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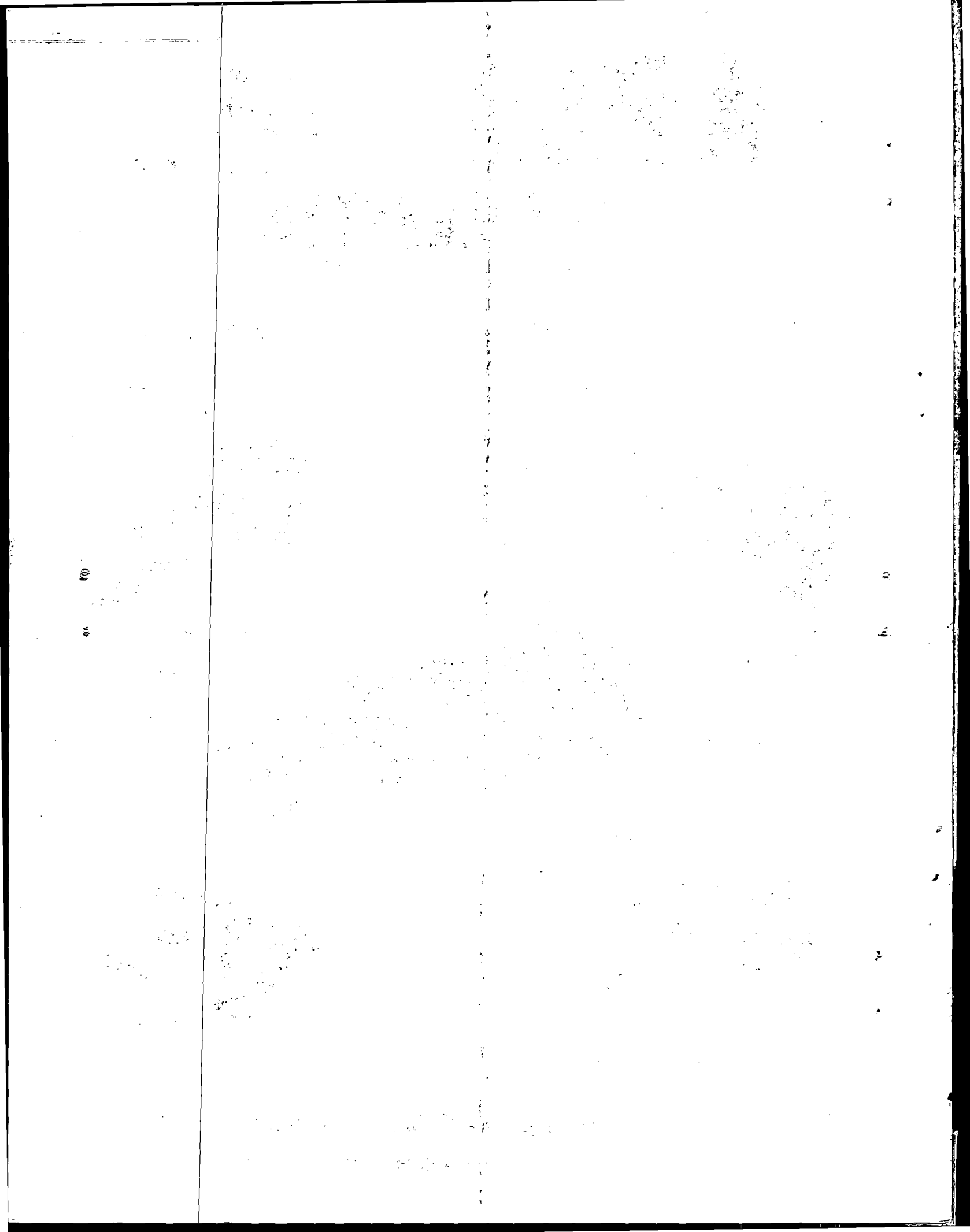
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A PLANNING AND ACTION ALPHABET

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U	Urgency	University	Use
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Y	Youth		
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A.P.L.A. CONFERENCE

The 23rd Annual Conference of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association was held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on Monday and Tuesday, May 21 and 22, 1962.

Montgomery Hall, the attractive new Women's Residence of Prince of Wales College, was the Conference Headquarters for the 50 members and interested persons attending.

Preliminary registration was held from 8 to 10 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, in Montgomery Hall. During this period, coffee was served by Miss Mary Donohoe, librarian of Prince of Wales College, assisted by other Charlottetown librarians.

