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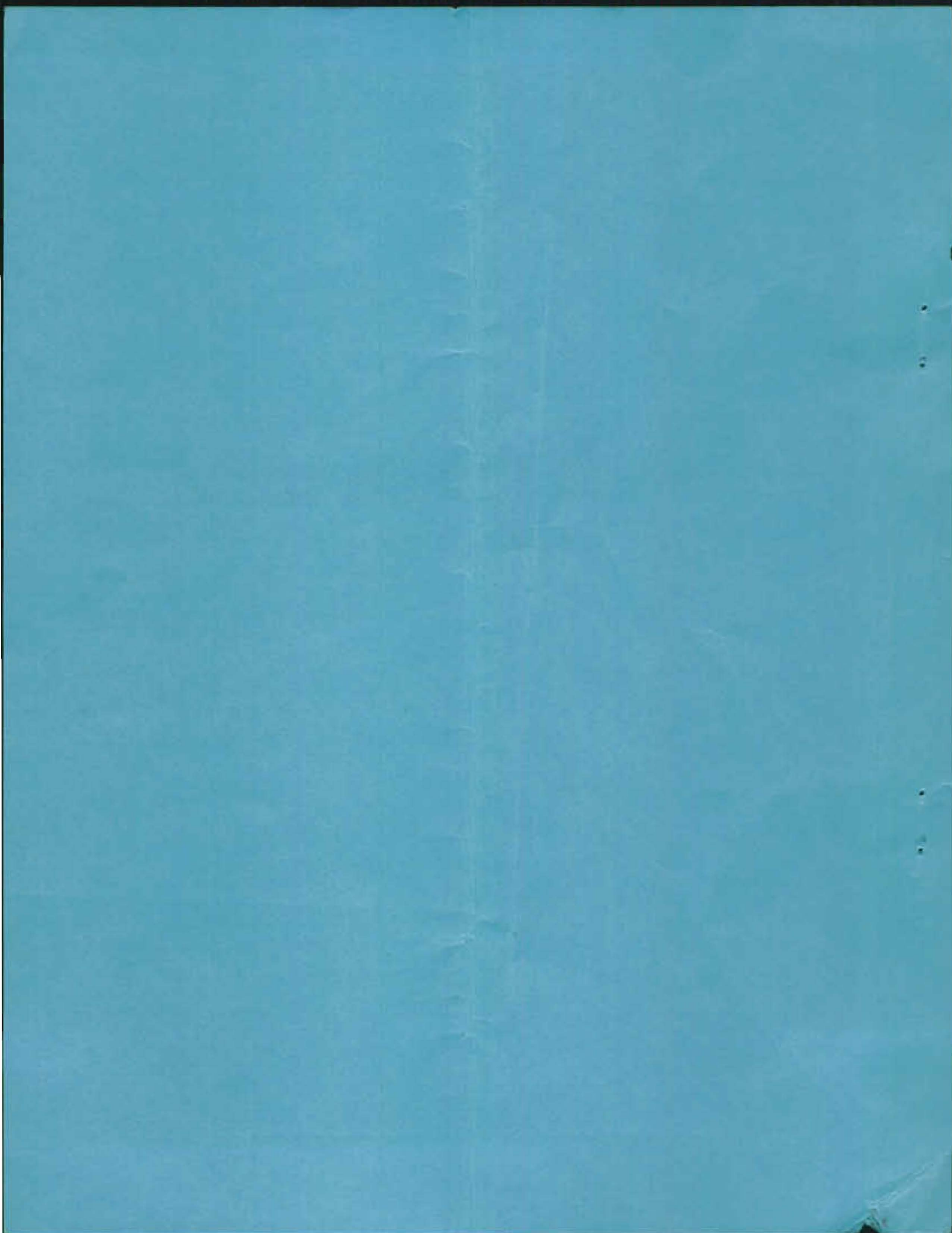
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Attached to this issue are annual indexes for Vol. 21 and 22 of the MLA BULLETIN, slightly delayed. These have been requested, and anyone who files the BULLETIN will want to put each index with its own volume.

Back issues are still available for many years. Recent institutional subscribers may want to complete their files. Exchanges are welcomed.

APLA members wishing to dispose of back issues at any time may send them in for our stock; we can always use them to fill requests!

## NEW YEAR ROUND-UP EDITORIAL NOTES

"We greatly deplore the fact that visits from Headquarters are so infrequent, and realize that librarians and library boards are not getting sufficient help, but our transportation being what it is, it is a physical impossibility to get around to all the libraries even once a year."

So says APLA (MLA) President-Emeritus Jessie Miffelen in the New Year's issue of her Newfoundland Regional Libraries Newsletter. The situation isn't quite as bad regarding transport in the rest of our area; yet we seldom hear from, and even less often see, many of our library friends. So this issue of the APLA BULLETIN has been dubbed a NEW YEAR ROUND-UP issue, and we've tried to include news from as many quarters as possible.

The end of a year's activity, the pause for holidays, and the beginning of a new year's hurry is a good time to take stock---and tell the BULLETIN about it.



## NEW YEAR ROUND-UP EDITORIAL

# *Dartmouth and County Need Regional Library*

REPRINTED FROM THE DARTMOUTH FREE PRESS, JAN. 22, 1959

On a 12-10 vote last March, the Halifax County Council turned down a proposal to establish regional library services for the county.

In recent weeks one school meeting after another has gone on record as favoring regional libraries and school districts together with Home and School Associations have petitioned the county to begin such services.

The matter is due to come before the February session of County Council.

This newspaper believes that both the County and the Town of Dartmouth should establish regional library service. As far as the town and fringe areas are concerned this could very well be one of the first fruits of amalgamation.

The Town has an excellent library although it is cramped for space and needs additional personnel. When the Federal Government purchases the site of the present library on Queen St. to build a Dominion Public Building, the town will use the purchase money towards constructing a new civic center which will house a public library, according to present plans. This library should be large enough to take care of town and suburbs. It should be a regional library system so that the whole amalgamated area could be served and the library would have access to any book under the regional system across the continent.

The county regional service plan calls for the use of three bookmobiles that would reach every section fortnightly or monthly. The cost to the municipality for the first year of operation of three bookmobiles with staff would be \$31,752 or five cents on the tax rate.

Under the regional library scheme the province pays one half of the operating costs up to a maximum of 35 cents per capita and the remainder must be provided by the municipality.

About half Nova Scotia is already served by this regional library service. Halifax County, the largest county, should not be without such a service.. The Halifax County Council of the Home and School Associations says it is "an absolute necessity" for children to have supplementary reading material to complement their academic education. It is a book to adults, too, to be able to choose books on technical subjects to improve their way of life, inspirational books, or books on hundreds of subjects just for the picking.

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### CANADA COUNCIL GRANT NOT TO BE REPEATED (LATE NOTE)

Conditions set by the Canada Council for the grant to the new York Regional Library were pointed out by C.L.S. director Jim MacEacheron to the BULLETIN Jan.22: That the project is an "experimental demonstration for the province as a whole, not merely for the County... that the Council will therefore not contribute to any similar demonstration in any other county" or in any province in which a demonstration has already been carried out.



