

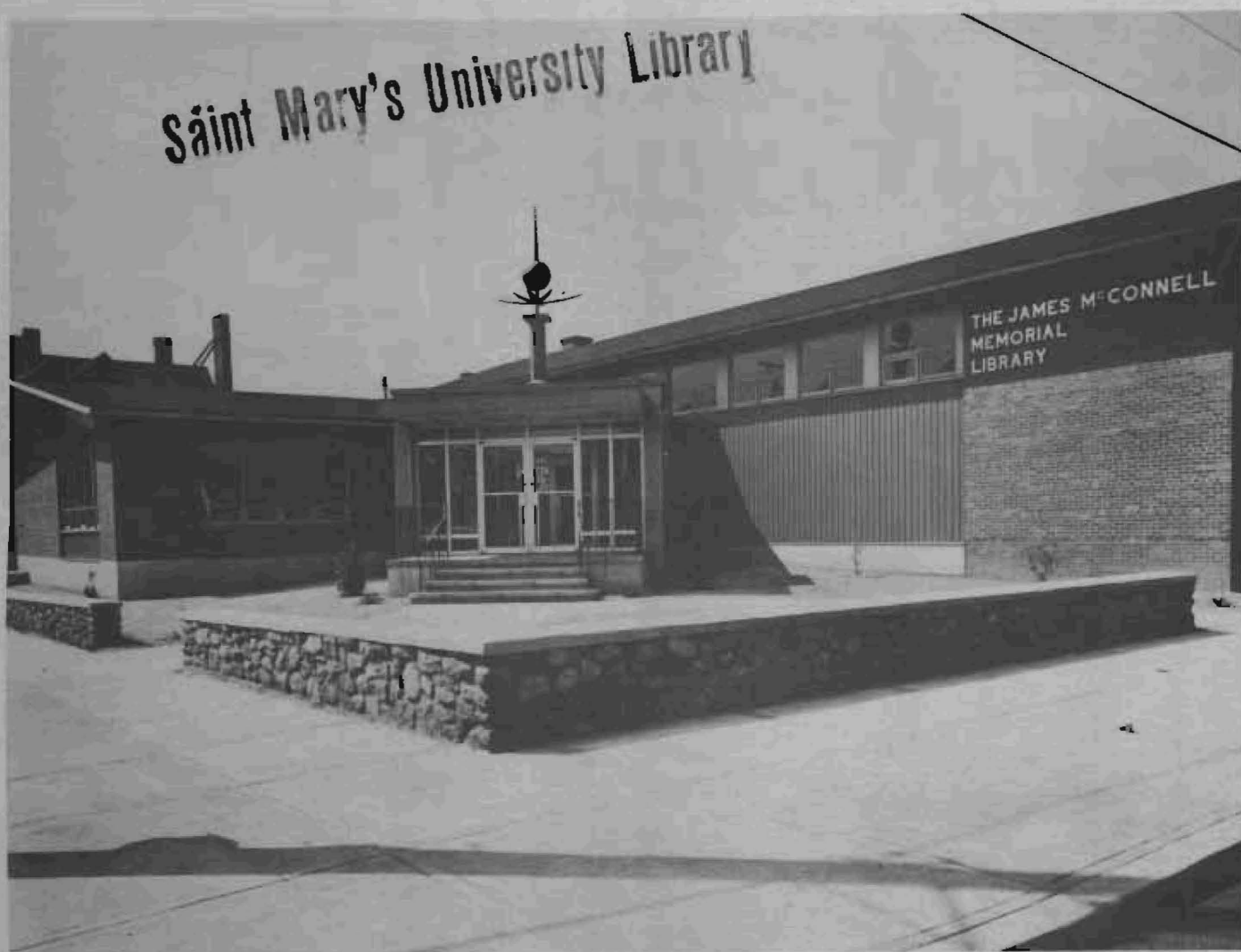
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" YOUNG CANADA'S BOOK WEEK  
NOVEMBER 15-22, 1960 "

## NEW LIBRARY FOR SYDNEY

On May 31, 1960, the JAMES McCONNELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY, SYDNEY, N.S. was opened. (See cover) The opening ceremonies were presided over by Deputy Mayor Carl Neville, Chairman of the Sydney Library Committee, who greeted the visitors and introduced Mayor R. G. Urquhart who cut the ribbon at the entrance to the new building.

In his remarks, Mr. Urquhart paid tribute to the late James McConnell, a former mayor of Sydney, whose generous bequest had made the new library building possible. A wall plaque, honouring his memory, was unveiled later in the ceremonies. Mr. Urquhart also expressed the gratitude of the citizens of Sydney to Miss Katharine McLemman for her donation of the site on which the library was built, to librarians Miss Ruby Wallace and Miss Mary Fraser and their staff, and to all who had contributed toward the achievement of this fine library.

Miss Alberta Letts, Director of the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, introduced Dr. H. P. Moffatt, Deputy Minister of Education for Nova Scotia, who declared the building to be one of the loveliest libraries he had ever seen. In his remarks, Dr. Moffatt made special mention of the late Dr. H. S. Munro and the late Dr. J.J. Tompkins who had done so much to further the development of the present regional library set-up.

The ceremonies concluded with the dedication of a War Memorial presented by the Cape Breton Chapters of the Silver Cross Association.

During the rest of the day, interested citizens - both young and old - visited their new library.

The exterior of the building is of light-coloured brick with large blue-painted wood panels near the corner entrance. An interesting feature is the "Book Deposit" opening near one corner of the building.

Inside, the woodwork is light-coloured, chiefly birch while the furniture is upholstered in pastel shades of washable plastic. Low, cushioned benches are placed at intervals between the stacks for the convenience of readers and armchairs and low tables form a comfortable reading area at one end of the room. Special attention has been given to the Children's Department which occupies one section of the Library. Here the shelves, tables, chairs and benches have been built especially for the younger members.

