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Atlantic Provinces Library Association Brief to the Special Committee on Pornography and Prostitution

"We are committed to freedom of access."

This brief was submitted to the Committee on Pornography and Prostitution, May 9 and May 10, in Halifax.

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association welcomes this opportunity to present a brief before the Special Committee on the issue of pornography.

We of the Atlantic Province Library Association join with our colleagues of the Canadian Library Association to express our concern that a work be considered as a whole rather than as a sum of objectionable parts. Too often, as librarians, we are confronted by persons who take passages from a book and so attempt to establish a case against the whole. With films, whose impact is more immediate and public, the temptation is to assemble cuts into a montage of offensive images in order to elicit a negative response.

A work, taken as a whole, whose value or intent is educational, literary, artistic, scientific, or therapeutic, must be protected against arbitrary and uninformed censorship. The Canadian Library Association Statement on Intellectual Freedom enjoins librarians "to guarantee and facilitate access to all expressions of knowledge and intellectual activity, including those which some elements of society may consider to be unconventional, unpopular, or unacceptable." In the issues paper the Committee asks the question, "does it make a difference if the sexual behavior portrayed is condemned rather than condoned?" The question may be addressed in the context of the educational role of libraries. At the general meeting of the Canadian Library Association in 1980 a resolution was passed which recognizes the particular vulnerability of controversial materials. It reads: "Be it resolved that the Canadian Library Association, recognizing the need for information pertinent to the understanding of human sexuality, urge that libraries provide more materials which promote this understanding including more information which will improve the understanding of homosexuality and that the Association will publicly support the need for such information." Many persons believe that the test of obscenity in the Criminal Code has been applied inconsistently and unfairly. The proposed addition of vio-

lence, crime, horror, or cruelty to the legal definition of obscenity would make a broader range of works vulnerable to censorship. Librarians should not be held responsible for a patron's use for good or ill of ideas contained within the library collection. Legal, customs and postal authorities ought not to presume misuse of print and non-profit materials by pre-screening and other acts of prior censorship.

As an association of librarians and persons involved in the work of libraries, we are committed to the cause of freedom of access by the public to print and non-print materials. At the APLA general meeting of 1978 we passed resolutions which read as follows:

Whereas, the Atlantic Provinces Library Association has as two of its stated objectives: 1. the intention to promote library service throughout the Atlantic region and 2. the intention to serve the professional interests of librarians in a region and whereas, there are periodic attempts to interfere with the rights of library users to unre-

stricted access to library materials and with librarians' exercise and defence of intellectual freedom; resolved, that the Atlantic Provinces Library Association adopt the Canadian Library Association's Statement on Intellectual Freedom (ratified at the CLA Annual Conference in June, 1974) as its standard in all situations where these freedoms are threatened.
CARRIED.

Resolved, that, whenever there occurs in the Atlantic Provinces instances of censorship which violate the CLA Statement on Intellectual Freedom the APLA executive take positive and appropriate action as required.
CARRIED.

As citizens of Canada we are reassured that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms gives freedom of expression constitutional protection. Censorship is a clear violation of the right of free expression which is one of the cornerstones of democracy. As any reader of the *Index on Censorship* will attest, the censor (under a variety of

names) is everywhere ascendant.

Eli Oboler, a distinguished librarian and founding member of the Freedom to Read Foundation, has written of man's seemingly inexhaustible capacity of find ways to promote censorship. In *To Free the Mind* he writes, "Among the significant tasks of the profession of librarianship, not the least is that of perpetual, unceasing awareness of and combat against censorship on every level, of every type, whenever and wherever it occurs." It is with this tradition in mind that the members of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association urge the Committee to maintain the spirit of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and resist any attempt to impose additional limitations on freedom of expression.

Atlantic Provinces Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee
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John Mercer—Wolfville, N.S.
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Newspaper Preservation Committee a Success

by Mary Margaret Whyte

The Ad hoc Committee for the Preservation, Conservation and Access of Nova Scotia Newspapers has been successful in its application for a grant from the National Library of Canada. Immediate details have not as yet been finalized.

The general plan is for a librarian to be contracted to travel throughout Nova Scotia recording collections of newspapers held in libraries, museums, universities, private collections and newspaper morgues. At the moment, the plan is only for Nova Scotian newspapers, perhaps at a later time a survey of Non-Nova Scotian newspapers will take place. After the data is collected and consolidated, a directory or union list will be published.

The data will include titles, publishers, editors, dates, predecessors, successors, whether or not microfilmed

or indexed. It is the intention that the information will be presented in AACR II format. The directory will also include a list of contributors with their addresses, hours, interlibrary loan participation, etc. Procedures to maintain the directory and keep it up-to-date will be instituted.

While the librarian is surveying Nova Scotia collecting entries, preparations for a proposed provincial newspaper collection policy will begin. This policy

will be the suggested guidelines for institutions in the province sharing the responsibility of collecting and preserving our rich heritage of newspapers. It is the hope of the committee and the National Library that shared responsibility within the province will result in a more complete collecting and indexing and ultimately better service for the public.

On behalf of the committee I solicit your support for his very worthwhile project.

Ronald LeBlanc of Moncton has contacted APLA to offer, free of charge, a complete collection of the APLA Bulletin for the years 1965-1983.

Any reader or subscriber interested in obtaining this collection should contact:

**Ronald LeBlanc,
159 Edgett Avenue
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It is customary for an Association to report through its standing and ad hoc committees whose work reflects the activities which were emphasized during a given period.

I will therefore endeavour to avoid being repetitive of what has already been written in other reports.

As instructed, at the last general meeting the Executive of the Association did write to the Federal Minister of Communications urging the establishment of a national commission on the emerging information society as proposed in the March 1983 report of the Department of Communications' Canadian Videotex Consultative Committee, Subcommittee on the effects of Videotex on individuals and society. Mr. Francis Fox, in his letter of January 17, 1984, to the Association, indicated that the Canadian Videotex Consultative Committee, to whom the report has been officially directed, has yet to deal with it. Mr. Fox also indicated that the Association's request has considerable merit and that he knew that the libraries have been in the forefront of understanding the implications of this technology for our society.

The Executive also entered into communication with Mr. William Taylor, President of the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, making special representation for the continuing funding by the Government of Canada of the Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions. A copy of the Executive's letter was dispatched to Mr. Francis Fox, Minister of Communications, to Mr. Ernest B. Engles, Executive Director of CIHM, and to all of the Members of Parliament of the Atlantic Provinces. Subsequently, the Executive received a copy of a letter from Mr. Francis Fox dated December 20, 1983, addressed to Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse, M.P. South Shore, N.S. indicating that CIHM had been awarded an extraordinary grant of \$100,000 and that they had also received an equivalent amount from SSHRC.

The Association presented its brief to the Nova Scotia Royal Commission on Post-Secondary Education on March 30, 1984. The members of the Association presenting the brief were Iain Bates, University Librarian at Acadia University; William F. Birdsall, University Librarian at Dalhousie University; Jerry R. Miner, Librarian at the Agriculture Canada Research Station, Kentville, N.S.; Peter Glenister, Librarian at Mount Saint Vincent University; Diane MacQuarrie, Chief Librarian at the Halifax City Regional Library; and Andre Guay, Librarian at Acadia University.

Mr. Tom Fleming, Interlibrary Loans Librarian at the W.K. Kellogg Health Science Library, Dalhousie University, has been acting Vice-President for Nova Scotia in the absence of Margot Schenk.

The Executive has authorized a grant of \$500.00 to the Special Committee on the Bicentennial Project of the Council of Head Librarians of New Brunswick for the writing of a "History of Libraries in New Brunswick". An equivalent amount has been awarded to Arthur Smith, Librarian at Saint Mary's University for the updating of the Will R. Bird checklist.

Margot Schenk, Vice-President for Nova Scotia, and Anna Oxley, Past-President, represented the Association at meetings of the Canadian Library Association Council. The Association's reports No. 834.35 of November 17, 1983 and No. 834.72 March 23, 1984, were filed with the Council.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee has prepared a brief on behalf of the Association to present to the Special Committee on Pornography and Prostitution. As there was little time to circulate the draft for final approval by the Executive and the membership at large before its presentation, I did instruct Terrence Paris, Convener of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, to discuss its contents with other librarians in the Halifax area to insure that the point of view of the Association will be as widely represented as possible. Since the brief essentially does support the point of view of the Canadian Library Association and has been prepared in the spirit of the resolution passed at the APLA general meeting of 1978 on the subject of Intellectual Freedom, I further instructed Terrence Paris to address the content of the brief on behalf of the Association if the Special committee on Pornography and Prostitution deems it necessary.

