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Libraries in the Maritimes, as all across Canada, are busy preparing to celebrate Young Canada's Book Week Nov. 11-18. Are you planning a quiz show, story hour or radio play? Have you asked teachers to bring their classes to the library, and invited parents to come and see the new children's books? Other librarians would be interested in your activities; please send reports or newspaper clippings to the Editor, M.L.A. Bulletin.

Speaking at the C.L.A. Conference, Montreal, Mr. Andrew Pitcairn, representing "the public", said libraries need: a more cheerful atmosphere, librarians who are able and willing to talk about books, good modern books, simpler ways of finding books, special attention to children and young people. How many of us can fill these requirements? Let's not just take refuge in the stock plea "We haven't enough money". New books and re-decorating cost money, but a genuine desire to serve the public and the exercise of all our ingenuity will go a long way towards making our libraries the kind people like to visit.

It was refreshing to come across this light touch in the usually staid Library Association Record "A boy asked for the book 'Uncle Very Thin'. He was emphatic that he had the title right. Suddenly the perplexed assistant had an inspiration and a few minutes later the boy left with every sign of satisfaction - a copy of Huckleberry Finn in his hand". (Quoted from the Bethnal Green School Bulletin)

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UNESCO Seminar in Sweden 1950
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A four-week seminar was organized this summer by UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to bring together professional librarians of many countries and varied experience, and have them discuss the role of the public library in adult education. The seminar used the discussion group method, with group leaders appointed by UNESCO, tentative working outlines, and daily discussions in which all took part. Special problems were studied and discussed by committees who wrote reports outlining the principles agreed upon.

The representatives of each country were known as "participants" (not delegates), and all of us who participated were both learning and teaching. The whole Seminar consisted of 48 participants from 20 countries, together with a staff of 15 UNESCO library officials, group leaders, interpreters and office personnel. The countries represented were: Sweden, Denmark, Norway, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela, Egypt, Ceylon, India, Australia, Great Britain, United States, and Canada.

Canada was represented by two participants - Miss Adele Languedoc of Montreal, a French Canadian librarian who speaks English and French with equal fluency, and who has worked both in McGill University Library and in rural libraries in France; and myself. Another Canadian, Mr. Lachlan MacRae of Fort William, Ontario, was on the staff as a group leader, directing the study of audio-visual aids.

Malmo, Sweden

The Seminar was held in the public library (Stadsbibliotek) of Malmo, a city about the size of Hamilton, on the southern tip of Sweden, just a short boat trip across from Copenhagen, Denmark. Its restful air of prosperity and leisure, its beautiful parks, gardens and canals, and its nearby beaches and green countryside, all made Malmo the ideal place for a summer of combined study and relaxation.

Malmo's public library is one of the remarkable sights of Sweden, occupying beautifully built and furnished quarters (in a building that was originally a museum, and skillfully adapted for library use), and set in landscaped grounds at the edge of a park. In every respect it is a librarian's dream, equipped not merely with the usual circulation, reference, children's and other departments, but also with an auditorium, lounges with beautiful drapes, easy chairs and even ash-trays, rooms for meetings and discussion groups, and a special children's story-hour room with "jungle book" murals by Swedish artists.

A county library department, with quarters in the city library, provides service to the neighboring countryside through some 400 local libraries. The organization is rather similar to the Ontario system of county library co-operatives. It was interesting to learn that the county department is planning and buying a bookmobile, after using a rented truck for some years.

The Seminar participants met daily in the public library's study rooms. The library gardens and near-by side-walk "conditori" were favourite spots for afternoon committee meetings. A "conditori" turned out to be not a Sicilian bandit (as one of the Scots had expected) but a pastry shop and cafe, where we ate great quantities of Swedish pastries and drank gallons of excellent coffee.

Seminar work

After several days of plenary sessions, the Seminar divided into three groups. We had the choice of joining any one of the three, according to our own particular interests. Group I, under the Seminar Director, Dr. Cyril Houle of the University of Chicago, considered library adult education programmes mainly from the point of view of the large city library. Group II, led by the "expansive Canadian", Mr. MacRae, studied the use of educational films in libraries. Group III, which we two Canadian participants joined, dealt with library planning and adult education work in underdeveloped areas of the world. "Underdeveloped areas", we soon discovered, is a UNESCO term applied mainly to over-populated tropical countries with great problems of illiteracy, poor educational systems and no libraries. There, of course, the librarian has the hard pioneer job of helping teach adults to read and write, as well as providing books and establishing the first libraries. Such countries as Canada and Australia can be called "partially developed" in the sense that they have fairly good city libraries but only the beginnings of adequate rural library service.