Most of the furnishings and many of the books have been donated by local firms, interested organizations and private citizens. The precious Nova Scotia Collection is housed in a small, glass-walled room. The few books there at present are nearly all gifts received since the disastrous fire of last Fall

# "CONFERENCE A SUCCESS"

The above opinion was shared by the 84 members and guests who attended the meetings and social events of the TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from May 19 - 21. Thanks to the work of Miss Mary Cameron, president for 1959-60, and her executive, a stimulating and informative programme was arranged which moved along smoothly with perfect timing (except for the last hurried minutes of the closing luncheon at the Lord Nelson Hotel when an impatient wedding party threatened to break down the door to the dining room).

For the benefit of the members who were unable to attend and to refresh the memories of those who were, a comprehensive summary of the minutes of this Conference are printed here.

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The Conference began on Thursday evening, May 19, with a reception at the Cambridge Library, R. A. Park, sponsored by the City of Halifax.

The first regular session was held on Friday, May 20, at 9 a.m. in the Halifax Memorial Library with Miss Mary Cameron, president, presiding. After welcoming the delegates as a group, she made special mention of two librarian guests - Mr. Neal Harlow, Chief Librarian, University of British Columbia and President-elect of the Canadian Library Association and Miss Marjorie Morley, Provincial Librarian of Manitoba who was in the Atlantic Provinces on a Canada Council grant to study regional libraries in this area. She also welcomed Mr. John Wilkinson, newly appointed Chief Librarian at Dalhousie University.

Miss Cameron then mentioned outstanding events of the past year. Three libraries suffered losses by fire, chief of which was the disastrous fire which destroyed the County Court House in Sydney in November 1959 and with it the Headquarters of the Cape Breton Regional Library and the entire book stock of the Sydney Library. She mentioned the wonderful spirit of the staff and the generous offers of assistance received from libraries throughout Canada. On the brighter side she referred to the fine new library building in Sydney which would be opening that month.

She spoke of the continuing shortage of qualified library personnel and of the definite steps taken to combat this shortage. In this connection she announced that the Association was very proud to be able to award a scholarship of \$1,000 from money raised among its membership since the last conference. This scholarship, to be awarded at the dinner that evening, would go to a University graduate from the Atlantic Provinces who plans to attend an accredited Library School for the 1960-61 term. She also reported that three scholarships were being offered for the 1960-61 term by the Nova Scotia Department of Education and that the Halifax Regional Library Board would set aside annually \$250 to assist a staff member to attend library school.

In the field of expansion of facilities and services she mentioned that Albert-Westmorland-Kent has expanded; that the Halifax County Regional Library is now a reality, a chief librarian and two staff members having been appointed; that Mount Allison Memorial Library has doubled its book and reader capacity; that Charlottetown School Board has made grants for librarians in schools; and that Memorial University of Newfoundland is building a new library.

She said that looking back ten years to 1950, we can see a very different picture. There were 30 delegates at the Conference that year. The New Brunswick Central Library was non-existent. Cape Breton and Colchester-East Hants Regional Libraries were just beginning; Pictou and Annapolis Valley Regional Libraries were in organization only. Halifax Memorial Library was also in organization. Newfoundland was not yet a member of the Association. University and special libraries were struggling.

Miss Cameron felt that circulation figures do not give a complete picture of library service but they are symptomatic. In 1949, only 157,226 books were circulated in all of Nova Scotia; in 1959, the regional libraries of Nova Scotia alone circulated over 1,000,000 books.

Losses of librarians to the United States and to other parts of Canada are very serious. Ontario and U. S. libraries are placing ads in Maritime newspapers. As other provinces offer higher salaries and more fringe benefits, there is a need in the Atlantic Provinces for higher salaries and more adequate pension plans. We must prevent our librarians from answering calls from elsewhere.

Miss Cameron said in conclusion that although no theme had been announced for the Conference, she had one in mind: "Understanding each other", and that the Conference would feature library trustees and understanding between librarian and trustee. In closing and in keeping with the theme she urged delegates to talk to someone they had not met before and so become acquainted at the Conference. She then declared the 21st Annual Conference in session.

The minutes of the 20th Conference having been published in the APLA Bulletin, Volume 23, no.4, Summer 1959, the meeting moved that they be taken as read.

The following reports were adopted by the meeting:

Treasurer's Report - Miss Isabel Abernethy

Balance in the general fund           \$ 332.32  
Balance in the Scholarship Fund - \$1,015.18

Atlantic Provinces Checklist - Miss Shirley Elliott

The Atlantic Provinces Checklist, vol.3, Jan.-Dec. 1959, has been made available for distribution to the membership this week. Published for the second year by the Kentville Publishing Company, this current issue is slightly larger than Vol. 2, retaining the same general outline of the two previous volumes. An innovation is a frontispiece map of the Atlantic Provinces.

With each succeeding issue of the Checklist the number and variety of requests has increased whether it be for an issue itself, or for material which has been indexed. APEC ... is responsible for the distribution of all copies except those allocated to APLA members.

We are most grateful for the assistance of all contributors, particularly those in the neighbouring provinces. A publication of this nature can only be the result of a cooperative effort, and the final achievement depends in large measure on the combined assistance of librarians in all four provinces. References in periodicals and the publications of the principal publishing houses are relatively easy to obtain. The major problem is in locating the titles which have been produced by small local presses - commemorations of church anniversaries, the pamphlet histories of small communities, family genealogies, etc. - it is material such as this which enhance the value of the Checklist, certainly today but even more with the passage of time ... we would therefore urge contributors to be especially vigilant in reporting all pertinent material, at the risk of repetition. We would also suggest that references be submitted at frequent intervals throughout the year, rather than just in December and January.