I was privileged to serve the Association with an Executive and Committees whose membership was keen to expedite as diligently as possible the business of the Association. I therefore wish to express my sincere thanks to them for the support they have given me.

I also wish to express, on behalf of the Association, our deepest appreciation to Diane MacQuarrie, Don Scott, and Merritt Crockett, and the members of their team, for the development and the finalization of the program of the upcoming convention, and for securing the necessary accommodations.

*Respectfully submitted,
Andre Guay,
President*

Annual Report Vice-President For Newfoundland

When writing an annual report, especially one which covers the many different types of libraries in a province, one tries to present a balanced picture of the high and low points of the year. In some years, that balance is easier to achieve than in other years. During 1983-84, the economic situation continued to be an area of major concern and challenge for libraries and it proved difficult to find many "high" points.

In an effort to lessen the strain on the Provincial budget, the Government ended the fiscal year by declaring that the salaries of all public employees would be frozen in the upcoming year. This action has affected all university and school librarians and all other librarians who are employed by the Provincial government. As one local wag summarized the situation, "At least now we won't have to worry about being bumped into a higher tax bracket". Operating budgets, or at least those portions which will show any increase, will rise by less than 2 per cent.

School Libraries

School libraries in the Province report a steady, if small, increase in the number of schools which have a librarian on staff. It continues to hold true that the revised school curriculum which was adopted along with the introduction of Grade 12 has generated a need for more librarians in the schools. Not surprisingly, the revised curriculum, which relies heavily on the use of resource materials, has led to an increase in the use of the university and public libraries as well as the school libraries.

The Educational Media Council (Newfoundland Teachers Association) will co-sponsor the International Reading Association's Third Atlantic Conference which has as its theme **The Language of literature: reading 'bye' the shore**. Advance notice of the meeting, which will be held in St. John's from October 18-20, is given here so that everyone will be able to make plans to attend and hear Charlotte Huck deliver the keynote address.

Public Libraries

Those who are interested in libraries and who continue to feel that libraries make a substantial contribution to the basic fiber and well being of Canadian culture don't sit around waiting for praise from library users. However, it must have given those in the Newfoundland Public Library Service some feeling of satisfaction when they read in the **Northern Reporter** that a patron of the Lake Melville Public Library felt that everyone is "a little more enriched and certainly a lot happier as a result of the experience (of using that library)".

There are other signs of library support around the province as requests for libraries continue to be received and library use is generally on the increase. In hard times, people seem to turn to the library for recreation, self-improvement, and maybe just a place to go where they can linger as long as they want in pleasant surroundings. Labrador City and Wabush are two towns which have been hard hit by lay-offs in the iron ore industry; yet, even as the populations of these towns decline, the circulation statistics at both libraries are higher than ever.

Economic restraint prevails, but there is no restraint in the commitment or energy of the librarians or trustees in the Province. Plans are well underway for the October kick-off of the public library's celebration of fifty years of library service to the Province.

University Libraries

The Queen Elizabeth II Library reached a milestone this year with the acquisition of its one millionth volume. The volume selected to mark this event was the 17th century work on Irish history by Roderic O'Flaherty, **Ogygia, seu rerum Hibernicarum chronologia (Ogygia, or a chronological account of Irish events)** in its English translation of 1793. The work was the first concerted attempt to set straight the chronology of the pre-Christian kings of Ireland. It remains a standard reference on Irish antiquities and is still recognized today as important in the study of Irish history. In choosing this work, the Library has demonstrated its commitment to scholarship and its continuing efforts in building a strong collection which will preserve the intellectual heritage of one of the Province's principal ethnic groups.

In another area of research, the Library has become a member of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute. Membership in the Institute will mean an annual grant from the Indian government for the purchase of Indian imprints as well as the provision of research fellowships to study in India and funds to bring Indian scholars to Memorial. As of this date Memorial is the only Atlantic province's member of the Institute.

When friends and colleagues of Margaret Williams set out to establish a trust fund in her memory, they set as a goal the collection of \$5000.00 by January 1985. Not only was that goal met by November 1983, but it has since been surpassed and the Margaret Williams Trust Fund is prepared to make an award this year if there is a suitable applicant. The response of those contributing to the success of this fund is a fitting tribute to the memory of a librarian who contributed much to the librarianship in the Atlantic Provinces.

Special Libraries

This year's reports from the College of Trades and Technology and the College of Fisheries show both libraries responding to the demands of requests for information to meet the needs of new courses. The College of Trades has transferred its forestry courses and library collection to the vocational school in Corner Brook in a parallel move with the Provincial government's transfer of the Department of Forestry to the west coast. While the request for forestry information has been removed there is an increasing need for government and business information. In light of this need, the College has become a selective depository of Federal government documents and will also be receiving the corporate financial reports which are collected by the Canadian Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

Offshore activity continues to lead to the introduction of new courses at the College of Fisheries where the library has added marine systems design and offshore survival training to its collection profile. Both of these courses, but especially the survival course, will contribute to the continued growth of the College's extensive audio-visual collection.

If there are any new special libraries in the Province, they are keeping a very low profile. Maybe the business climate isn't such that there is a need for information!

Associations

The Newfoundland Library Association continued to offer a forum for persons interested in libraries in Newfoundland through their meetings and their sponsorship of Library Week. Along with APLA and the Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Archivists, they sponsored a book conservation workshop which was conducted by Alice Harrison. The NLA also published the 4th edition of the **Directory of libraries in Newfoundland and Labrador**.

*Respectfully submitted,
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Vice-President for Newfoundland.*

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New Brunswick Library Service

Mr. Agnez Hall, former Director of New Brunswick Library Service was promoted in December by the Department of Historical and Cultural Resources to lead a major study on the possibility of establishing an automated network between libraries within the government.

Ms. Jocelyne LeBel, Legislative Librarian, has been appointed Acting Director of NBLs. She will, for the next few months, cumulate responsibilities for the Legislative Library and for New Brunswick Library Service.

The Department of Historical and Cultural Resources requested the Comptroller's Office to do an operational audit of the public library system in New Brunswick. The report, received in January, contains twenty major recommendations aimed at improving the system.

A report entitled **New Brunswick Regional and Public Libraries Statistics for 1982-83** was published late in December 1983.

Albert-Westmorland-Kent Regional Library

This report only highlights the main events of the 1983-84 fiscal year:

The Richibouctou Public Library became the fifteenth library of the regional network in January 1984;

The Sackville Public Library moved to a new building in January 1984;

The Dorchester Public Library now occupies the full building previously shared with the village offices; the reference area has been expanded and the browsing area is more spacious and appealing to its users;

The Riverview Public Library moved in January 1984 to an expansion built on the Town Hall for this purpose;

Cap Pelé and Bouctouche are two municipalities seeking public libraries in their respective communities;

A brief emphasizing the need for more funds, the importance of boards, the different roles of school and public libraries, and the necessity of keeping membership in libraries free of charge and universal was presented to the Committee on Government Reform, a provincial committee looking into a ma-

major overhaul of the way the province provides its various governmental services;

The Board showed its support for the concept of the establishment of a "Half Back" program through Atlantic Loto;

The 1983 Summer Reading Club was the most successful since the inception of this event;

Kay Hill, Daniel Sernine and Jan Truss were three authors who visited the library during the year;

The library has instituted a camera-lending service, courtesy of Polaroid Canada; it has been relatively successful.

Haut-Saint-Jean Regional Library

The main highlights for the year 1983-84 in the Haut-Saint-Jean region can be summarized as follows:

Two new public libraries were added to the library system at the beginning of the fiscal year. In St-François (Madawaska County), the library started on April 5, 1983, official opening held on May 1st.

The Kedgwick Public Library (in Restigouche County) officially opened on May 22, 1983.

The Grand Falls Public Library was relocated on August 15, 1983. The building, leased by the municipal council, houses the library (on the main floor) and the historical museum (in the basement).

The St-Quentin Public Library started a toy lending service on April 13, 1983.

During the National Book Festival, in April 1983, a children's author from Montreal, Jacques Pasquet, visited the libraries in St-Léonard, Grand Falls and Edmundston.

For the second consecutive summer, a very successful reading marathon was held throughout the region in July and August 1983. 781 readers (25% more than in 1982) participated in the program and borrowed 24,165 books (10,000 more than in 1982).

Nine students were hired during the summer of 1983, five through a Summer Canada project and four under the N.B. Job Creation Strategy Student Employment Program.