Registration was continued on Monday morning, May 21 from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

The 1st regular session of the Conference opened on Monday, May 21, at 9:30 a.m. The President, Miss Dorothy Cullen, opened the Conference by welcoming the delegates and summarizing recent activities in the library world. Her address was as follows:

"At the outset I should like to welcome this fine assembly of librarians from the four Atlantic Provinces to Charlottetown. I know that many of you have not attended an APLA Conference before. It has been twelve years since our last meeting on the Island.

This has been a busy year for your President and no doubt for all of you too. We don't know from experience the truth of Tennyson's lines, "How dull it is to pause, to make an end! To rust unburnished, not to shine in use."

I think we can detect in the country generally an increased awareness among the citizens and various governing bodies of the importance of libraries. It is perhaps showing most clearly in the universities where a library building boom has taken place in the last few years.

Mount Allison University and Nova Scotia Technical College have fine new libraries. Memorial University of Newfoundland moved into its new campus where a 3-story library has capacity for 110,000 volumes and seating space for 300 students. Now St. Dunstan's University is following the trend with work already started on their new library. New libraries and new building are features also of the public library scene. New regional libraries were recently established in York County, New Brunswick and in Halifax County, Nova Scotia. Sydney has its James McConnell

Memorial Library. The Saint John Public Library has been extensively renovated and the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library will soon be moving into its new headquarters which also includes the Moncton Public Library. The Confederation Memorial Building in Charlottetown will contain space for the Legislative and Public Libraries.

I haven't any figures on the increase (or decrease) in the number of librarians in the Atlantic Provinces. But might efforts are being made to increase their numbers. The governments of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are offering scholarships as well as the I. D. D. E. and the boards of some libraries. The A P L A Scholarship is to be awarded for the third year in a row. I think we can well be proud of this effort by our small membership.

People connected with Atlantic Provinces libraries have received national awards in the last year or so. The Canadian Library Trustees Association Award of Merit went to Miss Katharine McLennan for her work on behalf of the Cape Breton Regional Library, and Miss Jean Gill received the first Award of Merit from the Canadian Historical Association for her assistance to historical research on Prince Edward Island. Congratulations, Jean! Canada Council grants for visiting Scandinavian libraries in the summer of 1962 have been awarded to Miss Jessie Miffen of St. John's and Miss Ruby Wallace of the Cape Breton Regional Library.

Mrs. Anne McCormick Nyland announced her resignation in November as Vice-President for Nova Scotia and President-Elect. Miss Charlotte Allan agreed to succeed Mrs. Nyland in this office.

And now to deal more particularly with the past year in the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. At the 1961 Conference it was decided we should submit a report for this area to Canadian Library Inquiry into Present State of Library Services in Canada, and it was suggested that this be done by gathering information on different types of libraries. The new executive held a meeting at St. Andrew's and suggested some librarians who might be asked to work on this. Some of these people were unable to act and it was sometime in January before someone was found for each section - Public, University, School and Special Libraries in each province. March 1 was set as a target date for the material to be sent to the President. Several well compiled reports were received but the machinery to deal with them was incomplete, so you find that our Library Inquiry today is in a rather unfinished state. We shall try during this Conference to assess what has been done and to plan for the completion of the Report.

This is going to be a rather informal Conference in which we expect everyone to take part. And now in order to provide plenty of time for discussion we shall proceed to the business of our Annual Meeting."

The business meeting began with the Minutes of the 1961 Conference. It was moved by the Secretary, Miss Abernethy, and seconded by Miss Shirley Coulter, that since the Minutes of the 1961 Conference had been published in the Summer 1961 issue of the A P L A Bulletin, they be taken as read. Carried.

Miss Cullen appointed the following Resolutions Committee:

Chairman - Miss Ellen Webster
Members - Miss Ada Green
Miss Marian Gardiner

Telegrams of greeting were read from the American Library Association and the Canadian Library Association. Miss Cullen also reported a message from Miss Doreen Harper, Vice-President for New Brunswick, expressing her regret at being unable to attend the Conference and best wished for its success.

Miss Abernethy presented the Treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$1004.54 in the Scholarship Fund and \$417.44 in the General Fund. Miss Abernethy moved the adoption of this report. This was seconded by Miss Cameron and carried.

Miss Shirley Coulter presented the report on the Bulletin. She announced that copies of the Spring 1962 Bulletin had been distributed at the Conference to those who had registered and that the remainder would be mailed. She urged members to send in material, e.g. articles, book reviews or short news items. The latter might be submitted in the form of notes and will be prepared for publication by the editor. (ALL MEMBERS PLEASE RE-READ THE LAST TWO SENTENCES. Ed.) She also said that donations of paper would be appreciated.

