

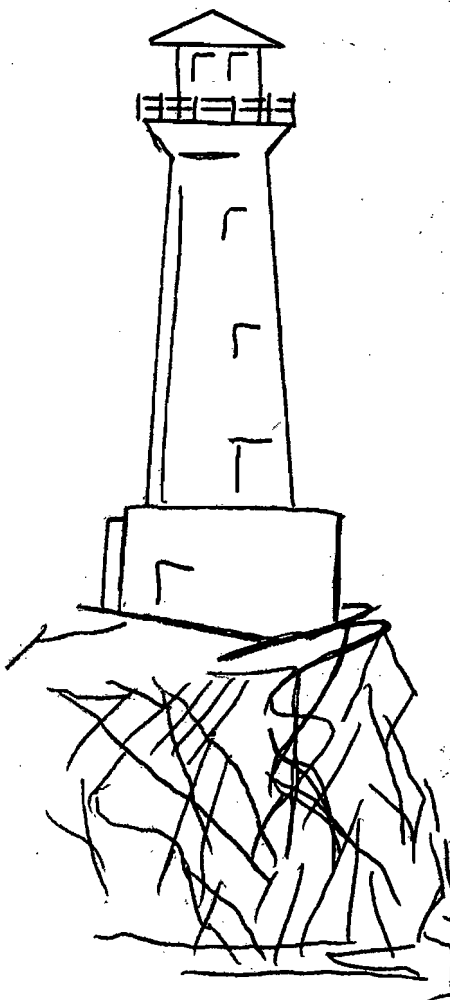
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We spend an average of \$5,000 sending our children through twelve grades of school which can, at best, teach them to read and to use books and other intellectual materials as a way of life; and then we do not spend half as much on providing reading materials for our average citizen throughout his lifetime as we spend sending him through the second or third grade. - R.R. Shaw, "The function of a modern special library." In Research management, v.5, no.6, November 1962, p. 491

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The APLA Bulletin

What is the APLA Bulletin? Nuisance mail? The voice of Nova Scotia? An analysis of Atlantic library problems? A Kardex entry? A spill for lighting a glamour fire?

Now that I have left the ranks of those who accept the Bulletin as a spontaneous creation, born without pain and delivered by the mailman, I am not disposed to be so flip. The APLA Bulletin is a modest library journal which requires a great deal of preparation, much time, the co-operation of many, some money, and then the mailman. It is the vehicle for keeping us informed each quarter year of the formal activities of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association and the informal activities of its members. Former editors, with little recognition of the splendid work they have done, have set a standard which deserves respect and praise.

In my case the title of Editor is more a convenience than an accuracy. Three editors all at once would be confusing. I have the title and a third of the work. James MacEacheron has the responsibility of setting up, printing, and mailing the Bulletin; and Maurice Boone has the task of gathering certain of the contents on a continuing basis, and of proofing the stencils.

I have always felt that the APLA Bulletin had less of the tone of a daily and more of the tone of the weekly newspaper about it. One gives news while it is new, the other records, and reminds us of what we already know or are about to know. And like the local weekly, it is the diary of a fairly small group. Without its Bulletin the Atlantic Provinces Library Association would be a mockery.

I hope to be less charitable than former editors. As time passed after the publication of

the last number of the Bulletin, I wondered why material for the next did not start arriving on my desk. Then I remembered that I myself had contributed to the Bulletin only three or four times in the past ten years, and each time the material had to be solicited. The totally unjust title which I have heard on the gossip line, "The Voice of Nova Scotia," should be fairer stated as "The Silence of the Other Three."

Some changes are planned. I am going to spend less time in writing "The Voice of New Brunswick," now that the Bulletin is produced in Fredericton, than in hounding librarians all over the Atlantic Provinces to contribute their just share.

Already Mr. MacEacheron has printed and circulated, for return to the Editor, a form designed to solicit your contribution of news items for the Bulletin. Reaction has been mixed, and adjectives have ranged from splendid to confusing. A form brings out the idiot in me, so I join those who looked upon it as a suggestion sheet and sent in separate items typed up in copy form. Others chose to use the form as a questionnaire to be filled in, and one library actually 'answered' every heading! View the form as you will, but please continue to contribute when next it goes round.