A complete review of library operations was conducted during the year by the Comptroller's Office of the Province of N.B., with a view of "looking at all the operations of New Brunswick Library Services and establishing a development plan for coming years". The report was released in January 1984, studied by the regional librarians and boards, and recommendations were sent to the Department.

A brief to the Office of Governmental Reform was prepared by the Regional Board and submitted jointly by the five Regional libraries. The main concerns discussed in the brief were: computerization in public libraries; user fees; role and importance of library boards; school-housed public libraries; staffing; promotion of library service; libraries act; and a review of library service in the province.

Saint John Regional Library

The 1983/84 year has been most eventful for the Boards, staff and borrowers of the Saint John Regional Library.

Needless to say, the major event of the year was the official opening of the

new central library and regional headquarters.

The key element in all activities for the Central Library in 1983/84 was **THE MOVE** to new quarters in Market Square. This was accomplished by May 17, 1983 for the official ribbon cutting by the National Librarian, Dr. Guy Sylvestre. On hand were many special guests including the Premier, the Mayor, members of the City Council, our Board of Commissioners and our public.

New services can now be offered: individual listening carrels, exhibit and display space, private study rooms, meeting room space and projector loans as well as expansion of programming. Tours are very popular and a small corps of volunteers have been recruited to conduct tours with many groups ranging from the Canada Council to Rotary. School tours are also very popular with the Information Center concentrating on individual consultations with senior level high school students. A teacher and the teacher librarian must accompany the class who in turn are introduced on an individual basis to our resources.

The summer of 1983 saw many visitors through our doors: registrations jumped 138% between May and September. While we can not compare specifically the numbers of visitors before and after the move, we have done two one week samples of typical weeks. The average figure here shows just over 7000 people/week.

Programmes that our Boys & Girls Room have offered over the years continue to be successful in our new location picking up new audiences as well as retaining their core audience. One very successful puppet show in July drew over 200 children. The Wednesday Special for 8-12 year olds is also being rated a success with this age group. In January a weekly Lunch Time Series was launched under the joint sponsorship of the City of Saint John's Social and Cultural Affairs Office and the Adult Services Department. A wide variety of guests have been featured, each programme averaging 60 in attendance. Plans are being formulated to carry on this programme in the fall.

An assessment was done by Dr. Hugh Taylor of our Reference Archives Collection. Extensive work will now be taken on to repair damaged volumes.

Three students were hired under a Summer Canada Works Grant over the summer of 1983 to research and put together a series of pamphlet/booklets relating to aspects of Saint John's history and development. Twenty-six booklets resulted and they are being added to the reference and circulating collections.

Displays are given high visibility in the central atrium. Private collections as well as the N.B. Museum collections have been displayed and these have included antique cameras, antique dolls, waterfowl, musical instruments and military photographs and uniforms. Two volunteers coordinate this effort.

A work study experience over two weeks was given to an Algonquin College Library Technician student. Consultations have also been given to several individuals starting business libraries or other specialized libraries. A training session for all public service staff, both central library and branch library, was held in late February on all the A-V

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equipment we are now able to offer.

Many outstanding and prestigious donations have been made this year to equip and to furnish the library, enhance the interior and add to the collection. All are being suitably acknowledged in a blue leather bound benefactor's book on display for the public in the main lobby of the library. Among them, The Franklin Mint Collection: "The 100 best recordings of all time," available for inhouse listening only. A bicentennial quilt made by Grade 5 students graces one wall, an 18th century map of the Maritimes was given by the New Brunswick Institute of Chartered Accountants.

The Sussex Public Library marked its tenth anniversary with a major expansion of its physical plant. One added facility, a meeting room/gallery was brought into service by hosting the National Print Show.

Two libraries changed leadership during the year. East Branch Head Susan Collins resigned to spend a year in Europe, and was replaced by Leslye MacVicar, who had been responsible for children's programming in the Main Library. West Branch Head Jill Foster was named Head of the new Kennebecasis Public Library in Quispamsis. This library is expected to open in June 1984. Sheila McGhee came up from the ranks to be named the New Head of the West Branch.

The Kennebecasis Public Library is a 6,000-square foot facility that serves the 18,000-plus residents of six municipalities in the Kennebecasis Valley quarters that serve the same region.

Ross Memorial Library continued to stage innovative children's programmes, extended their hours open to the public and in conjunction with Charlotte County Historical Society Archives, mounted a much appreciated display titled St. Andrews' Women—Past.

Campobello Public Library continued their programme of renovation to make the library more energy efficient, by replacing the oil furnace with an electric hot air furnace (the only library in the provincial regional library system that does not receive any municipal funding).

St. Croix Public Library continued with the refurbishing of their premises concentrating on the exterior landscaping and interior lighting and painting.

All libraries in the system have launched or are soon to launch bicentennial projects ranging from poster contests to historic visual arts displays. All branches equally pay tribute to their many volunteers who assist in programmes, raise funds, provide guided tours, etc.

The Saint John Regional Library System extends congratulations to Mrs. Frances Corbett who was awarded the prestigious Merit Award from the Canadian Library Trustees Association at their June Conference and to Mrs. Mar-

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di Cockburn upon her election as Second Vice-President of C.L.T.A. We welcomed Mr. Henry Meinhardt to the Chairmanship of the Regional Library Board and we extend to the membership of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association our best wishes for a successful Annual Conference.

York Regional Library

The expansion of the library's services, such as the "Outreach Program" which combines the Books on Wheels and Talking Book Service, and the revolving collections, has made it necessary to find additional regional space. As a result, some of the administrative staff have relocated close by in the historic Soldiers' Barracks.

The Fredericton City Library has a new Chief Librarian as of January 15, 1984: Bill Molesworth who had been in charge of the Oromocto Public Library for the past six years. During this period he succeeded in doubling the space of the Oromocto Library, raising the circulation per capita to the highest in the Region.

An experiment of job-sharing in a library setting has worked well in the Fredericton Public Library.

Two of the Region's libraries are involved in the "TRAINING IN A WORK SETTING" program. Through this program eligible applicants gain work experience and the libraries benefit by having another pair of helping hands.

A CANADA WORKS PROJECT funded through the Federal Department of Employment and Immigration, Employment Development Branch, has made it possible to employ additional personnel for a period of four months. This project is for the purpose of updating the Talking Book and Large Print Catalogues. The collection of talking books numbers approximately 2,500 and the catalogue has not been updated since 1982. Annotations are being done as well and mailing cases are being re-labelled. Several New Brunswick books and local histories are being recorded and added to the collection.

Several library boards in the Region have been generous in their donations to the Talking Book Collection. Of particular note, the Chipman Public Library Board initiated an appeal to Chipman area service clubs for funds to purchase additional titles for the collection. Response to their efforts has been gratifying.

For the past several months greater emphasis has been placed on public relations through the news media. A fifteen-minute radio program, "LIBRARY CORNER" is broadcast weekly on one station, reaching seventy-two percent of New Brunswick listeners; and on another, one-minute 'spots' are read throughout the day. A series of informal evening discussions on "The Great Thinkers" by university professors has been a great success due largely to the media promotion.

The Plaster Rock Public-School Library is the first in the York Region to offer a toy lending service to its patrons. This "Toy Library" has a local sponsor.

With the assistance of the Department of Historical and Cultural Resources and the Department of Education, several Canadian authors toured York Region giving readings at schools and public libraries.

Mount Allison University Libraries

Many Library staff members spent the summer of 1983 restoring order to the chaos caused when eight ranges of stacks housing government documents fell at the end of April. As was reported in an earlier APLA Bulletin, there were no injuries, just a lot of dust, twisted steel—and a messy mass of documents. However, Margaret Wheeler and staff members worked long and hard, and by the time classes resumed in September, everything was back in place on new shelves.

A Subcommittee on Library Planning made up of librarians and faculty members spent a busy eight months developing recommendations for short and long-term campus-wide library space needs. The recommendations of the subcommittee put in place a plan to make optimum use of available space in the Ralph Pickard Bell Library that should carry us to the end of this century. Suffice it to say, that as with all such reports and recommendations, implementation depends on future funding for shelving and equipment.

With the announcement last June of the non-renewal of the SSHRC research tools grant, work ceased on the preparation of a new edition of *The Catalogue of the Winthrop Pickard Bell Collection of Acadiana*. A new application to continue the project was submitted in February. A decision will come in June.

Staff changes during the year included:

Cynthia Singleton, Reference Librarian, resigned in September to take a position at Brock University.

Bert Meerveld assumed the position of Music Librarian in May, 1983.

