

## A New Library for Moncton

by Ruth Bray

In February 1985, the City of Moncton hired a consultant to study the public library needs of its community. For some years prior to this, the Moncton Public Library Board had been investigating various avenues for expanding the library, which had definitely outgrown its quarters. When Albert Bowron began his study, the Board felt that several more years would likely pass before a new library was approved and financed and building begun. However, luck was with us. The price tag suggested for the proposed new library came close enough to the amount of money left in the Downtown Revitalization Fund that the City made a "surprise" announcement on March 25, 1986 that a new library would be built as part of an office and business complex to be undertaken by Blue Cross and NBTel. On November 30, 1988 at 9:00 p.m., the Moncton Public Library closed its doors at 51 Highfield Street for the last time—less than four years after Mr. Bowron began his study.

The new facility, like its predecessor, houses both the Moncton Public Library and the headquarters of the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library. Together they occupy 47,000 square feet, more than triple the space in the old building. The greatest expansion was for the Moncton Public Library which now occupies 36,000 square feet on two floors, as opposed to its previous 7500 square feet.

The Blue Cross Centre is comprised of two buildings joined by a glass covered atrium. The two libraries are in the taller, eight-storey building, occupying part of the first floor and all of the second floor.

The Regional Library now occupies a single unit of space as opposed to the previous arrangement which saw administrative offices and part of the collection on the second floor and Technical and Extension Services with the rest of



the collection in two sections of the basement. It is now possible to organize both collections and work flow in a more efficient manner. In addition, the physical setting, with large windows, carpeting, and ample work areas, has made a much more pleasant working environment.

The new Moncton Public Library space provides a warm and inviting atmosphere for library users. Colours throughout are variations of rose and green, echoing the red brick and dark green trim of the exterior, with a switch to blue and rose for the children's area. The first floor includes the adult fiction, young adult area, children's area, audio visual area, a large multipurpose room, and the circulation/lobby area. The second floor holds the adult non-fiction, periodicals, and reference areas. This division between "popular" and "research" materials works well.

The five kilometres of shelving currently house 100,000 books, but can accommodate up to 160,000 volumes. Multilingual books, audio-cassettes, periodicals and microfilms all came with us from the old location, but are now properly housed in pleasant surroundings. A new service now being offered is the loan of educational and informational video cassettes. In addition, the audiovisual area will provide for viewing of videos and listening to cassettes in the library.

Previously, library patrons in Moncton found it difficult to locate a place to sit and certainly never

found a comfortable chair. In the new library, ample lounge seating is provided, as well as seating at 44 study carrels, 30 tables, and in three study rooms. In addition to the 125-capacity multipurpose room mentioned above, there are two smaller meeting rooms, one in the reference area and one in the children's area, the latter doubling as a program room for storytime.

Spacious, attractive, inviting are words that come quickly to mind while walking through this new library. No project this size, however, is without its share of difficulties. The past few years, and particularly 1988, have been very busy, sometimes frustrating. Some compromises had to be made. The final result is a library which offers much to the residents of Moncton, and which has the potential to offer much more.

It is unfortunate that no new staff have been allocated to the Moncton Public Library, which now must function in five times the space with the same complement of twelve employees. We look forward to the day when we will have enough staff to offer the kind of service and programs we know we could provide.

The realization of all the plans and dreams of the past four hectic years has been immensely satisfying for all involved. The icing on the cake came on April 6, 1989, when Her Excellency, The Right Honourable Jeanne Sauve, Governor General of Canada, was present to officially open the new Moncton Public Library and the Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library.

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### Distinguished Library Service Award Presented Posthumously

Ken Bernier, Vice-principal and Teacher-Librarian of Assiniboine Elementary School, Oromocto, New Brunswick, was awarded—posthumously—the Distinguished Library Service Award For School Administrators of New Brunswick, 1989.

Ken was Past-President of the Library Council of the New Brunswick Teacher Association, and Parliamentarian of the Council at the time of his death due to heart prob-

lems. He had worked on the NBTA School Library Task Force and had conducted many seminars on School Libraries, Computers and Giftedness.

The award will be placed in the School Library of Assiniboine Elementary School, Oromocto, N.B. It was accepted by a representative of the Principal, James Davison, at the AGM of the School Library Media Council held in Fredericton High School, May 5, 1989.



## Intellectual Freedom Committee Activity Report

**A**s convenor there are two issues I would like to bring to the attention of the APLA membership.

The first concerns the censoring of a textbook by the Department of Education of Newfoundland. A report of a forum held on this matter is printed elsewhere in the *Bulletin* (see "Censorship Forum Held in St. John's"). The Committee and APLA are taking appropriate action. As convenor I would be most interested to hear of any similar actions by departments of education in other provinces.

The second issue involves an amendment to the Criminal Code of

Canada. Sections 420.1 and 420.2, which make the export, import, manufacture, promotion, or selling of "literature for illicit drug use" an offense with summary conviction and fines of up to \$300,000 or one year in jail or both, should be of grave concern to librarians. Any action taken under this amendment should be strictly monitored by librarians across Canada.

The names of the new committee members have been forwarded to the Committee on Committees for appointment.

Brian McNally  
Convenor

## Congratulations to Nova Scotia Scholarship Winners

**Y**vonne Brown, of Halifax, and Kevin Crick, also of Halifax, are winners in two of the three major scholarships recently awarded by CLA.

Yvonne Brown was awarded the \$2500 Howard V. Phalin-World Book Graduate Scholarship. Brown holds a Bachelor of Science degree with honours in Geology from Dalhousie University and has been employed as a geologist and geoscience editor by the Nova Scotia Department of Mines and Energy

since 1985. Brown intends to pursue her interest in scientific information retrieval and specialized collection development upon completion of an M.L.S. degree at Dalhousie.

Kevin Crick was awarded the \$2,000 H.W. Wilson Scholarship. A graduate of Mount St. Vincent University, Crick is presently employed as an indexer at the Nova Scotia Legislative Library and plans to pursue a career in legal librarianship upon completion of the M.L.I.S. program at McGill.

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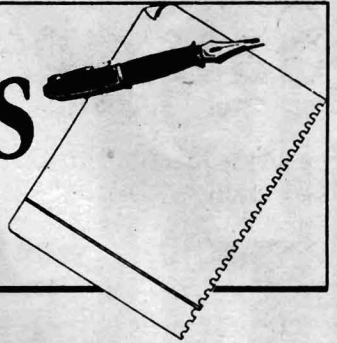
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



**T**he pace has slowed somewhat since the last issue of the *Bulletin*, but things have by no means been dull! Censorship reared its head again in July—this time with the Department of Education in Newfoundland withdrawing writings by well known authors from a new Grade 12 literature anthology. The APLA Intellectual Freedom Committee has been very active monitoring the issue, compiling information for the Executive and writing an article for the *Bulletin*. I will be writing to Dr. Philip Warren, Minister of Education, Newfoundland, presenting APLA's concerns on the issue.

