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### NEWFOUNDLAND LIBRARIES BOARD SPONSORS LIBRARY DESIGN COMPETITION

The Newfoundland Public Libraries Board concluded its 50th anniversary celebrations with a library design competition geared towards the rural and small urban communities in Newfoundland. The idea of having a library design competition was sparked by the number of requests coming to the provincial headquarters for plans of small public library buildings. The competition was an architectural first for Newfoundland under the rules and procedures of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. It was open to all registered architects in the province and recent graduates of an architectural institute.

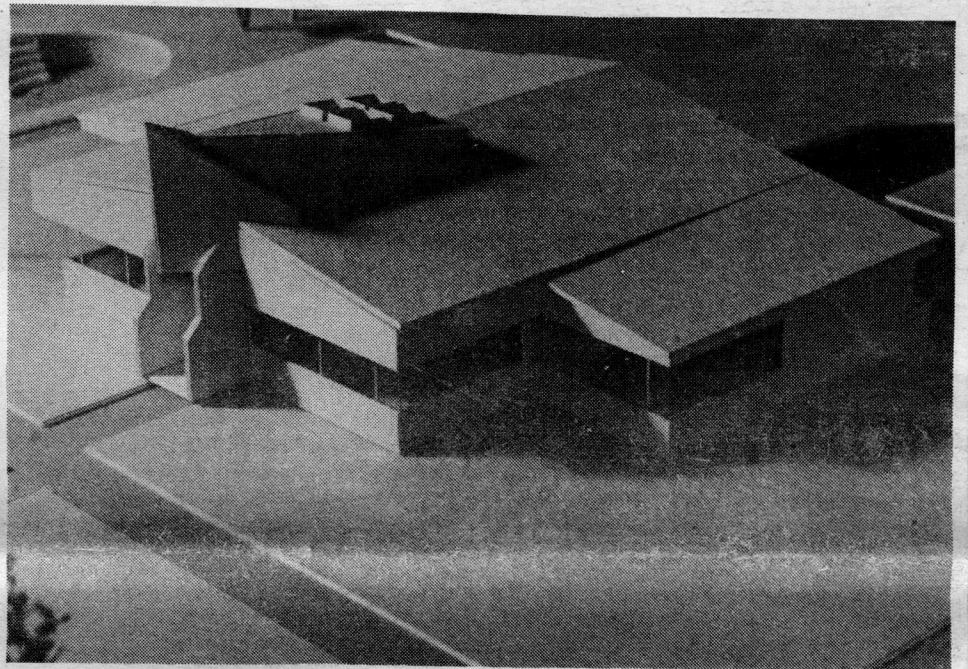
The proposal asked for a design with a flexibility to expand or reduce to three respective sizes, depending on the need. The sizes asked for were 2,500, 3,500 and 5,000 square feet. There were five entries in the competition and the top three winning entries all presented models of their drawings. The first place winner was William MacCallum Architect Limited, of St. John's. His team included Ron Fougere, who produced the model and John Thibault, who did the drawings.

All three winning entries were sensitive to building materials, which they

said should be available in the local area and built by local labour as a source of community pride and more efficient use of funds. Pearce J. Penney, Chief Provincial Librarian, said, "I was impressed with the effort and quality that went into the designs. It showed the architects took our call for a prototype library design seriously."

A panel of judges was formed consisting of two architects, a professional librarian and a board member, who also represented the user. The panel was chaired by the professional advisor, Beaton Sheppard, who was the president of the Architectural Society of Newfoundland. The entries were judged by the panel on presentation quality, satisfaction of financial requirements, clarity of concept, context — fitting into the small community, flexibility of siting and adaptability, design statement, energy conservation, and cost.

The winning design (shown above) was the most energy-efficient of the three winners. The design is warm and inviting with plenty of windows intended to face south. The exterior design is modest but with sufficient drama in the hanging eaves and an entrance that slopes upward.



The winning design of a prototype library is by Bill MacCallum, of St. John's. The design was obtained through an architectural design competition sponsored by the Newfoundland Public Libraries Board.

The interior design is a study in function. An open foyer leads to a circulation desk from which there is direct access to the children's, adults' and

reference sections. This allows for the visual control of most library activities by one person which is particularly important for small community libraries.

### A Reminder: Warmer Weather and APLA '86 Are Just Around the Corner

Now that the details of APLA 86 are almost finalized, delegates (and potential delegates) can be brought up-to-date on one of the more important aspects of the annual conference — the social programme.

Socializing will commence on Thursday, May 29 with an addition to the traditional APLA conference programme, a past president's reception. This event will provide an opportunity to congratulate the outgoing president on a job well done and it will be the delegates' first chance to meet both old and new friends. The reception will be held at the Bally Haly Golf and Country Club, following the annual meeting of the Newfoundland Library Association.

Conference participants who are not in committee meetings on Friday morning will be welcome to tour two local institutions: the Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Queen Elizabeth II Library of Memorial University of Newfoundland. In ad-

dition to being an important historical collection, the provincial archives are of interest because they are housed in the historic Colonial Building, the original home of Newfoundland's House of Assembly. The Queen Elizabeth II Library is a bustling academic facility that offers many attractions; its multi-story reading room should not be missed. Friday's schedule of tours, committee meetings, key note address and workshop will close with the AGM followed by a reception.

This year's social programme will be highlighted by the traditional Saturday evening banquet. A superb meal will be served by members of the award winning Chef's Association of Newfoundland in the new facilities of the National Research Council's Institute for Marine Dynamics. Diners will be entertained by the Bopular Demand Band playing music from the fifties to the eighties. Don't forget your dancing shoes! The social programme will wrap up with another traditional event, the cham-

pagne brunch. The brunch, which will be served on Sunday at noon at the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre will enable delegates to exchange thoughts about the conference and to bid farewell to their colleagues for another year.

The site of this year's conference is ideally located for another type of recreational activity: iceberg watching. A short (but steep) hike up Signal Hill will enable delegates to see the annual spring migration of arctic ice that travels south along Newfoundland's east coast. The sight is quite spectacular, particularly if you are lucky enough to spot a seal!

The Local Arrangements Committee is looking forward to welcoming you to APLA 86. The conference should be both informative and entertaining. Just in case you have been hibernating, there is a program outline on page 3. Further details about the conference programme are available in the March issue of the *APLA Bulletin* and from Suzanne Sexty, Information Services, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Some delegates have booked their own hotel accommodations and have not gone through the local arrangements committee. If you have booked your own room at the Battery or the Holiday Inn, be sure to identify yourself as an APLA delegate when you register. Otherwise you will be charged more than the conference rate.

# APLA Bulletin

The *APLA Bulletin* is a bi-monthly organ of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. The Association seeks to promote library service through the provinces of Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, to serve the professional interests of librarians in the region, to serve as a focal point for all those in library services in the Atlantic Provinces, and to cooperate with library associations and other organizations on matters of mutual concern.

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## Publications Received

If anyone would like to have any of these books in exchange for reviewing it, please contact the *Bulletin* editor.

Arsenault, Fernand and Edmour Babineau. *François-Amédée Bourgeois (Collection Pasteurs et Patriotes)*. Moncton: Éditions d'Acadie, 1985.

Chapman, J.K. *River Boy at War*. Fredericton: Fiddlehead Poetry Books & Goose Lane Editions, 1985.

Cook, John. *Information, Enrichment and Delight: Public Libraries in Western Australia*. Halifax: Dalhousie University School of Library Service, 1985. Occasional Paper 35.

Flood, Brian. *Saint John: A Sporting Tradition 1785-1985*. Saint John: Neptune Publishing Co. Ltd., 1985.

Grant, B.J. *When Rum Was King*. Fredericton: Fiddlehead Poetry Books & Goose Lane Editions, 1984.

Hache, Louis. *Un cortège d'anguilles*. Moncton: Éditions d'Acadie, 1985.

Jasper, Pat. *Recycling*. Fredericton: Fiddlehead Poetry Books & Goose Lane Editions, 1985.

Ouellet, J. Maurice. *Sur le Sentier de la Vie: Témoignage d'une époque*. Moncton: Éditions d'Acadie, 1985.

Thurston, Harry. *Clouds Flying Before the Eye*. Fiddlehead Poetry Books & Goose Lane Editions, 1985.

The Writers' Union of Canada. *Payment for Public Use Symposium: Final Report*. Toronto: The Writer's Union, 1985.

## From The President's Desk

It is difficult to believe that there remains only one month before the annual conference. The year has gone by much too quickly and there are still many things I would have liked to do as your president. As I contemplate the prospect of passing the gavel over to the incoming president, Richard Ellis, I am somewhat at ease, knowing that the work begun this year will continue. Some of the matters discussed at executive meetings this year included matters of concern to library technicians, to

school librarians, to library trustees, as well as to librarians in the public, special and academic libraries. It has become clear that the association will need to become much more skilled than ever before in the art of lobbying, and in the information-gathering stage of advocating our collective concerns. There is a lot of work ahead of the association in the next year, and I look forward to contributing to it.

As Joy Tillotson awaits this last column from this president's desk, I would like to mention once again my gratitude and appreciation of all those who helped make the association work this year and who made my life so much easier. The entire executive is to be commended for an outstanding job. Though some members will be continuing their terms of office next year, I would like to thank, in particular, the outgoing members: Jane Archibald who, as treasurer during the past three years, did such a fine job of keeping the association on track and who helped me immeasurably in understanding the association's finances; Peter Glenister and Charles Cameron who have served their respective provinces so ably in the past two years; our superlative councillor for membership, Mary Blackford; my secretary for this year, Pat Belier; and last, but not least, Bill Birdsall, past president, for making it so easy for me. Of the *Bulletin* editorial team, I cannot say enough. They have done a superb job in getting the *Bulletin* in our hands on time, within budget, and with content worthy of inclusion in *CPI*!

Finally, from all the reports I've been receiving, the St. John's conference is one NOT to be missed — I hope to see as many of you there as possible!

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## CLA Council Meeting, March 1986

By Elizabeth Hamilton  
President, APLA

The Canadian Library Association Council held its regular Spring meeting in Ottawa, March 22-23, 1986. Included in the two-day meeting were committee and divisional reports, as well as an updating of activities at CLA Headquarters. The meeting of Council was the occasion of a National Library information session, an opportunity for the National Librarian to bring Council members up to date on recent events at the National Library, and for members to query the National Library on matters of concern.