The most outstanding personality in Group III was Mlle. Yvonne Oddon, our group leader, a charming and vivacious little Frenchwoman whose amazing background includes library and museum experience in Paris, leadership in the French wartime resistance movement, four years in a German concentration camp and library pioneering in Haiti. Mlle. Oddon's remarkable breadth of knowledge, her ability to think in both English and French at once, and her irrepressible sense of fun soon inspired the respect and loyalty of the whole group, and made us try to settle down and work together. That was far from easy, because Group III was a roomful of rugged individualists, all with widely different backgrounds and points of view, and all eagerly desiring to talk at once! In marked contrast to the well-behaved sessions of the other groups, our meetings were always full of controversy, good-humoured jokes and loud debate. Of course the other groups soon dubbed us the "Illiterates", who, being unable to read and write, talked incessantly. To their great astonishment (and our own!) at the end of the fourth week we illiterates reported back to the whole Seminar with a 38-page mimeographed report, covering all aspects of the topic, with chapters written by each Group III member. (My share was the chapter on rural library planning and the use of bookmobiles.) This Group III report is to be published by UNESCO as a handbook on library planning and practice in underdeveloped areas.

Besides discussions, there were national exhibits of library work in each country and film showings from time to time. The Fraser Valley Union Library film "Library on wheels" was shown and aroused considerable interest in Canada's pioneer regional library.

Recreation and sight-seeing

But we didn't work all the time. We played hard too. The Malmo librarians entertained us in their homes with traditional Swedish hospitality, and the City fathers gave us a three-hour luncheon in Malmohus Castle, the medieval fortress in which Bothwell, husband of Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned for years.

One of the Seminar's most delightful outings was a day in the province of Skane, travelling by bus along the quiet country roads, and stopping for lunch in a castle which is now a museum. (Restaurants in museums seem to be quite customary in Scandinavia.) The province of Skane and the city of Malmo are said to be more Danish than Swedish in character, for indeed Skane belonged to the Kingdom of Denmark until the middle of the 17th century. This part of the Swedish countryside is dotted with typically Danish farmhouses, churches and windmills.

The Danish librarians arranged a visit to Copenhagen, visiting libraries and the famous Danish radio broadcasting station - and again having lunch in a museum.

In quiet hours (there weren't many!) one could go swimming at the seaside beaches, visit the nearby cathedral and university town of Lund, or take a boat on the Malmo canals. Everyone in Malmo seemed greatly interested in the Seminar (our pictures being in the papers almost daily) and "UNESCO" was a magic password that seemed to give us the freedom of the city. Among our favorite haunts were the book stores - of which Malmo has a surprising number of good ones - where we found an amazingly large proportion of books in English, and of English and American authors in translation. Peter Rabbit was there as "Sagan om Pelle Kanin" and Winnie-the-Pooh had become "Nalle Puh".

Value of the Seminar

Undoubtedly all of the Seminar participants learned a good deal about library work in particular, and about world conditions in general, as a result of the month of study and discussion. But in looking back over it all, I think perhaps the chief value of an international Seminar of this kind is the unusual opportunity to work and associate with professional colleagues from other nations.

Talking snop with Swedish and Danish county librarians, going boating with an Egyptian, learning Scandinavian songs from a Norwegian, sympathizing with a librarian from Ceylon who was called "Indian" as often as we Canadians were called "American," comparing a Canadian bookmobile with a French bibliobus (when the Frenchman's English was as sketchy as my French), finding out why the Indian from Delhi differed so often with the Indian from Madras, discussing "shoes and ships and sealing wax" with every nation at every meal - these are the experiences that will make the Seminar of permanent value.

Another salutary effect of the Seminar was to discover how vague was our knowledge of each other's countries, and to resolve to become better informed. It was a shock to find that other participants did not know the provinces of Canada nor more than one or two of our chief cities (the easiest way to tell where I came from was to say "near Niagara Falls" - an international landmark, evidently!) but it was an even greater shock to find that my ideas of other countries were equally sketchy. Not that we were any too well informed about our own countries even --- for every participant expected every other to know not merely the library problems, but geography, government, history, population and trade statistics, and innumerable other useful and useless facts about his own country.

Return Trip

After the Seminar, I spent a restful weekend at the home of a Danish librarian in the peaceful countryside near Copenhagen, and then travelled by train across Denmark and by boat to England.

Flying back to Canada on a TCA "North Star" in less than 21 hours (dinner in London, early breakfast in Iceland, lunch over Labrador and dinner the next evening in Toronto) was a striking contrast to the pleasant but slow 7-day crossing on the Empress of Canada.