## *York County First N.B. Rural Regional, Open Jan. 1*

New Brunswick's first county regional library began to function January 1, 1959. York County Regional Library will incorporate the Fredericton Public Library, bookmobile service, and branch libraries, for the county's 40,000 people. A \$7800 grant from the Canada Council made possible the start of services. (See p.24)

New Brunswick's Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library, now over a year old, at present serves the urban Moncton area. York County will be the first full-scale rural service.

The Fredericton Gleaner's report Rolf Munroe wrote on Dec. 20:

"The establishment of the York County Regional Library, whose newly-appointed Board held its organization meeting yesterday, represents another triumph for the principle of "books to the people"--the provision of free reading matter of the best type to everyone, everywhere; the creation of a literate, informed public by that which literacy feeds upon---the printed word."

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The campaign for regional library service in New Brunswick reached success after four years of activity in Fredericton. The Library Services Act, passed by the New Brunswick government in 1954, made possible the establishment of Central Library Services, with Fredericton headquarters. C.L.S. director James F. MacEacheron and his staff have worked toward a coordinating agency for future regional libraries, and provided mail library service for the province. During 1957-58 C.L.S. mailed 42,888 books to 5,385 borrowers.

The Fredericton Council of Women led the drive for a York County Regional library, from 1954 onward. Bookmobile demonstrations were given in 1955 with the cooperation of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library in Nova Scotia.

"The York County Council session of February 1956 however brought the Library its first major setback. Two resolutions in its favor were defeated by votes of 14-12 and 12-12, the tie vote being equivalent to a negative under the Council's rules. The Library project had temporarily foundered upon the rock of the major problem of municipal financing.

"While the financial grant required was only 30 cents per person, the County's fiscal set-up did not permit it to be collected in that way, but only in a manner which would bear disproportionately heavily on property holders who were already bearing much too great a share of the tax load."

---Rolf Munroe, Fredericton Gleaner, Dec. 20.

The regional library project, despite the campaigning of the Fredericton Council of Women, the Nashwaak Resources Development Centre and a York County Regional Library Committee, and also Lord Beaverbrook, was rejected by County Council again in 1957 and 1958.

Approval in principle of the regional library was granted by the Council in July 1958--without commitment for finance---and a \$7800 grant from the Canada Council was announced in October, permitting actual establishment of the library. The City of Fredericton, the county, and the province signed the formal agreement. For a late bulletin about the Canada Council grant, see page 24.

#### YORK COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS

Appointments to the 12-member library board have been: Mrs. F. L. Miller and Rev. Roy DeMarsh, by the province; Warden Harlie Carr and Councillors Cyril R. Brewer, Charles Howell, Neal Burden and Leon Smith for the county; Alderman J. W. Whittingham, and Jean Adams, Mrs. Marjorie Thompson, Alden R. Clark and Frederick Boyle for the city. Mrs. Miller and Mr. DeMarsh were leaders in the long campaign; APLA members will know Mrs. Thompson of the University of New Brunswick library, and a longtime supporter of Fredericton library service. Also a leader in the fight for regional library service has been Mrs. Hugh John Flemming, wife of the Premier. Mr. Howell is Board Chairman.

The hard financial situation of municipalities in New Brunswick, as in Nova Scotia and other provinces, has been the core problem in the provision of regional library services. The York County Council, Rolf Munroe points out,

"were giving the library serious consideration and debate, extending every courtesy to the delegations appearing in its behalf, and never at any time rejecting the principle of a Regional Library---all this at a time when the other rural municipalities, whose eligibility to take advantage of the Library Services Act was the same as York's were not giving the subject any consideration at all."

#### BOOKMOBILE SERVICE PLANNED

At the Board's second meeting early in January, the decision was made to purchase a bookmobile, and the Board received estimates of the cost and set up a committee to investigate.

C.L.S. director Jim MacEacheron, named librarian and secretary of the York County Regional Library Board, and board members Leon Smith and Mrs. F. L. Miller form the bookmobile committee.

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#### CAPE BRETON REGIONAL LIBRARY NOTES by RUTH M. McDORMAND

The mind goes forth from the Highland heart in Nova Scotia, and pushes back the edge of darkness through the fine art of reading and other literary studies. Some of our libraries are so crowded that there is only room at the top, and we shall soon have to hit the silk or use the side door. 1958 was a year to remember, and the proof of the pudding for everyone from the steadfast man to doubting Thomas, is the record high circulation and membership in our libraries.

Cape Breton people will talk about the choice of adult reading, Canadian portraits, poems, things maps don't tell us, and that is why we shall soon need space police in our libraries.

Our flight to adventure this year was the extension of regional library service to Victoria county, and a bookmobile is now seen regularly on top of old Smoky. There was never a day so bright, either, as that on which definite planning for the new James McConnell Memorial Library gave us courage to be happy. My Lord, what a morning will begin our moving day. Thus endeth our testament of experience, and we still haven't shouted the last hurrah!



## *Bookamatic Charging First for Halifax*

Feb. 17, Halifax Memorial Library patrons will start borrowing books without writing name or number. Instead, they will present a small plastic card with their books. This card, embossed with borrower's name, address and number, will be much like the charge-plates already in use in the Halifax area by department stores and service stations. The desk assistant will insert the embossed borrower's card, together with an embossed book card, into a small device, press a lever, and print a ~~multiple~~-carbon record of the transaction.

This will be the first Canadian installation of the Bookamatic charging system manufactured by the Addressograph-Multigraph Co. Both borrowers' and book cards are embossed in the library on an A-M Graphotype machine. Charging can be done with any one of five lightweight charging devices---at rush hours or for special events, an extra charging station can be set up almost anywhere there's a corner of a desk or table.

To make the change from the Newark-Detroit system, used since the HML opened in 1957, the Library will close for the week of Feb. 9-16. New book cards will replace the old ones in all library books. Meanwhile, new borrowers' plates and an explanatory leaflet are being mailed to all patrons.

Supplies for the new operation include half a million sets of transaction forms. These won't last long---first returns for 1958 circulation show that some 448,550 books passed over the HML desk in 1958. The half-million sets are pre-numbered. When the loan information is stamped on a set, the first slip is torn off to go into the book pocket--along with the plastic book card which always stays with the book. The snap-out carbons are removed, and the second and third slips are filed numerically at the charge desk.

When the book is returned, the numbered slip is taken from the book pocket; and at the end of the day, numbers are paired and corresponding slips pulled from the charge file and destroyed. At the end of the loan period (two weeks) the only slips left in the ~~original day's charge~~ file will be overdues---and the third carbon copy is ready there, to be slipped into a window envelope and sent as an overdue notice.

The change isn't being made before it is needed. In 1957 circulation operations at HML outgrew the original circulation counter, and a special charge-out counter was built separate from the returns counter. Mollie Cameron, HML's chief librarian, and her circulation staff are expecting the usual initial hitches as the Bookamatic system is introduced, but are confident that the new system will speed borrowing, relieve congestion at the slipping counter, and decrease errors in circulation records.

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HALIFAX MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS by BARBARA SMITH

A new children's branch was opened in the fall, at St. Thomas Aquinas School, which is open to children in this section of the city one afternoon a week. This brings to three the number of branches operated by the Children's Department.