The CLA Headquarters report, presented by Acting Executive Director Françoise Hebert, detailed CLA action on several issues. A coordinated campaign to alert the federal government to the serious consequences of closing federal libraries has begun with information collection and letter writing; a description of the closures appeared in the January issue of *Feliciter*. The acting executive director has acted as well on the production of the *Copyright Compliance Handbook*, published by the Canadian Booksellers Association, the Canadian Book Publishers Council and the Association of Canadian Publishers. A letter has been sent to both the Department of Communications, which provided funding for the publication, and to the publishers, expressing disappointment at the release of a publication with so many errors. Headquarters also acted on behalf of the profession in protesting the classification of a non-librarian as a librarian at CISTI. The issue is not seen to be a long-standing one, as the individual in question will be retiring shortly.

The association will also be involved in discussions with Marcel Masse regarding principles involved in "buying around". This is an extremely important issue for Canadian libraries in their attempts to get the best value for our ever-eroding dollar. Restrictive buying policies have been termed a disaster by Quebec libraries, libraries which have been operating under such limitations for several years now. At the council meeting, the Quebec Library Association president spoke of consideration by some Quebec public libraries to boycott the legislation dealing with buying around.

The council also gave approval to CLA's response to the *Charter of Rights for Creators*, following discussions with the CLA Copyright Committee Convenor, Cathy Zuraw. This report has been endorsed by most of the provincial library associations as well, including APLA, and will be forwarded to the government shortly.

CLA Headquarters has also been extremely active in its promotion and restructuring of its seminar series. Changes for 1986/87 will include the introduction of a profit-sharing plan for co-sponsors to eliminate risk of losses to the association (while still providing incentives to seminar co-sponsors). CLA staff will no longer be going on-site to conferences, and seminars will have a "lean, mean" look, with the emphasis on content and high quality of speakers. A

slate of topics for 1986/87 will be available at the June conference.

The timeliness of the *Canadian Periodical Index* has been a long-standing complaint of subscribers and is now being addressed by CLA. This may allow it to compete more effectively with the new *Canadian Magazine Index*. Since moving the publication of *CPI* in-house, considerable savings are being realized, both in terms of the volume of work being handled and in terms of monetary savings. In the first two-and-a-half months of 1986, four issues of *CPI* were mailed out. Indexers will be hired during the summer of 1986 to handle the backlog of unindexed periodicals. The goal of this catch-up program is to produce monthly issues on schedule by October 1, 1986. Work is also speeding up on the *CPI Retrospective* and the name authority file. The idea of putting *CPI* on-line is also being considered at this time.

Other publication-related activities included those concerning the *CM: Canadian Materials for Schools and Libraries*. The editorship has changed and it will now be edited by Marian Press. The titles scheduled for release prior to the annual conference were also announced. These include: *Readings in Canadian Library History; Operation Literacy, Series 2; Directory of Interlibrary Loan Policies (rev.); Subject Index to Canadian Poetry in English for Children and Young People*; and a supplement to *AACR2 Decisions and Rule Interpretations*.

Upcoming CLA conferences were also on the agenda in various guises. It was announced that Alice Bacon will be the convenor of the Vancouver conference in 1987 and that a programme theme has already been agreed upon. A proposal on a core program for CLA was presented to council by Ken Jensen. Considerable discussion on the core program concept, along with funding for such a concept was discussed; there was considerable debate on whether to try to have a low registration fee which would allow participation in the conference theme speech, five division programs, the exhibits, and business meetings or to try a global fee which would cover absolutely everything, as will be the case in Quebec. There was concern that this global fee would exceed the \$180.00 being charged this year and prevent lower income librarians from attending. Council was also given notice of arrangements underway for the planning of the Halifax conference in 1988; the planning may be split between headquarters and Halifax. The council meeting had the opportunity as well to meet with Hans Moller to receive up-to-date information on the Quebec conference.

Finally, the president spoke of the situation concerning the position of CLA executive director. She outlined the events which had transpired since the last council meeting in November. In attempts to remedy the situation which arose at the November council meeting, and which was subsequently addressed by the board, a mediator was brought in who helped the two parties

involved to explore every option for reconciliation. Informal avenues were investigated as well to arrive at a satisfactory solution. Under the advice of solicitors, both parties were discouraged from acting precipitously in publicizing the situation before all avenues for reconciliation had been explored. The agreement which resulted from these activities cited the reasons behind the difficulties between the executive di-

rector and the association as "philosophical differences". A settlement has been agreed upon, and an acting executive director (Françoise Hebert) will be in place until the search process for an executive director is complete. Upon petition by association members, the CLA board will conduct a special meeting in Toronto May 1, 1986 to address concerns of association members on this matter.

## APLA 86 AT A GLANCE

May 29 - June 1, 1986

Battery Hotel, St. John's, Newfoundland

Thursday, May 29

Records management

Pre-conference seminar presented by CLA

AAULC meeting

APLA Executive meeting

Past President's reception for all with Newfoundland Library Association

Friday, May 30

Committee and interest group meetings

Tours of Provincial Archives and Memorial University Library

Opening of exhibits

Lunch in exhibits area

Keynote Address: Libraries and the Independent Scholar

Vendors Poster Session

A-V in Library Instruction (Part 1)

Trustees reception

AGM I

Cash bar

Saturday, May 31

Dalhousie Alumni Association breakfast

Public Legal Education

Story Telling

A-V in Library Instruction (Part 2)

The National Decentralized Plan for the Preservation of Canadian Newspapers

Advocacy: The Challenge for the Library Trustee

North American Collections Inventory Project

Lunch in exhibits area

Committee on Library Instruction meeting

Independent Scholar Panel Discussion

Microcomputers in Smaller Libraries

Collections Round Table

Library Technicians workshop

Planning for/Recovering from Disaster

Trustees — Who Needs Them Anyway?

Pre resolutions

Trustees business meeting

Pre-dinner cash bar

Dinner and entertainment

Sunday, June 1

AGM II

Champagne brunch

Joint meeting of past and present executives

## NOTICE OF MOTION

Be it resolved, that Standing Orders number 18 and 19 be replaced with a single Standing Order, that up to \$1,000.00 of any annual operating surplus may be transferred to the principal of the APLA Memorial Awards Fund. Such transfer shall be on a motion of the Executive and shall be identified in the annual financial statement as being pursuant to this standing order.

# NEWS

## Newfoundland

The Gander Regional Library Board has received a grant of \$45,000 under the Job Creation Career Skills Strategy Program. Ten people have been hired to work in ten branches of the Gander region for twenty weeks. They receive one week of intensive training at the regional library and then go to a branch library for the remaining nineteen weeks. In the branches, people will do book repairs, interlibrary loans and other related library duties.

Regional trustee workshops were conducted this winter by the Newfoundland Public Libraries Board. These workshops were the result of the combined efforts of provincial members, administrative staff and the regional libraries. One hundred ninety-seven people attended the workshops, representing most of the local libraries in the province.

## Nova Scotia

The Halifax City Regional Library held an amnesty week in March, inviting users to return overdue materials with no fines if they were accompanied by a donation of food for the Halifax Metro Food Bank. Displays of food donations were set up at all library branches and book trailer stops. Food Bank volunteers collected food as frequently as required to avoid unmanageable buildups.

A staff training day was a big success at Dartmouth Regional Library. The day began with a lively workshop on "People Skills in the Workplace" conducted by human resource consultant, Janet Willis. This workshop, attended by all staff, was felt to be one of the best of the day. Another highlight was the presentation by Dartmouth mayor, John Savage. The mayor outlined future plans for the city and gave his personal commitment to a new library. The afternoon program contained sessions on the budget, reference skills, children's literature, library service to young adults, transferable skills and how to conduct a meeting.

The Wilfred Oram Centennial Library, North Sydney's major project during its centennial year, officially opened its doors to the public on March 3, 1986. Situated in the former Bank of Nova Scotia building on the town's main street, the new facility is a vast improvement over the previous library which was located in the basement of an elementary school. The well attended opening ceremonies featured a brass band playing on the street outside the building.

At the annual meeting of the Halifax City Regional Library Board, Mr. Rein Liiva was re-elected chairman for a second year and Mrs. Leah O'Neill was re-elected vice-chairman. The board decided to establish a planning committee to develop a long range plan for library service to Haligonians.

Dartmouth Regional Library's most popular program this spring was "Living with Teenagers", a talk by Dr. Nina Woulff of Atlantic Child Guidance.

The Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library has a new branch in the community of River John.

## New Brunswick

The Perth-Andover Public Library was awarded a grant of \$200 by the regional committee of the National Book Festival and the Canada Council. The grant was used to promote, and provide prizes for, a poster contest during National Book Week in April. Increasing circulation at Perth-Andover has inspired a volunteer drive. Trina O'Brien, librarian at the York region sub-headquarters in Woodstock, held a training session in March for the first volunteers.

Library staff and board members from the L.P. Fisher Library in Woodstock participated in a "Community Awareness Fair" sponsored by the Woodstock Human Services Council. The library appreciated this opportunity to let the community know about its many services and programs.

The East Branch of the Saint John Regional Library is beginning to see results from their recent emphasis on their local talking book collection, a gift of the Knights of Columbus. They have inventoried the collection, relocated it and generally given it a higher profile. Circulation in 1985 was 50% higher than in 1983 and the November 1985 circulation was more than 100% greater than the monthly average for 1984. The branch head profited from a recent visit with Gail Smith, who manages the talking book collection at York Regional Library.

The winning ideas from a wall mural contest now decorate a stairway at the Ross Memorial Library. Children submitted their ideas for murals on paper and a local artist transferred the winning murals to a more permanent medium.

Over 250 people attended a book launch at La Bibliothèque le Cormoran. Two Editions d'Acadie books were launched, France Daigle's *Histoire de la maison qui brûle* and Néré St-Amand's *Folie et oppression: l'internement en institution psychiatrique*.

Saint John Regional Librarian, Eileen Travis, and Keith Alward, Chairman of the Sussex Public Library Board, will take part in the Colloquium on Availability of Publications in Canada in Quebec, June 17-18. Travis will chair the final session and Alward will be a panelist for one of the sessions.

The West Branch of the Saint John Regional Library loaned its one hundred thousandth book on March 19. The event was recognized by giving the borrower a gift certificate from a local bookstore.

# Review

*Oxford Illustrated Encyclopedia*. Harry Judge, General Editor. Volume 1, *The Physical World*, Sir Vivian Fuchs, editor and Volume 2, *The Natural World*, Malcolm Coe, editor. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1985. \$39.95/vol. LC 85-4876 (set). ISBN 0-19-869129-7 (v.1); 0-19-86134-3 (v.2).