After Association news, the first priority, is dealt with, and then news from the libraries is reported, it is hoped that there will be room in each issue for at least one technical article. Twenty-six topics have already been suggested and individuals will be approached to work on these, or on others of their own naming. Some of the topics involve factual explorations, others require opinions of the experienced. Some are designed for librarians raw from library school, others are better left to the old hands. A few require two or more authors with different points of view. Some are provocative. I am told one is explosive. All, whether dealt with

or not in the scholarly library journals, allow appraisal at a regional level so that the thinking could have an influence on our own library problems.

For those who write best within the framework of letters to the editor, it should be borne in mind that the Bulletin is a quarterly and not a daily. Such letters should be discourses and not squibs.

Again, if space permits, it is planned to note, for the benefit of those who do not ordinarily follow the publication of such literature, interesting items put out by governments and associations.

The list goes on. To state the general policy, any item of news which one librarian in the region feels should interest all others will be published.

What is the APLA Bulletin? The making of the answer is in your hands.

Equipment and Supplies

"Mitten letters" are recommended as a quick aid for making posters and displays. (Colchester East Hants Regional Library)

The Dagmar Portable Reading Machine for handling microfilm is relatively cheap and performance is satisfactory. A description can be found in UNESCO Bulletin for Libraries, May-June, 1961. (York Regional Library)

The Chiang Catalog Card Duplicator is small and portable. It may be the answer for libraries which have to make limited numbers of short runs. (Central Library Services)

The newly patented C.B.I. cabinet is tidy and efficient. (Saint John Free Public Library)

Seascopes

Newfoundland

Memorial University Library

F. Eugene Gattinger officially assumed the office of Head Librarian at Memorial University of Newfoundland on December 3, 1962. Mr. Gattinger, his wife and family of two, arrived from Guelph, Ontario, where during the past ten years he acted in the dual role of Registrar and Librarian of the Ontario Veterinary College.

He is a native of Saskatchewan, where he taught school for two years following graduation from the Regina Normal School. He served overseas for four years (R.C.A.F.) after which time he attended Regina College and the University of Saskatchewan, where he took a B.A. degree (history and English) and an M.A. degree (English). In 1952 he graduated from McGill University with the degree of Bachelor of Library Science, and recently he completed formal course work leading to a Ph.D. degree in English at the University of Western Ontario in which he was supported by a Canada Council scholarship.

Mr. Gattinger commenced work as a professional librarian with the Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa. He takes an active interest in amateur dramatics, has been a playing member of the Guelph Civic Symphony and Chorale, and director of a United Church choir during the past seven years. He has written a number of papers related to historical and archival interests and is the author of a book entitled A Century of Challenge: A History of the Ontario Veterinary College published by the University of Toronto Press last July.

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All men are afraid of books who have not handled them from infancy. - O.W. Holmes

Prince Edward Island

Prince Edward Island Libraries (HQ: Charlottetown)

Miss Amy Burrows, who was in charge of the Summerside Branch Library for the past ten years, retired on December 31, 1962. She was succeeded by Mrs. Norman MacDonald, former assistant in the branch. Mrs. MacDonald now has as her assistant Mrs. Lillian Compton.

Mrs. J. G. Townsend, Kensington, recently completed 29 years as librarian of the branch library there, having been in charge ever since the library first opened.

As Canada prepares for celebrations in 1967, Prince Edward Island will begin special activities in 1964, the 100th anniversary of the pre-Confederation meeting in Charlottetown. William Hayward recommended as a suitable commemorative project the building of a community library. Mr. Hayward, chairman of the provincial Centennial Committee, notes that 11 libraries were built as part of British Columbia's centennial celebrations.

Legislative and Public Library, Charlottetown

Head librarian, Jean C. Gill, retired recently after a long and devoted service. Apart from the strong association her name has with the Legislative and Public Library, Miss Gill is recognized for her contributions over a number of years to the study of local history. In 1960 the Canadian Historical Association honoured her with one of its first Awards of Merit on this account.

Miss Louise Haszard is acting librarian pending a permanent appointment.

Mrs. Mary McDougall, formerly with the Hospital Services Commission, Mrs. Agnes Grindly, and Mrs. Jack

Gordon have all been appointed to the library staff. Miss Agnes MacQuaid has retired.

The Building housing the Legislative and Public Library has been demolished to make room for the Fathers of Confederation Memorial Building. The new edifice, when completed, will include the library, museum, archives, and a theatre.

Nova Scotia

Provincial Library (HQ: Halifax)

Miss Alberta Letts and Miss Helen Cummings have been meeting with the Dartmouth Library Board and talking to interested groups in the Dartmouth area in support of an attempt to establish a regional library in the city. A speakers' bureau is being organized to train local people to visit various groups who wish to hear about the regional library movement.