Miss Evelyn Campbell, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, gave a history of the Scholarship Fund from its first conception at the 1957 Conference in Sydney to the present time. Two awards have now been made: in 1960 to Miss Bertha Higgins and in 1961 to Miss Aleksandra Wawrzyszko. The 1962 Awards Committee will meet today and the winner for 1962 will be announced at the Conference dinner this evening.

Miss Campbell asked whether we should continue to give an annual award or whether we should award only every two years in view of the fact that there are now very generous provincial scholarships in the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

Applications had been received this year from all four Atlantic Provinces - four applications in all.

Miss Cameron felt that by discontinuing the annual collection of contributions we might lose something; if we let it drop temporarily now, we might lose the enthusiasm. Miss Gardiner asked why letters could not be sent to institutional as well as

to personal members of the Association. If each library gave a certain amount, the problem would be solved. Certain difficulties were pointed out in this connection, e.g. that not all institutional members are in the Atlantic Provinces area; that in the case of University libraries, the finances are not administered directly by the Library. It was thought, however, that regional and other public libraries in this area might be approached. A special letter would have to be sent to the library boards. This idea was considered worth developing.

Miss Campbell asked whether the decision about awarding a scholarship for 1963 could be left with the incoming executive. The decision could then be made at the time of the Executive meeting or later, the decision to depend on the amount of money received by that time.

Sister Regina Clare felt that the scholarship should be given every year and that a larger contribution would be made by University Libraries if it were brought to their attention.

There was some discussion as to the best time to send letters to Public Library boards in order that they might be received before the annual meetings at which budgets are drawn up. It was decided that October might be the best time as most boards meet either late in the fall or early in the new year.

Miss Letts felt that the Scholarship Committee should be congratulated for its work. The Library School has commended Miss Waurzyszko, the 1961 Scholarship winner, both on her work and on her personality.

Miss Campbell moved the adoption of her report.

It was moved by Miss Wallace, seconded by Mr. Donovan that letters regarding the Scholarship should be sent to library boards and institutional library committees at a time deemed proper by the Executive. Carried.

Miss Dorothy MacKay, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, then presented her report. The Committee consisted of Miss MacKay, Miss Mona Cram and Miss Hope Jarvis. The following slate of officers was proposed for 1962-63:

President - Miss Charlotte Allan

Vice-Pres. for N. S. and Pres. Elect. - Miss Kathleen Currie

Vice-Pres. for New Brunswick - Miss Marian Gardiner

Vice-Pres. for P. E. I. - Mrs. Frances Lothian

Vice-Pres. for Newfoundland - Miss Mona Cram

Secretary-Treasurer - Miss Isabel Abernethy

It was moved by Miss MacKay, seconded by Mrs. Wheeler that this report be adopted. It was moved by Mrs. Cooke and seconded by Miss Webster that nominations close. This was carried and the above slate of officers adopted for 1962-63. Additional members of the executive, ex officio, are:

Past Pres: Miss Dorothy Cullen
Editor of APLA Bulletin: Miss Shirley Coulter
Assistant Editor: Miss Evelyn Campbell

The Conference then adjourned for a coffee break.

Business was resumed at 11 a.m. when the topic of Certification was brought up for discussion. The background to this discussion will be found in the Minutes of the January 1962 Executive meeting.

To introduce the subject, Miss Cullen briefly reviewed the past history of Conference discussions on the topic. She also read the CLA national standards for Certification. She then asked whether the membership of this Association was in favour of Certification. Would it be of benefit to libraries in this area?

Miss Letts said that the standard for Nova Scotia, as set by Mr. Grossman when the provincial and regional libraries were established, is that a qualified librarian is one who holds a degree in Library Science from an accredited school. She felt it might be wiser not to depart from this. No other regulations or requirements have been added.

Miss Wallace asked what we meant by certification. Mr. Donovan suggested that certification consists of two elements: 1. establishing a policy with the aim of maintaining or raising a standard and 2. the mechanics of putting such a policy into effect. This would have to be done in varying ways in the different provinces. In Newfoundland, he felt, that are not enough librarians to warrant certification.

Miss Letts then read the definition of Certification from CLA Occasional Paper Number 31.

Miss Wallace explained why there had been so much concern about certification. At one time standards differed in various parts of the country. Administrators were appointed in some areas who were not librarians. Certification had to be introduced in order to set a standard. We do not have the same problem in the Maritimes.

In summing up, the feeling of this Conference seemed to be that certification is not necessary in this area.

The question of in-service training was raised. Miss Cameron felt that the Public Library Standards take care of the problem for public libraries.