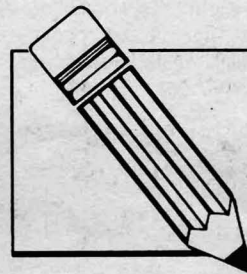
Planning is well underway for the Fall Executive meeting in Halifax. Among the issues to be ad-

ressed is APLA's role in the Don't Tax Reading campaign, scheduled to be launched in the fall. The campaign will be coordinated by the Don't Tax Reading Coalition, of which CLA is a member. Further information will appear in the *Bulletin* as it is available.

Letters have been arriving from M.P.'s in response to APLA's letters regarding Phase II of the copyright issue. If you have not already contacted your local M.P., please do so. Every contact counts.

If there are concerns you would like to see APLA address, or if you have questions regarding APLA, please feel free to contact your Provincial Vice-President, or myself.

Susan McLean



## From the EDITOR'S DESK

**T**here's a Canadian novel I'll never read. It's not in my library. U. of T. doesn't have it, or the National Library. Its unavailability has nothing to do with the obscurity of the author's publisher—a major Canadian house—nor with the obscurity of the author himself, whose other books have been favourably reviewed in the *New York Times Book Review* and *Globe and Mail* and are taught in university courses.

So where's the book? Simple: it hasn't been written. The author, instead of writing fulltime and producing, on average, a solid well-received novel every three years—a pace he kept up through seven books—is now teaching high school. He couldn't take the grind. He grew weary of the uncertainty of never knowing if his next book was going to sell enough to keep him in groceries for three years until yet the next book was finished. He felt a responsibility to his wife and children (there are no fringe benefit packages attached to novel-writing; just try and get a mortgage). He was too proud to go begging year after year to the Canada Council for handouts which might or might not be bestowed.

He just plain got tired—not of writing, but of the unrelenting financial insecurity.

It's situations like these that gnaw at me when the issue of copyright payment comes up. I know all the arguments—we published many in the last *Bulletin*. Librarians simply want to have the information and time necessary to negotiate the best deal for their users. But I also know that now, *at this very mo-*

*ment*, while I draw my comfortable librarian's salary there are many good writers to whom an immediate, assured couple of hundred or thousand dollars a year would make all the difference. And I can't help but think that something, somewhere, is awfully wrong when writers and librarians find themselves on opposite sides of the fence on so fundamental an issue. Aren't we all in the same business? Aren't our aims, when it comes down to it, virtually identical?

To return to my example. I'll never know for sure, but I have a strong suspicion that if CANCOPY had started collecting fees two or three years ago—providing, say, a regular couple of thousand dollars a year to an established writer with a sizable body of work—the difference might have made all the difference. I might have an extra, possibly very important, book on my shelf, while anticipating the next one, two, six—which now also will probably never be written.

One thing I do know: my author friend, who I believe is a very good teacher, will never advise his young charges, no matter how talented, to try to be a writer in this country.

Welcome to the first APLA *Bulletin* fully produced by its new editorial team. We look forward to letters, submissions, ideas for articles and any other response our readers care to make. Editorial content, I should add, does not (and need not) necessarily reflect the views of APLA or its executive.

Bradd Burningham



# Salaries for Academic Librarians, 1988-89

by Jackie MacDonald, Acadia University

**T**his is the third year that salary figures for academic librarians have been collected. For a description of the method of collecting the data or for comparison with the 1987-88 salaries, see the May-June 1988 APLA Bulletin.

|   | Acadia         | Dalhousie     | Mt. Allison  | Mt. St. Vincent U. | MUN     | St. Francis Xavier U. | St. Mary's | TUNS    | U. New Brunswick | UPEI    | U. Ste. Anne |
|---|----------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------|---------|-----------------------|------------|---------|------------------|---------|--------------|
| Normal length of Employment before consideration is given to: |                |               |              |                    |         |                       |            |         |                  |         |              |
| Tenure/Permanent Status                                       | 3 yrs          | >4 yrs        | 2 yrs        | >5 yrs             | >3 yrs  | 4 yrs                 | 18 mos     | 3 yrs   | <2 yrs           | n/a     | 4 yrs        |
| Promotion Librarian I-II                                      | 3 yrs          | >2 yrs        | 2 yrs        | >3 yrs             | >3 yrs  | n/a                   | 3 yrs      | n/a     | <2 yrs           | n/a     | 5 yrs        |
| Promotion Librarian II-III                                    | 6 yrs          | >4 yrs        | 6 yrs        | >6 yrs             | >9 yrs  | n/a                   | 7 yrs      | n/a     | >5 yrs           | n/a     | 5 yrs        |
| Promotion Librarian III-IV                                    | 12 yrs         | >9 yrs        | 8 yrs        | >10 yrs            | >15 yrs | n/a                   | 12 yrs     | n/a     | >9 yrs           | n/a     | n/a          |
| Sabbatical Leave  | 6 yrs          | >4 yrs        | 6 yrs        | >6 yrs             | 6 yrs   | 8 yrs                 | n/a        | n/a     | On Appl.         | n/a     | n/a          |
| Normal number of working Hours per week                       |                |               |              |                    |         |                       |            |         |                  |         |              |
| Summer  | 35.00          | 32.50         | 35.00        | 35.00              | 35.00   | 32.50                 | 32.50      | 35.00   | 36.25            | 33.75   | 35.00        |
| Winter  | 35.00          | 35.00         | 35.00        | 35.00              | 35.00   | 32.50                 | 35.00      | 35.00   | 36.25            | 33.75   | 35.00        |
| Annual Vacation   | 22 days        | 22 days       | 23 days      | 20 days            | 25 days | 1 month               | 20 days    | 4 weeks | 22 days          | 23 days | 20 days      |
| Administrative Stipend  | \$500, \$1,000 | \$886-\$2,214 | clause 29.04 | n/a                | \$2,500 | ****                  | \$1,200    | none    | \$1,347          | nil     | n/a          |
| Travel Allowance  | \$400          | ****          | \$200        | \$450              | \$600   | \$600                 | ****       | ****    | \$673            | nil     | \$375        |
| Professional Development                                      | \$300          | ****          | \$550-650    | \$200              | \$200   | ****                  | ****       | \$100   | \$673            | nil     | n/a          |