Université de Moncton

Over the past five years, Bibliothèque Champlain has suffered drastic cuts in its staff. From the 50 employees we had in 1979-80, we have gone down to 37, leaving us with 8 librarians compared to the ten we had. Despite these setbacks, we have succeeded in maintaining our services and we have even added a few. For example, Technical services with the help of automation, are producing the same amount of cataloguing they did with a larger staff before automation was implemented. Public services are now offering professional services on certain nights during the week and on weekends. Reference is also doing on-line searches, and requests are so numerous that they require time from our staff equivalent to one full-time librarian.

With constant inflation, the Library has an excellent incentive to find means of developing its collections. As a result, we now have agreements of exchange with the Bibliothèque nationale de France as well as with the Bibliothèque nationale de Québec. In 1983-84, we will receive close to 1,000 books as gifts, chosen by our staff, to fill some of our needs. In return, our Library will

provide those two libraries with the current Acadian material.

We have also become the only university library outside Quebec, besides Harvard University, to receive universal deposit of the Quebec provincial documents. It was agreed that this documentation would be made available to all of the Atlantic region by means of inter-library loan.

In 1979, we decided to automate. The most logical place was our cataloguing services. After nearly 5 years with UTLAS our COM catalog now holds 75,000 titles; this includes all acquisitions added to our collections since 1979, and all retrospective cataloguing dating back to 1976. We expect to increase our microfiche catalog by 12,000 titles per year. We are also aiming to convert our retrospective catalog of some 100,000 titles.

Space is a problem. For years, we've been adding stacks every summer and redistributing our collections. Consequently, we have also taken away valuable space that should have been allowed for our clientele as well as for mere circulation. We have also had to relocate part of our collections in another building on the campus and are presently contemplating to relocate even more material. As time passes, the situation worsens. However, one of the major priorities of the University is to expand our facilities in the near future.

University of New Brunswick— Fredericton

The major visible library changes at UNB this year have been the completion of the *Science/Forestry Library*. The work on enhancing the *Harriet Irving Library* building and facilities continues. By summer '84 we should have created a new reading room for patrons using Archives and Special Collections, the *Winslow Room*. "Tattle-taping" will also begin this summer and the whole book collection will be rearranged to take advantage of the other major milestone this year which has been the launching of our retrospective catalogue conversion via the Carrollton Press—*REMARC* programme. Procedures have been worked out for all of these records to be added to *PHOENIX*. This has now begun and we hope to make a major move of records and of the physical books in Summer 1984.

In addition we have been reviewing the committee structure within the library system, creating a number of new committees, task forces, etc. The *Public Service Committee* has had a *Task Force* reviewing circulation policies and they have been able to initiate a semi-automated system of sending notices out for overdue material—"step one" towards a fully automated circulation system. This year has also seen changes in our *ILL* procedures with the introduction to *ENVOY 100* to UNB and we have recently begun using the new on-line access to the National Library's *DOBIS* database. In our continuing endeavours to keep *PHOENIX* up-to-date and to simplify its use we have been "hooking-in" to various other systems in Canada and the US for review purposes.

Staff members have participated in a number of workshops and conferences including the *ALA Teleconference* last summer and are now busy preparing for

the arrival of the *Association of Canadian Map Libraries* for their 1984 conference on the Fredericton campus in June 1984.

As the result of two of the contracts negotiated at UNB in 1983 two joint library/University Committees are now very hard at work:

- the *Library Service Committee* is reviewing Library Service on the Fredericton Campus; and
- the *Joint Job Evaluation Committee* is studying the existing classification structure and job descriptions with a view to recommending changes either the system or the individual descriptions as appropriate.

One addition to the professional staff was *Terry Horner* who returned to UNB to a position in the Cataloguing Department from the University of Saskatchewan.

University New Brunswick— Law Library

The construction of the extension to the Law Library is proceeding apace and should be completed in April. The Law Library will be closed to external users during May and June to facilitate the shifting of the collection into the expanded area.

In May of 1983 the decision was made to automate the Law cataloguing *UTLAS* and *PHOENIX*. To date 1200 records have been entered, staff students and faculty members have been trained in the use of *PHOENIX-LAS* and a minimum number of difficulties encountered.

In May, 1985, the Law Library will be hosting the CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES Annual Conference with the assistance of other law-related libraries across the Province. Planning gets underway in early April of this year.

Legislative Library

During the 1983 Session a press clipping service was offered to the Members of the Legislative Assembly. Entitled *Media Review/Revue de presse*, the publication included clippings from New Brunswick newspapers dealing with the activities of the Legislature. The same service is being offered for the 1984 Session which started on March 27.

Vice-President's Report:

The vice-president's discretionary fund assisted in convening two workshops and a tour/talk. The first workshop was convened in October by Alice Harrison and Harold Holland on conservation of library materials. In November, the second workshop was convened by Charlie Hurt of McGill Graduate School of Library Science and dealt with statistics. And in February Michael Shephard of the Technic University of Nova Scotia delivered a talk on fifth generation computers. On the same day there was a tour of R. R. Bookbinding facilities.

All meetings were well attended.

Respectfully Submitted

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Newfoundland Offshore oil and gas exploration and development

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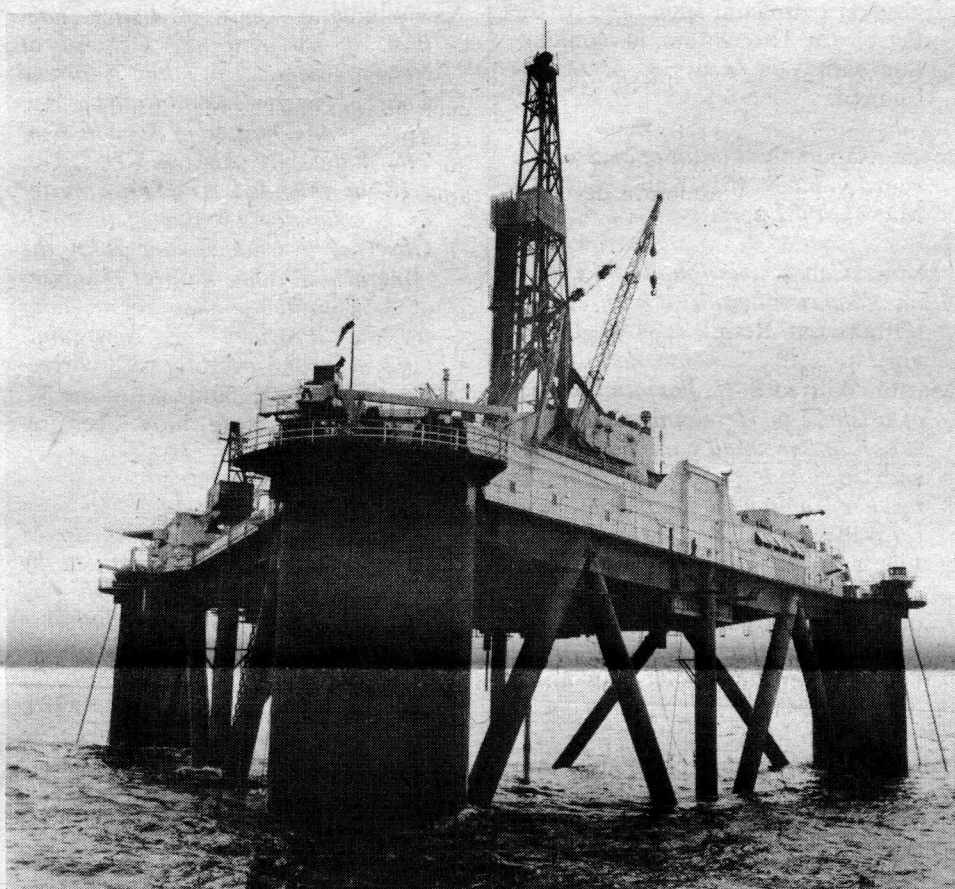


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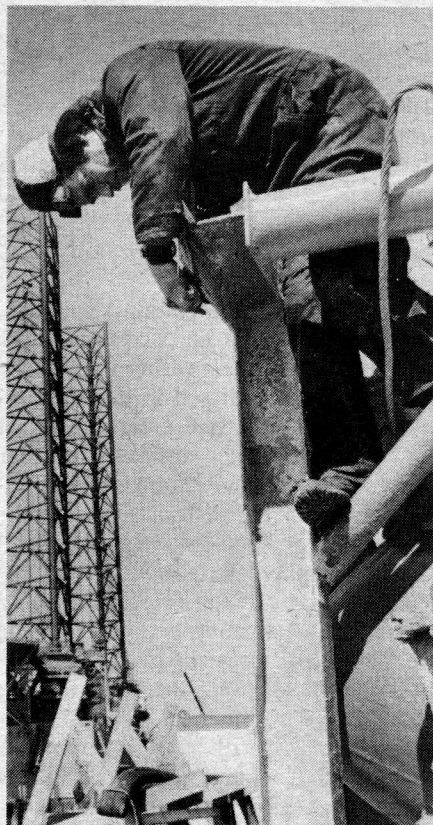


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Annual Report APLA Vice-President for Nova Scotia

During the 1983 annual conference of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association, held in Halifax, a resolution was passed which committed the Nova Scotia Vice-President of the association to convene a committee to prepare a brief for submission to the Nova Scotia Commission on Post-Secondary Education. The committee was broadly representative of library endeavour in Nova Scotia: from the University library sector were Iain Bates (of Acadia), and Peter Glenister (of Mount Saint Vincent); from the special library sector, Joan Fage (Maritime Tel & Tel Co. Ltd.); from government libraries, Jerry Miner (Kentville Agricultural Station); from the Provincial Library itself, the Provincial Librarian, Carin Somers, and from the field of library education was Dr. Norman Horrocks (Dalhousie University School of Library Service). The committee was chaired by the Nova Scotia Vice-President, Margot Schenk.