Miss Letts asked for comment from someone who was in favour of certification stating why he or she thought it would be helpful. No one replied to this.

Miss Green felt that we have to take account of circumstances and to accept good people for a position regardless of their actual professional qualifications.

Miss Wallace felt that certification would not serve a useful purpose at the moment when it is impossible to get librarians. It is a good thing to have an aim which should be reached but it is impossible to reach it today.

Mr. Bain asked what control the Canadian Library Association has over the Atlantic Provinces. Miss Cullen replied that we are not controlled by the C L A in any way, but that most members of the A P L A are also members of the C L A and accept its decisions as members.

Miss Letts said that there could be no certification scheme on a national level. It would have to be done at the Provincial level if it depended on government grants to back it up. The C L A has no control but has done much to raise standards across the country in the sixteen years since its organization.

Mrs. Cooke asked how certification would affect university libraries which are not under direct provincial control.

Miss Green asked about English standards and about the possibility of summer courses for untrained help.

Sister Marie Michael asked if any assistance is given to school librarians by the provincial government at summer schools. Miss Coulter said that she gave a course last year but that it had been discontinued. A survey course is given at Acadia and a course at Mount Saint Vincent. Enrolment in these courses is very small. The University of New Brunswick also has some courses in library methods.

Miss Green felt that there should be some standards for non-professional help which such people might carry from one position to another.

Miss Letts felt that certification cannot help in this area at the moment and might raise more problems than it would solve.

Mr. LeBlanc asked if provincial library associations as opposed to a regional association would be of help. Miss Gardiner felt that there are not enough librarians in the provinces other than Nova Scotia to make this feasible.

Mr. Bain suggested that in order to get financial support from a provincial government an idea must have the interest of the people of that province. People are not aware of the opportunities offered by libraries and are not taking advantage of them. If the enthusiasm of the people were sufficiently aroused, the governments would have to step in.

Miss Cullen asked if the Association would like to make a statement favouring the C L A standard.

Mr. Donovan expressed the following as a recapitulation of the discussion on the subject: the members of the A P L A are not opposed to certification but, for various reasons, they do not feel that it would be practical to introduce it in this area at present.

Miss Wallace said that if it applied to individuals and not to libraries, why not introduce it now. Mrs. Cooke asked what was the point of introducing it now? Unless it is supported by provincial legislation there are no teeth in it.

Miss Wallace said that the problem is partly one of a variety of degrees in librarianship. Miss Cameron said that we have no problem because we have directors of regional libraries in the various provinces to which such problems can be referred.

No motion was passed as a result of this discussion.

The feeling of the meeting was that certification would be of no advantage in the Atlantic Provinces at the present time.

The Conference then adjourned for lunch.

The Conference reconvened in Montgomery Hall at 2:00 p.m.

The afternoon session was devoted to a discussion of the Canadian Library Inquiry and the information gathered for the A P L A's submissions to the Inquiry.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES: Miss Evelyn Campbell presented the following report:

Special libraries differ widely in their subject fields and their special collections are selected to serve a clientele, for the most part, doing research in a specific subject field. At the present time they differ in documentation by needing a lesser level of subject matter competence and by a tendency to use existing literature and sources. Future growth and expansion will change this pattern. It is therefore difficult to tabulate results for a number of different types of special libraries. To give a significant summation of the special resources in the Atlantic area, reports should be made on each type: e.g. 1. Legislative 2. Law 3. Medical 4. School 5. Scientific and Technical 6. Other (hospital, business, etc.).

A statistical correlation from this questionnaire is not possible, and the following brief report is incomplete because (a) it does not include all types of special libraries (b) not all questionnaires have been returned (c) many special collections are included in reports on university and college libraries. The very extensive scientific collections in the university libraries of Dalhousie, Acadia, Mount Allison, New Brunswick, Memorial and the relatively large one in Technology at the N. S. Technical College are not included in this report and therefore an incomplete picture of our special resources for the Atlantic area is given. In 1961, Special Libraries Association (N.Y.) made a study (in United States and Canada) of special libraries with regard to education of personnel and salaries. Results have been published in the S. L. A. Bulletin, May-June 1962. Miss Elliott has made a study of Legislative libraries in Canada and Mr. Brown of National Research Council has done one for the scientific and technical libraries. These reports will be presented at C L A.

It is my understanding that our objective in making this inquiry is to determine the adequacy of the special libraries in the Atlantic area with reference to: 1. Size of special collections. 2. Staff. 3. Services and, based on that analysis, what recommendations for improvement can be made.