Again may we express our thanks to all members of the Association who have assisted in the compilation of Volume 3, and to APEC which has given whole-hearted cooperation throughout. The loss of Douglas Lochhead from our Association is a matter of sincere regret, for as a founding father his interest in and support of the Checklist have been invaluable. Our excellent cover, which he designed for the initial issue, is now established as a tradition. Special mention should also be made of Miss Isabel Druhan who so capably assisted in typing the manuscript.

#### APLA Bulletin - Miss Shirley Coulter

First, I'd like to say how much I am enjoying editing the APLA Bulletin. Of course I think that I have the most interesting part of the job, and I am very grateful to Miss Evelyn Campbell and her assistants who look after the other half of the job - getting the Bulletin printed and sent out. I especially want to thank Mrs. Kay Rowbottom of the Halifax Memorial Library staff who typed the stencils for the three issues we've done so far ...

In spite of difficulties and problems, which I expect any publication runs into from time to time, we feel that these three issues have been quite successful. We have tried to print a balance of news and material from different types of libraries throughout the four provinces with some outside articles as well. The cooperation I have been getting from the members has been most gratifying, but there are still some libraries which have not been mentioned this year. Perhaps they would send in material for future issues - any news item will be welcome - interesting acquisitions, summer visitors to your library, trips taken by members ... and of course articles of any length up to four pages.

We have some ideas for the coming year as well. I would like to see a book review section in each issue. New books, old favourites, children's books, gift suggestions, books on certain subjects - any of these could be reviewed. The reviews needn't always be favourable, either - a little controversy keeps things alive. It has been suggested that one article an issue could be solicited from someone outside the library profession who uses libraries and would have some interesting things to say about them. We would like some names to contact for these articles, so please suggest some. I would also like to see a sort of "Letters to the Editor" section - ideas, suggestions, questions, beefs. This could be interesting and useful. We might occasionally print original work by the members - stories, poems, etc. - there are many in the Association capable of this sort of thing and it would add variety to the publication.

Scholarship Committee - Miss Evelyn Campbell

It is with a great deal of pride and gratification that I make this brief report on the Scholarship Fund. It is said that it is better to travel hopefully than to arrive, but we have not only travelled hopefully, we have arrived triumphantly. It is the intention of the Association to award at this Conference a Scholarship of \$1,000 to a prospective librarian who will begin his or her studies in the Fall of 1960.

I should like to review the points discussed at the APLA Executive Meeting in January of this year, and I will begin by reading the two motions passed at the 1959 Conference. (For text of these motions,, see Minutes of the 1959 Conference, APLA Bulletin, Volume 23, No.4)

From the discussion as to whether to award the whole amount of \$1,000 this year or to give only part and leave a backlog for 1961, it was decided to award the total amount this year. It was felt that \$1,000 would be of more benefit to the student and would give the Association a good deal more publicity.

The Scholarship will be awarded through the existing Interview Boards in the four Atlantic Provinces. The Awards Committee consists of the heads of the Interview Boards and the President of APLA as Chairman. Candidates will be screened by the Interview Boards and the final decision will be made by the Awards Committee.

The members have all seen the notices of the Scholarship which were sent out earlier in the year. These notices were sent to all University Registrars in the four provinces with a request that they be given wide publicity. A very complete application form which requested a transcript of marks, two references, one a librarian, and biographical information, was drawn up by the President and the members in the Halifax area. Newspapers in the larger centres gave publicity about the Scholarship.

It was further decided that the winner of the Scholarship be required to return to the Atlantic Provinces for two years or to repay the amount of the Scholarship. Details as to the form to be signed in this respect and length of time allowed for repayment will be decided by the Awards Committee.

Donations from members of the Association have been generous and it is hoped that 1961 will see a continuation of this generosity. As the largest proportion of the membership is in Nova Scotia, the largest number of applications came from there. We were disappointed not to have had an application from New Brunswick.

The Committee wishes to thank all members who have contributed to the Fund and who have helped in the administration of it.

(The President then commented upon the Scholarship. She reported the proportion of contributions from each Province as follows: Nova Scotia - 25; New Brunswick - 7; Newfoundland - 3; Prince Edward Island - 3. She observed that the objective had been gained with contributions from comparatively few members. There followed a discussion on further transfer of money from the general funds. It was moved by Miss Campbell and seconded by Mrs. McCormick that \$150.00 from the general funds be set aside for the Scholarship Fund as mentioned in the 1959 resolution and that to that amount a certain sum be added at the discretion of the Executive. CARRIED.



Nominating Committee - Mrs. Jean Carter, Chairman.

Other members of this committee - Mrs. Mildred MacLaren, Miss Jessie Mifflen.

The Nominating Committee, in presenting our slate of officers for 1960-61 for your approval, is very pleased with our choice. We are particularly grateful that Miss Dorothy Cullen has agreed to let her name stand as President-elect, if this meeting approves our choice. However, it was Miss Cullen's opinion and also the opinion of this committee that the unwritten tradition that has grown up requiring that the presidency more or less revolve from one province to the other each year, was working a triple hardship: First, on the nominating committee, whose freedom of choice in choosing the president is severely limited in provinces where professional librarians may be easily counted on less than the fingers of one hand; Secondly, on the candidates so chosen, who are asked to serve again and again, it may be at considerable cost financially to themselves, and certainly at great cost in time and energy; and Thirdly, on the many desirable candidates for office from the provinces richer in librarians, who may never be given the opportunity for leadership, and the chance to develop their talents to serve this group.