The brief produced by this committee for the Royal Commission argued strongly for financial support for academic libraries in Nova Scotia universities to a level of 6% of the total university budget, and urged the commission to recommend "sufficient funding to universities to support higher education in Nova Scotia". The brief outlined the importance of strong academic libraries in the province to the library community at large and to the public, and mentioned the use made of some specialized collections by professional and business groups. The text of the brief has appeared in the *APLA Bulletin*, v. 47(5). The presentation of the brief to the commission was made on Friday, 30 March 1984. The co-operative effort which produced this brief on behalf of academic libraries is not, however, simply a unique response to the formation of a relatively short-lived commission of enquiry. Co-operation between the academic libraries of a number of different institutions has been formalized in recent years in a significant way in the Council of Metro University Libraries (COMUL).

Academic Libraries

In September, 1983, COMUL issued its first annual report to the Presidents of the universities participating in the group. It also submitted a report outlining fifteen areas where COMUL libraries already co-operate among themselves or with other libraries at the local, regional, and national level. As well, the council prepared a statement on library co-operation for the Presidents that addresses such issues as major types of co-operation, autonomy, administration, accessibility of library materials, funding and the limits of co-operation. COMUL continues to explore the widest range of issues; circulation policies, inter-university integra-

tion of academic programs, storage facilities, and binding are among topics which will continue to be discussed. Recently, COMUL has been devoting most of its time to preparation of a proposal for the joint acquisition of an inter-university on-line integrated library system.

Provincial & Regional Public Libraries

A further example of co-operation beneficial to libraries throughout Nova Scotia can be seen in the 1983 activities of the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. The National Library of Canada and the Nova Scotia Provincial Library have been conducting a joint pilot project using DOBIS for reporting the holdings of Nova Scotia libraries on-line to the Canadian National Union Catalogue, and for providing, nationally, a location service to collections in the province. A detailed report on this project appeared in the *APLA Bulletin*, v. 46(6), May 1983. This project, of 15 months duration, has been of immense value to both of the participants, and to many others. A new service contract between the National Library and the Provincial Library will extend the project for another thirteen months. Under the new contract, the Provincial Library will test the Interlibrary Loan protocol which is under development by the Office for Network Development at the National Library.

Planning for the relocation of the collections and offices of the Provincial Library from the Old County Court House on Spring Garden Road to the former St. Andrew's School at 6955 Bayers Road demanded considerable time and effort during the past year. The move actually started on 21 November 1983, and was completed by 15 December 1983.

During the year past, Elizabeth Banfield was appointed Co-ordinator, Reference Services, and Terri Tomchshyn, Regional Reference Librarian, left the Provincial Library to move to the Saskatoon Public Library, where she will be Legal Services Librarian.

In the Regional Public Libraries, work on the funding formula review continued. A proposal submitted to the Provincial Library Council in November was subsequently referred to the Regional Library Boards for comment.

There was some growth in the system in the past year; the Mainland South Branch of the Halifax City Regional Library was opened in June 1983. The Western Counties Regional Library concluded its five year plan of branch development with the opening of the Westport Library, also in June 1983. The Western Counties Regional Library now has a total of ten branch libraries; its bookmobile service was discontinued in April 1983.

Budgetary restraint will force the discontinuation of the bookmobile service to schools of the Cape Breton Regional Library Board at the end of the current school year. A much smaller vehicle will continue the service, however, to communities in Cape Breton County.

Gloria Hardy resigned as Chief Librarian of the South Shore Regional Library and will be replaced in June 1984 by Janet Clark, who is presently with the Public Library Services, Government of the Northwest Territories.

School Libraries

Although budgetary restraint also had an effect on the operation of school

libraries throughout Nova Scotia in the past year, school librarians were encouraged to read the statement of the Department of Education on school library services which is to be incorporated in the 1984-1986 **Public School Program** document. The statement is strongly supportive of the development of school library services. It urges Boards which have not already done so to establish policies for the development of school libraries. The inclusion of this statement in the **Public School Program** document is a direct result of the recommendations of the Minister's Task Force on School Libraries and the efforts of many in the Nova Scotia School Libraries Association. It has resulted in the appointment of school library planning committees in several districts and in extra funds being allotted for school library purposes.

The June 1983 issue of the *NSSLA Bulletin* contained a lengthy report by the editor, Neal Bowers, on developments in particular school districts throughout the province. The report enabled readers to see quickly where exciting developments are taking place and where intensive work still needs to be done. Circulation of this report to the Superintendents of Schools has resulted in some positive action in several school districts.

During the past year, Shirley Coulter, Co-ordinator, School Libraries at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library has participated in several surveys of district school systems by the Department of Education. She has also recently been elected Director for North America of the International Association of School Librarians at its meeting in Bad Segeberg, West Germany.

In January 1984, APLA Vice-President for Nova Scotia, Margot Schenk, left the province to accompany her husband on his sabbatical leave. Tom Flemming (of Dalhousie University) was appointed Acting Vice-President for Nova Scotia to fill the remainder of the Vice-President's current term of office.

This report was prepared with the generous assistance of a number of people who provided a wealth of detail on library activity in Nova Scotia during the past year. Dr. William Birdsall, Shirley Coulter, Peter Glenister, Elizabeth MacDonald and Carin Somers have all assisted me by reviewing developments in their own library sector, and they deserve credit for their contributions to this report. The deficiencies of the report can be attributed to the author who, in selecting only the highlights from the reviews offered, may have, inadvertently, excluded significant material.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Flemming
Acting Vice-President
for Nova Scotia

Annual Report Treasurer

As is the normal practice, the report of the Treasurer will be presented at the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer has submitted a report prepared by APLA's Financial Examiner, which follows:

Report of the Financial Examiner

As a result of my appointment as Financial Examiner at the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association on 27 May

1983, I have examined the financial records of the Association for the fiscal year 1983/84. In my opinion the records have been maintained with a reasonable degree of accuracy and completeness and the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the Year ended April 13, 1984 presents fairly the financial position of the Association as of that date.

The Statement of Receipts and Expenditures shows a net surplus for the year of \$1,079,92, rather than the \$4,000 deficit predicted in the 1983/84 budget adopted, after amendment, at the 1983 conference. However, in order to accommodate the Financial Examiner's timetable the Association's books for fiscal year 1983/84 were closed on 13 April rather than on 30 April as would normally be the case. This earlier closing date has complicated both the 1983/84 records and the budgetary process for FY 1984/85, since some income and a large number of expenses expected in April will have to appear as anticipated revenues and expenditures for FY 1984/85. I apologize for this inconvenience, and thank the Association and its executive for agreeing to live with these complications, which are covered in the Treasurer's report.

Although in no way criticizing the accuracy and completeness of the records maintained by the 1983/84 Treasurer, I do have several recommendations for consideration by the Association's executive.