1. Size of special collections: Between 5,000 - 35,000. This does not mean that the largest collection has the most complete library on the subject. As collections are organized to serve a small specialized group, one should judge qualitatively as well as quantitatively, and this survey did not undertake to estimate subject quality. The book stocks seem reasonably adequate, but the special libraries, particularly the scientific field could not function effectively without the facilities of the government libraries in Ottawa and the university libraries in the Atlantic area and the other provinces.

2. Staff: Fifty percent of the libraries surveyed had on the average one professional librarian. The overall picture is one of inadequate staff.

3. Services: All the libraries cooperate in interlibrary loan services. Most of them had photoduplicating services for the staff only. One provides a service for other libraries. Recommendations for improvement in library service have always to begin with a question of staff. Miss Winifred Sewell, immediate Past-President of S. L. A., estimates that 30,000 special librarians will be needed in the United States because of the explosive growth of research and development. While we do not expect such expansion in the Atlantic area, there will be a tremendous increase in university enrolment in the next ten years, more research grants will be available and more industry will come to this region. More librarians with a liberal education, a major in science or some other specialty and a development of language competence will be needed. These will be needed not only for special libraries as such, but also for public library service, because I am sure that public libraries are becoming more aware that there is a significant growth in the amount of specialized information for which they are asked. More stack space will be necessary as the volume of material received continues to increase. The question of cooperative storage might be looked into again. The recommendations that will be made by the public libraries group will apply equally well to special libraries with some slight variation. Finances do not seem to be the same problem in Special Libraries as in public, the borrowers served form a much smaller group, costs are not quite so high, and this group, which wants specific references, usually in a hurry, is willing to provide the funds.

The Conference then divided into groups as follows: Public Libraries, chaired by Miss M. E. Cameron; University Libraries, chaired by Miss Charlotte Allen; and School Libraries, chaired by Mrs. F. L. Lothian.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES: This meeting took the form of a panel discussion chaired by Miss Cameron. Participants were the directors of Regional Libraries in the various provinces - Miss Cullen, Miss Letts, Mr. Donovan, Mr. MacEacheron. Before the discussion began, Miss Cameron distributed a prepared summary showing actual library service in the four Atlantic provinces and comparing it with the C L A standards for service.

The members of the panel reported for their respective provinces.

Mr. MacEacheron (New Brunswick) felt that the prepared summary presented a more negative aspect than was justified by the facts, e.g. in comparing what is actually being done with a set of optimum standards, and also in taking percentages of the total area served as opposed to the quality of service in those areas presently being served. He said that New Brunswick is making a few strides towards more and better service and he felt that this should be brought out in any report that is presented to the Inquiry. Miss Cameron agreed that progress should be noted but pointed out that the purpose of the Inquiry is to present a total picture.

Mr. Donovan (Newfoundland) said that the facts of life in his province were so far removed from standards set outside it that such standards cannot be applied. The first public library in Newfoundland was established in St. John's as late as 1936. A large amount of help has always been received from the provincial government. About 50% of the population now has service. Mr. Donovan felt that individual library boards need to accept more responsibility. At present, however, financial support must continue to come from the provincial government.

Miss Letts (Nova Scotia) gave a brief resume of the history of regional libraries in her province. She said that the areas now being served by the Regional Libraries in N. S. are geographically the easiest areas to serve. Therefore, there will be additional difficulties to overcome in extending the service to the other areas. In most cases restriction of service is due to lack of staff.

Miss Cullen (Prince Edward Island) stated that, until 1947, this province had the only regional library in eastern Canada. She said, however, that the service is below standard in several aspects. It is hard to keep the branch libraries operating efficiently. Many of the people are so intellectually undernourished that they feel no hunger. She felt that an exchange of librarians, working or just visiting, might be encouraged.

Miss Cameron then threw the meeting open for general discussion. She asked, "Are we satisfied with the service being given? If not, what are we going to do about it? Is it at this point that we should measure up to the fact that our service has fallen short of the ideal?"

Miss Dobson asked about Friends of the Library. Mr. MacEacheron replied that the trustees are the "friends of the library". We should be improving our public relations with out trustees.

Mr. Donovan thought that the real relations between the library and the public count for more than special weeks, such as National Library Week or even Young Canada's Book Week.

Miss Wallace mentioned the personal attitude of the librarian in contact with the public. This is very important.

Someone pointed out that in staffing the small branches of regional libraries it is difficult to get untrained workers who know books.

Mr. Donovan pointed out that we must acknowledge that there is a percentage of people who will never read and concentrate on improving our service to those who would read if libraries were available to them, rather than on having 100% of the population in a given area as users of the library.