Miss Letts also spoke to the Inverness County Council on the organization of a regional library in that area.

Annapolis Valley Regional Library (HQ: Annapolis Royal)

Mrs. Joyce Sowby was appointed Assistant Librarian in November 1962. Born and educated in Toronto she took her B.A. degree in 1950 from Trinity College, University of Toronto, and a B.L.S. degree from the Library School, University of Toronto, in 1951. She has lived in Edmonton, Ottawa, and London, England.

While working with the Canadian Library Association from 1953 to 1958 she was secretary of Young Canada's Book Week. Later she worked on a microfilm project which took her on a tour of the eastern townships of Canada. From 1961 to 1962, as Assistant Librarian at the National Gallery, she gained extra knowledge of art.

Mrs. Sowby's appointment fills a vacancy carried since 1957.

Mrs. Vera Daniels gave a book mending demonstration at the Nova Scotia Handicrafts Exhibition, held in Annapolis Royal during the summer. A collection of handicraft books was put on display and requests increased as a result of the publicity.

Also during the summer, the library staff entered a float in the Natal Day Celebrations parade, titled the entry "Growing with Books," and won a prize for their initiative.

During the past year three new adult stops were added to the bookmobile schedule. Service has altered with the building of consolidated schools; the number of classrooms served remains constant but the number of schools served has dropped from 64 to 46.

The library has received several significant gifts, including two easy chairs for the Kentville Branch, donated by a summer visitor who had donated two chairs the previous year.

Colchester East Hants Regional Library (HQ: Truro)

The library has a need for a general assistant, preferably with professional training.

In connection with Canadian Library Week, April 6-11, a poster contest in the town schools will be sponsored by the library.

Halifax Memorial Library

The Halifax (City) Regional Library Board has given authority to the staff of HML to experiment with a Friday evening opening of the Children's Department. This is being done to enable children living some distance from the library and not

sufficiently close to branches in two of the city schools, to come to the library accompanied by parents.

It is planned to open the Children's Department until 9:00 p.m. on Friday nights for a period of three months beginning March 1. If this appears to answer the need it will be resumed in the fall of the year.

The staff will be insistent on the point that children must be accompanied by adults. This decision is intended to prevent a distortion into a free baby-sitting service, and it will eliminate the possibility of the staff finding themselves with forgotten children at 9:00 p.m.

Brown Brothers new library binding business (Halifax area agent: Mr. Tom O'Neill) has been satisfactory to date and delivery has been good.

Acadia University Library, Wolfville

Harry W. Ganong, chief librarian since 1950, was one of two appointees to the National Library Advisory Council announced in Ottawa.

St. Francis Xavier University Library, Antigonish

As the space problem gets more acute, plans are nearly completed for a new library building. No date, however, has yet been announced for the materialization of these plans. In the meantime, an effort, pushed by the library committee, is being made to evaluate the collections, check for standard works, and strengthen weak spots.

Service is on the increase, and more of the faculty than ever are assigning work in the library. Much use is made of micro-reproduction and inter-library loan services. The library is now open on Saturday afternoon, a time formerly reserved for those taking the week-end courses only. The

reading room and reserve book section are open on Sunday afternoon and evening.

The record collection is showing considerable growth, mostly in the fields of literature and music. Most of the donations during the year were in the field of Celtic history and literature. Limited out-of-library circulation is permitted to faculty members only. Students continue to listen in the library.

A fine display of French periodicals was put on for a two week period. Greatest interest was shown in the literary and technical journals.

Entomology Archives, Antigonish

Approximately three years ago the Acadian Entomological Society, made up of members from the five Eastern Provinces of Canada and the State of Maine, established a Society Archives. Rev. P. Gerald Rousell was appointed chairman of the library committee, and St. Francis Xavier University agreed to place their facilities at the disposal of the Society. Since then over 500 pieces of literature, including reprints, copies of articles, reports, and books published by Society members, and dealing with entomological topics, have been collected and filed. A bibliographical index of this literature has also been prepared.

Nova Scotia Research Foundation Library, Halifax

The library, situated in the Montreal Trust Building, with a floor area of approximately 1500 square feet, and with a collection of scientific and technical material now housed in two separate places, reports the possibility of a move to more spacious quarters in another building.