- 1) There appears to be some uncertainty as to the use to be made of the Association's interest-bearing bank account. In previous years it was used solely for the deposit of "new year" membership funds until the beginning of the new fiscal year when all monies were transferred to the Association's general account. During the past fiscal year it has also been used as a short-term investment account, a function I see as being perfectly reasonable and legitimate. I would, however, recommend that both the uses to be made of this account and the accounting practices covering it be formalized. For example, I would recommend that a separate ledger be kept for this account, and that all transfers from it to the general account that relate to membership revenues appear in the "Membership" column of the Receipts section of the General Ledger.
- 2) I recommend that a formal, long term decision be made as to whether revenues received during the "old" fiscal year but which cover "new year" memberships be included in the "old year" accounts or whether they should be held separately in the interest-bearing bank account until the beginning of the new fiscal year as was the case for several years. I personally would recommend the latter practice be adopted, but I realize that there are pros and cons to each alternative.
- 3) At its 18 February 1984 meeting, the Executive adopted a recommendation that would maintain its investment "portfolio" at the level of approximately \$15,000 and use the annual interest realized on this money as part of each year's operating budget. If an amount of approximately \$15,000 is to be kept as an investment fund, I would strongly recommend that the Association invest at

least some of this amount in investment certificates with a term of longer than one year, since the rate of interest on longer term certificates is usually significantly higher than that for one-year certificates.

I apologize for not being at the Association's Annual Meeting to present my report in person, and thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Financial Examiner for the fiscal year 1983/84.

*Respectfully submitted,
J. Elizabeth Sutherland*

Annual Report Secretary

The Executive of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association met three times during the year:

Killam Library, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., May 29, 1983.

Patrick Power Library, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, N.S., October 29, 1983.

Killam Library, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N.S., February 18, 1984.

A fourth executive meeting is planned to take place May 10, 1984 at the University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, P.E.I., immediately before the annual conference.

Minutes of the meetings were prepared and distributed to all members of the Executive and to all committee conveners.

*Respectfully submitted,
Betty Jeffery
Secretary*

Annual Report Past-President

Merit Award Committee

No nominations were received for the Merit Award this year.

Nominating Committee

Thanks to the able assistance of the Executive, and to the co-operation of the membership, the following allowed their names to stand for election:

for VICE-PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT ELECT:

Elizabeth Hamilton (UNB)

Riaz Hussian (TUNS)

for TREASURER:

Jane Archibald (St. Mary's) by acclamation

for VICE-PRESIDENT, NEWFOUNDLAND:

Charles Cameron (Nfld. Public Lib. Serv.)

Marguerite Jones (Memorial)

for VICE-PRESIDENT, NOVA SCOTIA:

Christopher Bull (Acadia)

Peter Glenister (Mount)

for COUNCILLOR ON MEMBERSHIP:

Mary Blackford (Mar. Museum)

Everett Dunfield (UNB)

Because the ballots were mailed relatively late, results will not be available until the Conference.

*Respectfully Submitted
Anna Oxley
Past-President*

Annual Report Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met at different occasions either to consider specific requests or to discuss how to best manage a potential deficit of \$4000.00.

As a result of its deliberations, the Committee drafted and prepared recommendations for the Executive to consider and to make final presentation to the membership for approval.

At the time of writing, these recommendations still need to be further considered by the Executive before making a final recommendation to the membership.

Respectfully submitted

*Andre Guay
President*

Annual Report Public Relations Committee

The two most important projects of the Committee this year were the revision of the *Directory of Library Related Organizations in the Atlantic Provinces* and the production of an APLA pamphlet.

The *Directory* is distributed annually to APLA Bulletin subscribers. The Committee felt that the *Directory* did not fill a real need in that much of the information contained in it is available in other sources. Therefore, the Committee felt that this is the last year that the *Directory* should be produced and proposed the following Bylaw change so that the Association may vote on it:

Bylaws Article VI Section 1

(ii) Public Relations Committee to be deleted:

"—to update the *Directory of Library-Related Organizations in the Atlantic Provinces*, as required"

The Committee prepared an APLA pamphlet to serve as an introduction to the Association. It has been distributed by members of the Committee and the Convener of the Membership Committee. Copies will be available at the Conference from the Public Relations Committee.

Since a contest for an APLA logo attracted only one entrant the logo idea has been put aside for now.

The publication of an Atlantic Libraries Directory will be discussed by the Committee at its upcoming meeting. The Committee would appreciate hearing from any member regarding the proposed *Directory*.

Terri Tomchyshyn, Convener of the Committee since 1982, and the person responsible for organizing the work of the Committee this year, resigned in February due to accepting a position outside the Region.

Respectfully submitted,

*H. Charles Cameron, Convener
Susan Collins
Joan Fage
Tahira Hussian
Susanne Manovill
Priscilla Ykelenstam*

Annual Report Publications Committee

Other than in conjunction with the 1984 Annual conference, the Committee was able to meet only once, on February 10, 1984 with the Bulletin Management Board, to discuss matters relating to the *Bulletin* and the present format of the *Proceedings*. Otherwise, our business was conducted by correspondence and telephone.

During 1983-1984 the Committee:

Considered, on request of the Executive, the format of the *Proceedings* and recommended there be no change;

Prepared and arranged for distribution of the 1983 APLA *Proceedings*;

Arranged the production and distribution of the 1983-1984 *Membership Directory*;

Arranged the production of the 1984 *Directory of Library Related Organizations in the Atlantic Provinces*;

Of the Association's 1983 publication—*Atlantic libraries and archives: a directory of special collections*—sold and distributed 48 copies for income received of \$250.50 (with payment of \$120 for 23 additional copies still awaiting receipt, and to be followed up, by the Treasurer) as against the publishing expenses of \$952.80;

Sought publicity for *Atlantic Libraries and Archives* in Canadian and American library and review journals;

Sought replacements for editors of the APLA bulletin to succeed Ken Clare, Editor, and Arthur Smith, Managing Editor, both of Patrick Power Library, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, who coordinated the *Bulletin's* issues over the past year.

*Respectfully submitted,
Peter Glenister, Convener
Jane Archibald
Charles Cameron
Heather Creech
Alison Fitzgerald
Elizabeth Frick
Mary Beth Harris
M. Margaret Whyte*

March 30, 1984

Annual Report APLA Committee on Library Instruction

The Committee met five times during 1983-84 to implement the major activities planned for the year. These activities included a more detailed compilation of the results of the committee's 1983 questionnaire on the state of library instruction in the Atlantic Provinces. The compilation made note of the responses to each section of the questionnaire by special, school, public and university librarians. Special items were also noted. A copy of the synopsis is attached and copies were also sent to the respondents to the questionnaire. A further discussion of these results and other potential areas of study is expected at the annual meeting to be held Saturday afternoon, May 12th.

The Committee also planned the workshop it is sponsoring at the 1984 annual APLA conference. The workshop entitled *Communications and Stress in the Library* is being conducted by Mr. Michael Hartley-Robinson. It will cover the theory and the practical

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aspects of reducing stress involved with speaking to various groups of library users.

Attending Members

*Jane Archibald
Judy Brooks, Recording Secretary
Elizabeth Frick
Susan MacLean
Oriol MacLennan
Gwyn Pace, Convener
Judy Reade*

Corresponding Members

*Betty Jeffery
Susan Popovitch
Joy Tillotson*

Annual Report Intellectual Freedom Committee

A brief was prepared by the Intellectual Freedom Committee for presentation to the Fraser Committee on Pornography and Prostitution at the Halifax hearings on May 9 and May 10, 1984. A file of newspaper clippings and other materials has been assembled to allow for a review of the enforcement of the obscenity sections of the Criminal Code. Professor Thelma McCormack of York University kindly sent the convener a copy of her unpublished paper *Making Sense of Research on Pornography*. Some of the file material was sent to the CLA IF Committee to assist them in the preparation of their own brief. APLA members' observations specific to the proposed brief were limited to one phone call and one letter.

The brief was drafted by the Convener after his receipt of the CLA brief. Copies were sent to the President and members of the Executive in Halifax. The revised copy was mailed to the secretary of the Fraser Committee on April 13. Copies were also sent to the *Bulletin* and to the Canadian Library Association. Some Halifax members of APLA were informed by the comments of Dr. Susan Clark, a member of the Fraser Committee, when she spoke to the members of the Halifax Library Association on April 17, 1984.

*Respectfully Submitted,
T. Paris, Convener
E. Benjamin
G. Lavoie
J. Mercer
J. Phillipps*

Annual Report Committee on Committee Structure

All committees have conveners and are functioning. An Ad Hoc Committee convened by Margot Schenk was established to prepare the Association's brief to the Nova Scotia Royal Commission on Post-Secondary Education.

*Respectfully submitted
Bill Birdsall,
Convener*

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Annual Report APLA Committee on the Conservation of Library Materials

Throughout the year the APLA Committee on the Conservation of Library Materials (ACCLM) and its members have worked hard to consolidate the activities of the Committee, while at the same time placing heavy emphasis on programmes and activities delineating the field of library preservation, and with particular emphasis on the treatment and care of specific library materials.