|                         | Acadia   |          | Dalhousie  |          | Mt. Allison |          |          | Mt. St. Vincent U. |            |          | MUN       |           | St. F.X. | St. Mary's | TUNS     | UNB      | UPEI    | U. Ste.-Anne |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|--------------------|------------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|---------|--------------|
|                         | 1988-89  | 1989-90  | Jan-Jun/89 | 1989-90  | 1988-89     | 1989-90  | 1990-91  | Jul-Mar/90         | Apr-Sep/90 | Oct/90   | 1988-89   | 1989-90   | 1988-89  | 1988-89    | 1988-89  | 1988-89  | 1988-89 | 1988-89      |
| Lib. I Salary Floor     | \$21,860 | \$23,915 | \$24,802   | \$25,693 | \$23,271    | \$25,385 | \$26,481 | \$26,500           | \$27,550   | \$28,387 | \$26,000  | \$27,560  | \$25,000 | \$24,141   | \$22,931 | \$25,653 | n/a     | \$20,741     |
| Lib. I Salary Ceiling   | \$25,880 | \$28,290 | \$27,724   | \$28,723 | \$31,123    | \$33,605 | \$35,707 | \$36,414           | \$37,871   | \$39,007 | \$36,000  | \$39,008  | n/a      | \$26,360   | \$26,173 | \$31,651 | n/a     | \$25,504     |
| # of steps in rank      | 6        | 6        | 4          | 4        | 8           | 7        | 7        | 9                  | 9          | 9        | 10        | 10        | n/a      | 3          | 4        | 4        | n/a     | 6            |
| Increment betw. steps   | \$800    | \$875    | \$974      | \$1,010  | \$1,122     | \$1,370  | \$1,536  | \$1,239            | \$1,289    | \$1,328  | \$1,200   | \$1,272   | n/a      | \$1,120    | \$1,027  | \$1,477  | n/a     | \$953        |
| Lib. II Salary Floor    | \$25,400 | \$27,788 | \$27,724   | \$28,723 | \$30,001    | \$32,235 | \$34,169 | \$30,500           | \$31,720   | \$32,672 | \$30,800  | \$32,648  | n/a      | \$27,644   | \$26,173 | \$29,625 | n/a     | \$25,784     |
| Lib. II Salary Ceiling  | \$29,400 | \$32,163 | \$34,510   | \$35,755 | \$37,853    | \$41,825 | \$44,932 | \$44,132           | \$45,898   | \$47,275 | \$45,200  | \$47,912  | n/a      | \$33,199   | \$41,593 | \$38,321 | n/a     | \$33,404     |
| # of steps in rank      | 6        | 6        | 7          | 7        | 8           | 8        | 8        | 12                 | 12         | 12       | 13        | 13        | n/a      | 6          | 14       | 5        | n/a     | 9            |
| Increment betw. steps   | \$800    | \$875    | \$1,131    | \$1,272  | \$1,122     | \$1,370  | \$1,536  | \$1,239            | \$1,289    | \$1,328  | \$1,200   | \$1,272   | n/a      | \$1,185    | \$1,477  | n/a      | n/a     | \$953        |
| Lib. III Salary Floor   | \$29,350 | \$32,110 | \$31,117   | \$32,239 | \$36,732    | \$40,455 | \$43,395 | \$35,750           | \$37,180   | \$38,600 | \$35,600  | \$37,737  | n/a      | \$35,077   | \$34,375 | \$33,682 | n/a     | \$29,016     |
| Lib. III Salary Ceiling | \$36,550 | \$39,985 | \$42,427   | \$43,959 | \$50,193    | \$52,785 | \$57,233 | \$54,340           | \$56,513   | \$58,206 | \$59,600+ | \$63,176+ | n/a      | \$41,473   | \$49,896 | \$47,860 | n/a     | \$42,351     |
| # of steps in rank      | 10       | 10       | 11         | 11       | 13          | 10       | 10       | 16                 | 16         | 16       | 21+       | 21+       | n/a      | 8          | 14       | 9        | n/a     | 15           |
| Increment betw. Steps   | \$800    | \$875    | \$1,131    | \$1,272  | \$1,122     | \$1,370  | \$1,536  | \$1,239            | \$1,289    | \$1,328  | \$1,200   | \$1,272   | n/a      | \$1,187    | \$1,477  | n/a      | n/a     | \$953        |
| Lib. IV Salary Floor    | \$34,480 | \$38,796 | \$36,772   | \$38,099 | \$45,706    | \$51,415 | \$55,696 | \$43,500           | \$45,240   | \$46,597 | \$42,800  | \$45,368  | n/a      | \$43,103   | n/a      | \$42,543 | n/a     | n/a          |
| Lib. IV Salary Ceiling  | \$46,680 | \$51,046 | \$51,475   | \$53,335 | \$60,288    | \$63,745 | \$69,534 | \$60,850           | \$63,248   | \$65,183 | \$69,183+ | \$69,200+ | n/a      | \$54,217   | n/a      | \$62,045 | n/a     | n/a          |
| # of Steps in Rank      | 15       | 15       | 14         | 14       | 14          | 10       | 10       | 15                 | 15         | 15       | 22+       | 22+       | n/a      | 12         | 13*      | 13*      | n/a     | n/a          |
| Increment betw. steps   | \$800    | \$875    | \$1,131    | \$1,272  | \$1,122     | \$1,370  | \$1,536  | \$1,239            | \$1,289    | \$1,328  | \$1,200   | \$1,272   | n/a      | \$1,120    | \$1,477  | n/a      | n/a     | n/a          |

**Notes:**

**1) Responses**

University of Moncton and University College of Cape Breton are not included in this survey. Some universities have settled multi-year contracts and salary figures are included for these.

**2) Tenure/Permanent Status**

Time needed before permanent status ranges from 18 months at Saint Mary's University to about 5 years at Mount Saint Vincent University where the initial probationary appointment is for three years and is followed by a further two year probationary appointment.

At Mount Allison, three years are needed before a continuing appointment if the librarian was appointed at the third or fourth levels but four years are needed if the librarian was appointed at the first or second levels.

At Memorial University of Newfoundland, three to five years are needed for a

continuing appointment at Level I or II, three years are needed at Level III and appointments at the Librarian IV level are tenured from the time of appointment.

**3) Ranks/Levels for Librarians**

At Mount Allison, the Librarian I level is called "General Librarian", the Librarian II level is "Assistant Librarian", the Librarian III level is "Associate Librarian" and the Librarian IV is called "Librarian".

Technical University of Nova Scotia and Universite Ste. Anne have three levels for their librarians instead of four. At TUNS, the first rank is called "Junior Librarian", the second level is called "Librarian" and the third rank is called "Senior Librarian". At Universite Ste. Anne, the three levels are simply I, II, and III.

The following was taken from the University of New Brunswick questionnaire response: "...the salary structure does not have a fixed number of steps. The annual increment (progress through the range) is in-

creased by economic adjustment percentages. The figures shown as "number of steps" are the result of dividing the increment into the range (ceiling minus floor)."

At Memorial University, the Librarian III and IV ranks do not have ceilings or a fixed number of steps. The figures on the chart were taken from the salary grids in the MUN contract but to the questions of salary ceilings for Librarians III and IV and the number of steps in each rank, "n/a" was given as the answers on the questionnaire.

**4) Promotion**

The normal amount of time needed before promotion from a level I to II varies from 2 years at Dalhousie and University of New Brunswick to 5 years at Universite Ste. Anne.