Miss Cameron read a resolution which she suggested might be presented from this group to the Resolutions Committee of the Conference and thence to the Canadian Library Association. The resolution read as follows:

WHEREAS the basic purpose of public library service is to provide materials which communicate ideas and information, so housed, organized and promoted that they reach the greatest possible number of people, thus making their local contributions to the educational, recreational and cultural growth of the community;

WHEREAS library service is available to only 60% of the population of Canada;

WHEREAS the Canadian Library Association has conducted a preliminary inquiry through its members of the state of library service in the existing libraries and found that it falls far below the specifications set forth in THE STANDARDS OF SERVICE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN CANADA;

AND WHEREAS it is the stated objective of the Canadian Centenary Council "to encourage and assist in the initiation of certain projects which are designed to eradicate our social deficits";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the C. L. A. be asked to investigate without delay the means of having a complete survey made by a qualified person or persons, the results of such a survey to be used as a basis of a program of action to bring about complete library coverage in Canada and improved and extended service in existing libraries to conform with standards, so that Canada may fulfil its destiny as an educated nation as it moves forward into the second century of its history as a self-governing dominion in the Commonwealth of Nations.

It was moved by Miss Barbara Kincaid, seconded by Miss Ethel Dobson, that the above resolution be presented to the Resolutions Committee for presentation to the whole Conference on the following day. Carried.

At the close of the period devoted to group meetings, the Conference adjourned for coffee.

The afternoon session resumed at 3:45 p.m. when reports from the various groups were presented to the meeting as a whole.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES: Miss Coulter, in reporting for this 3-member group, said that they had made a tour of the High School Libraries in Charlottetown and that the school library situation in this city was good. However, the situation throughout the rest of P. E. I. was not so good and the other group felt that more effort should be made to make these other areas aware of what was being done in Charlottetown itself. Miss Coulter, speaking for Nova Scotia, said she was not yet clear in her own mind as to the overall picture there, and that the picture in Newfoundland and New Brunswick was very limited also.

The feeling of this group was that anything it could contribute would be a waste of time and, that for the present the problem should be left with the School Libraries Division of the Canadian Library Association.

The wish of this group was that in submitting a report from this Conference to the Canadian Library Inquiry, the report on School Libraries should be omitted.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES: Miss Charlotte Allan reported that this group had discussed all questions which had appeared in the summary.

In the matter of departmental libraries, the group did not wholly approve of them but felt that in some cases they were necessary.

With regard to reference services to citizens, that is to the general public, it was felt that this puts a great strain on the universities. One problem is that there is no one library to assist those taking extra-mural work.

The establishment of an Atlantic Regions Depository Library was discussed.

On behalf of the group, Miss Allan presented for consideration by the Resolutions Committee a motion that a section of the Canadian Library Association for College and Research Librarians be formed as soon as possible.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES: Miss Cameron reported for this group whose discussion appears earlier in these minutes. She presented to the Conference the Resolution mentioned previously. Miss Letts asked for an amendment to the resolution to show existing as well as potential service.

It was moved by Mr. MacEacheron, seconded by Miss Letts, that the resolution of the Public Libraries Group for the Canadian Library Inquiry be amended to show existing as well as potential service. Carried.

The Conference then adjourned for the day.

CONFERENCE DINNER: The Conference Dinner, tendered by the Province of Prince Edward Island, Department of Education, was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Queen Hotel. It was chaired by the Hon. L. G. Dewar, M. D., Minister of Education for the province. The guest speaker was the Hon. J. J. Coyle, of the English Department, Prince of Wales College, who spoke on The Medieval Scholar. He was introduced and thanked by Dr. Dewar.

During the dinner the President of A P L A, Miss Cullen, announced that Miss Rebecca Nash of Charlottetown was the winner of the A P L A Scholarship for 1962-63. Miss Nash, a graduate of Dalhousie University, was a guest at the dinner.

The Conference resumed on Tuesday, May 22, at 9 a.m. with Miss Cullen in the chair.

Miss Cullen introduced the topic FEDERAL AID TO LIBRARIES. She stated that the per capita expenditure on libraries in this area is from 1/4 to 1/2 of the per capita expenditure in Ontario and British Columbia.

Sister Regina Clare spoke in favour of Federal Aid. Mrs. Cooke suggested that university libraries would present a special problem as they would be included directly under education.

Miss Wallace said that it is because of such problems that Federal Aid is only discussed from the standpoint of public libraries. She mentioned the possibility of some form of indirect aid to all libraries rather than direct aid; e.g. more help from the National Library.

Mr. Donovan felt that more detailed study of this question is necessary before we can come up with any answer.