Alice Harrison conducted workshops on 'Preservation Techniques and Simple Book Repairs' in New Brunswick, Newfoundland and P.E.I. The workshops were effectively coordinated by the provincial representatives of the Committee.

ACCLM also conducted three business meetings along with an audio/visual workshop at the Nova Scotia Provincial Archives. The slide-tape show dealt with the following topics:

- Commercial Library Binding: The Librarian's View (Yale)
- The Care and Handling of Books (Yale)
- Simple Library Repairs (Yale)
- Handling Books in the Library (Wisconsin)

Each slide presentation was augmented by a brief discussion of the contents of the four segments of the slide show.

Considerable energies were directed towards finalizing the conservation workshop to be held at the annual APLA Conference. Aligning with the Conference theme, and taking into consideration the economic constraints being encountered by the libraries, ACCLM is presenting a workshop entitled "Environmental Control on a Limited Budget: Protecting your Library Materials". The workshop is designed to meet the specific needs of the libraries with little or no budgets for conservation activities, and to focus on the environment problems in general in libraries, museums, archives, etc. A discussion group approach has been taken to stimulate audience participation and reaction.

A Task Force was established to finalize the 'Disaster Manual'. Fred Matthews, Maud Godfrey, Wendy Duff and Alice Harrison are working on this very important document.

The presentation given by Joyce Banks at the 1983 APLA Conference was published in the *APLA Bulletin* (July '83). In order to keep the Atlantic library community informed of the Committee's activities, brief reports were published in the APLA bulletins.

Another highlight of the Committee's activity was to establish communication channels with various local organizations also involved with conservation issues. Consequently, contacts were established with the Nova Scotia Provincial Government Conservation Commit-

tee and the Institute of Conservation, Atlantic Region Group.

ACCLM has obviously come of age since its revitalization in 1981 providing a focus for those people engaged in preservation activities, and a forum for libraries where conservation naturally plays a vital role.

Finally, I take this opportunity, first to thank the members of the Committee who made my task infinitely easier with their guidance and support, and the APLA executive for entrusting me with the convenership for another year, and to whom I strongly recommend the continuation as well as the support for the Committee which is performing a significant role for the library community in the Atlantic Provinces.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rashid Tayyeb
(Convener)*

Members

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| <i>Edith Haliburton</i> | <i>Charles Armour</i> |
| <i>Alice Harrison</i> | <i>Mary Blackford</i> |
| <i>Laura Jantek</i> | <i>Susanne F. Chaney</i> |
| <i>F.W. Matthews</i> | <i>Kathleen Currie</i> |
| <i>Karen Smith</i> | <i>Brian Cuthbertson</i> |
| <i>Pat Townsend</i> | <i>Wendy Duff</i> |
| <i>Ellen Webster</i> | <i>Margaret Fancy</i> |
| <i>Nancy Grenville</i> | <i>Maud Godfrey</i> |

Priscilla Ykelenstam

Annual Report Membership Committee

The level of membership remained constant in 1983/84. As of March 10, 1984, membership totalled 373, including 10 honorary/life members, with the following provincial breakdown:

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|----------------------|-----|
| New Brunswick | 90 |
| Newfoundland | 50 |
| Nova Scotia | 188 |
| Prince Edward Island | 19 |
| Other | 26 |

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Behrens
Membership Councillor*

Annual Report Memorial Awards Committee

The Committee is composed of the following: Ann Manning (Convener), Peter Glenister, Pauline Hildesheim, and Lloyd Melanson.

To date (mid-March), four meetings have been held; in September, November, January and March. Two more are scheduled—for early April and at the APLA Conference.

Two applications for the award have been received for the current year. The first was withdrawn because of cancellation of travel plans by the applicant. The second application was rejected by the Committee. Through the year the *APLA Bulletin* has carried, and will continue to carry, information on the award.

Lloyd Melanson has compiled a history of the Awards Committee, terms of reference, and a tabulated financial history with formula for computing the current funds available for award. A sub-committee composed of Hildesheim and Melanson has drawn up guidelines for the award.

Introduction

The Memorial Trust Fund, first established in 1974 to honour the late Alberta Letts, Provincial Librarian of Nova Scotia 1954-1973, was expanded in 1983 to honour deceased members of the Atlantic Provinces library community.

Purpose

To provide awards to be known as Atlantic Provinces Library Association Memorial Awards to librarians actively engaged in library work in Canada

Process

1. Application and Selection

Prospective applicants should send a personal letter with curriculum vitae and outline of proposed program with a cost estimate to the Convener of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association Memorial Awards Committee. Applications will be reviewed by the APLA Memorial Awards Committee. Candidates may be interviewed by one or more members of the Committee.

The APLA Memorial Awards Committee has the authority to determine the requirements to be met by successful applicants for the APLA Memorial Award.

2. Publicity

Applications will be solicited in the *APLA Bulletin* and other media as determined by the Awards Committee.

3. Finance

No single award shall exceed \$1500. However, if the expenses of the approved programme will be greater than this amount, a second award may be given to the applicant, provided funds are available.

4. Conditions

The APLA Memorial Award shall be granted for a project which will contribute to the professional development of the applicant and will benefit the library profession as a whole. As an example, attendance at and participation in a suitable workshop may qualify, as may investigative study visits to other libraries and institutions. Professional library experience will be taken into consideration in addition to the value of the program proposed.

After completion of the project, the Award recipient shall send a written report to the APLA Memorial Awards Committee giving final details of the project and an accounting of the money spent. The recipient shall act as a resource person in the subject field of the project to the community.

Awards Granted 1976—to Date

1976—Alice Harrison: to study the methods for the preservation of printed materials.

1980—Lorraine McQueen: to attend an invitational management institute for senior library administrators.

1981—Patricia Rahal: to study the organization, role and function of community college resource centres in Canada with particular emphasis on Ontario and Alberta.

1982—Linda Harvey: to do a follow-up survey of regional services provided by the libraries of the Royal College of Nurses and the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain to users outside the metropolitan area.

1983—Eric Swanick: to attend the Columbia University School of Library Service summer courses on the Nineteenth Century Book and Comparative Historical Book Bindings and Their Preservation.

APLA members who have expressed an interest in the Committee have been contacted, and have agreed to serve.

Therefore, pending the approval of the 1984-85 APLA Executive, the membership of the Committee for 1984-85 will be as follows: Pauline Hildesheim (Convener), Tom Flemming, Nirmal Jain and John Murchie.

The assets of the Memorial Fund, as of December 31, 1983, were \$11,357.59.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ann Manning, Convener*

Annual Report Bulletin Management Board

The Board met informally on several occasions during the summer and fall of 1983 and met formally on January 20 and February 10, 1984. In its report to the APLA Executive at the Executive meeting of February 18, 1984 the Board recommended that a number of items be added to the *APLA Procedure Manual* concerning the format, purpose and administration of the *Bulletin*.

A new questionnaire was designed to be used to solicit news items to be published in the *Bulletin*.

As in the past year, the Board continued to be concerned about the cost of the *Bulletin*. Active paid subscriptions to the *Bulletin* have dropped from 142 as of March 20, 1983 to 103 as of April 26, 1984. This number should increase, however, due to the fact that of 128 subscription renewal notices sent in February, 44 are still outstanding. Postage and printing costs while remaining fairly stable over 1983-84 have increased substantially in the past two to three years. Extensive use of the Halifax libraries' book truck delivery system has kept postage charges down this year. Increased revenue from advertising in 1983-84 has also helped reduce the cost of the *Bulletin*. Nevertheless, it appears that the cost of volume 47 will come close to 50% of the membership fees referred to in the *APLA Constitution, By-laws, Article I, Section II, (e.)*. Should the cost of the *Bulletin* exceed 50%, either the by-law must be changed or the cost of the *Bulletin* to the Association reduced. A reduction could be effected in a number of ways. The association could authorize an increase in the subscription and membership fees or close to reduce the cost by decreasing the number of issues published. For the moment, no such steps appear to be necessary but the membership should be aware that such action may be required in the near future.

Volume 47 of the *APLA Bulletin* was produced under the able direction of Ken Clare, Editor, Arthur Smith, Managing Editor, and Jerry Miner, Advertising Editor. On behalf of the Association I would like to thank them for a job well done. Ken and Arthur will not be continuing in their positions. We hope that the names of the new Editor and Managing Editor will be announced during the Conference. I would also like to thank Karen Smith, John MacLeod and Doug Vaisey for their help with the *Bulletin* this past year. The Board is also grateful to Gordon Logan of the Nova Scotia Provincial Library for assistance with mailing the *Bulletin*.

