the University of Montreal has appointed as Director of the School, Laurent Denis, who will organize a new academic programme and select a full time staff. Mr. Denis is now completing his Master's thesis at the McGill University Library School. He is a graduate of Loyola College and the McGill Library School. He started his library career at the National Library and is at present at the Royal Military College, St. John, P. Q.

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The following is from "The Old Librarian's Almanack" by Jared Bean, first printed in New Haven in 1733:

"No person younger than 20 years (save if he be a Student, of more than 18 years, and vouched for by his Tutor) is on any pretext to enter the Library. Be suspicious of Women. They are given to Reading of frivolous Romances, and at all events, their presence in the Library adds little to (if it does not, indeed, detract from) that aspect of Gravity, Seriousness and Learning which is its greatest Glory. You will make no error in excluding them altogether, even though by that Act it befall that you should prohibit from entering some one of those Excellent Females who are distinguished by their Wit and Learning. There is little Chance that You or I, Sir, will ever see such an One."

CANADIAN PERIODICAL INDEXING 1930-1961

by Elizabeth Homer Morton

Historical moments are exciting and gratifying! It is our privilege, in this year of 1961, to be taking part or co-operating in some way with the combination of 32 years of indexing in Canada. The great event of 1961 is the publishing of the 12 Year Cumulation to the Canadian Index to Periodicals and Documentary Films, 1948-1959.

The story of periodical indexing in Canada began in 1930 under the imprint of the Public Library, Windsor, Ontario, when Miss Agnes Lancefield, now Mrs. Montague Leeds of Barrie, issued quarterly in duplicated typewritten form the Canadian Periodical Index. In 1931 a printed cumulation of the 1931 issue and the final 1930 issue appeared. The Index suspended publication soon after, but under the encouragement of the Ontario Regional Group of Cataloguers, was revived in 1939, when, with the enthusiastic co-operation of Dr. Wm. Stewart Wallace of the University of Toronto Library and Mr. Angus Mowat of the Ontario Department of Education, a quarterly Index was compiled by the Circulation Division of the University of Toronto under Miss May Newton, editor in chief, and published in the Ontario Library Review. Mr. Mowat arranged with the Ontario Department of Education for annual cumulations, and this valuable Index continued until 1946. In that year, it was suspended because of the crisis in staff and the increasing duties at the University of Toronto. In 1948, with assistance from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Canadian Index to Periodicals and Documentary Films was established by the Canadian Library Association. To bridge the gap from 1946 to 1948, a group of enthusiastic members of the Ontario Library Association indexed the 1947 periodicals, then issued as a cumulation by the Ontario Department of Education, Public Libraries Branch. The cards from 1938 to 1946 have been placed on deposit with the Canadian Library Association in the hope that these cards may be cumulated and eventually the cumulation for the years 1938 to 1947 may be issued.

The Canadian Index to Periodicals and Documentary Films was designed for a readership of some 500 subscribers. It has been a matter of disappointment to the Canadian Library Association that the subscription list has never risen to 400. As a result, the subscription price of the Canadian Index has not been lowered since its establishment. Indeed, it has had to be raised. It would have had to be raised considerably more, were it not for the co-operation of the National Library of Canada, which undertakes to pay for the printing of the annual cumulations of this work.

The dream of having a decennial cumulation of the Canadian Index to Periodicals and Documentary Films became a reality in 1957, when the cards for the first 10 years of indexing were inter-filed. It was then necessary to find the money for the editing and publishing. This proved to be a long process.

In November 1960, the Canada Council awarded a grant-in-aid of \$24,000 for the editing of the 12 year cumulation. This was the "green light" to go forward with this great work, especially as 180 pre-publication orders had been received from the subscribers at a \$120.00 subscription fee. The budget for the Index still needed another \$8,000.00, but it is hoped to obtain this final sum through pre-publication subscriptions.

A sample page of the cumulation may be obtained from the Canadian Library Association, Room 606, 63 Sparks Street. It is going to be a large volume, printed in 3 columns on a 9" x 12" page. The pages will probably be nearly 1200 in number. The binding is to be red of the same color as the annual cumulation.

The 12 year cumulation is a permanent work of reference which will never be revised. It gives you the information in the Canadian periodicals and the Canadian documentary films of this period for eternity. It is, therefore, not a very expensive volume when considered in terms of the wealth of Canadian information released through this Index to the present generation and to generations yet unborn.

It is hoped that every public library, every University and College library, every special library and every school library, which are doing Canadian reference work, will subscribe.

The Canadian Library Association will provide order forms, but a letter addressed to the Executive Secretary, Miss Elizabeth H. Morton, notifying the Association that you desire to be a pre-publication subscriber at the special subscription rate, which will be \$120.00 is sufficient to place your copy aside when it comes from the press. Since this work is so large, the printer is running off the final pages in 16 page forms next June and a decision has to be reached by June 30th, at the latest, as to the size of the edition. The size of the edition will be calculated on the number of pre-publication orders. There is, therefore, some urgency for you to subscribe now so as not to be disappointed two years hence, when the edition may no longer be available.

This work of reference would never have materialized if the libraries had not placed their pre-publication orders so promptly last October. The Canadian Library Association takes this opportunity to say "thank you" to all the libraries who have taken part in promoting this publication.

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Saint Mary's University Library,
Halifax, N.S.

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