Miss Cameron suggested that the survey presented during the discussion by the Public Libraries Group on the previous day would be a preliminary to such study.

Miss Cullen asked how, if we did have a basis for soliciting such aid, we should best use it. Should we try to build up present services or make an all-out effort to reach out to areas not now served? Lack of staff for expansion was mentioned.

Miss Letts said that, if young people see libraries in action, the recruiting situation will improve. She suggested going ahead with plans for development and that such development would help plans for recruitment.

Mr. Donovan felt that a Committee was needed. If the Workshop on Federal Aid at the forthcoming C L A Conference results in a need for action on the problem, such a Committee would serve a useful purpose.

Miss Wallace, speaking for the C L A Planning & Action Committee, said that such a Committee would provide the type of assistance needed by the C L A. This group might set up a Planning & Action Committee of the same type as the C L A Committee.

Mr. MacEacheron made a motion in favour of such a Committee. There was a great deal of discussion on the most suitable wording for this motion. In final form as moved by Mr. MacEacheron, seconded by Miss Letts, the motion was presented as follows: That a committee be formed from among the Atlantic Provinces Library Association to draw up a Master Plan for libraries in the area with the idea of determining what sort of service could be provided in the region. Carried. Mr. MacEacheron suggested that the purpose of the Committee for the first year be exploratory and that it then report back to the Association. It can define its terms of reference as it works. It will be in liaison with the Planning & Action Committee of C L A.

There followed discussion about the formation of the Committee. Miss Wallace suggested that the Directors of the Regional Libraries in the four provinces serve on it ex officio. Mr. Allison suggested that a chairman be named from the Conference with power to appoint a Committee. He then nominated Miss Mary Fraser as chairman; Miss Fraser declined.

Miss Cameron felt that the matter should be given some thought and left with the executive. She suggested a very small Committee. The Chairman of such a committee would be very important and should be a person with time, knowledge and enthusiasm.

Miss Letts suggested a small committee with imagination and said that every member of A P L A should feel a responsibility to that Committee. She mentioned that there are a number of individuals in our Association who have had experience in all phases of library work. She also suggested that the formation of the Committee be left to the Executive.

At this point, the discussion on Federal Aid was interrupted and the business meeting resumed.

ATLANTIC PROVINCES CHECKLIST: In the absence of Miss Shirley Elliott, editor of the Checklist, Miss Letts presented the report, and brought greetings from Miss Elliott to the Conference. She said that the 1961 Checklist was now in the hands of the printers. It had been hoped to have it ready for distribution at the Conference, but it would be ready within a week. Miss Letts said the report was mostly a repetition of last year's - a request for material - the same people who did not send material last year still did not send any. It would help if entries were sent in a form that could be used without too much revision.

Mr. Donovan moved a vote of thanks to Miss Elliott for her work on the Checklist. This was seconded by Miss Wallace and carried.

C L A RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE: Miss Charlotte Allan presented the following report:

As your representative, I have had correspondence with Miss Kathleen Bowlby, Chairmen of the Committee, and have received copies of recruitment literature.

The Committee had decided to make contact with the universities a part of the recruitment project, the contacts to be made either by the Committee itself or by the district representative.

Your executive felt that the former course would be desirable and I wrote the Chairman to that effect.

Your Association's chief contribution to recruitment is support of the Scholarship Fund, and this year the response has been most gratifying. Much has been done also by individual effort.

A report of the Scholarship award to Miss Rebecca Nash will be forwarded to the C L A Committee.

The Conference then adjourned for coffee. During this period, news photos were taken of the incoming executive. Also at this time, Mr. S. M. McInnis, Visual Aids Division of the P. E. I. Department of Education, played a tape recording of Rawhide's National Library Week programme, which provided a good deal of amusement. Mr. McInnis said that he could make copies of the broadcast available to anyone who could send him sufficient tape for a 15 minute recording.

The Conference resumed at 10:45 a.m.

Miss Ellen Webster, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the Conference Resolutions. Courtesy resolutions were as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the thanks of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association be tendered to the following:

- (i) Dr. L. G. Dewar, Minister of Education, and his Department, for the dinner on May 21.
- (ii) Mayor Waltham Gaudet and the City of Charlottetown for the luncheon on May 22, and to Mayor Gaudet for presiding as Chairman at the luncheon.
- (iii) Dr. J. J. Coyle of the Department of English of Prince of Wales College.
- (iv) Dr. Frank Mackinnon, Principal, Prince of Wales College.
- (v) The Prince Edward Island librarians for the hospitality and excellent arrangements for this Conference.
- (vi) Mr. S. M. McInnis of the Visual Aids Division, Department of Education.