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The *Oxford Illustrated Encyclopedia* upon completion in 1988 will be a thematic encyclopedia, each of its eight volumes devoted to one particular area of knowledge. These first two volumes will be joined by an additional two volumes each year until 1988. The subsequent volumes will cover the following areas, *The History of Mankind* (2 volumes), *Human Society*, *The Arts*, *The World of Technology* and *The Universe*. Each volume will be international in scope, self-contained and taken together will form what the editor calls a "...clear and authoritative map of contemporary knowledge."

The set is not a revision of an earlier work but rather a first for Oxford, an adult illustrated encyclopedia. The editors endeavoured to provide a scholarly basis for the work by having the entries written by specialists in non-technical language. They intend for it to be used by both the adult for general interest and by the student for assignments. A "worldwide view" is also claimed as the set is intended for an international audience and concentration on one country or continent is not intended.

Each volume is comprised of brief entries (average 10 lines on a 2 column page), alphabetically arranged. There are no signed entries but there is a list of contributors at the front of each volume. On the whole the entries are straightforward with the first line providing a brief definition. The writing is at a level which will be understood by advanced high school students. Bibliographies are not provided at the end of entries or at the end of volumes. There is no index at the end of each volume but one will be provided for the entire set at the end of volume 8.

Fairly numerous cross references are noted by an asterisk in front of a word that will have an entry of its own elsewhere in the same volume. These are provided both for words within entries (see also references) and for words that are included in the alphabetical sequence of entries but which do not have an entry (see

references). Cross references, however, could be more numerous. According to the introductory explanations in each set, cross references "...appear only in places where reference is likely to amplify or increase understanding of the entry you are reading." In the entry on Germany in *The Physical World*, for example, there is mention of Bavaria but there is no cross reference to the entry on Bavaria. The reverse is also true. The cross reference system is also limited in that it cannot direct you to related entries in any of the other volumes.

The volumes are heavily illustrated with many photographs and diagrams in colour. They do not always appear on the same page as the entry, however. The maps in *The Physical World* are very disappointing. There are only two maps in the entire volume, a two page world relief map at the front and a two page world political map at the back. The latter is not satisfactory as it has mistakes and misleading information. Kampuchea is labelled Cambodia, a change made in 1975. The entry in the text is under Kampuchea with a see reference from Cambodia. The capital of the Philippines is given as Quezon City rather than Manila which is the de facto capital. The Germanies are designated East Germany and West Germany rather than by their official names and there are no cross references in the text from either of the map designations to the entry on Germany. The Koreas are treated in a similar way. Unlike the above examples North and South Yemen are designated by their official names but this is still not consistent as South Yemen is called "Yemen P.D.R." while North Yemen is designated "Yemen" instead of "Yemen Arab Republic".

The subject areas covered in *The Physical World* are aspects of the physical environment such as climate and soils, chemical elements and compounds, geographic regions and biographies of explorers and scientists, living and dead. Topics in *The Natural World* include species of all of the major animal and plant groups from all parts of the world, ecology, biochemistry, medical sciences and biography.

It can be seen from the above description that each volume is quite wide ranging in scope and this is, in fact, one problem with the set. It can be a bit of a guess where certain topics will be found. For example, the introduction to the set states that "*The Physical World*...

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## A Healthy Infant! APLA's Committee on Library Instruction is Five Years Old

The Committee on Library Instruction was formed in September of 1980, through the efforts of Oriel MacLennan, of the Killam Library, Dalhousie University. Oriel became the Committee's first convenor, to be followed by Jane Archibald, Gwyn Pace, Susan McLean and the present convenor, Judy Reade.

The Committee met informally at APLA's annual conference at Acadia University in 1981, and organized a display of printed materials dealing with library instruction at that conference. By the next year, the committee was able to organize a workshop at the annual conference. That year, two representatives from Instructor Aids Ltd., a Halifax company, organized a session on the effective use of audiovisual equipment, with particular regard to group presentations. The 1983 annual conference featured another workshop sponsored by this Committee, on public catalogue use, with Professor Elizabeth Frick of Dalhousie's School of Library Service as the presenter. Our 1984 contribution to the annual conference was a workshop by Michael Hartley-Robinson, on communications and stress in the library. By 1985, we had become really bold and provided not only a speaker for the Committee's workshop, but the keynote speaker as well, in the person of Allen Tough, from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education!

The committee's activities have not been confined to sponsoring sessions at the annual conference. In 1983, the

committee organized a survey of library instruction practices in Atlantic Canada libraries, by means of a questionnaire distributed in the *Bulletin*. Results were summarized for public, university, special and school libraries and presented during the annual general meeting at the 1984 conference. Respondents to the questionnaire were sent a special invitation to attend that meeting. A summary of responses also appeared in the *Bulletin*. In 1985, the committee organized a very successful workshop in March, in Halifax, on the topic of burnout, with Sarah Watstein as instructor.

From an initial membership of 6, the Committee has grown to 36 members — 12 in the "working group", which has been meeting 5 to 6 times a year, and comprises members from the Halifax/Dartmouth area, and 24 in the "corresponding group", residing in other parts of Nova Scotia and in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. Corresponding members receive minutes of each meeting. It is hoped too that this latter group will play a role in supporting the committee's latest venture, the "User Education Mailbox," a regular column of questions and answers on library instruction topics, which appears in the *Bulletin*.

This strong foundation of members and solid record of activities and achievements augurs well for the future of this committee as it advances to the next phase of its life in May of this year, when the committee moves out of the province of Nova Scotia to be based in New Brunswick.

tion of the topic, and the first four then offer short "where to start" booklists, followed by the subject headings to consult in the public catalogue. The fifth list describes the different types of sources which can be consulted in the Reference Department to obtain specialized information, but then advises the user to consult library staff for assistance in finding and using them. So this series is really a sort of hybrid pathfinder/where-to-start reading list. Because we receive so many questions about job search, particularly resumé-writing, the staff on the information desk find the series an invaluable time-saver which also serves to lead the user in new directions he or she might not have originally intended to pursue, such as preparing for the interview by researching the specific company.

The idea for a series of pathfinders on women's issues evolved from a user's suggestion that we separate the women's studies materials into a special section so they would be all together. Recognizing the difficulty of locating material scattered throughout the fiction and non-fiction sections but reluctant to pull it all out into yet another special area, we decided instead to put out a series of pathfinders which would guide users through various special topics of interest to women. Although the series is still in the initial planning stages, we envision a set of six or so pathfinders covering such broad areas as Women and Literature, Women and Health, Women and Work, and so on. The pathfinders will advise users which subject headings to consult, alert them to special tools such as indexes, bibliographies and anthologies, and when relevant, suggest the shelf area for browsing. Some may also suggest specific titles for where to start reading.

If other libraries would like copies of the job search series, Shakespeare pathfinder, or the women's issues series as they come out, please contact us. Audrey Samson, Adult Lending Services, Halifax City Regional Library.

### REPLY:

Have you seen Alice Sizer Warner's article in the March 1983 issue of *American Libraries* page 150-151, which talks about pathfinders? "Pathfinders: A Way to Boost Your Information Handouts Beyond Booklists and Bibliographies." *Committee on Library Instruction*.

### LETTER:

I have recently offered a free five evening course on "How to Use Your Library" to interested adults. Ten completed the course. Do any other public libraries do this? I'd be interested in how you handle diverse backgrounds, course content, length, etc. Frances Anderson, South Shore Regional Library, Nova Scotia.

### REPLY:

The Halifax City Regional Library provides evening and daytime orientation sessions for community groups and continuing education classes. The sessions are focused on services and resources of particular interest to the individual group. They include an overview of library services as well as basic library instruction. Materials available to staff for use in these sessions include: a slide presentation of general library services; separate slide presentations for children's services and each branch service; an overhead for use in catalogue instruction; and a portable microfiche reader for hands on demonstration. Although these sessions are certainly not full fledged courses in library instruction, they are a useful introduction. Basically our experience has taught us to tailor sessions to individual groups by finding out what subject areas they are interested in and why they are attending the session. I hope this is of some use. Joan Brown-Hicks, Community Services Coordinator, Halifax City Regional Library.

### REPLY:

There are not many public libraries that have full-fledged courses or programmes on library skills for the user.

A Canadian program that has received a lot of attention on both sides of the border is one at the Kitchener Public Library. Margaret Hendley, who is chiefly responsible for the Kitchener programme, has written several articles in which she explains its philosophy and implementation. Two of her articles are: "User Education: the Adult Patron in the Public Library," *RQ 24* (Winter 1984): 191-194, and "Kitchener Public Library" in *Educating the Library User*, John Lubans, Jr., ed. Chicago: ALA, 1983, pp. 95-108. *Committee on Library Instruction*.

## USER EDUCATION MAILBOX

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### Letters

The following letters were printed in the January, 1986 issue of the *APLA Bulletin*.

### LETTER:

I would be interested in hearing from public libraries that have developed and used pathfinders. How would you rate their success as self-help aids for students and as a means of aiding the often over worked reference staff? Any samples would be appreciated. Linda Sherlow Lowdon, Community Services Librarian, Dartmouth Regional Library.

### REPLY:

We've more often done traditional booklists rather than pathfinders, but we do have one pathfinder on Shakespeare, a series of pathfinders on job search, and we are planning another ser-

ies on women's issues.

The Shakespeare pathfinder was prepared because we are running a Saint Mary's University off-campus course in the library this year, so there's a lot of demand for his plays, both in book and audio form, as well as for critical works. The pathfinder, called *Finding out about Shakespeare at the Halifax City Regional Library*, has been heavily used and is usually all the help a patron needs.

The job search series is a set of 5 bookmark-sized pathfinders on different topics:

- #1: Where to begin
  - #2: Your Resumé
  - #3: Interviews: How to Prepare
  - #4: A Women's View
  - #5: Special Information Sources
- Each is prefaced with a brief descrip-

## Coming Events

### 15th Annual Conference of the International Association of School Librarianship

July 27 - August 1

Theme: The School Library — Window on the World.

Keynote Speakers: Anne Galler, Director of Library Services, Concordia University; and Ann Nauman, Department of Education, Southeastern Louisiana University.

Fee: Members — \$150.00

Non-Members — \$180.00

Daily Registration — \$30.00

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### Champagne Brunch

May 10

All alumni of the Dalhousie School of Library Service are invited to a brunch to celebrate the 10 year reunion for graduates from 1976 and the first 15 year reunion, for graduates from 1971.