In making a rough check of the membership files of this organization, we find that there are approximately forty professional librarians from Nova Scotia, nineteen from New Brunswick, seven from Newfoundland and four from Prince Edward Island. This works out to a rough ratio at the present time of 10:5:2:1. It is the recommendation of this committee that future nominating committees feel free to make a choice of President-elect from whatever province they wish. The choice of a vice-president from each province should safeguard regional representation. I would like to close this by pointing out that we have been and are extremely fortunate in having such superior material from which to choose in the case of provinces with small librarian populations, but we mustn't run our good luck into the ground.

Mrs. Carter then presented the following slate of officers for 1960-61:

President - Mr. Laurie M. Allison, Mount Allison University, Sackville, N. B.  
 Vice-Pres. for P.E.I. & Pres.-elect - Miss Dorothy Cullen, P.E.I. Libraries, Charlottetown.  
 Vice-Pres. for New Brunswick - Mrs. Elizabeth Hagmaier, Library, Forest Biology Station, Fredericton.  
 Vice-Pres. for Nova Scotia - Miss Ruth M. MacDormand, Cape Breton Regional Library, Sydney.  
 Secretary-Treasurer - Miss Isabel Abernethy, Glace Bay Library, Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.

(There was some discussion of the motion contained in the first part of this report. Miss Letts asked the reason for the tradition of rotating the presidency among the various provinces. Miss Campbell suggested that it had arisen in an earlier day to combat a tendency to centre things in Nova Scotia. Miss Wallace suggested that future nominating committees be on guard against selecting the president year after year from one Province.)

Incorporation of APLA - Miss Mary Cameron, President.

The President reported on inquiries she had made with regard to incorporation of the Association under the Companies Act of Nova Scotia.

Miss Cameron felt that the Association must have legal status because it is handling large sums of money. She also felt that this was sufficiently important to be brought before the whole membership. The problem was referred to Miss Eunice Beeson of the Dalhousie Law School Library.

Miss Beeson reported that in her opinion there was no real need for incorporation of the Association. The reason for incorporation of companies, etc. is so that members will not be personally liable for debts incurred by the organization, so that the organization may sue or be sued, and in order to name a permanent address for service of process. In conclusion, Miss Beeson recommended that, if the Association wishes to incorporate, it do so under the Nova Scotia Companies Act in order to absolve members from personal liability. After some discussion, members from outside Nova Scotia expressed their willingness to be incorporated under the Nova Scotia Companies Act, and the motion by Miss Beeson, seconded by Mrs. Cooke, was CARRIED.

#### A.L.A. Chapter Membership

Returning to a matter discussed at some length at the 1958 and 1959 Conferences, that of Chapter Membership of the APLA in the American Library Association, the President reported that, although the Association has withdrawn from membership, mail continues to be received as if we were still a Chapter. Also, that a letter from the President of A. L. A. had been received, the gist of which was that A. L. A. should be concerned with the constitutions of its chapters only as they affect broad principles of librarianship, not with details of informal organization.

Mr. Harlow, representative from the Canadian Library Association to the A. L. A., then spoke on this matter. He said that other associations having chapter membership had experienced difficulties similar to those of APLA, that the action of the Constitution Committee in these cases had not been known to the Executive Board of the A. L. A. and that the latter wishes to rectify this matter.

Mr. Harlow had suggested to the A. L. A. Executive Board that Chapter affiliation be executed by a separate document, quite distinct from the constitutions of the various chapters, that in this document the chapters agree to abide by certain regulations, especially that there be no limitations on membership in the Association, and that the representative from the chapter to the A. L. A. council be a member of the A. L. A. and that he serve for a period of four years. There would then be no need for individual chapters to send their constitutions in every time a change is made in name or in the dues schedule of the chapter.

Mr. Harlow expressed the hope that the APLA would be ready to re-affiliate with the American Library Association if this problem were straightened out. He felt that the Association with A. L. A. is very valuable - chapter members can influence A. L. A. and can benefit from it. He recommended such membership as a continuing means of doing what the President of APLA had suggested in her opening remarks - understanding each other.

From Mr. Harlow's remarks there arose the following motion made by Mr. Lochhead: That the Atlantic Provinces Library Association keep advised of the changing attitude of the American Library Association regarding Chapter member-

ship and that as soon as this problem is clarified this Association rejoin the American Library Association as a Chapter. This motion was seconded by Mr. Harlow. CARRIED.

At 10:45, after a brief coffee break, the Conference reconvened and took the form of a panel discussion on the topic "Book Selection or Censorship". Miss Ruby Wallace chaired the panel which consisted of Miss Alberta Letts, Director, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, Sister Francis Dolores, Chief Librarian, Mount Saint Vincent College, and Professor A. W. MacKay, Law Faculty, Dalhousie University. The proceedings of this panel discussion will be printed in the Fall Issue of the APLA Bulletin.

The President opened the afternoon session at 2:30 by welcoming the new members and the trustees present. She mentioned that last year's two library school scholarship winners from the Atlantic Provinces, Grace Tratt and Diane MacQuarrie, both of whom were present at the Conference, had received first class honours and that Grace Tratt had won the Marjorie Jarvis Prize.

Miss Cameron then called on Mr. Neal Harlow to speak on behalf of the C. L. A. which will hold its 1961 Conference in the Atlantic Provinces at St. Andrews, N. B. Mr. Harlow expressed his pleasure at being present and brought greetings from the Canadian Library Association.

He then spoke on plans for the year 1960-61 for the C.L.A. to undertake an inquiry into The Present State of Library Service in Canada. He asked those present to consider this matter and to ask themselves - Are we helping to solve the problem, or are we a part of the problem because we don't know what the problem is? What are the problems of Canadian libraries and who better than librarians can help solve them?