*Respectfully Submitted
Jane Archibald, Convener
Peter Glenister
Ken Clare
Arthur Smith
Jerry Miner*

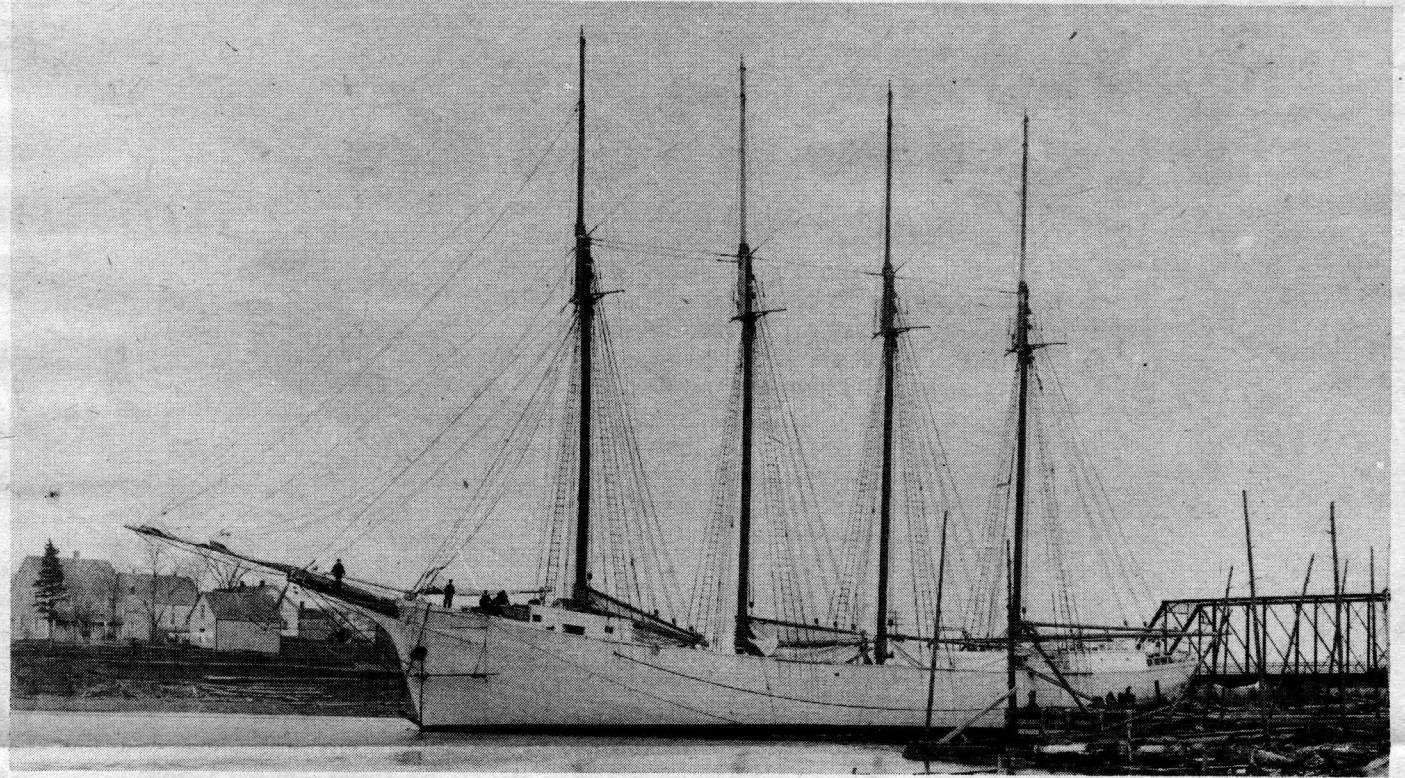
Major photo record of Nova Scotia's Pictou County acquired by Dalhousie University Archives.

A visually impressive and historically important collection has recently been added to the Dalhousie University Archives: approximately 25,000 photographic glass negatives, from 1870 to 1924 and approximately 10,000 photographic film negatives, from 1924 to 1940. Family gatherings, portraits (nearly all of which are unidentified and dated), local scenes, sports and social groups, coal mines, sailing ships, music ensembles, local architecture, these are among thousands of negatives depicting the life and times of Pictou County at the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth centuries.

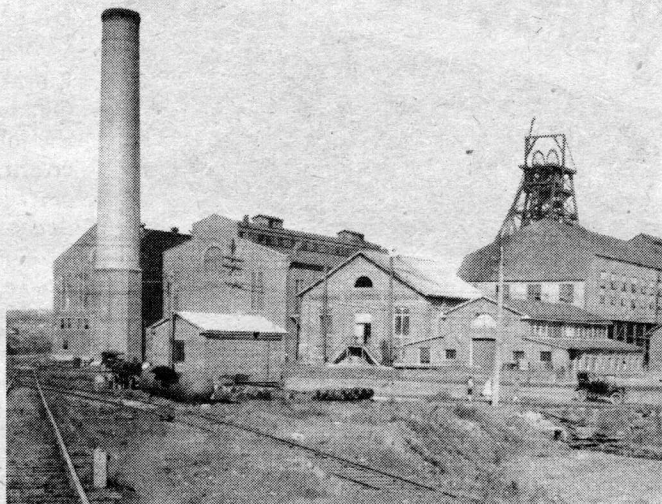
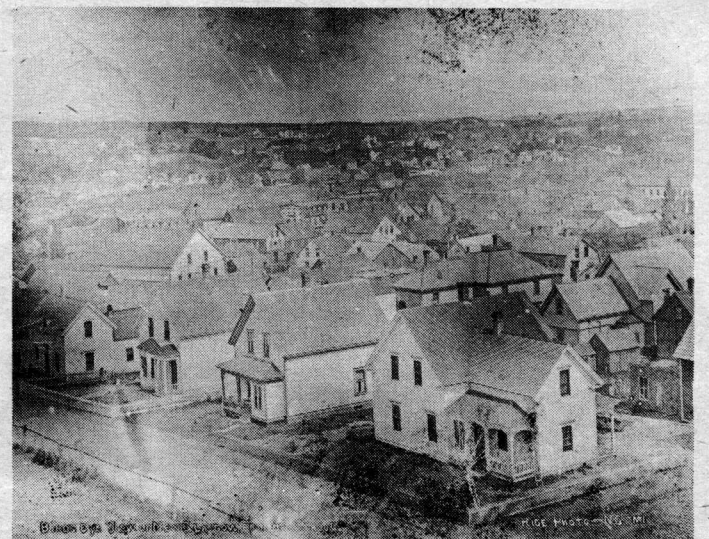
The glass and film negatives comprise part of the collection from Waldren's Studio of New Glasgow and Antigonish, Nova Scotia. The business was started in the early 1870's by A.J. Rice, a photographer from Montreal. In the mid 1890's Rice sold the business to George Richard Waldren who had come from Ontario. Waldren worked in partnership with a Mr. Rudolph under the name of Rudolph and Waldren until 1898 when Waldren was operating under his own name. He continued for another 40 years and in 1931 opened up a branch office in Antigonish. During this period Waldren was the only photographer in the Pictou and Antigonish Counties area. When Waldren died in 1939 the business was taken over by Corson MacKenzie, who had worked for Waldren for many years, and the name was changed to Waldren's Studio. Corson MacKenzie was succeeded by his son William who still operates the business today.

Sorting, cleaning and labeling the negatives has begun already and it is hoped that some of the older negatives will be available for researchers within a few months. However, it will be many years before the collection is completely catalogued.

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The Baffleboard

Deadlines, deadlines! We ran out of time for receive entries to Baffle No. 6 and for 'Q' to open and digest

them all. Do you realize how many creative writers and contest participants APLA has?

The Quizmaster (whose decision is final) has opted to cut off the 1983/84 Baffleboard event with No. 5. The race for first spot (and the coveted secret prize) has been close. To the hundred who attempted each Baffle, thanks for your interest. Every *Bulletin* renewed the fervour with which 'Q' watched the mail for entries.

Special praise to the Dartmouth Regional Librarian (N.S.) and to Mrs. Barbara Alexander (Nfld.) whose high-calibre entries made it a contest indeed. We regret that entries from the State Library of Queensland and the University of Puerto Rico Library School did not reach us in time to be printed.

BAFFLE NO. 5: WHO'S NUMBER ONE?

You all had some superb notions for a new National Librarian-designate. Unfortunately, neither Co. Quadaffi nor Lorne Greene had the right presence for the job. However, Mary Ann Scott should watch her crown, for a stellar figure of local reknown has emerged. His credentials are penned by poets in residence at the Dartmouth Regional Library.

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