Tickets are available from the alumni office and from the library school alumni executive.

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Room 224, Dalhousie SUB.

# Annual Reports

## Vice-President, Prince Edward Island

In reviewing the past year, the outstanding activity was the co-sponsored APLA/Provincial Library Workshop on Censorship and Intellectual Freedom conducted by Professor Elizabeth Frick and Dr. Larry Amey of the Dalhousie University School of Library Service in Charlottetown on 31 October 1985. The morning session focused on the needs and concerns of staff in the small local public library. The session was included as part of the Provincial Library's annual workshop/staff development session. This group included twenty-five members of the provincial branch library staff and five people from the Provincial Library headquarters staff.

The afternoon session addressed the university librarians in particular. It was attended by over forty participants including staff members of the Robertson Library and faculty of the University of Prince Edward Island, Department of Education staff, one Superintendent of Education, staff from two of the five school boards, representatives of the Provincial Home and School Association, the Provincial School Trustees Association, retired librarians, former librarians and professional and technical staff from the Provincial Library.

The workshops were presented in two sections. The first dealt with the philosophical side of the question, the traditions of intellectual freedom within the library profession and the need for the individual librarians to be aware of their own bias and to avoid being ruled by this.

The second half of the sessions deal with the practical aspects of the topic including selection policies, building up support for that policy and what to do when the censor arrives.

### Provincial Library

In August the computerized inventory system which had been in preparation for two years was put into operation.

In November, as part of the Children's Book Festival, Camilla Gryski, who is the author of two books on string games for children, visited several schools and public libraries and taught the children how to play string games.

The Conference on Canadian Learning Material was held in Summerside, P.E.I. on January 17-18, 1986. The conference was attended by members of the School Library Association as well as representatives from all P.E.I. school units. A thrust was made to make Canadian materials more accessible to all aspects of the educational system of Prince Edward Island.

A joint celebration by the School Library Association and the Provincial Libraries took place during "Library Week", April 12-19, 1986, which coincided with the National Book Festival. Activities on the theme: "Pioneering in the Library" included: four public readings by Silver Donald Cameron of his own works; a visit of several schools by Libby Oughton of the Ragweed Press who talked to the students about pioneering in publishing as exemplified by

Douglas Baldwin's *Abegweit: Land of the Red Soil*, which is the first locally published textbook used in Island schools; and visits of schools by local authors from children to adults.

Two new bookmobiles are now on the road in P.E.I. One is replacing a vehicle which has been on the road since 1973.

As of May 1, 1986, the Provincial Library will have a partial subscription to UTLAS for its REFCATSS service. It will be used for interlibrary loans and provide some cataloguing information.

Prince Edward Island is proud to report that Don Carter, Librarian of Colonel Gray High School is the recipient of the Hilroy Award for his "Computerized Periodical Index" developed for teaching information skills. The Hilroy Award is awarded nationally for innovative teaching.

### P.E.I. Professional Librarians Association

Merritt Crockett, Chief Librarian at UPEI, spoke on current activities at the University Library and arrangements for the new School of Veterinary Medicine at the meeting held on May 27, 1985.

### Holland College Library

The library is investigating software library packages, initially to build an in-house data base of college material to be used on microcomputers.

### University of Prince Edward Island

Heather Boylan, a student from Dalhousie School of Library Service, successfully completed her inservice summer training in August 1985.

Members of the Music Department took the initiative to establish the "Frances Dindial Memorial Music Scholarship" to pay tribute to her and to perpetuate her name. The particulars of the scholarship are as follows:

"An annual scholarship to be awarded to a full time student entering a Bachelor of Music Programme. The recipient, who must be a resident of Prince Edward Island, will be decided by the Faculty of the Music Department on the basis of an audition in the student's major instrument/voice."

A trust has been set up. APLA members who wish to contribute should send their contributions to: Mr. Earl Nicholson, Development Office, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, P.E.I. C1A 4P3. A tax receipt will be issued.

The University of Prince Edward Island is preparing for the opening of the Atlantic Veterinary College in September, 1986. The Atlantic Veterinary College facility is proceeding on time and surprisingly, within the cost limits. The Robertson Library will be housing the Veterinary Medicine collection and delivering library service in the unique situation of being the only centralized library operation of its kind in North America.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susanne Manovill  
Vice-President,  
Prince Edward Island

## Vice-President, Newfoundland

### Academic Libraries

#### Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University

The library has installed a 3M tattle tape security system during the past year. 1985 also saw the completion of a two year inventory of the entire collection. The inventory, the first since 1971, discovered 11,000 items to be missing. The cards for these have subsequently been withdrawn.

In the collections area the library was awarded a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council grant to buy materials in the area of Irish studies.

The Centre for Newfoundland Studies received assistance in developing its collection as a result of a bequest to the university library establishing the Alice Jarvis Memorial Fund. The fund will support collecting materials in the area of Newfoundland Studies. The Centre has purchased the papers of Norman Campbell Duncan and has also received the papers of two provincial political figures, Steve Neary, former cabinet minister and Liberal leader and Senator Fred Rowe, also a cabinet minister in the government of Joseph R. Smallwood. If all goes well the long awaited Newfoundland Bibliography will be published in the fall of 1986.

Slavko Manojlovich was appointed Assistant to the University Librarian for Systems and Planning. Charles Pennell, Head of Cataloguing, resigned to assume a position at Villa Nova University, Philadelphia. Map librarian, Alberta Auringer Wood, served as Vice-President of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping during 1985-86. She has been elected President-Elect for 1986-87.

Marion Burnett, a long-time staff member of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies was the recipient of the second Margaret Williams Trust Fund Award. The 1985 award was valued at \$1,000.00. Ms. Burnett is presently a first year student at the School of Library Service, Dalhousie University.

#### Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Library

Bernie Conran of Memorial University's Queen Elizabeth II Library replaced Elizabeth Behrens as the college librarian for the 1985-86 academic year. Elizabeth will return from her sabbatical leave in May, 1986. The library has experienced a busy year with no new developments.

#### Newfoundland and Labrador Institute of Fisheries and Marine Technology Library

The library moved into the new Institute in July 1985 except for the audiovisual section which arrived in October. While the library has considerably larger quarters in the new building than it did in the old College of Fisheries, it has had no increase in budget or staff. (An AV viewing and production room is adjacent to the library). Mabel Farmer, college librarian, reports that students, faculty and staff are pleased with the additional space and the library has experienced increased use.

#### College of Trades and Technology Library

The Library has recently acquired a microcomputer which will be used for word processing and to automate sev-

eral library procedures. A 3M book detection system is being installed this Spring.

#### Bay St. George Community College Library

The Learning Resources Centre at Stephenville Crossing has been renovated and supplied with new audiovisual equipment, primarily video equipment for student study.

### School Libraries

A continuing but slow improvement is evident in the development of the province's school libraries. A higher proportion of the money allocated for learning materials is now being spent on library materials by many school boards. The need for library materials for research-based high school courses has been the incentive for the reorganization of several libraries including the development of vertical files and periodical collections.

A committee of the Educational Media Council of the Newfoundland Teachers Association continues to work on qualitative guidelines for provincial standards for school libraries.

### Special Libraries

#### Canadian Coast Guard Library

The library reports slow growth but increased use both from those in the Department based in St. John's, particularly people on ships, and Coast Guard staff from other parts of the Island who are beginning to discover the library.

#### North West Atlantic Fisheries Centre

The Library is benefitting from a departmental policy making it a deposit centre for all Fisheries and Oceans publications. An IBM PC XT microcomputer is being used for various tasks. A brochure on the WAVES database is available from all Fisheries and Oceans Libraries. The database contains approximately 1100 Newfoundland items.

#### Other Special Libraries

Susanna Duke of the Law Society Library and Joy Tillotson of the CISTI branch library at the Institute for Marine Dynamics both report business as usual this year.

### Public Libraries

Highlights of the past year for the Newfoundland Public Library Services include the establishment of the sixth and final region to complete the regionalization of the province, the provincial workshop for community librarians, regional workshops for trustees and the library design competition.

The Labrador and Northern Region encompasses the six libraries in Labrador and three on the Northern Peninsula of the island. The new region began operation in October when the regional librarian, John White, opened the headquarters in Labrador City.

Gander was the site of the librarian's provincial workshop from September 20 to 22. The workshop is normally held every two years but had not been held since 1981 due to budgetary restraint. The workshop provided an opportunity for librarians across the province to meet with each other and to attend sessions given by speakers from inside and

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outside the public library system. The sessions include a talk on Canadian children's literature by Irene Aubrey of the National Library as well as sessions on interlibrary loan, the problem patron, story time, the reference interview and the microfiche catalogue, given by public library staff.

Trustee workshops were held for trustees in all regions in the fall. Resource personnel included regional librarians, the Chief Provincial Librarian and members of the Public Libraries Board. Board Chairman Kelvin Fowler gave a very well received presentation on fund raising at several of the workshops.

The NPLS launched the Library Design Competition to obtain a basic design for a small public library. The competition, open to registered architects in the province, attracted several entries from which a selection committee comprised of architects and board members chose the first, second and third place designs. The winning design submitted by architect William MacCallum of St. John's, featured a design that could be constructed in three different sizes.

Other developments included the hiring of Jennifer Smith, a co-op student from Memorial University's School of Business Administration from January to April 1986. Her assignment is to produce a manual of policies and procedures to be followed by an information officer to the board. It is hoped that an information officer will facilitate the moving of information and publicity both inside and outside the organization.

The personnel training programme continued in 1985-86 with the second candidate, Judy Escott, entering the School of Library Service, Dalhousie University in September, 1985. Progress continued to be made in the plans for the Local Librarians Certificate Programme which will be offered beginning in September 1986 as part of Memorial University's Extension programme. Collection guidelines for the regional resource libraries were com-

pleted and will become part of the library's Collection Development Policy.

On the technological side the NPLS began using Envoy 100 on February 1st and disconnected the telexes. A recon project was made possible by a special \$50,000 grant from the provincial government. Holdings from several of the larger libraries have been added to the UTLAS database.

Several public libraries enjoyed readings by author Jean Little during Children's Book Festival Week. The same week saw several visits by Ian Wallace as part of the illustrator's tour, also sponsored by the Children's Book Centre.

One new building was opened and another begun during the year. The new Pasadena Public Library was opened in January and phase 1 of the Gander Public Library and Gander Region Headquarters building was completed in the fall of 1985. Phase 2 should be completed by the end of 1986.