The normal amount of time needed before promotion from a level II to III varies from at least 4 years at Dalhousie to at least 9 years at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

The normal amount of time needed before promotion from a level III to IV varies from 8 years at Mount Allison to at least 15 years at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

At University of New Brunswick and Acadia (Acadia as of 1989-90), promotion from a Librarian I to II is automatic with a continuing appointment.

Application for early promotion may be made at Mount Allison University.

**5) Sabbatical/Study Leave**

Time needed before librarians are eligible for sabbatical or study leave varies from on application at University of New Brunswick and at least four years at Dalhousie to at least six years at Mount Saint Vincent University.

**6) Normal Number of Working Hours Per Week**

Librarians at St. Francis Xavier and University of Prince Edward Island work 32.5 hours

per week and 33.75 hours per week, respectively, year around. Librarians at Dalhousie and Saint Mary's have a reduced work week in summer. Librarians at the University College of Cape Breton worked 36 hours per week throughout the year, according to latest information available.

**7) Annual Vacations**

Basic vacations range from 4 weeks (20 days) per year at Mount Saint Vincent University and Technical University of Nova Scotia to 25 days at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

After 15 years of service, librarians at Universite Ste. Anne receive 25 days vacation and librarians at Memorial University of Newfoundland receive 30 days vacation after ten years of service.

Librarians at St. Francis Xavier University (and University College of Cape Breton) also have Christmas and March breaks off.

**8) Performance Reviews**

Librarians at Dalhousie, Mount Allison, Mount Saint Vincent, Memorial, Saint Mary's and Technical University of Nova Scotia and Acadia (Acadia as of 1989-90) receive annual performance reviews.

**9) Contracts**

Collective agreements or contracts are in place at Dalhousie, Mount Allison, Mount Saint Vincent University, Memorial, Saint Mary's, Technical University of Nova Scotia, University of New Brunswick and Universite Ste. Anne.

**10) Rotating Headships**

Supervisory/administrative positions rotate for three year terms at Memorial University and Acadia (Acadia as of 1989-90).

**11) Miscellaneous Notes**

Throughout the chart, "n/a" is used if it was given on the questionnaire, "\*\*\*\*\*" is used if no answer was given on the questionnaire or if an answer was not obvious from the information supplied.

## N.B. Library Assistant Program Announces New Courses

**T**his year will see the debut of 3 new Level II courses in the University of New Brunswick's Library Assistant Program.

The first, Cataloguing and Classification, begins in September and will run for 10 weeks (this class is already full). Children's Literature, Collections Development and Programs, and Young Adult Literature, Collections Development and Programs will begin in January 1990 and April/May 1990, respectively.

This is the fifth year of UNB's LA Program, and it's third year of teleconference delivery of the Level I program, which allows students as far away as Florenceville, Bathurst and Campbellton to participate.

Questions about the Program should be addressed to: The Co-ordinator, Library Assistant Program, Dept. of Extension and Summer Session, University of New Brunswick, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A3 (506-453-4646).

## Library Community Mourns Death of William Cameron

**D**r. William Cameron, former Dean of the School of Library and Information Science (UWO) died suddenly on April 18.

Cameron was appointed Associate Dean at the School in 1968, and became Dean in 1970, a position he held for fourteen years.

He was instrumental in the development of the school's present structure, and was a strong direct influence on many of the hundreds of librarians who graduated from the school during his tenure.

Contributions in memory of William Cameron can be made by sending a cheque to the William J. Cameron Memorial Fund, Foundation Western, Alumni Hall, University of Western Ontario, London, Ont., N6A 5B9. Cheques should be made payable to the "William J. Cameron Memorial Fund, Foundation Western".

APLA Welcomes  
**NEW MEMBERS**



**A**PLA welcomes the following new members to the Association:

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- From Nova Scotia: Barbara Kincaid, Mary Louise Mills, Lynn

- Murphy, Trudy Pace, Mildred Savoie, Virginia Stoddard
- From Newfoundland and Labrador: Madonna Green, Bridget Kerrivan, Marguerite Jones
- From Prince Edward Island: Catherine Horne, Elizabeth Osborne
- From Ontario: Maria Phipps



Well, summer is over, and the students are back—and I was just beginning to enjoy myself! CLA '89 was great, with a lot of interesting sessions and lots of exhibitors (there seemed to be more time this year to see the exhibits, but still not enough!). The Atlantic Provinces were well represented, with sessions on public services (Tom Eadie, Mt. A), library councils (Tom Eadie, Mt. A; Dorothy Milne, Memorial), university libraries and computing centres (Iain Bates, Acadia), resource sharing (Eszter Schwenke, UNB), and serials cataloguing (Susan Collins, UNBSJ). Yours truly is the new CD-ROM Interest Group Convenor, so if you have any ideas or things you would like to see at next year's CLA meeting, let me know; and if you're not a member of the Interest Group, you should be!

## MICROLINK

I received a copy of the Mitinet/marc (pronounced mighty-net) software program recently, and I like it. Although designed primarily to produce new MARC records without requiring knowledge of MARC tags, Mitinet is also a great way to learn the coding scheme, and AACR2 to boot. The package uses a simple textual interface (it can be used on Apple and IBM PCs) to prompt the user for appropriate fields based on the format (book, serial, report/document, map, software, film/video, record/cassette), and provides online examples of the way entries should be formatted. The new release (I have not seen it

yet) uses samples following the latest version of the AACR2 cataloguing rules. Records are output in US/MARC format, and can be input directly into a number of systems, including Geac, Columbia Library System and Pro-Cite. I think there is a lot of potential here for small libraries which do not have the staff expertise or time to generate original MARC records, for larger cataloguing departments to help train novice cataloguers, and as a tool in library school classes. Unfortunately, the new version (2.0) sells for \$995 (I'm not sure if educational discounts apply), almost \$300 more than the previous

version, and a bit high in my opinion. If you have the old version you can get an upgrade for free. Mitinet/marc is available from M.E. Phipps & Associates in Guelph.

Recommended reading this time around is *Ideas and Information: Managing in a High-Tech World* by the Nobel Laureate Arno Penzias (W.W. Norton & Co., NY, 1989—0-393-02649-3, \$22.00). A very readable and timely look at information technology and its impact (present and future) on society; should be required reading for anybody working in the "information industry", or, for that matter, anybody with an interest in computers and communications.

Note: Correspondence regarding this column should be addressed to: Mark Leggott, University of New Brunswick, Science Library, Box 7500, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5H5

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## Treasurer's Report

### General Comments

Due to two major unanticipated expenditures, the predicted deficit occurred. Without the transfer of \$6213.10 to the current account, the balance at the end of the year would have been a deficit of \$1000.17.

Legal fees (\$3203) and the net cost of the APLA'88 (\$1528.17) were the main contributing factors. Because both expenses were unusual and one-time only expenses, the Executive decided to transfer funds from the investments rather than curb expenditures in program or service areas.

### Budget Amendments

All amendments were authorized at the February 26, 1989 Executive meeting.