He said that the emphasis in Canada is on local areas, each area being unwilling to be absorbed by any region but its own. One of the chief problems affecting library service in the nation as a whole is the size of the country. National library service should be a total of all the individual parts - a pattern of librarians working together for effective library service. A trans-Canadian library service like the trans-Canada highway is sorely needed. A national plan for libraries must begin with the individual library and that is where we must begin to study the problem - to learn about total problems and total resources. We need to compile our own comprehensive catalogue of Canadian librarianship, and piece together a national pattern which all librarians in Canada can work for. The 1960-61 C. L. A. Conference will constitute an inquiry into and survey of Canadian library problems, the relationship of the individual library, or regional group of libraries, to the total national plan.

The main feature of the afternoon programme was a panel discussion entitled Responsibilities of Library Trustees. Dr. H. P. Moffatt, Deputy Minister of Education for Nova Scotia, chaired this discussion. Taking part were Miss Marian Gardiner, Chief Librarian, Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library, and Mrs. Abbie Lane, Halifax alderman and member of the Halifax Regional Library Board. Details of this discussion will be printed in the Fall Issue of the APLA Bulletin.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in visits to Halifax libraries and to the planetarium of the Nova Scotia Museum of Science where Mr. Donald Crowdis and his staff held a special showing for members of the Association.

In the evening, members attended a dinner at the Lord Nelson Hotel given by Grolier Limited. In the absence of Premier Stanfield, Dr. H. P. Moffatt presided, bringing greetings to the Association from the Government of Nova Scotia. During the dinner Dr. Moffatt presented Nova Scotia Government Library School Scholarships to Mrs. Carin Somers of the Halifax Memorial Library and Miss Helen Hendry of Wolfville. He then called on Miss Mary Cameron who presented the APLA Scholarship to Miss Bertha Higgins of Dalhousie Library staff.

Guest speaker at the dinner was Dr. J. B. Hardie, Professor of Old Testament Literature at Pine Hill Divinity Hall, who spoke on "Libraries of the Past".

The business meeting was resumed on Saturday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m. at the Halifax Memorial Library.

Canadian Library Week - The President raised the question of Canadian Library Week and of how much responsibility individual libraries and librarians should take for organizing local areas. She stated that, as President of the Association, she had been asked to organize this area for the 1960 Canadian Library Week. She had not been able to do this owing to pressure of other work and did not feel that the president of the Association could undertake this responsibility. She felt that publicity for Canadian Library Week should be undertaken by a member of the public at large, not by librarians. She also felt that it would be well for the incoming executive to have some instruction from the organization as to what the Association wishes done about this.

In the discussion that followed, points for and against were brought forth. It was the general feeling that such organization work could be a full-time job for a period of six weeks to two months. Some felt that to introduce a second week in addition to Young Canada's Book Week would be a duplication of effort. One member suggested that we should have a representative from APLA on the Canadian Library Week Council. Others thought that there was a need to publicize other types of reading and that publicity people are more interested in Canadian Library Week than in Young Canada's Book Week. After much discussion, a motion that vice-presidents from each province be responsible for publicizing Canadian Library Week was defeated. Mrs. McCormick asked whether the Association could approach one of the Service Clubs or a similar organization. This suggestion was left as a recommendation for the incoming executive.

A letter was read from Miss Anne M. Smith, Chairman of the C. L. A. Committee on Liaison with Asian libraries, urging the appointment of professional librarians to Embassy staffs in Asian countries, and suggesting that the Association write to the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa recommending this. It was moved by Miss Letts and seconded by Mr. Rountree that the Atlantic Provinces Library Association support the suggestion made by Miss Smith. CARRIED.

It was moved by Miss Elliott and seconded by Miss McDormand that the three people who were awarded scholarships at the dinner, May 20, (Carin Somers, Helen Hendry, and Bertha Higgins) be given complimentary memberships in the Association for one year. CARRIED.

After some discussion, it was decided that the setting of dates for the Annual Conference of the APLA must be left to the Executive.

Atlantic Provinces Economic Council - It was moved by Miss Wallace and seconded by Miss Letts that the APLA renew its membership in APEC for the year 1960-61. CARRIED.

Discussion followed on the difficulty of obtaining APEC publications for libraries. An example was the recent Survey of Economic Conditions in the Atlantic Provinces which went out of print before a number of libraries were able to obtain copies. It was then moved by Miss Cullen and seconded by Mr. Allison that a letter be written to APEC asking that more care be given to the distribution of APEC publications to libraries in the area and that sufficient copies be produced to supply at least a minimum of libraries, a list of which was to be appended to the letter. CARRIED.

The President then introduced Miss Estelle Anderson, Director of Elementary Reading for Halifax Schools, who gave a most interesting talk on "The School Library". A summary of this talk will be found elsewhere in this Bulletin.

The Resolutions Committee, consisting of Miss Gladys Black, Chairman, Miss Mary Falconer, and Miss Mary Donohoe, then presented the following report:

Be it resolved that the thanks of the Conference be extended to:

- (i) The City of Halifax for the reception on Thursday evening at the Cambridge Library.
- (ii) Grolier Limited for the dinner on Friday evening at the Lord Nelson Hotel.
- (iii) Halifax Regional Library Board for the luncheon on Saturday at the Lord Nelson Hotel, and for the use of the Halifax Memorial Library for meetings.
- (iv) Addressograph-Multigraph of Canada, Limited, Halifax, for the programmes.
- (v) The Royal Bank of Canada for the handy notebooks.
- (vi) Dr. H. P. Moffatt, for his chairmanship of the panel discussion on Friday afternoon and of the dinner on Friday evening.
- (vii) Professor A. W. MacKay of the Faculty of Law, Dalhousie University, for his exposition of the legal aspects of censorship in the panel discussion on Friday morning.
- (viii) Mrs. F. A. Lane for her part in the panel discussion on "Responsibilities of Trustees" on Friday afternoon.
- (ix) Dr. J. H. Hardie for bringing alive some of the "Libraries of the Past" after the dinner on Friday evening.
- (x) Miss Estelle Anderson for her talk on "School Libraries".
- (xi) Mr. Neal Harlow for his presence at and participation in the Conference.