### Newfoundland Library Association

Highlights of a very active year for NLA include co-sponsoring the CLA seminar on the Reference Interview in St. John's in October, the first issue of the *NLA Bulletin*, Library Week activities and fall and spring public meetings.

Newfoundland Library Week with its theme "International Youth Year" was successfully publicized this year on CBC radio and television as well as in the traditional outlets. The fall meeting featured a talk on "Libraries and Public Legal Information Services" by Peter Ringrose of the Public Legal Information Association of Newfoundland. In March, Audrey Conroy, librarian at the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Centre in St. John's spoke on "Fisheries Information and WAVES (database)." NLA will also co-sponsor a workshop on public legal information at the 1986 APLA Conference.

H. Charles Cameron  
Vice-President, Newfoundland

## Vice-President, Nova Scotia

In preparing my second and final report as Vice-President for Nova Scotia, I have had submissions from all institutions included. I thank them all for their cooperation and I thank all the members of APLA for having given me the opportunity to serve on the executive these past two years; I appreciate the confidence placed in me and hope that I have fulfilled my responsibilities as required.

### Public Libraries

#### Halifax County Regional Library

On May 22, 1985, the new Musquobobit Harbour Branch, the fifth in the Region, was officially opened. 1300 borrowers have registered in the first seven months. Preliminary studies showed that 85% of the borrowers were not previously served by the region and a like percentage lived within a ten mile radius.

Fortunately, a 7.1% budget increase was granted for 1985, an improvement over the no growth budgets coupled with a 31% increase in use over the past four years. However, only the operating, not replacement, costs of a bookmobile were included, leaving only the services of one vehicle as of July 1985, until mid-1986.

The region participated in a two month Envoy 100 trial for interlibrary loan and inter-region messaging and will further study the system in 1986 looking for a decrease in staff usage time to match the improved turnaround time for interlibrary loans.

#### Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library

In September, 1985, bookmobile service to the 15 rural schools was discontinued and one year long book deposits were substituted. Due to limited funds, the Library Board is unable to continue to operate two bookmobiles. Serious problems with both meant using parts from each to "create" one; now, plans are for both old vehicles' replacement with one new one and tenders, anticipating a fall 1986 delivery, have been awarded. The Grace Oulton Trust Fund provided approximately \$3800 to purchase new materials, including new encyclopedias, for the Stellarton Library. The library is to have new premises in 1986, occupying a former bank building. The location, at the middle of the main street and with an adjacent free parking lot at the rear, will be an improvement, as will the doubling of space.

#### Dartmouth Regional Library

Library consultant Al Bowron was

hired by the board to make recommendations on a better allocation of library work space.

The Woodlawn Branch observed its tenth anniversary and continues to serve a growing population as its circulation approaches 300,000 annually. The Board met with the Halifax County Regional Library Board to investigate possible cooperation concerning the area served by the branch.

#### Cape Breton Regional Library

The James McConnell Memorial Library in Sydney celebrated its 25th anniversary with special programs for adults and children on May 31-June 1, 1985. For the City's bicentennial, a \$10,000 stained glass window was installed in the library.

The town of North Sydney's major centennial project was the opening of the new Wilfred Oram Centennial Library. There and at the Sydney Mines branch hours of service were increased for 1985 from 18½ to 34½.

In cooperation with the Cape Breton County Joint Expenditure Board the region produced a directory of clubs and organizations for Cape Breton Island.

The Louisbourg Chapter I. O.D.E. donated \$1500 towards the purchase of children's picture books.

#### Cumberland Regional Library

On October 30, 1985, the region opened its fifth branch, the Advocate Harbour Library, to provide service from beyond Parrsboro to Apple River. The branch is open 25 hours a week and replaces bookmobile service. The Region is regularly publicized by two radio programs: "Story Time", a ten minute, weekday evening broadcast for children from October through April; and "A Poetry Sampler", fifteen minutes of poetry Thursday evenings throughout the year except during summer.

#### South Shore Regional Library

The anxiety induced by a late provincial approval for regional budgets was offset by an actual increase of just over seven percent, allowing region's vehicle reserve and the restoration of hours of service lost in 1982 cuts, two new bookmobile stops, and an increase in library materials expenditure.

#### Halifax City Regional Library

A plaque commemorating the completion of the Captain William Spry Community Centre, which incorporates a new library branch, was unveiled on June 28, 1985, by Prince Andrew. On January 20, 1986, Premier Buchanan formally opened the centre, which incorporates a new, 625 square metre library branch for Halifax mainland south. A feature of the multi-service centre is the ability of the library to maintain and expand cooperation with other organizations in providing health, social, cultural, educational and recreational programs.

The library's 1985 operating budget provided funds for Sunday afternoon opening of the Main branch, response to which has been expressed in an hourly use level in excess of Saturdays and general averages.

The library's proposed 1986 budget includes \$125,000 to provide in part for automating catalogue records and to replace the present, manual circulation control system with one enabling more productive staff use and improved management information.

#### Colchester-East Hants Regional Library

In the 1985-1986 fall-winter season a pilot project in Elmsdale (East Hants)

and East Stewiacke (Colchester) using library deposit collections in schools instead of bookmobile service has led to the adoption by the board of the arrangement on a permanent basis beginning in September, 1986. A book collection will be placed in schools and a portion changed each month. Children's Department library staff will be responsible for the deposits and will spend time at the schools to initiate story telling, book club, and book discussion programs.

#### Nova Scotia Provincial Library

The library's test period of the inter-library loan protocol with the National Library concluded in July 1985. The National Library has now completed its evaluation and is making changes to the protocol to make it more suitable to the users.

Another project involving the Provincial Library and the National Library as well as the University of Alberta was to test, between October 1985, and March 1986, the use of telefacsimile transmission for interlibrary loan and other document delivery. The National Library will conduct its evaluation during 1986.

In November 1985, the Provincial Library Council approved a new funding formula, on which a Special Council Committee had been working for four years, and recommended it to the Minister of Education. As of the end of March 1986, the government had not committed itself to adopt or reject the formula.

### Special Libraries

#### Canadian Coast Guard Regional Library

The library acquired an IBM PC XT for accessing CAN/OLE and for word processing, with a plan for automated expansion. In mid-February, with a halt to spending of a previously adequate budget, some subscriptions were lost, suggesting reductions for 1986-87. A staffing freeze prevents the replacement of a clerical vacancy which has meant a loss of service and the closure of the library in the absence of the Librarian-in-Charge.

#### Nova Scotia Dept. of Labour and Manpower

With the reorganization of the Department in late 1985, the Division of Occupational Health and Safety has expanded while the "Manpower" divisions have gone to the new Department of Human Resources Development and Training. Health and safety materials are thus a new collections policy direction, while manpower, youth, and apprenticeship training books and serials will go to the new department, as yet without library facilities and staff.

#### Agriculture Canada Research Station, Kentville

With the help of a COSEP intern and DATATRIEVE software, the library has produced a serials control database providing author and subject indices, as well as Union List reporting updates and other management information. The Provincial Agricultural Centre has contracts with Agriculture Canada for Dialog and CAN/OLE searching performed by centre staff and billed to the province.

The library, established in 1952, is the subject of a chapter of Roger MacLellan's *Advancing research: a history of Kentville Research Station, 1911-1986*, available from the library for a limited time price of \$5.

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### Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Park

The Louisbourg Library has begun using an MT&T display phone for inter-library loan contact with the National Library. The librarian, Judy Romard, has completed DOBIS training to be able to have direct access to the National Library during fiscal year 1986-1987. An Olivetti M24 computer has been acquired to catalogue some holdings, but the software has not yet been selected.

### Public Archives of Nova Scotia

After 40 years of service, Dr. Phyllis Blakely, Provincial Archivist, retired in March, 1985; the Board of Governors appointed Carman V. Carroll as her replacement.

A Job Creation Program project sponsored by the Council of Nova Scotia Archives to develop a controlled vocabulary of indexing terms for material pertaining to Nova Scotia has been completed. The Archives is now testing the draft thesaurus.

The closing of one of the library control desks has resulted in a more efficient use of personnel and improved security, allowing a high level of public service during periods of heavy usage. Usage increased by 20% in 1985.

### Defense Research Establishment Atlantic

The library has begun to use the services of UTLAS and plans to catalogue all current monographs using CATSS 2 and a retrospective conversion of the collection of 5000 monographs to be completed in 1986 depending on the availability of funds.

The UTLAS public on-line catalogue software has been purchased to run on the library's new IBM PC AT which will also handle a circulation module, perhaps in the next fiscal year.

## School Libraries

### District of Lunenburg

The formation of district school boards several years ago signalled an end to most of the municipal government involvement in the district's school affairs. However, in the fall of 1985, the District of Lunenburg Municipality chose to maintain a tradition of some years standing by making a grant to the District's two high school libraries. New Germany Rural High School and Park View Education Centre in Bridgewater each received \$4400 grants, derived from accrued interest on capital set aside in trust years ago to provide for the purchase of land for new schools. The libraries have added to their science and technology and Atlantic history and literature collections.

## University Libraries

### Mount Saint Vincent University

Under the Fleeting Opportunities Program of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada the library has received a grant for reference works in Religious Studies, one purchase of which was the *Encyclopaedia Cattolica* published in Rome in 13 volumes between 1948 and 1969.

### Patrick Power Library, Saint Mary's University

The library received a \$25,000 SSHRC grant to strengthen its research collection in Asian Studies by purchase of microfilm backfiles of 27 periodicals.

Represented by Charles Chadwick of the British High Commission, Ottawa, the British Council donated books on

Northern Ireland for the library's Irish Collection.

In the summer of 1985 the Community Tape Resource Library changed its name to the Ferguson Library for Print Handicapped Students following the donation of a Kurzweil Reading Machine by Raymond W. Ferguson. Saint Mary's is the only Atlantic provinces post-secondary institution with such a machine which, through a combination of computer, scanner, and speech synthesizer, translates a printed text into speech.

Four Dalhousie Library School students, working for 18 weeks under the federal SEED program, converted 6112 Dewey Decimal titles to Library of Congress classification.

A new circulation desk replaced the library's original small desk to meet present needs and to accommodate future automated facilities.

### Angus L. MacDonald Library, Saint Francis Xavier University

Construction of the library's new wing will be completed in the spring of 1986 and will double collection and user space.

The automated circulation system began operation in January 1986, and should be fully underway by September.