### Revenue

Even with \$6213 in invested funds deducted from the total revenue, the Association's revenue increased this year. In the past couple of years, the revenue has been buoyed up with the profits from the annual conference which did not occur in 1988/89. Notably, the advertising revenue increased substantially over the previous year and funds generated by personal memberships were much higher than predicted. Even the royalties from the sale of *APLA Bulletin* on microfilm from University Microfilms have increased.

### Expenditures

#### 1. Bulletin Fund

This includes the cost of printing and mailing six issues. The decrease in the cost of printing the Bulletin has been offset by the increase in postage.

#### 2. Conference Fund

This includes a \$700 donation to the CLA '88 Conference program and the cost of the AGM breakfast and telephone calls.

#### 3. General Fund

##### 3.b.i

This includes Travel to CLA council meetings at CLA '88, fall and winter meetings and the advance for CLA'89. Because CLA no longer cost-shares the APLA President's travel to CLA Council meetings, these costs have doubled, but the number of meetings will be reduced in 1989/90.

##### 3.b.iii

This includes the APLA President's

travel to the special APLA'88 and to special AGM, July 1988.

##### 3.d.ii

This includes the \$200.00 deposit account for postage paid envelopes.

##### 3.d.iv

This includes stationery plus certificates for APLA awards.

##### 3.f.iii

This includes the costs of printing 1987 proceedings (\$499.84); mailing both 1987 proceedings and 1987/88 directory (\$350); and printing (\$1215.98) and mailing (\$290.78) the 1988/89 Handbook and Directory.

##### 3.h.

While several applications were approved using this fund, only the N.B. forum on Bill C-54 submitted an invoice.

##### 3.i.

This includes a special advertisement in *Feliciter* (\$100.00) and a NSF personal membership cheque.

### Investments

\$10,000 invested September 1, 1988 @ 10.625% matures September 1, 1989

\$6,000 was invested on a monthly basis since September 1, 1987. It was sold on March 6, 1989 and transferred into the current account. Because \$5000 is the minimum amount for a GIC, the entire amount was transferred. In September when the \$10,000 certificate matures, \$2000 should be transferred from the current account and be reinvested with the \$10,000.

### Conclusions

The increase in revenue generated by the increase in membership fees has been timely. Without this increase and the revenue generated by the institutional membership fees, the Association would have problems balancing its books. In 1988/89 we had unusual expenses and have subsequently eroded our investments. We have to expect and be prepared for these eventualities. But, with a tight budget and increasing costs, the Association needs to explore other areas for generating revenue or be prepared to accept an increase in fees within the next few years.

Elaine Toms, Treasurer

### ATLANTIC PROVINCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for 1988/89 April 30, 1989

| Item                               | 1988/89<br>Budget | 1988/89<br>Actual | 1989/90<br>Budget |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>I. REVENUE</b>                  |                   |                   |                   |
| 1. Bulletin Fund                   |                   |                   |                   |
| a. Advertising                     | 1800              | 2739.00           | 2400              |
| b. Back Issues                     | 0                 | 0                 | 0                 |
| c. Royalties, etc.                 | 50                | 251.34            | 100               |
| d. Subscriptions                   | 2000              | 2175.11           | 2000              |
| 2. Conference Fund                 |                   |                   |                   |
| a. Receipts                        | 0                 | 0.00              | 0                 |
| b. Seed Grant Repayment            | 0                 | 0.00              | 500               |
| c. Corporate donations APLA'88     | 1320              | 1320.00           |                   |
| 3. General Fund                    |                   |                   |                   |
| a. Membership Fees                 |                   |                   |                   |
| i. Personal                        | 9400              | 10067.03          | 10000             |
| ii. Institutional                  | 3000              | 3000.00           | 3000              |
| b. Other                           |                   |                   |                   |
| i. Interest                        | 1300              | 1378.05           | 1063              |
| ii. Miscellaneous                  | 50                | 103.65            | 50                |
| iii. General Activities Fund       | 500               | 0.00              | 500               |
| iv. Transfers from invested fund   | 0                 | 6213.10           | 0                 |
| 4. Previous year's surplus         | 2191.76           | 2191.76           | 5212.93           |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>               | <b>21,611.76</b>  | <b>29,439.04</b>  | <b>24,825.93</b>  |
| <b>II. EXPENDITURE</b>             |                   |                   |                   |
| 1. Bulletin Fund                   |                   |                   |                   |
| a. Packaging, phone, etc.          | 450               | 429.15            | 450               |
| b. Printing                        | 4800              | 4336.00           | 4500              |
| c. Postage/shipping                | 3200              | 3147.93           | 3200              |
| 2. Conference Fund                 |                   |                   |                   |
| a. Expenses                        | 1300              | 2848.17           | 0                 |
| b. Seed Grant                      | 500               | 500.00            | 500               |
| 3. General Fund                    |                   |                   |                   |
| a. APLA prize                      | 100               | 100.00            | 100               |
| b. Executive travel                |                   |                   |                   |
| i. to CLA council meetings         | 800               | 1590.85           | 800               |
| ii. to APLA Executive meetings     | 4000              | 3548.31           | 4000              |
| iii. presidential travel           | 600               | 438.10            | 500               |
| c. Membership (CLA, Companies Act) | 150               | 150.00            | 150               |
| d. Office expenses                 |                   |                   |                   |
| i. database - APLAbet              | 700               | 0.00              | 800               |
| ii. postage                        | 300               | 287.05            | 100               |
| iii. student assistant             | 160               | 160.00            | 160               |
| iv. supplies, phone, etc.          | 300               | 198.75            | 450               |
| v. legal fees                      | 3203              | 3202.74           | 1000              |
| e. Executive Committees            |                   |                   |                   |
| i. Aims & Objectives               | 30                | 0.00              | 30                |
| ii. Bulletin Management Board      | 30                | 0.00              | 30                |
| iii. Committees & Interest Groups  | 30                | 0.00              | 30                |
| iv. Finance                        | 30                | 0.00              | 30                |
| v. Membership                      | 300               | 265.73            | 350               |
| vi. Merit Award                    | 50                | 56.06             | 60                |
| vii. Nominating/Election           | 200               | 0.00              | 200               |
| f. Standing Committees / Interest  |                   |                   |                   |
| i. APLA Memorial Awards            | 30                | 0.00              | 30                |
| ii. Intellectual Freedom           | 30                | 0.00              | 30                |
| iii. Publications                  | 2400              | 2373.42           | 1500              |
| iv. Community College              | 100               | 52.19             | 100               |
| v. Conservation                    | 30                | 0.00              | 30                |
| vi. Trustees                       | 30                | 0.00              | 30                |
| vii. Library Instruction           | 150               | 26.60             | 30                |
| viii. Library Technicians          | 100               | 10.58             | 30                |
| ix. Collections Development        | 150               | 96.31             | 150               |
| g. Ad hoc Committees               |                   |                   |                   |
| i. CLAPCO                          | 200               | 0.00              |                   |
| ii. Copyright                      | 30                | 0.00              | 30                |
| h. General Activities Fund         | 2000              | 280.17            | 3000              |
| i. Miscellaneous                   | 500               | 128.00            | 200               |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>          | <b>26,983</b>     | <b>24,226.11</b>  | <b>24600</b>      |
| <b>(DEFICIT) / SURPLUS</b>         | <b>(5371.24)</b>  | <b>5212.93</b>    | <b>225.93</b>     |





# NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

## NEWS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK—NOUVELLES DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK

### University libraries / Bibliothèques universitaires

#### UNB (Fredericton)

*Winslow papers conservation project:* For the preservation of this collection, a leaf caster has now arrived at the NB Provincial Archives (it may be seen by arrangement with Harold Holland).