- (xii) Miss Jessie Mifflen for her talk after the luncheon on Saturday.
- (xiii) Mr. Crowdis and the staff of the Nova Scotia Museum of Science for the Planetarium showing on Friday afternoon.
- (xiv) BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Atlantic Provinces Library Association at their annual Conference held in Halifax, May 19-21, 1960, support the motion of the subconference on The Librarian's Role in the East-West Project which followed the meeting of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO in Vancouver, urging the Department of External Affairs to appoint professional librarians to their embassy staffs in Asian countries with full diplomatic status for a period of at least one year. The duties of such librarians should embrace not only the development of the library collections and reference service to the embassy staff, but also professional help and advice to libraries and interested citizens throughout the country.

Miss Black moved the adoption of this last resolution and recommended that one copy of it be sent to the Department of External Affairs and another copy to the Canadian Library Association. This was seconded by Miss Falconer.  
CARRIED.

The adoption of the courtesy resolutions, No. 1 to 13, was moved by Miss Black, seconded by Miss Donohoe and  
CARRIED.

At 1 p.m. the Conference delegates assembled at the Lord Nelson Hotel for a luncheon tendered by the Halifax Regional Library Board. Miss Eileen Burns, chairman of the luncheon, introduced Mayor Charles A. Vaughan of Halifax who welcomed the delegates.

Mrs. Mildred MacLaren introduced the guest speaker, Miss Jessie Mifflen, Chief Regional Librarian for Newfoundland, a speaker well-known and much appreciated by the members of the Association. During her talk, "Patrons are People", Miss Mifflen told a number of entertaining stories and also reminded the members of the many rewards to be found by the librarian in his daily contact with the public and with books.

Miss Cameron then resumed the chair for the concluding session of the Conference. She called on Miss Elliott who made a presentation to Mr. Douglas Lochhead, Past President of the Association and Chief Librarian of Dalhousie University. (Mr. Lochhead left in June for Toronto where he has accepted the position of Chief Librarian at York University.) Mr. Lochhead thanked the APLA and expressed his pleasure in his past association with it.

Miss Cameron, after thanking all those who had helped to make the Conference a success, turned the meeting over to the incoming President, Mr. Laurie Allison, who expressed his appreciation to Miss Cameron for a superbly timed Conference with an excellent agenda containing much food for thought. He also thanked Mr. Neal Harlow, President-elect of CLA, for giving us so much to work on in the coming year. In conclusion, the President expressed appreciation to the Association for the responsibility placed on his shoulders during the coming year.

The 21st Annual Conference of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association then adjourned.

# BOOK REVIEW

## ATLANTIC PROVINCES CHECKLIST, VOLUME 3

To review a work which is in constant use by readers of the APLA Bulletin would be presumptuous and unnecessary. Call this, then, a reminder and remember first its subtitle: A guide to current information in books, pamphlets, government publications, magazine articles and documentary films relating to the four Atlantic Provinces ... Routine annual reports from government departments are not included. The preface states that the Checklist is designed to meet the needs of business men, government officials, professional workers, teachers, university students, research workers, librarians, and others. This includes just about everyone, and I think this is a fair enough estimate of the potential of the list.

The format of Volume 3, like that of Volume 2 and in sharp contrast with that of Volume 1, is excellent. Variety in size and strength of type, indentation, spacing, and running titles all assist the eye in fast sorting of sections and the location of specific items. The binding, however, is inferior. Sixty pages and a cover are held together, pamphlet fashion, by two inadequate staples. The earlier flat spine, which allowed for a binder's title, year, and volume number, was a much better book for libraries and individuals who do not have the list rebound.

Arrangement of entries is simple. First are those dealing with two or more Atlantic Provinces, and then are the sections for the individual provinces, New Brunswick first, Newfoundland, then Nova Scotia, with Prince Edward Island in the alphabetical rear. The table of Contents near the front should be used constantly. It is short enough to be scanned in a moment, yet is the key to the subject analysis of the whole work. The bonus sections, Periodicals Indexed and Author Index, appear at the end of the volume.

The editor in her preface states that there are probably inevitable omissions from the list. It is a cautious statement and a modest one for the list is without rival in completeness and reliability. A healthy number of the periodicals indexed are not indexed in any other publication. If anything, there is too much in the Checklist. This is basically a subject list, and I hardly see the need, for instance, of putting in poems (ATLANTIC PROVINCES, Literature, Poetry) with no Atlantic Provinces flavour, simply because they were written by local poets.

The Checklist is the result of an overwhelming quantity of cooperative work. On the one hand, the APLA is responsible for compilation and editing; on the other hand, APEC assumes responsibility for publication and distribution. The editing has remained at a consistently high level, and it is necessary for all librarians in the Atlantic Provinces to continue to feel a sense of responsibility in the matter. As the list continues to grow and its use widens, the editor will need further and greater support if the project is to continue on a voluntary basis.

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# BULLETIN BRIEFS

- ALBERT-WESTMORLAND-KENT REGIONAL LIBRARY, N.B. - Miss Jane Oland, Rothesay, N.B., has joined the staff of this library. Miss Oland received her B.A. from Dalhousie University, then spent a year at the University of Grenoble studying French, and has just graduated from McGill University with her B.L.S. The fact that she is bilingual makes her a valuable addition to the Regional Library staff where she will be in charge of 6 branches and will coordinate the two bookmobiles.

- ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY, N.S. - Miss Ruth Coyne, Assistant Librarian, reports, "Miss Alberta Letts and Miss Marjorie Morley visited us on a memorable day, for the Annapolis Royal - Granville Ferry bridge chose June 9 to collapse! Fortunately, the Bookmobile schedule was affected little by this catastrophe as only three days were concerned, but three members of the staff had a difficult time getting to work as the next crossing is 15 miles upstream at Bridgetown. The ferry, now in operation at Annapolis Royal, can only be used at certain tides. Our Branch Librarian, Mrs. Vivian Walker, did not return to work until August as the few hours of opening did not warrant the awkward transport. However, this summer we are lucky to have two students to help out. They seem to be enjoying the work, and especially like working in the Branch and meeting the people."

- DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY - Excerpts from the Report of the University Librarian on the KIPLING ROOM for the year July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960 - "It is regrettable that this Report must be prefaced by mention of the death of April 10 of Dr. James Muir, who died suddenly while visiting his native home in Peebles, Scotland. It was Dr. Muir's initiative and personal generosity, along with the gifts of other close friends of the late James McG. Stewart, which made the Kipling Room a reality. James Muir was present at the last meeting of the Kipling Advisory Committee and his enthusiasm and interest in the Kipling Collection lent much to the occasion. ... The past twelve months were not marked by spectacular gifts or acquisitions as Kipling manuscripts have not been available for purchase on the open market and the name of Kipling has been noticeably absent from sales catalogues. However, seven letters, five by Rudyard Kipling, one each by Carrie Kipling and J. L. Kipling, were purchased during the year and several gifts of books were received. ... An event of far-reaching importance for the Kipling Collection was the publication in January, 1960, of the magnificent 673 page RUDYARD KIPLING: A BIBLIOGRAPHICAL CATALOGUE by James McG. Stewart, edited by A.W. Yeats., published jointly by the University of Toronto Press and the Dalhousie University Press. The CATALOGUE contains a portrait of James McG. Stewart by Karah, and also eight facsimiles or rare imprints from the Kipling Room and Mrs. James McG. Stewart Collection. A special word of tribute must be extended to Dean C. L. Bennet, Chairman of the Publications Committee, who assumed the quite considerable responsibility of arranging for the publication of the book.

- ANNAPOLIS VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY - The APLA Conference in May was attended by Miss Dorothy MacKay, Chief Librarian, and Miss Ruth Coyne, Assistant. The Library Board was represented by Mr. C. M. Davies of Clarence, and Mr. Bert McLellan of Windsor. A recent visitor to the Library was Miss Marion Cameron, Ontario Agricultural College Library, Guelph.



- NOVA SCOTIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE LIBRARY - Miss Barbara Murray, formerly of this library, has accepted the position of Reference Librarian at Mount Allison University.
- VICTORIA COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY - Miss Donna McDonald, a native of Colchester County, who graduated from the University of Toronto Library School this year, has accepted the position of Librarian replacing Miss Pauline Williams who has returned to Wales.
- HALIFAX COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY - Mrs. Anne McCormick, Chief Librarian, Miss Barbara Kincaid, Assistant Librarian, and Miss Diane MacQuarrie, Bookmobile Librarian are very busy organizing the newest regional library in the province of N.S.
- HALIFAX - Mrs. Myra Vernon, who retired on July 31 as Librarian of the Teachers' Central Library, was honoured on two occasions by the staff of the Department of Education. On Thursday, July 28, Heads of Divisions within the Department of Education attended a party at the Legislative Library, at which Mrs. Vernon was presented with a gift. On Friday, July 29, Mrs. Vernon was presented with a gift from the Department of Education as a whole.
- NOVA SCOTIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE LIBRARY - Miss Ann Bruce attended sessions of the CLA-ALA Conference in Montreal in June.
- HALIFAX - Miss Gladys Black and Mrs. Jean Carter, N. S. Provincial Library, Mrs. Maris Adams, Dalhousie University Library, Sister Francis Dolores, Mount Saint Vincent College Library, and Miss Edith Clare, Halifax Memorial Library attended the Cataloguing Institute held during the CLA-ALA Conference in June. Miss Clare is Chairman of the Cataloguing Section of the CLA Council for 1960-61.
- HALIFAX MEMORIAL LIBRARY - Miss Pauline Home, Head of Circulation, is attending the summer sessions at the University of Toronto Library School to complete her work for the Master of Library Science. - Miss Adelia Amyoony, who was on leave of absence last year to attend the Library School at McGill University, is now on the staff of the Circulation Department. - Mr. Ted Rountree, of the Circulation Department, will leave this month to become Librarian at St. Mary's University, Halifax. - Mrs. Carin Somers, winner of a N.S. Government Library School Scholarship, will be on leave of absence to attend the 1960-61 sessions of the University of Toronto Library School.
- DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY - Mr. Douglas Lochhead, newly-appointed Librarian at York University in Toronto, was honoured at a banquet given by the Dalhousie library staff at the Lord Nelson Hotel prior to his departure in June.
- MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, N.B. - Miss Grace Tratt, who graduated this year from the University of Toronto Library School, has accepted the position of Librarian of the Serials Department.

IF THERE SEEMS TO BE AN OVERABUNDANCE OF NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA

IT'S BECAUSE THERE WAS NONE SENT IN FROM OTHER AREAS!

PLEASE START SENDING IN MATERIAL NOW FOR THE FALL ISSUE.

SIGNED: THE EDITOR.

CORRESPONDENCE      FROM      ABROAD -

Lahore Cantt (West Pakistan)  
15/7/1960

To - The Secretary  
Maritime Library Association  
Glace Bay, N. S.

Dear Sir:

I had applied for permanent admission to Canada to the Canadian High Commissioner in Pakistan at Karachi and was called up for personal interview by the High Commissioner's Office. I have been advised by the Commissioner's Office to contact your institution to ascertain if you would be able to offer a suitable job in any of your libraries in Canada. My case of immigration to Canada is under consideration by the Canadian High Commissioner in Pakistan pending your response to this application for a job.