### Killam Memorial Library, Dalhousie University

The third and final year of a \$90,000 SSHRC grant will see the completion of machine readable business archives inventories during 1986.

A \$25,000 Secretary of State grant has been received to acquire library materials for the Pearson Institute for International Development.

A user survey conducted in the spring of 1985 formed the basis of a preliminary report which recommends changes in fines, loan periods, and the circulation policy for current journal issues. With endorsement by the University Library Committee, several recommendations will become effective in July 1986.

Two librarians on special leave will investigate public access catalogue systems in Canada and Great Britain. A 4000 volume collection of Australian literature was donated by S.E. Sprott, Munro Professor of English.

Despite continued success in attracting outside funding, Dalhousie's collections budget suffers annually from inflation and exchange rates. The 1984-1985 year experienced a 6% subscription cut and a significant decrease in the book budget.

### Bibliothèque Louis Comeau, Université Sainte-Anne

The official opening of the Centre Bernardin Comeau was held on September 22, 1985. This center houses an extension of the library and comprises two stories which hold the periodical collection, a reading room, a conference room, microform reading room, storage room and a major part of the regular monograph collection.

### Technical University of Nova Scotia

The library's *Holdings of Serial Publications*, 12th edition, is available as of April 1986. Distribution will be to recipients of the 11th edition but others may obtain copies on request.

Late in 1985, the library initiated the Debit Card System as a coin alternate for use in photocopying and has found users to be satisfied with the decision.

### Atlantic School of Theology

A federal Canada Works grant of \$38,000 enabled the library to engage

two librarians and a typist for 11 months to catalogue audiovisual resources, integrating the catalogue cards with the main library author/title and subject catalogues, and to devise a storage and circulation system for this growing collection of materials which had previously been virtually inaccessible.

Following three site visits between last September and February 1986, questionnaire distribution and interviews, Al Bowron, library consultant, prepared his final report for the Library Building Committee concerning present library service and facilities and a program for a new building. The committee thanks Mr. Bowron for his time and effort and excellent report which should prove useful to the school for the next phase of the project.

## Associations

### Maritime Health Libraries Association

In February 1986, the Board of the Canadian Health Libraries Association approved a name change for the Nova Scotia chapter from N.S. Health Libraries Association to Maritime Health Libraries Association. At least one meeting per year will be held in New Brunswick.

### Royal Commission

The Nova Scotia Royal Commission on Post Secondary Education made its report on December 18, 1985, almost three years after its formation. While an

## Vice-President, New Brunswick

This has been an interesting year in New Brunswick libraries, highlighted by several successful workshops.

Early in July, Harold Holland, conservator at the New Brunswick Provincial Archives, conducted a very well attended workshop on conservation and preservation planning at Mount Allison University. He will also be supervising a three day, hands on session dealing with book repair during April at the Provincial Archives.

At the September meeting of the Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick Eric Swanick spoke on the collection of New Brunswick materials. He also presented a talk on Atlantic provinces bibliography at the Maritime Studies Conference at U.N.B. in November.

On October 22, 1985 a Dialog II workshop was held in Fredericton for online searchers in New Brunswick.

The University of Moncton librarians sponsored an outstanding workshop on optical disk technology in Moncton at the end of November. Over 70 librarians from the Maritime provinces attended the sessions and more than \$400 was returned to the APLA general activities fund in return for APLA's joint sponsorship.

This winter, librarians in Saint John area organized a demonstration of Bibliofiche's automated circulation system, called BOOKTRAK, at a Saint John school. In February, Harry Chan, President of Bibliofiche, conducted sessions for school librarians at the Saint John Public Library.

A series of CAN/OLE workshops were held at U.N.B. during March and the C.L.A. workshop on performance appraisal is scheduled for Fredericton in April.

There have been several appointments to senior library positions during

Atlantic Provinces Library Association Special Committee submitted a brief and appeared before the Commissioners, academic libraries figured only in the first recommendation which stated that the government should formally adopt objectives for university education, among which should be "2. The advancement of learning, through research and the preservation of knowledge... library and archival resources must be maintained to permit high standards of research and teaching." (p. 1-57) The Commissioners felt that "study" by students "involves competence in the use of sources of information outside the classroom, such as libraries..." (p. 2-7) "Museums and libraries" were also acknowledged to "offer courses exhibiting features generally associated with continuing education." (p. 6-13) There has been a general lack of enthusiasm for many of the recommendations, and hostility from some quarters, so the impact of the Commission may likely be quite insignificant. A Higher Education Council (Recommendation 49) may very well be established, but the recommended increase in tuition fees (#35) has, unsurprisingly, not been popularly received by students.

Respectfully submitted  
Peter Glenister  
Vice-President, Nova Scotia

the past year. Jocelyne LeBel, former Legislative Librarian, has accepted the position of Director of New Brunswick Library Services. Eric Swanick has taken over as Legislative Librarian and Clair Dionne has replaced Eric as government publications librarian at the Legislative Library.

The University of New Brunswick has appointed Rod Banks of the University of Alberta to the position of Associate Director of Libraries. He will assume his new responsibilities in July.

The library technician program at the University of New Brunswick has been quite successful. Fran Holyoke who is in charge of the program reports that 3 were enrolled this year and more than 25 are on the waiting list for next year. Fran is working on plans for three to four days workshops on preservation, cataloguing, and reference. Consideration is being given to the provision of distance education in an attempt to reach a wider audience.

Work is progressing on a new directory of New Brunswick newspapers. Titles and holdings have been verified by Helen Craig who received six months reduction in her duties at the Education Resource Centre, U.N.B., to allow her to accomplish the task. A data base is now being created from these records with the assistance of Sheila Laidlaw, Director of Libraries at U.N.B.

Under the supervision of Harold Holland, U.N.B. is conducting a survey and analysis of the physical condition of book and manuscript collections. Preliminary results indicate that the volume of material classified as brittle or in need of repair is high, but less so than might have been expected. This may be due to the relatively recent acquisition, within the last twenty years, of much of the collection.

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## Committee Reports

### Public Relations Committee

At the 1985 annual conference in Fredericton the committee was authorized to proceed with arrangements for the design of a logo by a professional graphics designer. A logo design was submitted to the executive for consideration at their winter meeting but reaction to the logo was mixed. At the request of the executive the designer has prepared a second version which is now under consideration.

A list of directories which have information on libraries in the Atlantic Provinces was compiled and published in the March issue of the *Bulletin*. The list was prepared in lieu of producing a new publication which would provide the same information but in a single source. Information concerning cost and availability was provided for each directory. If the list is found to be useful to the library community provision should be

made for it to be updated and published annually in *Bulletin*.

One of the proposed changes in the association's committee structure involves the merger of the Public Relations Committee with Membership to become an executive committee. Most of the work of the committee could be handled this way and people interested in public relations itself could form an interest group. Members of the committee have responded favourably to this proposal and it is hoped that there will be sufficient support for the formation of an interest group for public relations.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Collins, Convenor  
Elinor Benjamin  
Tahira Hussain  
Susanne Manovill  
Susili Wilson  
Priscilla Ykelenstam*

### Committee on Library Instruction

The committee has had an active year, meeting seven times in all, in Halifax.

Membership in the committee stands at 37, of whom 12 form the 'core' or 'working' group and 25 the group of corresponding members. The latter group live outside the meeting area and receive minutes of all meetings.

Corresponding members received a letter of introduction after the committee's first meeting in October, outlining the terms of reference of this group.

Corresponding members were also urged to take part in the committee's main activity this year, establishing the "User Education Mailbox" in the pages of the *APLA Bulletin*. Susan McLean was the originator of this project, which prints questions and answers on library instruction topics in each issue of the *Bulletin*.

The committee has maintained contact during the year with the convenor

of CLA's Library Instruction Group (Janet Carson) and submitted several suggestions for future CLA workshops.

We will again be organizing a workshop at APLA's annual conference. Our choice of topic this year involves the use of audiovisual material and techniques in library instruction. Workshop leader will be Dr. Ted Braffet, Faculty of Education, Memorial University.

In accordance with APLA's policy of rotation of committees, the Committee on Library Instruction will be shifting location after the annual conference, to Fredericton. Pat Johnston (Harriet Irving Library, University of New Brunswick) will be the new convenor.

My sincere thanks to the Halifax members of the committee — I have appreciated your support. Best wishes to our Fredericton colleagues as they prepare to assume responsibility for the Committee.

*J.G. Reade, Convenor*

### Committee on Library Technicians

During the first two months the committee was successful in recruiting four new members for a current total of seven.

A meeting was held on October 26, 1985 at the Université de Moncton. At that meeting a letter was drafted for the APLA Executive to forward to institutions offering courses for library technicians, expressing our interest in their programs, and our concern that they follow the guidelines established by the Canadian Library Association.

The committee members are working within their own provinces to increase

the membership of library technicians in APLA.

At the coming April 5, 1986 meeting we will arrange for a new convenor for next year and finalize plans for a workshop at the APLA Conference in St. John's. Representatives from three provinces offering courses for library technicians will be present.

The members of the committee would like to express their appreciation for the continued support of the executive and various committees.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Ricketts, Convenor*

### Committee for Aims and Objectives

The Committee for Aims and Objectives has met twice during the 1985-86 term, once prior to the October executive meeting and again prior to the February executive meeting. At the October meeting the committee discussed the issues of resignation of members and rebate of their fees as well as the nomination and election of provincial vice-presidents.

The association had no established guidelines or procedures in the event of a member's desired resignation from the association. The committee recommended to the executive at their October meeting that wording similar to CLA's by-law 2.4.3 be adopted and presented to the membership. The executive has included this in their proposed changes to the by-laws as item d of Article 1 -Membership, Section II -Rights and Privileges "a member may resign from the association at any time by submitting notice in writing to the president of the association, but shall not be entitled to any rebate of membership fee".

The committee received a request from a member that the procedures for the nomination and election of provincial vice-presidents be reviewed. The committee did review the procedures and at their October meeting the committee agreed that the present procedures as laid down in the by-laws were satisfactory and did not require revising. However, the committee did recommend to the executive that an additional point of interest be listed in the

procedures manual for the Nominating Committee. This fourth point of interest would instruct the Nominating Committee to advise the incumbent provincial vice-presidents of all nominations for the position of vice-president in their respective provinces thus informing them of possible development in their provinces.