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## NEW YEAR ROUND-UP:

*Young Canada's Book Week in N.S.*

by SHIRLEY COULTER

We are all still gasping for breath with delight and slight disbelief--- Young Canada's Book Week this year, especially in Halifax, was a tremendous success as far as favorable publicity went. As far as increased circulation and interest among the children went, we have that all the time. No need for extra publicity there. However, the cooperation we got from various groups and organizations was overwhelming and we are all very happy about the results.

As usual, I wrote to the newspaper, the CBC, and the two private radio stations. Although we weren't successful in getting a spot on the evening TV show "Gazette" (wrestlers and politicians seem more to their taste these days) Miss Kathleen Currie was asked to appear on the Joan Marshall Show on the afternoon of Nov. 19. This program featured a children's fashion show and Miss Currie told the picture story "Millions of Cats" to the children taking part. We had very favorable comments on this program. One woman became so enthralled by the story that she let her tea-kettle boil dry and literally melt away.

We were fortunate to get a half-hour spot on CBC's A.M. Chronicle on Monday, Nov. 17. This was somewhat of a personal triumph for me as, besides an interview with Maurice Foisy about YCBW and children's books, it featured dramatized excerpts from several books which we used to illustrate points in our discussion. Mr. John Hobday, the producer, had asked me to write these dramatizations and to plan the whole program. I was thrilled to do this and I think it was quite a success. By a marvelous coincidence I had chosen to do a bit from "The Dangerous Cove" and was very pleased when it won the Award and gave me an opportunity to mention this particular prize.

The heads of the Regional Libraries in the province had been notified about these two programs and arranged to have their staff members listen to them. The A.M. Chronicle show was advertised on TV the previous day, so a number of people listened in who would have missed it otherwise. We had many comments on it, especially at the various Home and School meetings we attended, and one woman told me she took her radio to the basement so she could listen while doing her laundry. YCBW easing the housewife's burden! This program was given a plug in the Nova Scotia Drama League publication "Call Board" also. Although YCBW wasn't mentioned specifically, I hope some of the "theatrical-type" listeners got the point.

Much to our delight, radio station CHNS offered to sponsor a children's Book Review Contest and provide prizes. We were most enthusiastic and placed a poster in the library to advertise it. Though plans and publicity for this contest had been left a little late, there were between 150 and 200 entries, most of them very good. A satisfactory ending to YCBW was provided when the winners appeared on CHNS on Saturday evening, Nov. 22, to receive their prizes and read bits from their winning reviews. At our suggestion, the prizes consisted of certificates to buy books, and I think the boys and girls were very happy to get such a prize. The program included a short interview with me, comments from the other two judges and from Miss Currie.



Radio station CJCH, besides making lavish use of the spot announcements, covered the opening of our newest Children's Branch and broadcast parts of the ceremony on their News Pageant which has a large following. The branch opening was also mentioned on TV newscasts. We felt this was good publicity for the Library was a whole as well as a means of emphasizing YCBW.

The Halifax Herald Ltd. came across as expected again this year. In fact, besides several editorials on books and libraries, two different reporters did article on YCBW.

Both Kathleen Currie and I had speaking engagements although not all were in the Nov. 15-22 period. However, as we feel that the YCBW publicity brought on the invitations, I would like to mention them.

I had about twenty minutes allotted to me to speak about "Teen-Age Reading" at the Queen Elizabeth High School Home and School Association on Nov. 20. I felt that I was just getting warmed up at the end of this time, but I think I managed to put a few points across. In spite of the sudden emergency which was on everyone's mind---Friday afternoon classes or not?---a number of interested parents came up afterwards to look at the books I had displayed, to take titles and copies of book lists for Christmas buying, and to ask questions. And of course during the refreshment period you have a chance to carry on further discussion.

Miss Currie spoke to the LeMarchant Street H & S on books for Primary to Grade 6, and to the Rockingham, Halifax County, H & S on books for Primary to Grade 8, taking books and lists with her both times. She was also invited to speak to an I.O.D.E. group on reading for children, and asked to suggest titles which their buying committee might use as gifts to the schools.

Early in October I had a call from Miss Elizabeth Browne, director of the Junior Red Cross in Halifax. She asked whether this group could do anything to help celebrate YCBW and offered to send us copies of the November issue of their magazine which contained an article on YCBW. She sent me a dozen copies of this and also some for September and October. I sent copies to all the Regional Libraries and put our copies into circulation with our other magazines.

We had the usual displays in the Children's Library---posters, bookmarks, etc.-- and in the three small branches as well. At the entrance to the adult Circulation Department is a display window which we decorate every YCBW. This year we used the "Highlights in the History of Children's Literature" as a poster with appropriate jackets. It made an excellent window and stirred up quite a bit of interest.

A poster and booklists were displayed in the Halifax Ladies College and I noticed that Mrs. Myra Vernon, librarian of the Teachers Central Library, had placed several posters in their large street level windows.

I did a short piece on YCBW for the November issue of Commercial News, the bulletin of the Halifax Board of Trade. I also wrote to the local Girl Guide Headquarters suggesting that a notice be sent around to the different packs, e.g. "YCBW would be a good time to start work on your Reader's Badge". I don't think this was done---shortage of staff and time, I expect---but my letter was posted at the Headquarters office and as several girls have been in to the Library to be tested for this badge since then, some notice must have been taken of it.

Miss Currie and I worked on booklists for various groups---Cubs, I.O.D.E.--- and though we do this sort of thing throughout the year, YCBW seems to prompt more requests for lists.



Miss Cameron, in a talk on the library to the Business and Professional Women's Club on Nov. 10, gave YCBW a plug.

Now, for the Regional Libraries. They are all still extremely short of staff and money, but I think they do very well in spite of that.

Miss Dorothy MacKay, director of the Annapolis Valley Regional Library, reports that one of her staff, who has had previous experience in window dressing in England, set up a display of books, posters and a book quiz involving hidden book titles, in a downtown store window. Miss MacKay herself spoke to a large H & S gathering in Kentville about children's books and the regional library service as it pertains to children in particular. The Hantsport branch library assistant, a retired librarian, spoke to the H & S group in that town.

Mrs. Margaret Snyder, the newly arrived director of the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library, reports that posters were placed in several schools and displays in each branch and at Bass River, which had especially requested one. Radio spots were used although only at one o'clock in the afternoon, which was not too satisfactory. Mrs. Snyder wrote to the newspaper with no results. For one who has been in charge there such a short time, I think she did very well by YCBW.

I have not had a final report from Mr. Stan MacDougall, director of the Pictou County Regional Library, but he had told me previously that posters would be put up and that would be it. He has been working there practically single-handed since July. However, he managed to listen to our A.M. Chronicle show and wrote the CBC urging more of the same, so I think he has done his bit.

I haven't had a report from Miss Ruby Wallace, director of the Cape Breton Regional Library and the new Victoria County Regional Library, as yet. However, I did hear an interview by Marjorie Major on Maritime Magazine, the evening of Nov. 17, during which Miss Wallace spoke about regional libraries and especially the use which is made of the bookmobile service in Cape Breton. The interview was informal and informative, and I for one enjoyed it very much.