*Challenge '89:* Ten students were hired this summer with grants under the Challenge programme. They worked on various projects including the final stages of proof-reading and correcting data for the NB Newspaper Directory.

*Children's literature collection:* This collection has been greatly enriched by further grants and gifts: the establishment of an endowment fund by the donor of the original collection; the presentation of books by various publishers; a SSHRCC grant for the purchase of reprints, microreproductions and works about 19th and early 20th century children's literature; and gifts of out-of-print books.

*Futures Fund:* The library has been successful with its submission in the annual UNB FUTURES FUND Competition. The library's proposal to provide multi-user access to bibliographic and full-text databases has already begun to take place with the mounting of ERIC both on CD-ROM and on the University's mainframe computer. This makes ERIC available through PHOENIX to all who have access to the UNB computer and so has potential for use at UNB (SJ), Mount Allison, the Université de Moncton and even UPEI, all of whom are part of the NB/PEI Educational Network, based on the UNB Computer.

Further developments under this grant will include mounting additional databases on the mainframe. The PsycLit CD-ROM has also been made available at UNB (F) but in this case there will be a charge of 10 cents per minute—monitored by use of the same debit card as controls photocopying at UNB.

#### Mount Allison

Gwendolyn Creelman, Head of Cataloguing, will spend the coming academic year on sabbatical. During this time she will be researcher-in-residence at Dalhousie Library School. She will investigate non-LCSH subject access in OPAC's.

Maira Davidson will serve as Acting Head of Cataloguing in Gwen Creelman's absence.

The Science and Technology Information Service, a pilot project designed to facilitate the transfer of technical knowledge, will hold an open house, tentatively scheduled for September 29th. For info contact Diane Buhay at (506) 364-2569.

The Library has been awarded a \$10,000 SSHRCC grant to increase its collection of materials in the visual arts.

The Library will host an Interlibrary Loan Workshop on Friday, September 15 from 1:30 to 4:30. Dave Binkley will demonstrate WATILL (Waterloo Interlibrary Loan System) and discuss the advantages of micro-based ILL systems.

The Library hired two students through the Challenge '89 program this summer. They worked on a variety of research and library projects in the Music and Main Libraries.

### Public libraries / Bibliothèques publiques

The new Chatham Public Library is opening this fall. The York Regional Library Board plans to expand the new Chatham library into a sub-headquarters serving Northumberland County and the Miramichi.

La Bibliothèque régionale du Haut-Saint-Jean tenait une journée de formation à l'intention des commissaires de bibliothèque et des employé(e)s de la région sous le thème: PARTAGEONS NOS RESSOURCES.

*Appointments / Nominations:* Catherine Reid as librarian at the Newcastle Old Manse Library; Jocelyne Thompson as Assistant Director at New Brunswick Library Service (she will be responsible for the special services and programs offered by the central agency); Myriam Théberge comme responsable de la Bibliothèque publique du Centenaire de Dalhousie; Jean Cunningham as Adult Services Librarian and Laurette Mackey as Branch Supervisor at the Saint John Regional Library.

### School libraries / Bibliothèques scolaires

A delegation from School District 30 presented a petition to Education Minister Shirley Dysart to request extra funding to maintain and improve school library service in the district.

Claire Dionne

## PEI NEWS

It was a slow summer for news on the Island; all the librarians were out clam-digging or toasting in the sun. Therefore the news is brief.

This summer, the children's section of the Provincial Library again participated in the annual Summer Reading Club to encourage children to read during the summer. Author Tim Wynne-Jones kicked off the program this summer with an author-reading early in July.

The library has also been able to hire a student under the PEI Government's Summer Youth Program to give story hours in the city's parks. These story hours are given in conjunction with the Charlottetown's summer recreation programme.

Harry Holman has been appointed Archivist to replace Nicholas de Jong. Mr. Holman was formerly Assistant Archivist for the province. He has an LL.B from Queen's University and had been employed by the city of Ottawa and the Dept. of Regional Industrial Expansion.

Don Carter

## NEWS FROM NOVA SCOTIA

Eastern Counties Regional Library's new bookmobile went into service in June. Eastern Counties introduced Public Domain/Shareware software for IBM and compatible computers in March. The core collection of 73 titles (now 105 titles) was obtained from a local computer users group and is available through the Library's network of branches and bookmobiles. The service has proved to be popular.

The Provincial Library has been notified that the St. Andrews School building has been scheduled for demolition. Relocation will take place in six to twelve months.

Halifax County Regional Library's new branch in Cole Harbour will open later than scheduled due to construction delays.

Dartmouth Regional Library reports that construction of the new main library was approved, the project continues on a 'fast track'. The new library will be located on the Dartmouth waterfront adjacent to city hall and the ferry terminal.

Another major project underway this year at Dartmouth Regional is the automation of the new library, with a target date to have the automated circulation system operational by late January or early February. Dynix Library Systems, Inc. was the successful vendor.

St. Mary's University Library has been awarded a \$35,000 SSHRCC grant to purchase materials in the area of International Development Studies. On August 18th the Library sponsored a workshop called "Dealing with Difficult People," given by Dr. Brad MacRae.

Dalhousie University Library has been awarded two SSHRCC grants. A grant of \$25,000 was awarded for the acquisition of source material in late medieval and early modern British history. A second grant of \$20,000 was awarded for the acquisition of works of aesthetic theory published in France and Germany from 1780-1930.

### NAMES IN THE NEWS

At N.S. Provincial Library, Joanne Irwin was appointed Librarian II in Technical Services. A graduate of Acadia and McGill, she comes from the National Library where she worked as subject analyst in Acquisitions and Bibliographic Services. Wendy Hunt was appointed Librarian Assistant II in Technical Services. She has a variety of library experience in Ontario and British Columbia. Shirley Coulter retired on June 30 and embarked on a six week trip to Singapore, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand! She attended the annual conference of the International Association of School Librarianship in Malaysia.

Dartmouth Regional Library welcomes two new librarians to its staff: Diane Brooks takes on the new position of Data Base Manager. She holds an MLS from Dalhousie University. Ms. Brooks will be working on the Library's automation project. Sharon MacDonald is now Reference Librarian, Adult Public Serv-

ices, replacing Sheila Plant, who resigned in March. Ms. MacDonald spent three years in the Halifax City Regional Library Reference Department and holds an MLS from Dalhousie University.