I am a young man of 30 and hold the following qualifications:

- 1. (a) Passed M.A. examination in Urdu in 1953 from the Punjab University, Lahore. Obtained high second class.
- (b) Passed B.A. in English, Arabic and Persian.
- 2. Passed the one year certificate in Library Science in 1958 from the Punjab University.
- 3. Possess cultural and literary taste. Have been contributing to local English and Urdu journals on matters cultural and literary.
- 4. Present assignment - I have been working as Librarian to the Board of Secondary Education, Lahore, for the last 4 years. I am the founder Librarian of this major educational institution in West Pakistan.

I shall feel obliged if you could please intimate to me whether you would be able to so kindly offer me a suitable job in any of your libraries under your control.

I would be able to join your institution in Canada as early as possible. I hope that my application would meet with early consideration at your hands.

Yours faithfully,

Signed:                      Naseer Ahmad, M.A., C.L.S.  
                                    234-A/19 Qazi Street  
                                    Sadar Bazar, Lahore Cantt  
                                    West Pakistan

# SCHOOL LIBRARIES -

The following is a summary of the talk given at the 1960 APLA Conference by Miss Estelle Anderson, Director of Elementary Reading in the Halifax Schools:

The School Library in many areas is considered a frill and therefore nothing is done about providing one. But the School Library is not a frill - it should be the very centre of all school activity.

A school library enables a child to find his own world, and enter therein instead of wandering the streets getting into trouble. Children have tremendous problems which are not reached by schools or other organizations with which they are in contact. They are helped by looking into the lives of others through the medium of books and the guidance of a good librarian. (As an example Miss Anderson mentioned the book Two is a Team.)

Children need to learn how to share and how to be able to recognize other children who need to share with them. There is thus a value in books which stress family activities, e.g. Buttons go Walking. Children cannot make adjustments to life alone and many children today have no one in their homes capable emotionally, socially or intellectually of helping them - often there is no one who cares to help. Such children must find their spiritual life through a good teacher and books through a good library.

The school library should be a teaching organization. It should take children along a road; it should teach them effectively how to use books; it should give individual service to the individual child. This is something it is better equipped to do than the public library. The skills of research should be taught as early as Grade 3 - study skills should be learned long before college days.

The library should develop in children an aesthetic appreciation of the beauty of language in prose and poetry - poetry should not be neglected - children should get the tune and the "runningness" of poetry very early. The library should reach children and help them to evaluate - to distinguish propaganda from fact, glittering generalities from the truth. These things cannot be done unless there is a good school library and a good school librarian.

Children should be allowed to browse in the school library and to sample the books; therefore, the library should be open after school hours and on weekends. But the school library should contain not only books. It should be a place that is the centre and the active source for visual aids used in the school - maps, globes, television, tape recorders, etc. It should contain files of newspaper clippings for research in History, with maps from newspapers for current events study. In the fiction collection there should be a compilation of interest levels and also lists of books arranged by subject. The books should be chosen by the teacher and the librarian in cooperation, not by either alone.

# OPPORTUNITIES !

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY, Halifax, Nova Scotia, advertises two new positions for September, 1960.

SCIENCES LIBRARIAN to assume responsibility for the selection, processing and servicing of all materials in the disciplines of the natural and technological sciences, and to develop and maintain faculty contacts with the Library in those disciplines. Candidates must possess at least A BLS or MLS degree, and must have some subject orientation in the sciences.

Minimum salary \$5,000.00

HUMANITIES LIBRARIAN to assume responsibility for the selection, processing and servicing of all materials in the disciplines of the humanities, and to develop and maintain faculty contacts with the Library in those disciplines. Candidates must have at least a BLS or MLS degree, and must have some subject orientation in the humanities.

Minimum salary \$5,000.00

Interested persons are asked to contact Mr. J. P. Wilkinson, Chief Librarian, Dalhousie University.

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The following is an excerpt from a letter received recently from the

DAVID G. SMITH PRINTING-PUBLISHING  
WESTFIELD POST OFFICE  
GLENWOOD, NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

"A year ago we bought a Thermofax copying machine and used it about a week. We needed the infra-red controlled light for an experiment. ... we now want to sell it.

It is a large book copying model, capable of copying pages from any book. Because it is non-photographic there are no solutions. It prints in 4 seconds.

The list price is \$529.00. We are asking \$400.00. Needless to say, it is in excellent condition. We will deliver the machine to buyer."

Interested persons may contact the above company.

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Distribution could be improved. This year the gap of time which existed between the release of publicity on the volume and release of the volume itself was long enough to cause concern in some libraries and other offices which receive the list. Volume 1 was released by APEC in March, 1958, volume 2 in June 1959, and Volume 3 in July of this year. Whether the fault is that of tardy contributors, an overworked editor, slow printers, or a neglectful mailing clerk, I do not know. I hope the trend can be reversed, for at the present rate Volume 8 will be a Christmas number.

Donald B. Gammon  
Legislative Library  
Fredericton, N. B.

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The school library needs a different type of librarian from a public library - a teacher who has actually taught and is aware of the basis of curriculum growth and change. The school librarian must have time - she must have the sympathy and access of teachers. Many teachers never read books. The school librarian should guide the teachers, help the principal find out what constitutes a good library programme and she should know the children well enough to pair the right book with the right child.

To help overcome the lack of libraries in our schools at the present time, Miss Anderson advocates a closer cooperation between teachers and children's departments of our public and regional libraries.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS - - -

Members who have copies of the Maritime Library Association Bulletin or the Atlantic Provinces Library Association Bulletin which they no longer want are asked to send them to

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