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 [Miss Coulter's article on Young Canada's Book Week was originally written as a letter to CLA headquarters, in her capacity as Nova Scotia representative on the YCBW Committee. Her report to CLA included a number of photos, and other illustrative material, which unfortunately we can't show in the APLA BULLETIN. -- Ed.]  
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### THE COLLEGE LIBRARIAN

"The librarian is in a unique situation on campus. While considered part of the teaching staff, he has no departmental allegiance. Members of the faculty accept his disinterested attitude for he is not involved, nor should he be, in the zealous watchfulness by which each subject department guards its rightful position on campus. Because of his free position, the librarian can speak out, unhampered by any considerations of self-interest, for the furtherance of the ideals of the college.

"What the librarian says will be more impressive if his ideas of general education are before the faculty through his daily actions: the wise purchase of books, the unbiased administration of the library, and the displays and activities sponsored by the library. This means speaking out in public and in faculty meetings for a well-balanced curriculum, rejecting soft solutions and short-cuts..."  
 ---Wyman W. Parker, Coll. Res. Libs. 19 357-364 (Sep.1958)



## NEW YEAR ROUND-UP

*Annapolis Valley Regional*SOME GLANCES THROUGH ENGLISH EYES

by RUTH V. COYNE

The latest development in the Annapolis Valley Regional Library took place at RCAF Station Greenwood, where a Children's Department opened Oct. 27. One very small enthusiast fast changed from a boy-who-could-not-sign-his-name-on-Friday to one-who-could-the-following-Tuesday to become a member.

For Young Canada's Book Week in November, our Librarian, Miss Dorothy MacKay, talked to a Home and School meeting at Kentville about children's books and the regional library, and we arranged a window display in a shop in Annapolis to show a selection of the books available through the system.

Spring and summer months were hard owing to illness or shortage of staff, and it was with regret that, in September, we received the resignation of Miss Mary Beth Harris, who is now working in the Children's Department of the Halifax Memorial Library. Three new members of staff arrived in the fall: Miss Joane White, who was formerly with the Cape Breton Regional Library; Miss Alice Mairs, a Middlebury College graduate, appointed for one year, and Miss Ruth Coyne, with experience of English libraries.

1958 was another year of healthy expansion and development, with lack of funds proving, as it so often does, the greatest drawback. Circulation figures rose by 18,490 over those for 1957, and books added to our stock numbered 2918. Steady favorites of the Dewey class heads were 9, 7, 6, 8 and 3, in that order of popularity for adults, and in the following order--9, 5, 3, 6, and 7 for children. There is greatly expanded use of the library service throughout the region and it is hoped that in the year ahead supply will be adequate to meet demand.

This letter is supposed to contain a brilliant comparison between English and Canadian libraries, as it is written by the English addition to the staff, but after much thought it can only be said that they have been found to be remarkably similar---even to the happy size of bookmobile drivers!

In England, the counties can be compared to regions here. There, too, the library functions through a Headquarters, with branches and a bookmobile, while liaison between counties is carried on through the National Central Library whose grand union catalogue covering all libraries taking part in the scheme makes a fantastically large stock available to even the most remote borrower.

There are the usual differences in routine methods, size of area covered; population and bookstock, but these are to be anticipated in any move. Here are familiar blue and white book cards now to be used for exactly opposite purposes; little book pockets that live in the backs of the books and not the fronts; catalogues that run word-by-word instead of letter-by-letter, and titles that do not have to be capitalized. It was good to find that Dewey lives here, though, and the speed of the bookmobile is grand.

Differences peculiar to Nova Scotia show themselves in spelling, which is not too different; book stock, meaning many more Canadian and American books to learn about; and issue methods, which have not as yet converted me to their advantages. Having been reared on the English Browne system, to me the Newark method seems to waste more stationery and take more time when dealing with the public. However, it is easy to see that Browne's "funny little pockets" can be looked on with horror [see Diana Lockhart Mason's article on "Token charging in Westminster"--*MLA BULLETIN*, Fall 1956]. Readers using the Browne pockets have three or more to lose, instead of one membership card, and it seems that readers the world over always WILL lose them.

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## NEW YEAR ROUND-UP

# *Acadia University Library*

by HARRY W. GANONG

The first news we would mention is that the overall book and periodical budget was doubled, beginning with the 1958-59 financial year. This has already almost doubled the volume of orders processed, and we have caught up a considerable backlog of binding. Fortunately, we have one more staff member, in the person of Mrs. Jean Rushton.

Of the new cataloguing tools, we have the 16th edition of Dewey which we use only in the teaching of classification in the Library Science course [Acadia uses the L.C. classification--Ed.]. We also have the 6th edition of the Library of Congress subject headings which is in constant use in cataloguing. And, at long last, we are acquiring the Library of Congress catalog as the Pageant Book Co. reprints it. To date 24 volumes out of the total of 167 have been received, and already it has proved very useful.

A major development toward the end of 1958 was the "space reclamation project." This involved the "reclamation" of previously waste space from the two washrooms, sufficient to make two small rooms for the setting up of the microfilm camera and reader. Previously it had been impossible to use this equipment in the library because of lack of space. So a long felt need is at last being met. We also hope, in the near future, to add a microcard reader to our audio-visual equipment.

Before we leave the subject of audio-visual materials, the Library recently acquired the complete recordings of the six plays of Shakespeare which London Records have so far made available in Canada.

Beginning January 26 and continuing until Feb. 9, the library will be featuring travelling exhibitions of Australian books. The books number over 150 and cover a wide variety of Australian topics.

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 Saint John Free Public Library  
 Saint John, New Brunswick



# *Nova Scotia Union Catalogue*

by GLADYS F. BLACK

The Nova Scotia Union Catalogue and Reference service is pleased to be able to report another year of growth and increased use. We recorded 349 telephone calls from libraries in the Halifax area, of which we were able to satisfy 219 from our own resources. For the Nova Scotia Regional Libraries outside Halifax, 992 specific books were sought, and 187 reference questions answered. From other libraries in Nova Scotia, and in cooperation with the National Library from other parts of Canada, we received 195 requests for loans, of which 186 were filled by Canadian libraries and one from the United States. Nova Scotia libraries borrowed from, and lent to, libraries in every province except Newfoundland.

During the year we received 14,251 cards for the Union Catalogue files. We incorporated into the main file of the Catalogue 15,525 entries, sending to the National Library a record of the 9,774 titles not previously recorded. At the end of the year the main file of the Catalogue contained about 77,000 cards, representing about 115,000 volumes. This does not include the photographic enlargements that were filed but not edited.

We made and filed 1,780 secondary and reference cards, and withdrew 416 cards. Incidentally, it's important that cooperating libraries send us a record of the withdrawal of "last copies" as soon as possible after they are written off their own records. May we remind everyone of this again?

By the end of the year we had filed into the main Union Catalogue the photographic enlargements of Dalhousie and Acadia University cards as far as the letter M, with the exception of those entered under CANADA. Over two thousand of these enlargements were edited and incorporated into the catalogue.

Our library of bibliographic aids is still increasing--as is the problem of where to put them? The following is a partial list of those added during 1958:

The Bibliothek. Glasgow, 1956-

Canadian book-prices current. 1950-1955. Toronto [c1957]

Carrier, Louis, publisher. The books of French Canada. Montreal, 1927.