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One should always tell one's librarian and one's doctor everything relevant.

Bedford Institute of Oceanography Library, Dartmouth

The appointment of Miss Charlotte Allan as librarian was reported in the fall Bulletin of 1962. Prior to her term of duty in the University of Dalhousie Medical Dental Library, Miss Allan was Assistant Librarian at the University of King's College, and Assistant Librarian, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa.

The library is in the process of being organized on the second floor of the Bedford Institute of Oceanography Building. Library service will be provided to the Institute and several bodies with related interests.

New Brunswick

Central Library Services (HQ: Fredericton)

Miss Marcia Hickman, a native of Fredericton, joined the staff as librarian in June 1962, following graduation with a B.L.S. degree from the Library School, University of Toronto. Previously Miss Hickman received her B.A. degree from the University of New Brunswick.

Jean-Guy Desroches, a native of St. Michel des Saints, P.Q., joined the staff as librarian in July 1962. Mr. Desroches has B.A., B.Ph., and B.Bibl. degrees from the University of Montreal.

Fire, shortly before Christmas, completely destroyed the home of James MacEacheron in Central Kingsclear, near Fredericton. Mr. MacEacheron was at work at the time, and daughter Cathy was at school. Mrs. MacEacheron and son Ian escaped harm. The origin of the fire is not known.

The annual microfilming of newspapers in regional library areas is in progress. This is

a co-operative venture involving regional libraries, Central Library Services, and the Photogrammetry Branch, New Brunswick Department of Lands and Mines.

Selected federal government documents are being catalogued on an automatic basis for regional libraries. The aim is to incorporate these documents into the reference collections. It will likely take one to two years to have the system working smoothly.

York Regional Library (HQ: Fredericton)

Mrs. Paul LeButt, a native of Cornwall, Ontario, joined the staff as Bookmobile Librarian in September 1962. Mrs. LeButt, who was formerly Children's Librarian in the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library, received her B.A. degree from McMaster University and her B.L.S. degree from the Library School, University of Toronto.

Two new branch libraries have been opened recently, the McAdam Public Library in September 1962 and the Nashwaaksis Public Library in January 1963.

"The Din from the Silent Spring" was the title given to displays in the Fredericton and Oromocto Public Libraries. At the height of the controversy over Rachel Carson's Silent Spring photocopies of a wide range of reviews, favourable and unfavourable, were exhibited to an interested public.

Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library (HQ: Moncton)

Moncton will be the location of a Biennial Book Review to be held March 8-10, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Exclusively for librarians, the display is being sponsored by the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library and the Book Publishers Association. Emphasis will be placed upon reviewing "back list," new editions, and new bindings.

Bonar Law-Bennett Library, U.N.B., Fredericton

Miss Edna Anne Perry of Petitcodiac, N.B. joined the staff of the library as a cataloguer on July 1, 1962. Miss Perry, who received her B.L.S. degree in 1962 from the Library School, University of Toronto, is a 1958 graduate in Arts from Acadia University. She was on the staff of the library at Acadia during the summer of 1957 and at the Plant Pathology Library of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, during the summer of 1958. In 1960-61 she worked as a secretary to the Quebec Cartier Mining Company. For her library course Miss Perry received a New Brunswick Government grant in 1961-62.

Saint John Free Public Library

Mrs. A. J. Travis is supervising librarian following the resignation of Miss Doreen Harper.

Miss A. Ruth Manks resigned her position in the Young Adult Department on November 1, 1962. Miss Manks had been a member of the staff of the library for more than 30 years.

Miss Arlene Pickle, who spent two years of summer employment with the library, is now attending Library School, McGill University.

Following the death of Mr. G. Earle Logan, Q.C., Mr. Norwood Carter was appointed chairman of the board of the Saint John Free Public Library. Miss Jean Sereisky and Mr. Basil B. Stead were new appointments to the board.

Since November 1962 the bookmobile is experimenting with the making of deposits in the primary grades of some of the Saint John schools. Each child may also borrow books on his individual borrower's card. So far the reaction of the teachers to this innovation has been favourable.

Mrs. A.J. Travis was guest speaker at the Hearing Handicap Association Inc. meeting held at St. Joseph's Hospital on February 13. She discussed "Books of general interest, Around the World in 30 Minutes or 30 Days, and Arm Chair Travelling at its Best."

L. P. Fisher Public Library, Woodstock

Former librarian Mrs. Maud Ketchum Close died Saturday, February 2, 1963 at Woodstock.