At the February meeting the committee discussed the proposed change to the constitution which would eliminate the present position of councillor for aims and objectives from the executive and transfer the duties to the vice-president/president elect. The transfer of duties would give the vice-president/president elect an opportunity to become familiar with the association's aims and objectives before becoming president and at the same time would allow him/her to work directly with the provincial vice-presidents. Once president he/she would be able to offer guidance to the new president elect, thus giving a continuity to the position which it presently lacks. The committee gave unanimous support to this proposed change to the constitution.

The committee will be meeting next at the annual conference in St. John's.

*Gwyn Pace, Councillor  
H. Charles Cameron, Vice-President,  
Newfoundland  
Peter Glenister, Vice-President, Nova Scotia  
Susanne Manovill, Vice-President,  
Prince Edward Island  
Ken Moore, Vice-President, New Brunswick*

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New Brunswick Library Services has completed a classification review of all positions in N.B. public libraries. Some 120 employees have had their classification upgraded; a few have been red circled and a new rank of Librarian 5 has been created at the level of Regional Librarian. N.B.L.S. is also working on plans for the automation of cataloguing for public libraries and on a complete revision of the Library Act. The move of N.B.L.S. to new quarters in Marysville Place, Fredericton, will occur in mid May.

Plans are being developed at several N.B. libraries for the expansion of facilities. U.N.B. (Saint John) has fallen heir to 8000 square feet of space as a result of new quarters being complete for other student services. The Fredericton Public Library is seeking proposals from architects and the University of Moncton is waiting for word on funding for a major addition to their library.

Recent and forthcoming publications of library interest include: *Regional and Public Library Statistics, 1984-1985*, and a newsletter for public libraries, both recently published by New Brunswick Library Services; a *Quarterly Checklist of New Brunswick Government Publications*, compiled by the Legislative Library; and a *Directory of Special Libraries in Fredericton*, compiled by Margie Pacey of the Legislative Library. Copies of the latter will be available from Margie later this summer.

I wish to thank those who contributed items for this report and I encourage others to drop me a note about their activities so I can better keep APLA informed.

*Respectfully submitted  
Kenneth B. Moore  
Vice-President, New Brunswick*

## Review

*Saint John, a Sporting Tradition, 1785-1985*

By Brian Flood

Saint John: Neptune Publishing Co., 1985. ISBN 0969221800 \$29.99

Reviewed by  
Bill Kerr  
Ward Chipman Library  
University of New Brunswick in Saint John

**"Sport is all hoke and hype, but I find it outrageous and wonderful." — Dick Beddoes.**

It would seem that Brian Flood subscribes to the above point of view. Had he not done so then I doubt whether he would have produced *Saint John, a Sporting Tradition, 1785-1985*. Although Mr. Flood may not become as prominent a sportsman as many of those about whom he writes, he has certainly made a significant contribution to the Saint John sporting scene with this handsome book.

As the title suggests, the focus is on sport in Saint John. It was with considerable surprise that I discovered the number of Maritime, Canadian, North American and indeed world champions that have been nurtured in the city and its surroundings. We have probably all heard of Charlie Gorman, the world champion speedskater, but what about Wallace Ross, Fred Breen, Hugh McCormick, Fred W. Logan, Mabel Thomson, Eddie Connolly, Mysterious Billy Smith, to name but a few? In team sports, too, there were renowned groups of enthusiastic, hard playing men and women. This book is a salute to them — their triumphs and their failures, both of which seem to be recorded in full measure.

I was impressed with the obvious care that had gone into the production side of the book. Often when a book is privately published it ends up being dowdy and/or fragile, poorly bound, with paper of low quality. Not so with this item which is handsomely produced; the quality starts at the dust jacket and continues from there. It is a well bound book with illustrated end papers and good quality paper to allow the hundreds of illustrations to be reproduced to advantage. The photos cover over one hundred years, dating from 1867 up to the Canada Games of 1985. The amount of research involved in just amassing the photographs and other illustrations must have been tremendous. The photo coverage of the Canada Games 1985 is, as Brian Flood says, an attempt "to capture some of the magic of the Opening Ceremonies, the eighteen different sports in which the athletes competed, and the Closing Ceremonies." For those of us lucky enough to be at the Games it certainly does that; for those who were not, then it gives some idea of the ceremony, the struggle, the effort and fellowship that were the Games.

This book is going to be a must for those who would pit their sporting knowledge of Saint John against others. I can see it now — copies in every tavern ready to be the final authority on some aspect of sport in the city. It will be an absolute gold mine for trivia buffs who are tired of the American bias of certain games that shall be nameless. They can replace such a bias with one of a more local flavour.

One of the difficulties of a work of this nature is the arrangement. Does one deal with one sport at a time or does

one break the time span up into periods and deal with the sports of that period? Mr. Flood has opted for the latter, having four time periods with chapters dealing with the various sports within an allotted time frame. This is rather confusing if one is trying to follow a sport from early days to the present. However, one can dip into this book practically anywhere and come up with some interesting information. For those who wish to find out about a particular person, there is an Index of Sports Personalities at the end of the book which gives page references.

There is no doubt that this is more than a mere compilation of sporting facts. It is also a social history of the pastimes of 19th and 20th century Saint John. One can see that an interesting study could be made on the reasons for the upturns and downswings in popularity of the various sports. The bibliography is carefully done and provides an excellent base for further study. The items chosen for insert in the text are excellent. They illustrate the grit and determination of the athletes, the difficulty of the promoter, or other aspects of that particular sport in a way that Mr. Flood knows he cannot match. He has wisely let contemporary documents tell the story at crucial points in his narrative. It is a wise man who recognizes his limits as a writer.

The enthusiasm of Mr. Flood for his subject is not to be denied. However, the book would have gained enormously from a more flowing style. As it stands the text is sometimes difficult to read because of a tendency to write in short snappy sentences. It would have been advantageous had the editor been a little more insistent upon some points of style and grammar. For instance the use of "thus" has a definite place in the scheme of things and to see it scattered about the text with abandon is quite disturbing. Adverbs, too, can make or break a sentence and sometimes a more judicious placing of an adverb would have made a sentence far more readable.

Of course one can complain that much has been left out. The author admits as much and lists a number of sports such as swimming, wrestling, karate, tennis, volleyball, etc., that he was unable to include. Perhaps he could have been less ambitious and left the last section of this work for another occasion. As it is, the present era seems to have been given less attention than earlier times. Maybe the characters of today are not as colourful as Charlie Gorman or Mysterious Billy Smith or the rivalry between teams does not approach the intensity of that between the Alerts and the Roses or the St. John's and the Shamrocks.

Yet in the final analysis such criticism is meaningless. It is a book that gives value for money. There are over 200 pages of text in a large format that has been well put together and attractively packaged. It's a lesson that some of our publishers might do well to learn. For the person interested in sport, not only in Saint John but in the Maritime Provinces too, this book will be of great interest. To the social historian it pro-

vides questions by the dozen that are just begging to be researched and answered. To those of us who despaired of getting any first class sportsmen and women from this city, it provides hope that what we have done in the past we may surely do again.

### \* Answers to who were they question

Wallace Ross	World Sculling Champion 1881
Fred Breen	North American Speed Skating Champion 1892
Hugh McCormick	World Professional Speed Skating Champion 1890

Fred Logan	International Speed Skating Champion 1907
Mabel Thomson	Canadian Ladies Golf Champion 1902, 1905-08
Eddie Connolly	World Welterweight Boxing Champion 1900
Mysterious Bill Smith	World Welterweight Boxing Champion 1892-94,

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contains descriptive entries on all the major geographical regions and features of the world," while volume 5, *Human Society*, "... offers a contemporary account of people and places in the modern world, and covers international affairs, politics, economics, societies, laws, and religions." This would seem to explain why there are no entries in *The Physical World* on the 50 American states with the two exceptions of Alaska and Hawaii which are regions distinct from the continental United States. However this does not explain why there are entries in this volume on all 10 Canadian provinces and the two territories and all 6 Australian states and the Northern Territory. Does this mean that volume 5 will include entries on all 50 American states but not on Canadian provinces and Australian states or that there will be entries on all of the above with repetition from volume 1 in some cases? The overall index for the set will help but this is over two years away.

Despite claims not to have concentrated on one area, there is a concentration on North America with the inclusion of several Canadian provincial parks, American national parks and smaller geographic features on this continent such as the Saint John River.

However the primary faults with *The Physical World* in particular are the lack of consistency between parallel articles and poor editorial control. Beginning close to home, the entry on Newfoundland describes Labrador as "...the mainland part of Newfoundland..." while the entry on Labrador describes the area as "...the eastern most part of the Canadian mainland..." with not a mention of Newfoundland in the entire entry. New Brunswick is described as "...an Atlantic province of Canada..." but the term is not used in the entries for the other three. There is also no mention of the others in the New Brunswick entry. The Prairie Provinces fare a little

better with two, Alberta and Saskatchewan, being designated as Prairie Provinces with no mention of the term in the Manitoba entry. The Saskatchewan entry mentions that there are three and their names but the Alberta entry contains none of this information.

Outside of Canada, other areas fare no better. While all of the entries for Canadian provinces indicate that they are provinces, except the entry for Prince Edward Island, none of the entries for Australian states indicate that they are states except the entry for Western Australia. In the others, they are treated as natural geographic areas which some of them are not. The entries concerning Germany exhibit a similar confusion. Where Bavaria, a West German state, is described as a region of southern Germany the Saar is a "West German" territory.

Inconsistency reigns in the designation of countries, islands and colonies. While most land countries are identified as countries, island countries often are not.

The entries on the Bahamas and Dominica do not indicate that they are countries while the entry on Trinidad and Tobago does. Island colonies are identified as colonies but some colonies such as Hong Kong are not. Many colonies and other overseas territories are included but several including French Guiana and Macao are not.

The set may gain popularity in the Yukon and Puerto Rico which are described respectively as "...a province of northwest Canada..." and "...an island country in the Caribbean."

I would not recommend this set for purchase by libraries. The thematic arrangement hampers access and coupled with the overlap among the volumes in the set and the obvious editorial and other problems, the *Oxford Illustrated Encyclopedia* is not a satisfactory reference work.

## Library Technicians — What are They Doing at APLA?

By Ria Hodgson  
Secretary for the  
Committee on Library Technicians

There is still a great divergence of opinion among professional librarians about the division of labour between professional, paraprofessional and clerical staff. It is a question of who does what, from reference work to covering books. The answer is obvious in a very small library where everyone is expected to be able to do everything, but in a more complicated system it is a problem that needs to be solved in the interest of efficient and economic ser-

vice.