Dreher, S., and M. Rolli. Bibliographie de la littérature française, 1930-1939. Lille, 1948.

Garigue, Philip. A bibliographical introduction to the study of French Canada. [Montreal] 1956.

Hawkins, W. E. Dictionary of Russian literature. London [1957]

Hewitt, A. R. Guide to resources for Commonwealth studies in London, Oxford and Cambridge. [London] 1957.

Heyer, A. H. Historical sets, collected editions, and monuments of music. Chicago, 1957.

- Jayne, S. R. Library catalogues of the English Renaissance. Berkeley, 1956.
- Julian, John. Dictionary of hymnology. New York [1957] 2v.
- Kridl, Manfred. A survey of Polish literature and culture. New York, 1956.
- Muir, P. H. English children's books, 1600-1900. London [1954]
- The Music index. Detroit, 1949-
- National Recreation Association. A guide to books on recreation. 1957-58 ed.  
New York [c1957]
- New York Life Insurance Co. Guide to career information. New York [1957]
- New York. Public Library. The world depression of 1929-  
Comp. by W. W. Shirley. New York, 1934.
- Ottemiller, J. H. Index to plays in collections. 3d ed. New York, 1957.
- Review of historical publications relating to Canada. Toronto, 1897-1919. 22v.
- Royal Empire Society, London. Library. Subject catalogue (v.3, Canada, etc.)  
London, 1932.
- Smith, F. S. Know-how books. London [1956]
- Taylor, Archer. Book catalogues. Chicago, 1957.
- Topete, J. M. A working bibliography of Brazilian literature. Gainesville, 1957.
- UNESCO. Bibliographical services throughout the world; annual report, 1st, 1951/2-
- U. S. Library of Congress. Hispanic Foundation. A provisional bibliography of  
books translated into Spanish. Washington, 1957.

We are grateful to libraries in Nova Scotia for their continued cooperation, and their patience with our many queries, and to the Reference service of the National Library for much assistance and advice, and we hope that still more use will be made of our services in 1959.

#### PROCESSING WITH PLASTIC JACKETS: A SHORTCUT

Mother Frances Smith, librarian of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Halifax, passes on a processing shortcut:

Instead of lettering the spine of books, or trying to letter on glossy-surfaced dust jackets, she puts the call number on a paper strip which also bears the printed library name. The paper band is anchored near the bottom edge of the dust jacket with bits of cellulose tape, to keep it from riding up inside the plastic jacket. The paper strip (used in many libraries including Halifax Memorial) features the library name and is easier to letter than spine or wrapper. For books lacking dust jackets, she cuts a strip from the paper lining of the plastic jacket, to expose the spine of the book. The call number is lettered on the paper band as before. Wallpaper samples can be used inside the plastic jacket to brighten the appearance of the covers.



# St. Joseph's University Library

by BROTHER OMER CORMIER, C. S. C.

At the beginning of a year, we always take pleasure in looking backward to have a general view of the year which has just taken place. As librarians, no doubt the most important events are those in connection with libraries in general and especially with our own. Even if the year 1958 is over, the effects of those events are always present and will form an important link in the chain of our library history.

I would say that the scholastic year 1957-58 has been one of the most prosperous for the library of our university. Regarding new acquisitions, no doubt that the sensational gift of 350 American volumes from the Carnegie Corporation of New York is the most important. These books, chosen to portray contemporary United States life and to explain its origin, well fill up the gaps in our American history section. New collections have also been added to our reference books: the Encyclopedia Canadiana, the French encyclopedia Clartés, and Our Wonderful World. These encyclopedias and a few other reference books were added to our reading room collection and can be referred to by students at any time. The collection on education also added to its wealth the publications of the National Society for the Study of Education, which contains some 70 titles. Nearly 200 books or pamphlets were also added to the Acadian collection of special interest to our students. I take the opportunity to remind librarians interested, of the transfer of the Acadian library to the Moncton branch of St. Joseph's University at 80 Church Street. We still have here a good collection of Acadiana, but if anyone needs references on Acadian history, they may well refer to the far more complete Moncton section.

We added 1615 titles to our library last year, an increase of nearly 600 on the 1025 titles added during the year 1956-57. Here is a breakdown of the books added to each section during the last two years:

	<u>1956-57</u>	<u>1957-58</u>		<u>1956-57</u>	<u>1957-58</u>
General works	21	50	Pure Science	15	31
Philosophy	136	17	Technology	24	42
Religion	224	87	Fine Arts	64	56
Social Sciences	37	236	Literature	299	816
Philology	3	5	History	116	174
			Acadiana	36	101

As you can see by these statistics, we try to develop one or two sections in a special way every year. In 1956-57, the new acquisitions were specially philosophical and theological, while last year social sciences (especially education) and literature were most favored. In 1952 we added 148 titles to the general works section, mostly encyclopedias and dictionaries.

We must not overlook the fact that our library was very incomplete in 1946. Our budget at present is only \$1500, though much more than it was thirteen years ago. Besides the problem of money, we are sadly cramped by lack of space. We are greatly hampered by outmoded library shelves. Of wooden construction, many of them were made for holding newspapers, and nearly all are far too deep for ordinary volumes. With proper shelving, our library could expand its capacity



at least four times. The 350 volumes received from Carnegie, though classified, have not received their own places on the shelves due to lack of space. We are now studying the problem and will have to find a solution in the near future.

Last September, we organized a bindery in a hall adjacent to the library. One of our brothers went to Montreal, last summer, to study bookbinding and now consecrates all his time to this new profession. We intend to do binding on a large scale because many sections of our library, especially literature and reviews, badly need it.

Looking at circulation of books last year, we notice a considerable decrease from the preceding year. The year before last, 5781 books were taken out, while last year the number was reduced to 4770. I would say that many factors may be the cause of such a decrease: 1. Many changes brought about in the program of study much reduce the hours of study and classes, and grant the students longer recreation. 2. The management of a reading room where an important number of books have to be consulted then and there. 3. The great interest taken by many students in having personal libraries. Our bookstore keeper promotes such an idea by offering students a varied selection of volumes on every subject.

In considering the progress realized during the last years, we are greatly trusting in the future, hoping that this year will bring a solution to our most urgent problems. I take this opportunity to wish everyone a most prosperous New Year.

## NEW YEAR ROUND-UP

### *Memorial University of Newfoundland*

by ADA L. GREEN

Miss Sadie Organ, Librarian of MUN, resigned in November to become Mrs. Huston Dixon. Mr. Dixon, formerly United States Consul in St. John's, has been posted to Lahore, Pakistan. Mrs. Dixon holds an Honours degree in mathematics and physics from McGill University, and a Master of Arts degree in librarianship from the University of Michigan. She had been Librarian at MUN (formerly Memorial University College) since 1932 and for most of that time also taught first and second year mathematics. Following their wedding in Trenton, New Jersey, on Nov. 15, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon left in December for the Far East.

Mrs. Boyd Hiscock left in September with her husband, who is a student at Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax. Mrs. Hiscock is now working at Dalhousie University Library. Miss Lorraine Diamond has come in her place. Mrs. Edgar Escott and Mrs. Edgar House joined the staff part-time in October. Mrs. House helps with Circulation and Reference, and Mrs. Escott with Periodicals.