Douglas Lochhead to Massey College

First appointment to the staff of Massey College, University of Toronto has been announced by Dr. Robertson Davies, the College Master.

Douglas G. Lochhead is to be librarian of the College from July 1, 1963. He is at present chief librarian and assistant professor of English at York University, and has served on the library staffs of Victoria College (British Columbia), Cornell University, and Dalhousie University.

He received his B.A. degree in 1943 from McGill University, served with the army in Canada and overseas until 1945, received an M.A. degree (English) from the University of Toronto in 1947, was in newspaper and information work in Toronto and Ottawa, 1947-50, and in 1951 received his B.L.S. degree from McGill University.

Mr. Lochhead has published two volumes of poetry, as well as articles and poems in several Canadian periodicals.

A problem cannot be solved by "a formula more complicated than the problem itself." - Thoreau

God created the world with the exception of Holland which is the work of the Dutch.

Whose Library?

(Reprinted, with permission, from the Maritime Farmer, January 8, 1963)

It's always happening. Anything to do with libraries - "Shove that into the women's pages," says the editor. Sure enough, that's where you'll find the booklists, the encouragement to reading, the reviews, the urgent matter of library support.

But when it comes to voting, note the difference. The man of the farm, ranch or rural home is out voting. He's as large as life, just as if he'd studied the subject. That's why so many hopeful library projects collapse.

Time after time, formation-meetings are held to promote better library service, usually to form a county or regional unit. They founder on the same old rock. Who goes to the meetings? "Why, my wife's the culture-vulture in this family," chuckles the goodman with a complacent sneer. But he's the one who turns thumbs down when it appears the mill-rate must go up.

Trouble is, the farmer doesn't always realize that the library can be mighty useful to him. There he can quickly skim through several books on farm planning or management or building repairs, and select the best for further study. It's quicker than writing a letter to the government, and getting a single pamphlet in return. He's saving time, which is money.

If the wife's been nattering about a new house or re-decorating the interior, the answer should not be a flat "Sure" or "Nope." John's going to foot the bill - and bump his head if the doors are badly located. If he doesn't spend a little time studying modern farm homes - and consulting books and magazines is faster than travelling - he's likely

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to pay for a household of discomforts. It's a man's affair, as well as his wife's.

Nowadays, every farmer is expected to get up on his feet and speak at meetings and banquets, forums and councils. He's got plenty of good ideas. But he doesn't know how to start (or stop), how to stand, how to make his voice carry.

Yet it's all there in books standing on library shelves, waiting to serve him. They can help him socially ... and thus help his community, if he's got ideas worth expressing. Or the books can provide the ideas.

One group of farm folks on the outskirts of a big city find that the library offers them a special bonus for their hobby. They like putting on plays, and they know how to select them. The travelling library brings extra drama books on that run, and every member of the company reads up on the subject. (It's nice to report that, unlike most theatrical companies in Canada, they're literally "in clover").

In hundreds of ways, the library is a handy tool for the farmer or rancher today. Not as up-to-date as a newspaper or a radio report, of course, books form the solid background of knowledge. You can refer again and again to them for facts, figures and information long after more ephemeral publications have vanished.

Next time someone comes organizing library service in your area, don't leave it to the wife - and then vote down her convictions. If reading is good for women and children, why, man, it's good for you too!

All books are divisible into two classes: the books of the hour, and the books of all time. - John Ruskin

Have You Noticed?

Dewey comes to Canadiana

Starting with the January 1963 issue, Canadiana has begun classifying and arranging the items in Part I by the Dewey Decimal Classification (16th edition). A hint of this change was given by the editor in her address to the Bibliographical Society of Canada at Ottawa in June 1962. There is no change in the arrangement of Parts II and III (Government Documents).

DC&

The June/December 1962 issue of DC& contains interesting information for users of the 16th edition and the 8th abridged edition of Dewey. Changes and additions are not noted here since contents are copyrighted. Subscribers receive new issues of DC& as they are published.

American Government Documents

Recently published items include L.C. Classification, Class B - Part II, BL-BX, Religion, 2d ed.; Aeronautical and space serial publications, a world list; Public papers of the Presidents: Harry S. Truman, 1946; Maps showing explorers' routes, trails & early roads in the United States, an annotated list; Digest of public general bills, 87th Congress, 2d Session, Final issue, 1962.; Library service for rural people (Farmers' Bulletin No. 2142).

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