Andrea John has accepted a Public Services position at Saint Mary's University Library. A graduate of McGill University, she worked for three years setting up a library for the N.S. Department of Advanced Education and Job Training. St. Mary's University Librarian Ronald Lewis has been elected to the Executive of the Library Programme Advisory Committee of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute. Mr. Lewis also was recently appointed by Marcel Masse, Minister of Communication, to the National Library Advisory Board.

## NEWS FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

Two SSHRCC grants totalling \$50,000 have been awarded to the MUN library: \$30,000 towards purchasing folklore microforms; and \$20,000 for out-of-print monographs in Maritime history. The MUN library has also recently mounted ERIC on CD-ROM in the reference area. Both OCLC and Silverplatter ERIC databases have been made available for public use. Nancy Grenville, the Archivist of MUN's Centre for Newfoundland Studies, retired on July 14th. Nancy was active in and has been president of the Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Archivists, is the immediate past-president of the Newfoundland and Labrador Council of Archives, and was the Newfoundland representative on the Board of the Canadian Council of Archives.

The Provincial Reference and Resource Library has received a grant of \$1,000 from the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security. The fund will be used to purchase books relating to peace and security.

Alison Mews

## NEWS FROM DALHOUSIE LIBRARY SCHOOL

As the School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University marks its 20th anniversary this fall, we are pleased to be able to welcome the first of our alumni as a Researcher-in-Residence.

Gwendolyn Creelman, Head of the Cataloguing Department at the Ralph Pickard Bell Library, Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick, will be Researcher-in-Residence at the school from the fall of 1989 until April 1990. During this time, while on sabbatical leave from Mount Allison University, she will undertake a study of Non-LCSH Subject access in OPAC's. Her research will involve OPAC's in Canada, England and the United States.

Dr. Larry Amey, of the School of Library and Information Studies, has been appointed to the rank of Professor by the Board of Governors of Dalhousie University, effective July 1, 1989.



# Now is the "Write Time" to Defend Canadian Publications from the Value Added Tax!

by Merrill Distad

If the federal government has its way, the habit of reading among Canadians could soon be subject to double-digit taxation, as Canadian books and periodicals join tobacco and alcohol on the list of sinful merchandise upon which a heavy tax will be levied. Why single out books and periodicals? That's just the point. They are not being singled out. They remain among the countless categories of manufactured goods and services which the federal government intends to subject to its proposed Goods and Services Tax (GST). This new tax is another name for a Value Added Tax (VAT), like the one which operates in the European Economic Community.

VAT is devilishly simple in its conception, yet will enable the federal government to tax whole realms of the economy that were formerly immune. It works on the principle of multiple, if not endless, jeopardy to taxation. That is to say, things may be taxed and taxed again every time something is done to "add value". Take the example of books and periodicals. Cutting down trees adds to their value. Making them into paper adds further value. Printing and binding them into books and journals adds still more value. Each step in the process would be subject to the tax. Paralleling this, services would also

be subject to VAT, and so the editing, illustrating, and proof-reading processes, often sub-contracted to free-lancers, would themselves yield up more money in VAT. Finally, when the books and periodicals reach the point-of-retail-sale, they would be subject to the national sales tax of 9 per cent plus whatever provincial sales tax may be levied.

Foreign publications entering Canada could only be subjected to the new tax if the point-of-retail-sale was through our book shops and news stands. Foreign magazines received on subscription and books purchased by mail from abroad would escape taxation. This means that perhaps half of the publications bought by Canadian consumers would avoid the tax. Canadian publishers will be placed at an enormous disadvantage against foreign competitors, as Canadian books and periodicals will rise in price by 15-20 per cent or even more merely because of the new tax. Books and periodicals are—in economists' jargon—"marginal utilities". As their prices rise, their sales will decline in direct proportion. Sober estimates suggest that at least half of the Canadian publishing industry will quickly perish as a result of the new tax, and the half which survives will experience greatly reduced profitability.

The implications of this for Canadian culture and literacy are stag-

gering! Diminished consumer sales of Canadian publications will lead to greater demand upon libraries. At a time when library budgets are assaulted by proliferating formats, skyrocketing prices, unfavorable exchange rates, and the spectre of photocopying licensing fees, the additional strain and burden implicit in a VAT upon books and periodicals could prove the straw that broke the camel's back. As the greater consumers of Canadian publications, our public libraries are particularly vulnerable, but it is small comfort to academic libraries and librarians that the bulk of the materials they buy for their collections are non-Canadian, and therefore not subject to this insidious new form of taxation. Nor would a point-of-retail-sale exemption for schools, libraries, and other educational institutions offer any real salvation to the Canadian publishing industry.

What is needed is the general exclusion of all books and periodicals from the new tax. This goes beyond a general point-of-retail-sale exemption. In technical terms, what is required, is the "ZERO-RATING" of books and periodicals under the new tax, to free them from its repeated ravages at every stage of the production and manufacturing processes. Britain and most of the other member nations in the EEC provide such an example of "zero-rate"; some few like Greece and Spain rate books at 1-3 per cent under VAT.

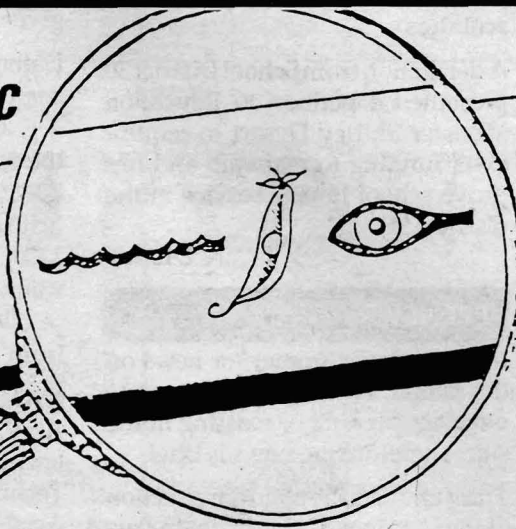
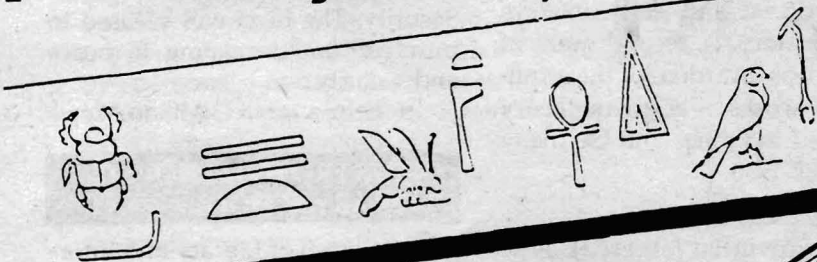
Michael Wilson, the Federal Finance Minister, originally planned to allow NO EXCEPTIONS to his new tax, on the grounds that all exceptions to taxation render application less fair and administration more difficult. Public outcry, however, soon drove the Finance Minister to announce that food, rent, and medical services will be exempt. Mr. Wilson has not yet budged on any further exceptions. It is up to us to help persuade him.