This year the library acquired more reading room space by putting ten more four-way carrels [Cover illustration, Fall 1958 issue--Ed.] in the Monitor Room which gives forty seats to help with the overflow of students from the North Reading Room where the Education books are kept. Library hours have recently been extended so that all reading rooms are open at night from 7 to 11 p.m. instead of 7:15 to 10:15. An experiment was tried in opening the Main Reading Room on Sunday afternoons for the two weeks preceding Christmas examinations. It has not yet been decided if this will be continued.



*Nova Scotiana 1958*

Compiled by SHIRLEY B. ELLIOTT

ARTS AND CRAFTS

## PIERCE, Lorne

Early glass houses of Nova Scotia, being a supplement to Early Canadian Glass, a catalogue of the Edith Chown Pierce & Gerald Stevens Collection at the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto. [Toronto, Ryerson Press, 1958]  
18p., illus., ports.

## Women's Institute. Canada. Women's Institute of Nova Scotia.

Canadian mosaic, Nova Scotia volume; comp. by Mrs. W. A. Turner, drawing by Sandra A. Turner. [Truro, Central Printers] 1957.  
93p., illus., ports., plates.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

Canadian National Railways. Research and Development Dept. Development Branch.  
Industrial survey of Truro, Nova Scotia (with notes on the village of Bible Hill) and Colchester County. Montreal, 1958.  
39p., tabs., maps (fold.)

---An industrial survey of the East River Valley, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, comprising the towns of Trenton, New Glasgow, Stellarton, Westville, with notes on the village of Thorburn. Montreal, 1958.  
59p., tabs., 3 maps (fold.)

---An industrial survey of Springhill, Nova Scotia. Montreal, 1958.  
38p., tabs., 2 maps (fold.)

Dalhousie University. Institute of Public Affairs. Bureau of Industrial Relations.  
Knowing your own business: accounting control and inventory control for manufacturers and processors. Halifax, 1958.  
iv,34p. (Its Publication no.6) multigraphed.

Nova Scotia. Department of Trade and Industry.  
Nova Scotia directory of manufactures, 1958. Halifax, 1958. vii,99p.

DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL

## HARRIS, Reginald Vanderbilt

The Oak Island mystery. Toronto, Ryerson Press [1958]  
xii,211p., illus., plates, bibliog.

## MacNEIL, Neil

The Highland heart in Nova Scotia. Toronto, Saunders, 1958.  
[4],199p. First published in 1948.

EDUCATION

## MOFFATT, Harding Pyle

Educational finance in Canada. Toronto, Gage [1958] 95p., bibliog.  
(Quance lectures in Canadian education, 1957)

- Nova Scotia. Department of Education. Physical Fitness Branch.  
Time for actions: school health program. Part 2: Physical education: a  
teaching guide for rural schools and urban schools (Grades 4, 5 and 6)  
prepared by Barbara E. Fry... Halifax, 1958.  
vii,206p., illus., tabs., charts (Education Office Bulletin no.2, 1958-59)

### FICTION

- BENNETT, Mrs. Ethel Mary (Granger)**  
A straw in the wind. Toronto Ryerson Press [1958]  
vi,281p., map (front.)
- HALIBURTON, Thomas Chandler**  
The clockmaker; or, The sayings and doings of Samuel Slick of Slickville (first  
series); introd. by Robert L. McDougall; general ed., Malcolm Ross ... Toronto,  
McClelland & Stewart [1958]  
xvi,164p. (New Canadian library, no.6)
- MacLENNAN, Hugh**  
Barometer rising; introduction, Hugo McPherson; general ed., Malcolm Ross. ...  
Toronto, McClelland & Stewart [1958]  
xv,219p. (New Canadian library, no.8) First published in 1941.

### FOREST RESOURCES AND GEOLOGY

- Canada. Department of Agriculture. Experimental Farms Service.  
Soil survey of Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, by D. B. Cann and J. B. Hilchey.  
Ottawa, Queen's Printer, 1958.  
48p., tabs., figs., 2 maps (fold. in pocket) (Nova Scotia soil survey, Rept.7)
- Canada. Geological Survey.  
Truro map-area, Colchester and Hants Counties, Nova Scotia, by I.M. Stevenson.  
Ottawa, Queen's Printer, 1958.  
viii,124p., illus., bibliog., map (fold. in pocket) (Its Memoir 297)
- Nova Scotia. Department of Lands and Forests.  
The forest resources of Nova Scotia, prepared by L. S. Hawboldt [and] R. M.  
Bulmer. Halifax, 1958.  
viii,171p., illus., tabs., charts, maps.

### HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY

- CLARKE, George Frederick**  
Too small a world; the story of Acadia. Fredericton, Brunswick Press [1958]  
423p.
- FERGUSON, Charles Bruce**  
The origin of representative government in Canada. Halifax, Committee on  
Bicentenary of Representative Government, 1958.  
47p., illus., port.
- Nova Scotia. Public Archives.  
A directory of the members of the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia, 1758-  
1958, with an introduction by C. Bruce Fergusson, Provincial Archivist.  
Halifax, 1958. viii,519p. (Nova Scotia series, II)
- Glimpses of Nova Scotia, 1807-24, as seen through the eyes of two Halifax  
merchants, a Wilmot clergyman and the Clerk of the Assembly of Nova Scotia;  
introduction by C. B. Fergusson. Halifax, 1957.  
iv,94p. (Its Bulletin no.12)



## Nova Scotia. Public Archives.

Unjacke's sketches of Cape Breton, and other papers relating to Cape Breton Island, ed. with an introd. and notes by C. Bruce Fergusson... Halifax, 1958.  
ix, 198p., illus., port., maps (part fold.) (Nova Scotia series)

## PERKINS, Simeon

The diary of Simeon Perkins, 1780-1789; ed. with an introd. by Dr. D. C. Harvey, with notes by C. Bruce Fergusson. Toronto, Champlain Society, 1958.  
lviii, 531p., fold. map. (Its Publications, no. 36)

## STRANDWOLD, Olaf

The Yarmouth stone. [Prosser, Washington, 1934] unp., illus. mimeog.  
Reissued by the Yarmouth Historical Society in 1958.

The 200th anniversary of representative government in Canada, 1758-1958. Halifax, Committee on Bicentenary of Representative Government, 1958.

32p., illus., ports., facsim. Reprinted from Journal of Education, April 1958.

RELIGION AND SOCIOLOGY

## KERR, Alexander Enoch

In the last analysis. Toronto, Ryerson Press [1958]  
[7], 98p. (Saddlebag books)

## PRINCE, Samuel Henry

The dykes of civilization; foreword by the Right Hon. Vincent Massey. Toronto, General Board of Religious Education, Anglican Church of Canada [1958]  
vii, 144p., front.

---The social system, a compendium of popular sociology. Toronto, Ryerson Press [1958] x, 143p.

THE SEA

## MOWAT, Farley

The grey seas under. Toronto, McClelland & Stewart [1958]  
341p., illus. (front.)

"The hazards and triumphs of the deep-sea salvage tug Foundation Franklin."