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Maritime Library News

Mr. Maurice P. Boone, former librarian of Acadia University Library, has taken over his new position as Chief Librarian of the Legislative Library at Fredericton.

Miss Margaret Webb of Montreal, has joined the staff of the University of New Brunswick Library, where she is in charge of periodicals and government documents.

Mrs. Hart and Mr. Grossman were visiting lectures at Teacher's College summer session at U.N.B., when they spoke on the subject of regional libraries.

In the first annual report of the Juniper School Library, Miss L. Blanche Peterson, Librarian, stated that approximately twelve hundred loans of books, since the library opened in November 1949, had been made to the children, the middle and lower grades showing much interest. The library contains 1,432 books - many of them gifts obtained for the library by Mrs. H.J. Flemming, a member of the Library board.

Moncton Public Library

Mrs. Berdia F. Moore, librarian of the Moncton Public Library was married on August 19 to Mr. Watson Baird, and resigned from the library staff at the end of September. At a gathering in her honor the Moncton Public Library Board paid tribute to her faithful service during her twenty-three years' association with the Library, and presented her with a silver tea service. Mr. Baird was a member of the Library Board for several years and has been a member of the M.L.A. for some time. Mrs. Baird writes that she intends to continue her membership in the M.L.A. so she is not deserting the library field entirely.

Miss Elizabeth Condon, formerly assistant librarian, has been appointed head librarian of the Moncton Public Library. Mrs. Herbert Button will be her assistant.

The Moncton Public Library received a very handsome collection of French books from the Government of France, on October 17. They were presented by M.R.Picard, French Consul at Halifax, and M. Bernard of the French Embassy, Ottawa, at a quiet ceremony in the Library.

Miss Condon writes: The walls of the Library have been bulging on Saturday mornings: we have been showing children's movies and the youngsters come in droves. They come all ages and assorted sized, from 3 - 13 and the excitement is terrific. Space being limited, we are afraid we shall have to establish a ticket system if the numbers go above 80. We crowd in as many as the rooms will hold, making them sit on the floor, or stand up when the floor is full.

Miss Margaret Reynolds, who has been at the Book Centre, has gone to Ottawa, to be librarian with the Department of Agriculture.

Sister Francis de Sales reports a busy summer at the Mt. St. Vincent library school. Courses given: Cataloging I; Cataloging II; Book selection; Book binding and repair; Introduction to librarianship; and the Library in the school. Library films, and lectures on interesting subjects made up the evening programmes. Four professors gave a number of hours each day to cataloging the prized MacDonald collection of books. Over 600 were done, but there are still 7,000 not yet touched. Details of these treasures will be given later.

Miss Helen Cummings, who has been with the Regional Libraries Commission for a year and nine months, has accepted a position on the staff of Cape Breton Regional Library, starting September 1st. Best wishes of the office staff were offered at a party at Queensland.

Mrs. Evelyn Bligh, of Montreal and Vancouver, has been assisting Don Redmond at the Nova Scotia Technical College library and will be attending McGill University in the Fall.

Miss Shirley Elliott, formerly of Wolfville, has been appointed librarian of the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library, coming from Ottawa to take over her duties September 1st.

The BRIEF proposed at the M.L.A. conference has been presented to the N.S. Committee on Teacher Education by the Committee composed of : Mrs. Myra C. Vernon, Miss Molly Cameron, and Mr. Peter Grossman.

Librarians of the Prince Edward Island Libraries held their annual convention on October 11 and 12. Eleven centres were represented. Discussions were held on various problems - library quarters, publicity, library service to schools. Everyone contributed to a round-up of "Readable Non-Fiction", commenting on books that demonstrate how many interesting books there are in the library besides novels - poetry, biography, psychology, history, travel, nature and war experiences. A number of suggestions for the celebration of Young Canada's Book Week were given and a mimeographed copy of them handed out. A report on the Correspondence Course for local librarians showed that fourteen people enrolled for the course and two of them completed three subjects. Congratulations were offered Miss Genevieve Soloman and Mrs. John Moreshead on their success. Courses tentatively planned for the coming season are "Selecting books for Readers" and "Public relations for village libraries".

LIBRARY EQUIPMENT

The Eastern Sheet Metal Works of New Glasgow offers book-ends and guidecard holders in heavy steel, any color. They are much heavier than either Gaylord's or Demco's; the prices are about the same - 30 cents each for holders, 22 cents each for book-ends - but transportation costs would be less.

ADVERTISEMENT

Wanted - Librarian for the Yarmouth Public Library. Apply in writing to Miss C.A. Caie, Yarmouth North, Nova Scotia.