Margot Montgomery, author of *Guidelines for the Education of Library Technicians* was present at the Halifax APLA conference a few years ago and spoke very positively about library assistants (LAs) and library technicians (LTs), pointing out that they free the professional librarians for management and teaching duties. Because of their varied backgrounds and experiences,

they are flexible and can be easily moved around and retrained. LAs and LTs, Montgomery observed, are very much like other categories of people one finds in libraries in that the broader the academic background they have, the better. Good communication skills, the ability to pay attention to detail, being well motivated and having a positive attitude are all qualities of an ideal assistant.

Like other library workers, LAs and LTs have their problems, of course. In hard times they, and their jobs, are vulnerable. In many institutions existing programs for inhouse training have been cut. With increasing automation, the role of LAs and LTs is called into question. Could not the professional librarians and clerks manage by themselves? Montgomery stressed the need for LAs and LTs to speak out and make their problems known; to define, or help librarians define, their roles and tasks in order that they may receive recognition for their special skills. This must be done with assertiveness and diplomacy. LAs and LTs are often not secure in their roles and places within the system, especially when everything seems to be

changing and other groups seem more assertive in demanding a place in the sun. Those in charge of libraries must recognize the need for career development for LAs and LTs as well as for other library staff.

While serving on the APLA Committee on Library Technicians, I was incredibly impressed by the sheer number of library assistants and technicians and by what they do, especially those in branch and special libraries. Many received on the job training after university, others took a two or three year course at an academic institution.

In Canada there have been library technicians associations since 1973, but no national association has been formed yet. It seems that formal training and forming associations go hand in hand. The Atlantic region is just starting to develop training programs and, in 1981, APLA established a committee to look into the needs and concerns of library technicians and assistants. We have worked through and with APLA and are proud to be a part of it. APLA's support in word, deed and funding are very much appreciated and we can only hope APLA is as happy with us as we are with them.

## Annual Report APLA Committee on the Conservation of Library Materials

The efforts of those concerned with conservation in the Atlantic region have been focused this year, because of the fire of August 16, 1985, which destroyed an entire floor of the Library of the Dalhousie Law School. To begin with, there were many volunteers including librarians, students, faculty, staff, alumni, employees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia and the public, who helped to get approximately 90,000 books out of the damaged building. Since then, the Law Library has been re-located in the Killam Library where it will remain until its new quarters are built. Members of the APLA Committee on the Conservation of Library Materials are among those who have helped and continue to learn from this experience. Fred Matthews was project Coordinator and oversaw the sorting, cleaning and restoring of the books which were salvaged. Bill Birdsall, Dalhousie University Librarian, and Mr. Matthews have been instrumental in sharing the information which has been gained. On September 18th, an invitation was extended to local librarians including our Committee members, archivists and other interested professionals to view the clean-up operation. The tour included seeing the vacuum-drying process being used to restore the frozen wet materials and the computerized inventory which allowed the books to be sorted for reshelving in LC sequence. Now that there has been time to analyze what was done and the results, the Committee is sponsoring a case study of the Dalhousie Law Library fire as the topic of its workshop for the APLA 1986 Annual Conference. Bill Birdsall will be the speaker.

Jane Trimble and Wendy Duff at-

tended a meeting of the APLA ad hoc Constitution Committee on February 15, 1986, to discuss the proposed restructuring of the APLA committees. The proposal as outlined would change the status of the Committee on the Conservation of Library Materials from a standing committee to an interest group. Members acknowledged the logic of the interest group as a designation and that it had some benefits such as flexibility for internal structure. They were also encouraged by the assurances from the present APLA Executive and ad hoc Constitution Committee of the Association's support in funding and in acknowledging the role of the large committees or interest groups. At the same time, there still is concern that conservation is of sufficient importance that there is a desire to maintain standing committee status. It was suggested that there is a need to lobby for conservation funding and support in times of lean budgets, and to watch for cutbacks of conservation services.

On March 3, 1986, there was a business meeting of the APLA Conservation Committee hosted by the Dalhousie Art Gallery. The Gallery was chosen as the site because of an exhibit on hand bookbinding produced by the Standards Committee of the Guild of Book Workers (U.S.). The meeting was followed by a presentation by Mr. Emrys Evans, Conservator of the Thomas Fischer Rare Book Library at the University of Toronto. The sponsors for this program were APLA, the N.S. Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness, the School of Library Service of Dalhousie University, and the Canada Council's Visiting Artists Fund.

# Manuals Recommended for Disaster Planning

By Alice W. Harrison  
Atlantic School of Theology

For a number of years four members of the APLA Committee on the Conservation of Library Materials worked at compiling material for a disaster manual for libraries, museums and archives. The suggestion had come during the fall 1982 meeting of the AAULC. The manual included material on prevention, preparedness and salvage operations with appendices on equipment, supplies, disaster assistance and emergency procedures. It was prepared for use in the Atlantic Provinces and designed as a guide that institutions could use in drawing up their own contingency plans. As such, the compilers envisioned a binder type publication with blank pages that could be filled in to include floor plans, exits, electrical outlets and other pertinent information, unique to each institution.

The manual was submitted for publication in October, 1984. The binder type format as proposed was questioned, and the idea of publishing blank pages was not looked upon favourably! Another criticism of the manuscript was that it depended too greatly on quotations. This had been done deliberately because it was felt that persons who had already experienced disasters were bet-

ter qualified as authorities than the four compilers. The committee had written and requested copies of existing disaster plans from some thirty institutions. These are still on file with the committee, and are available for loan. Letters seeking copyright permission were written to all and everyone replied favourably.

Another criticism pertained to the inclusion of plans for museums. This was probably too ambitious a venture and if the compilers had decided to rewrite the manual they undoubtedly would have excluded plans for museums. The problem of artifacts, their protection, maintenance, damage and salvage is a topic unto itself.

The compilers feel it still has some good material that might be used for technical bulletin releases and that would be of use to APLA members. There will be a notice of these at a later date.

Although the committee regretted not having a useful tool published and available to APLA members, this responsibility and commitment was met in another and perhaps better way! Two very good and very useful manuals on disaster planning came out at about the same time, one published in 1984 and one published in 1985.

The first, prepared by Preservation Committee, New York University Libraries, in 1984, entitled *Disaster Plan Workbook* appears in a bright green binder format with lots of blank pages! Tabs indicate the chapter headings including such topics as "Procedures", "Equipment", "Resources" etc. All one has to do is to fill in one's own information. It can be updated (as it should) with use of the 3-ring binder pages. The cost is a modest \$10.00 U.S. and it is available from:

New York University  
Elmer Holmes Bobst Library  
Collection Management Office  
70 Washington Square South  
New York, New York, 10012

Checks should be made payable to New York University. Although it is copyrighted there is a note that says "Reproduction for the purpose of completing this workbook is permitted."

The second Manual published by the Toronto Area Archivists Group Education Fund in 1985 was edited by John P. Barton, Head Conservator, Archives of Ontario and Johanna G. Wellheiser, Conservator, Metropolitan Toronto Library Board. The publication followed two workshops held in Toronto, one in 1981 and a second in 1985. I was fortunate

in attending both of these workshops, as well as the afternoon discussion on disasters held in Ottawa, April 3rd, 1979 at the Canadian Conservation Institute Paper/Book Conservation Symposium. All three meetings brought in experts for panel discussion and at all three, disaster contingency planning was noted as being essential. The 1985 publication is entitled *An Ounce of Prevention: A Handbook on Disaster Contingency Planning for Archives, Libraries and Record Centres*. The cost is \$18.00 Canadian and it may be ordered from:

**Toronto Area Archivists Group**  
P.O. Box 97, Station F  
Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2L4

The APLA Committee on the Conservation of Library Materials has been concerned with disaster planning for some time. Workshops for APLA members were held during the general meetings at Moncton in 1979 and again in Wolfville in 1981.

This year APLA members will be given an opportunity to hear an update on the August Dalhousie Law Library fire. This talk will be given by Bill Bird-sall, and is scheduled for Saturday May 31 at 1:30 pm.

## CD's at Mount Allison University

Mount Allison University Music Library recently received two compact disc (CD) players and a number of discs through a generous grant from the Marjorie Young Bell Music and Fine Arts grants.

The actual purchase of the machines was dependent on several factors. We needed a high-quality product with a good track record for service and warranty. A trip to Halifax to see and hear the product decided us on the Sony CDP-70 since it comes closest to fulfilling our wants list.

Physical security was a concern since the machines had to fit into existing listening carrels. In the end, the screws on each side of the machine were removed and an "L" shaped bracket screwed to both machine and its shelf. This ensures security without compromising ventilation, etc. The CD players are powered directly from AC current since they are powerful enough to drive headphones without an amplifier. An amplifier is necessary if speakers will be used with a CD player.

It has been my good fortune to have

been employed in two music libraries (at the University of British Columbia and Mount Allison) during the initial stages of collection development of CD's. In both cases, the decision was made to purchase "evergreens" or familiar classics at first. Since Mount Allison's is a teaching collection I choose "standards" that represented major style periods. As the number of CD's in publication grows, more esoteric and rare material will be purchased.

Each user receives individual instruction in CD player operation. A copy of the owner's manual is next to the machines so that users may become familiar with the machines' special features.

Since their installation in the beginning of February, use has been very high. CD's seemed to be preferred by people who are listening for pleasure, and little wonder, the sound is fantastic.

By Mary Greenwood  
Music Librarian  
Mount Allison University

## Buying Around

Does your library buy foreign books and periodicals? If so, are foreign materials, that could be bought from a Canadian agent, bought from a foreign source to get a better price or prompt delivery time? Then your library is "buying around" and Communications Minister Marcel Masse wants it to stop. According to CLA President Beth Miller's column in May's *Felicitier*, Masse feels that buying around threatens Canadian publishers. He is proposing the establishment of a working group which would consider ways to curb the practice of buying around.

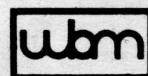
CLA, on the other hand, feels that libraries ought to support the Canadian book industry but not to the extent of supporting "poor business practices, a low level of service or higher than reason-

able net costs of books and library materials" (see the *CLA Handbook and Directory of Members, 1986*, p. 25 for the full position statement). CLA believes that Section 28(3)(c) of the Copyright Act, which allows libraries to buy around, may be deleted from the new copyright act so it has begun to lobby the federal government to retain the current section and to search for "a more co-operative solution to the issue of buying around." In addition to writing to the communications minister and setting up a committee to monitor the issue, CLA has asked regional library associations to make their ministers of culture aware of the CLA position on buying around.

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