## RADDALL, Thomas Head

The Rover, the story of a Canadian privateer... illus. by Vernon Mould.  
Toronto, Macmillan, 1958.  
156p., illus. (Great stories of Canada)

## SLOCUM, Joshua

The voyages of Joshua Slocum, collected and introd. by Walter Magnes Teller.  
New Brunswick, N.J., Rutgers University Press, 1958.  
ix, 401p., illus., ports., plates, facsim., bibliog.

NEW BRUNSWICK LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY by MAURICE P. BOONE

We have bought the Dewey 16th edition, but have not yet decided whether we will change over from the 15th edition, which we have been using in the Library. We are, however, using the Library of Congress subject headings, 6th edition, and Donald Gammon has changed our subject headings to conform to this edition. We have also received the National Union Catalog, 1953-1957. Along with its predecessors, it is one of the most useful aids in the Library. We are now preparing copy for our 1958 checklist of New Brunswick government documents.

## VOCATIONS DISCUSSED:

# *Librarian*

This flattering view of the library profession comes from the Sackville, N.B., Tribune-Post as one of a series of vocational articles, to the best of the Editor's knowledge. Let's hope all library patrons see librarians for what they can do...

By Richard MacDonald

One of the most demanding jobs is Librarian. By this, we don't mean that the job takes a lot out of a person, but that many people are needed to fill openings in this career. It is a very good profession, and worthwhile. The annual salaries may reach \$20,000, while they usually average between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Beginners sometimes start at \$4,000. The working hours are good and there is ample vacation time, which may be as long as two months, especially if one is employed at a university.

Hundreds of millions of dollars are annually spent on workers, libraries and books in North America alone. Material for use at a library includes music, recordings, films, art pictures, and of course books.

The needs of the people are rising and to help in this field, libraries are needed. Language aids are one of the important things found in libraries. Books in numerous quantities circulate each week. And to take care of all these things, librarians are needed. Although some machines are in use to help in find the books the reader wants, the invaluable librarian is still needed. The Librarian lets the people know what is ready and usable in the book line and in short lets the library help people. Most libraries are supported by taxes, and donations, and the small sum collected by the library from patrons for overdue books is not much help in maintaining the Library.

There are four types of libraries: School, Public, College, and Special. All of these define themselves, except the Special Libraries. This variety may specialize in one kind of book, or may be one for learned men. The common ones are public libraries, while the remaining two are usually for use only by those in school and college. It is the public and special libraries and also the college ones which need the most workers. Librarians get to know and meet many people in their career and most persons in this field find it an interesting vocation.

Librarians are also needed by our home countries in other parts of the world, at military bases, for instances. Sometimes the latter workers are in Services.

There are four classes of Librarians: The Chief Librarian, who directs all work and is the overseer; a person who orders books and classifies them and must know quite a lot about reading material; a public relations man, who tells the world of the opportunities to be found in libraries and advertises, so to speak; the last type is the all-round librarian who does all the work. These are usually found in small libraries.

The qualifications for a Librarian's certificate are many. They must like people and books; have good health, as all work is indoors; a good personality and a desire to help people; a sense of humor; friendliness and intelligence are

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# APLA Executive Meeting

"BOOKS AND AUTHORS" was set as the tentative theme of APLA's 1959 Conference, to be held May 21 and 22 in Saint John, N. B. This was one of the highlights of the winter Executive meeting of APLA, held in the Morse Room of Dalhousie University Library on Jan. 25. This report by the Editor precedes the Secretary-Treasurer's official minutes, to speed the BULLETIN to press.

Present at the meeting were President D. G. Lochhead, Vice Presidents Mary Cameron, Mary Newsom and Marion Gardner, BULLETIN Editor Don Redmond and Secretary-Treasurer Isabel Abernethy. The Newfoundland representatives were unable to attend. Miss Abernethy reported membership at 86 personal and 37 institutional, and APLA's bank balance at \$444.65 after receipts and expenses as follows:

Balance, August 1958	345.26	Conference expenses	124.15
Receipts to January 1959	337.41	APEC membership	25.15
		ALA membership	24.57
		Stationery	21.05
		Secretary's expenses	<u>46.15</u>
		Total expenses	241.07

A Nominating Committee to selected candidates for 1959-60 offices was appointed: James F. MacEacheron, chairman; Mrs. Mildred MacLaren; and Miss Ada L. Green.

## BULLETIN NEEDS ARTICLES

More photographs are needed for the APLA BULLETIN, said Editor Don Redmond. Glossy 8 x 10 prints are best. Professional articles are also needed, and the Executive believed that Atlantic area librarians are doing work of interest to others and should be writing about it. Other scholars in the humanities might also be interested in writing for the BULLETIN. Mr. Redmond also reported on the BULLETIN's financial state—it still appears through contributed services and largely contributed materials. The Executive approved purchase of paper and other supplies.

The question that the BULLETIN report of APLA Conferences does not correspond exactly to the official minutes, was discussed. The problems of space and reader interest were the cause, and the Executive agreed that members who wished more detail could consult the minute book if question arose.

## ATLANTIC CHECKLIST 1958 UNDERWAY

The Atlantic Checklist for 1958 is being prepared, President Lochhead reports, with Miss Shirley Elliott doing the major editing at the Nova Scotia Legislative Library, Halifax. About 2000 copies were mailed of the 1957 Checklist, which had favorable response, and requests were still coming in from libraries. The 1958 Checklist, covering the Atlantic Provinces and their affairs, will run over 100 pages.

## CLA RECRUITMENT REPRESENTATIVE

The Canadian Library Association has asked APLA to name a member to the CLA Recruitment Committee, to report on recruitment activities in the Atlantic area.



The Halifax Library Association, and NBLA, were also being asked to name representatives, so the Executive felt these two areas were already looked after. It therefore named Past President Jessie Miffen of Newfoundland Regional Libraries.

#### AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION UNSATISFACTORY

Correspondence with the American Library Association since August has shown up an unsatisfactory situation, the President reported. The Conference approved APLA becoming affiliated as a Chapter of ALA, and \$24,57 fees were paid; but ALA Headquarters had pointed out that the reorganized ALA requires:

- 1) That the Chapter representative to ALA Council be a personal member;
- 2) That the Councillor serve a four-year term;
- 3) That changes in Chapter constitutions be approved by ALA.

These requirements compared to the APLA situation in that:

- 1) The Conference has instructed that the President be ex-officio Councillor; there are very few personal ALA members in APLA; and for example Mr. Lochhead was an institutional ALA representative, not a personal member of ALA;
- 2) The President serves a one-year term;
- 3) It would be unacceptable to have ALA vet our constitutional changes, such as the recent change of name.

The Executive therefore agreed to suspend ALA affiliation and re-submit the matter to the 1959 Conference.

#### SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSAL

Miss Evelyn Campbell was appointed chairman of the Scholarship Committee, consisting of Misses Mary Cameron, Dorothy Gullen, and Jessie Miffen, and Mr. Maurice Boone, set up by the 1958 Conference. Miss Cameron reported meanwhile that establishment of a scholarship would indeed be difficult; that fees alone at the library schools were now \$300 to \$500. Several suggestions were heard, e.g. an increase of APLA dues for the specific purpose, and annual allocation of a sum to accrue until enough for a significant scholarship, e.g. every three years. Support by a foundation or other source was not felt likely to be available. Pending the Scholarship Committee's work and report, the Executive agreed to place \$150 in a reserve fund out of APLA's balance on hand.