Lists of Theses accepted in Maritime Universities 1950

Dalhousie University

M.A. theses:

- Blakeney, A.J. Trends in provincial-municipal relations in New Brunswick, 1784-1949.
- Campbell, G.A. Social life and institutions of Nova Scotia in the 1830's.
- Clark, R.C. L'humanisme de Duhamel.
- Corbin, H.S.P. The Church of England in Nova Scotia, 1758-1851.
- Cox, D.M. L'humour de Giraudoux.
- Guy, E.F. Studies in Chaucer's prosody.
- Hirtle, W.H. The imagery of John Webster.
- Holmes, J.A. Anglo-German naval relations, 1898-1905.
- MacCormack, J.R. The French in Morocco, 1906-1907.
- MacLeod, A.R. The Fashoda crisis.
- MacPhee, H.W. The administration of the Earl of Mulgrave in Nova Scotia, 1858-1863.
- Morison, M.G.M. The evolution of political parties in Nova Scotia, 1758-1848.
- Nunn, T.J. The political novels of Benjamin Disraeli.
- Speller, R.G. Some aspects of provincial-municipal fiscal relations in Nova Scotia.
- Webber, C.S. The proposed Anglo-German alliance, 1898-1939.
- Wilson, G.A. The growth of Anglo-Japanese understanding, 1894-1902.

M.Sc. theses:

- Brothers, J.A. The hydraulic properties of granulated blast furnace slag.
- Cuthbertson, N. The interchange of nutrients in some Halifax county lakes as studied by analysis of their phosphorous and nitrogen contents.

Dalhousie University
M.Sc.theses cont'd.

- Croft,A.M. A study of gas discharge breakdown in neon at micro-wave frequencies.
- Davison,W.L. The geology of Upper Frobisher Bay.
- Hoffman,B.D. The intracellular distribution of enzymes in tissues of normal and tumor-bearing animals.
- Hoyt, C.K. A measurement of ultrasonic dispersion in acetic acid.
- Johnston,J.W. Geology of the Valentine Lake Area of west central Newfoundland.
- Livingstone,D.A. Temperature and oxygen consumption in the eggs of *Salmo salar*.
- Ord,M.J. The cytology of the molluscan cell.
- Reid,A.R. Studies on syntheses adaptable to the preparation of HEXOSE - 2 - C¹⁴.
- Rose,J.S. The synthesis and study of some mixed aliphatic anhydrides.
- Stewart,D.K.R. The effects of ultra-violet and gamma radiation on the enzymes of the intact yeast cell.
- Watts,A.H.G. The cytosome of differentiating cells in the ovotestis of land molluscs.
- Webber,R.V. Evidence of the origin of plasma proteins from an electrophoretic study of human pathological plasma.

These theses all bear the imprint date of 1950 and are in manuscript form. Most of these are not available for inter-library loan but arrangements can be made to have photostat copies made.

Acadia University

M.A.theses:

- Boran,M.E. Edith Wharton: a critical study.
- Buckler,D.S. Bernard Shaw - playwright of purpose.

Acadia University
M.A. theses cont'd.

- Chandler, W.F. The question of Luther's reactionary tendencies in his later life.
- Ewing, R.M. The standardization of the Chicago non-verbal examination on English-speaking school children living in Nova Scotia.
- Fanning, A.J. The foreign policy of Woodrow Wilson.
- Francis, M.G. Samuel Pepys's England.
- Fraser, G.W.B. The Canadian Atlantic fisheries.
- Hagen, G.T. Quebec under the administration of General James Murray.
- Irvine, T.E. Stephen Leacock as a humorist.
- MacGregor, W.G. Charles Lamb, a symbol of romanticism.
- MacLean, G.A. Adam Smith.
- MacLeod, M.K. Commercial union.
- Macmillan, A.M. The psycho-social study of a retarded community.
- Morrison, J.A. Labor management relations in the coal mining industry of Nova Scotia.
- Payzant, E.R. Les théories et la pratique d'Emile Zola.
- Sawler, R.E. Emily Pauline Johnson, the Indian woman of letters.
- Scholfield, E.A. An economic history of Canada 1497-1920.
- Schurman, D.M. The imperial federation idea.
- Snell, C.H. The history of the Liberal-Conservative party to 1900.
- Swan, J.B. The Co-operative commonwealth federation.
- Way, H.H. Matthew Arnold: a study in criticism.
- M.Sc. theses:
- Eagles, D.E. Dipole moments of nitrones and related anils.
- Jones, T.M. The complex inversion integral of the Laplace transformation.