Miss Webster moved the adoption of the courtesy resolutions. This was seconded by Miss Green and carried.

The Conference Resolutions were as follows:

WHEREAS the University and College Librarians of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association meeting in Charlottetown on May 21, 1962, feel that conditions warrant the formation of a College and Research Library Section

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Library Association be asked to consider the formation of such a section.

The adoption of this resolution was moved by Miss Webster, seconded by Miss Green, and carried.

The second Conference resolution arose from the discussion of the Public Libraries section of the Canadian Library Inquiry. It was as follows:

WHEREAS the basic purpose of public library service is to provide materials which communicate ideas and information, so housed, organized, and promoted that they reach the greatest number of people, thus making their local contribution to the educational, recreational and cultural growth of the community;

WHEREAS library service is available to only 61% of the population of the Atlantic Provinces and only 60% of the population of Canada;

WHEREAS the Atlantic Provinces Library Association has conducted a preliminary inquiry through its members of the state of library service in the existing libraries and found that it falls far below the specifications set forth in THE STANDARDS OF SERVICE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN CANADA;

AND WHEREAS it is the stated objective of the Canadian Centenary Council "to encourage and assist in the initiation of certain projects which are designed to eradicate our social deficits";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Library Association be asked to investigate without delay the means of having a complete survey made by a qualified person or persons, the results of such a survey to be used as a basis of a program of action to bring about complete library coverage in Canada, and improved and extended service in existing libraries to conform with C L A standards, so that Canada may fulfil its destiny as an educated nation as it moves into the second century of its history as a self-governing dominion in the Commonwealth of Nations.

It was moved by Miss Webster, seconded by Miss Gardiner, that this resolution be adopted. There was some discussion about the resolution. Some members did not feel the need for such a survey. The resolution was approved by the majority of those present, however, and was passed.

The discussion on Federal Aid to Libraries, begun earlier in the session, was then continued.

It was moved by Miss Green that the incoming executive be empowered to appoint a Chairman for the proposed Committee, to draw up the Master Plan for library service in this area. Mr. MacEacheron said that, if the naming of a Chairman were left with the incoming Executive, he would like assurance that the matter would not be left until the regular executive meeting.

There followed considerable discussion on the membership of the Committee and the number of members to be named to it.

It was finally moved by Miss Green, seconded by Miss Cameron, that the Executive be empowered to appoint as soon as possible a small committee to develop the Master Plan. Carried.

This ended the discussion on Federal Aid.

It was moved by Mr. MacEacheron, seconded by Miss Letts, that Max Ferguson (Rawhide) be made an honorary member of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. It was suggested that Miss Letts be empowered to draft a suitable certificate for Rawhide, admitting him to membership. Motion carried.

Miss Cullen then turned the meeting over to the incoming president, Miss Charlotte Allan. Miss Allan thanked the members for the honour conferred upon her and expressed her pleasure at having several members of her executive well versed in the affairs of the Association.

We have, she said, an immediate task to perform in appointing a Committee to work on the Master Plan. The Executive will proceed with this as soon as all members can be contacted.

Miss Allan then called for invitations for the 1963 Conference.

Miss Gardiner, on behalf of the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library Board, invited the members to meet in Moncton in 1963.

Dates for the meeting were then discussed. Some members were definitely in favour of meeting on the holiday week-end, others as firmly opposed. A rough count was taken among those present, showing approximately 10 in favour and 16 against the holiday week-end as meeting time. A number of members abstained from voting.

It was decided that it would be advisable to leave the matter of dates with the Executive to investigate the possibilities and set the dates later in the year.

Miss Cameron moved a vote of thanks to the P E I Librarians, and especially to outgoing President, Miss Cullen, for the work done in preparation for the Conference. This was seconded by Mr. Donovan and carried.

The CONFERENCE LUNCHEON was held at the Charlottetown Hotel, tendered by the City. Mayor Waltham Gaudet presided and gave a warm welcome to the delegates and presented the incoming President, Miss Allan, with a memento on behalf of the City. He said that previous recipients had been Mrs. John Diefenbaker and Mrs. Lester Pearson. He urged delegates to return in 1964, Charlottetown's Centennial Year.

He then introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Frank MacKinnon, Principal of Prince of Wales College, who chose as his topic "The Confederation Memorial Building". Dr. MacKinnon told how the idea of such a Memorial had arisen, how plans for it had been worked out, and an architect chosen by competition, and showed photographs of a model of the building. Miss Cameron thanked Dr. MacKinnon on behalf of the A P L A, and the Conference closed.



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