The Don't Tax Reading Coalition was formed in 1986 by various Canadian publishers and booksellers' associations to oppose the federal government's ill-advised 10 per cent retaliatory tariff on American books. The coalition organised a highly successful write-in campaign which helped persuade the federal government to rescind that tariff within a year. It remains in existence as a watch-dog organization, and has commissioned a detailed study of the impact which VAT would have upon Canadian publishing. This has now been issued as a brief report on the frightening implications.\*

What can you do about this monstrous threat? Write letters—lots of them!—to the Finance Minister, in hope that he might be persuaded to apply a zero-rate to books and periodicals from the outset of the new national sales tax, rather than learning this lesson the hard way, after destroying much of the Canadian publishing industry. Take up this issue with your colleagues. Warn them of the danger. Urge them to write letters of protest. Most importantly, you should write today to express your horror and disapproval of applying a Value Added Tax to books and periodicals. Demand that books and periodicals be "zero-rated". Address

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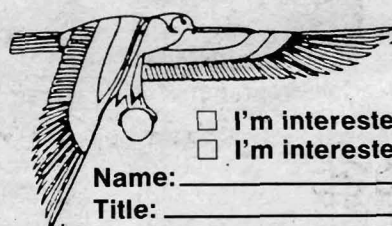
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\* **Don't Tax Reading, a Statement on the Cultural and Economic Costs of a National Tax on Reading, Prepared by the Law Firm of McMillan, Binch...** (Toronto, The Don't Tax Reading Coalition, [1988]), 16 pp.

[Editor's note: The Federal Government is providing a toll-free number for information and requests for publications about the GST. 1-800-267-6620(English); 1-800-267-6640 (French).]

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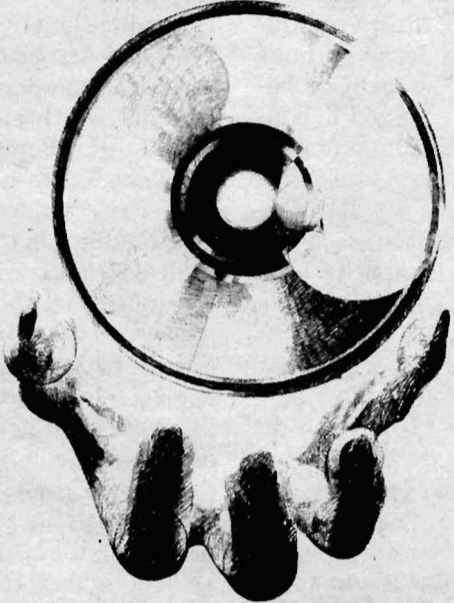
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# Censorship Forum Held in St. John's

By Chris Dennis and Stephen Field

**C**ensorship and the freedom to read were the issues in question at a public forum held on July 13, 1989 at City Hall in St. John's, Newfoundland. The forum, entitled "Censorship and Education", was organized by the Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador. It was a response to the provincial Department of Education's decision to delete portions of a Grade 12 English textbook because they were perceived to contain language potentially offensive to those with certain religious sensibilities.

The E.B. Foran Room of St. John's City Hall was filled to capacity, with many of the over 200 individuals present being compelled to stand in an adjacent hallway, as a panel of seven spoke to the issue at hand.

The first of the speakers, Judy Gibson, was one of the four editors who created the anthology—entitled *Themes for All Times*—for use in an advanced Grade 12 literature course in Newfoundland's Pentecostal, Integrated and Roman Catholic School Boards.

Ms. Gibson resigned from her post as editor at Jespersen Press over the Department of Education's decision to drop works by such

noted authors as Jules Verne, Margaret Atwood, Ernest Hemingway, Antonine Maillet, and Richard Hillary from the anthology because they contained words such as "Hell", "God", and "Damn". She criticized Minister of Education Phil Warren and Department of Education officials for their role in rejecting the text, which she said had hitherto received the approval of the Department's own Curriculum Committee and the Newfoundland Teachers' Association.

Ms. Gibson pointed out that the material which she and the other editors—Roy Bonisteel, Ron Clarke, and Betty King—had compiled and edited was mainstream literature. The selections in the anthology, 171 in all, were not compulsory reading, she argued. Teachers would be able to exercise their own judgement in drawing selections from the anthology for school use.

Jennifer Clouter, a Grade 12 student, brought a different perspective to the fore. Arguing that the objective of education at the senior high school level is to provide the student with the widest possible background, she stated that the Department of Education's alteration of the text in question amounted to a denial of the student's fundamental right to read.

Tom Moore, a teacher and writer,

praised the rejected text as a fine piece of work which was, if anything, a little too conservative in its approach to important issues.

Mr. Moore described Newfoundland as having legislated religious intolerance, and went on to say that the province's denominational school system, and not the Minister or Department of Education, was really to blame for this example of censorship.

Suzanne Sexty, the chairperson of the Newfoundland Public Library Board, indicated that libraries were interested in the debate because, as institutions, they are also at risk of being constrained by censorship.

Ms. Sexty quoted the Canadian Library Association's position statement asserting that the freedom to read is essential to a democratic way of life. She maintained that the freedom to read should not have to be defended, but that, if it did, it should be defended by the schools and not infringed upon by them.

Kevin Major, a noted Newfoundland novelist, spoke from the writer's point of view, emphasizing the writer's need to create as truthful a world as possible, warts and all. The writer, he said, does not promote or condone the language his characters utter; he uses language, rather, as a tool to depict, for our understanding and edification, the reality of human experience.

Dr. Warren was not at the forum, but he was represented by Dr. Keith Winter, the Deputy Minister of Education. Dr. Winter declined to comment in depth on the actions of

Dr. Warren and the Department. He answered few questions, saying that he had come principally to listen and to take notes on the evening's proceedings for the Department's consideration.

Dr. Winter's only support on the panel came from Mr. Frank Kiersey, chairperson of the Catholic Education Council. Mr. Kiersey refused to label the deletion of works in the textbook as censorship, calling it selection instead. He stood by the Minister of Education's right to determine what shall and what shall not be compulsory reading in the school curriculum.

A question and answer session followed the speeches of the seven panelists. Nearly all who spoke were against the deletion of the texts, with only 3 or 4 of the speakers supporting the decision of Dr. Warren and his department.

Under questioning, the Deputy Minister revealed that, at present, two selections from the anthology will still be deleted, despite the controversy. These are Hemingway's short story, "The Killers", and Richard Hillary's, "I see they got you too". In addition, Dr. Winter informed the forum that negotiations are taking place with other authors represented in the text in order to introduce changes to their work.

At this writing it remains unclear what form the new text—changes to which were speculated to cost about \$50,000—will ultimately take.

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