University of New Brunswick

M.A.theses

- Beyea,G.P. The Canadian novel prior to Confederation.
- Cogswell,F. The Canadian novel from Confederation until World War I.
- Elliot,G.F. A plan for a regional high school in St.Stephen to serve the surrounding area.
- Miller,J.L. A study of New Brunswick politics at the beginning of the era of free trade and reciprocity.

M.Sc.theses

- Brown,A.A. The southern margin of the Springhill coal basin.
- Clair,E.G. A polarographic investigation of the mechanism of acid-base catalysis (I).
The stereochemistry of 2-amino-cyclohexylacetic acid-ethylester (II).
- Clarke,F.H. Synthesis in the series of erythrina alkaloids.
- Finnegan,R.J. Bionomics of the native elm bark beetle hylurgopinus rufipes (eichoff) in Quebec.
- Hoey,G.R. Liquid permeabilities of fibrous material.
- Hale,W.E. Variation in the Gabbroic Rocks of the St. Stephen area, Charlotte County, New Brunswick.
- Kierstead,R.W. The oxidation of cholesteryl acetate dibromide.
- Lambden,M.R. A study of the pupae of some of the common lepidopterous defoliators of spruce and fir in Eastern Canada.
- Langmaid,A.K. A study of the organic fraction of three New Brunswick soils.
- Scott,F.J. Wall-rock alteration and ore deposition at the Needle Mountain copper deposits,Gaspe,Quebec.

FINDING LIST OF TECHNICAL BOOKS

Nova Scotia Technical College Library
Halifax, N.S.

The Library of Nova Scotia Technical College has just completed checking a basic bibliography of technical books for holdings in Halifax. This checked bibliography is offered as a finding list to any library which will supply its own copy of the list for marking. Cooperation is also requested in checking additional library holdings, to increase the coverage of the finding list.

The List

R.R.Hawkins, Scientific, medical and technical books published in the United States of America, 1930-1944; a selected list of titles in print, with annotations. Washington, National Research Council, 1946. 1114p. Obtainable from R.R.Bowker Co., N.Y., price \$20 U.S.

Libraries Covered

Holdings have been checked in the following libraries:

Dalhousie University	Dominion Public Weather Office
Halifax Memorial Library	Nova Scotia Regional Libraries
Nova Scotia Research Foundation	Commission
	Nova Scotia Technical College

Subjects Covered

The bibliography includes general science, natural sciences, medical and biological sciences, psychological sciences, engineering and technology. The sections on general and natural sciences, engineering and technology have been checked with the exception of agriculture, forestry, military sciences and special orders in paleontology. Medical, biological and psychological sciences have not been checked since there are specialist libraries in these subjects in Halifax. Total listings checked include 480 pages, about 3400 items, of which an estimated two-thirds have been located. Coverage in many subjects is almost complete. To shorten checking time, no further locations were searched for after the book had been located once.

Relation to Regional Libraries Union Catalog

This finding list does not supersede the Nova Scotia Regional Union Catalog now underway at the Regional Libraries Commission. The latter, a card catalog, includes all types of non-fiction and is intended particularly for public library needs. This list has been checked against the Union Catalog and supplements it for highly technical works. This list covers a representative period of U.S. Technical publishing and should be a convenient and adequate guide for interlibrary loan requests for many titles besides those listed. The convenience may also be mentioned of having a finding list in the borrowing library, without having to write to the Union Catalog first to locate the desired book.

Interlibrary Loans

The Nova Scotia Research Foundation and Nova Scotia Technical College will lend any checked item on interlibrary loan, under the usual code of regulations. Lending by other libraries whose holdings have been checked cannot be the responsibility of the Technical College Library.

Suggested Service

The Nova Scotia Technical College Library will undertake to copy into any copy of this bibliography, by means of rubber stamps, the location in at least one library in Halifax of all those items so far located. The requesting library will purchase its own copy of the list, and pay transportation charges (inter-library loan rate may be used, and will avoid return postage.)

Cooperation Requested

The requesting library is asked in return to check its own holdings against the list, particularly in those subjects in which its greatest collections lie, and make the results of this checking available to the Nova Scotia Technical College Library for addition to the master copy. The privilege of borrowing any item so located, should it be needed for graduate study or senior theses, by the Technical College or any other Maritime Library, is also requested. The usual interlibrary loan code will apply.

Subjects Not Yet Checked

Cooperating libraries are invited to begin checking the list in subjects important to them but not so far checked by the Nova Scotia Technical College Library. The checking was done for our own interests, and biological sciences, etc., were therefore ignored. However, we will be glad to commence checking our own holdings in any field not so far covered, and will endeavor to arrange to have the specialist libraries check their holdings not so far covered, if sufficient demand arises.

Further Information

For further information, or temporary loan of our copy of the list, please write to:

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