#### N B L A ASKS PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES RESOLUTION

The New Brunswick Library Association in 1958 passed a resolution requesting establishment of a Provincial Archives for New Brunswick, and requested endorsement of the resolution by APLA. The request was to be referred to the Resolutions Committee at the 1959 Conference. [Archival functions in New Brunswick have been carried on by such institutions as the N.B. Museum, the University and the Legislative Library—Ed.]

The London (Ontario) Library Employees Association asked about contracts in Atlantic area public libraries. Those present knew of none, though Miss Cameron reported the formation in 1958 of a Staff Association at the Halifax Memorial Library, with Miss Margaret Martin as President. This is not, however, a bargaining agency.

The Executive confirmed the reimbursement of traveling expenses to the Secretary-Treasurer for Conferences as well as Executive meetings, if this provision had not already been entered in the minutes.



# *Library Landmarks of 1958 in Newfoundland*

by ERIC E. MOON

Mr. Eric E. Moon, F.L.A., formerly head of technical services, Kensington Public Library, London, in 1958 became director of Public Library Services for Newfoundland, and was introduced to APLA at the St. John's conference last August. This report is slightly abridged from his report in the St. John's Daily News.

1958 has been a notable year for the library service in Newfoundland. For the first time the people of Newfoundland took home more than three quarters of a million books from the various agencies of the public library service. For the first time too they had access to a bookstock totaling more than a quarter of a million volumes.

The effect of the initial impact of television seems to have passed, in St. John's at least. The Gosling Memorial Library shows an increase of nearly 20 % in adult circulation while the increase in children's reading is little short of sensational. In the past few months almost a thousand books more have been borrowed each month than during the same period last year. Membership of both departments has increased considerably.

The greatest increase of all has been seen in the department whose stock-in-trade is not so much books as information. For the first time the Reference Department was called upon to deal with more than 10,000 requests for information during the year. In addition requests for Newfoundland books, periodicals and newspapers totalled more than 3000, also for the first time.

The work of the Reference Library illustrated the way in which the Gosling Library acts not only as a city library but as a provincial center for library service. In 1958 over one hundred and fifty requests for information came into the Reference Library from other parts of the province, and a good many from outside Newfoundland--from mainland Canada, the United States and Britain in particular. Research workers, authors, degree students--these and many others have spent hours and days combing the resources of this department and calling upon its professional staff for assistance.

The heavy use of some of the Newfoundland newspapers has made their preservation an acute problem. The current year has seen the completion of micro-filmed copies of the Newfoundlander and the Public Ledger, and it is hoped that sets of the other newspapers will similarly be dealt with in time. Also micro-filmed in the latter part of the year was the Gosling Library's catalogue.

## SCHOOLS

A notable feature of the library service was its work with schools. Many in the outports received a deposit collection from the Traveling Library or through Regional Centers. A special collection is maintained at the Gosling



Library for schools in the Avalon Peninsula, and another collection for schools in the city of St. John's. About 5000 volumes were borrowed by St. John's schools in 1958.

### REGIONAL LIBRARIES

In the Regional Library service the outstanding landmark was the opening in October of the fiftieth library in the province outside St. John's. Three new libraries were opened altogether during the year, at Stephenville, Foxtrap, and Tilt Cove, with the last-named marking up the half-century.

Pressure for more libraries, more improvements, continue however, and keep the service at something greater than full stretch. A number of other communities expressed interest in establishing libraries during the year, and a further new library should be opened on Bell Island early in the New Year.

Toward the end of 1958 a new library building was started at Lewisporte; plans were in hand for an ambitious new building at Grand Falls; and new quarters had been found for the libraries at Happy Valley, Labrador, Winterton and Botwood. Financial assistance from some Town Councils was an indication of their awareness of the benefit of the library to the community. A recent example was at Stephenville where the Town Council has made an annual grant of \$200 to the Regional Library Board.

During the year the Chief Regional Librarian, Jessie Miffen, visited thirty-two of the fifty libraries as well as many schools. In November the new Director also made a brief tour of some of the larger libraries, and visited more than a dozen during the past few months.

The Traveling Library continued to serve the more remote communities not easily reached by the Regional Libraries. Boxes of books were sent out to well over a hundred different places during the year, and over 25,000 books were in use through such deposits.

### EVENTS OF THE YEAR

Among the outstanding events of the year a significant one was the conference of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association, held in St. John's in August. Fifty-three delegates registered for this, the first such conference of librarians to be held in Newfoundland. It was one indication of the expanding role Newfoundland is playing in Canadian library affairs.

The libraries receive many gifts, but seldom one as valuable or as interesting as that received this year from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The Gosling Library was one of a number of libraries in Commonwealth countries selected to receive this handsome collection of some 350 volumes, chosen to portray contemporary American life and to explain its origins.

### BOOK WEEK

Young Canada's Book Week has now become a recognized high spot in the library's activities each year. Some of the larger libraries all over the province celebrated it this year with special exhibitions, competitions and other events. At the Gosling Library over 1500 pupils from St. John's schools visited the Boys' and Girls' Department during the week, and a quiz competition brought in over 400 entries.



Staff changes during the year were happily few. One major appointment was that of a new Director of Public Library Services. Mr. Eric Moon took up his duties in July, having previously worked in a number of English libraries since before the war. His appointment heralded the sadder news of the impending retirement of Mr. Harold Newell, who has guided the fortunes of the public library service in Newfoundland through all the early difficult years since its inception in 1934. Mr. Newell continues at present as Advisory Director until his retirement in March this year.

All in all it has been a successful year, but the expansion of the service has now strained the library's facilities almost to breaking point. The little building on Duckworth Street which was once a small city library now houses the headquarters of a province-wide organization, and all departments suffer from its complete inadequacy. The many demands for new services have also spread funds and bookstocks so thinly that they are not as effective as they should be, and the staff who keep the wheels turning are handling an ever-increasing volume of work with scarcely any increase in their numbers.

The Libraries Board is now awaiting the government's verdict on a detailed plan it has submitted for the expansion and improvement of the service during the next five years.

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A successful staff party was held prior to Christmas, featuring a skit written by Shirley Coulter entitled "The Case of the Vanished Librarian" which had previously had its successful premiere at the May meeting of the Halifax Library Association, held at Mount St. Vincent College.

A recent feature on the Joan Marshall Show over CBHT was an interview with Mrs. Betty Murray Howard on the subject of paper sculpture. Joan Marshall's interest in this subject was aroused by the Christmas decorations constructed by Mrs. Howard for the library, and several of these colorful figures were used to illustrate the interview.

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also needed. Five years of College are needed and these include four years for a B.A. degree and one year for Library study. Scholarships are available and there are schools for special study where you may train while learning. People must know books and be able to buy good ones and classify them. Although this is a hard job in some ways, it is very worthwhile and interesting.

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COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Officers of the York County Regional Library Board discuss plans for book-mobile service. Right: Chairman Howell. Standing, right: Central Library Services Director, and secretary to the Board, James F. MacEacheron. Photograph by Joe Stone, courtesy of the Fredericton Gleaner.

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