

THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

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The annual meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada will be held at the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal, on Tuesday, June 13, taking the form of a noon luncheon at which Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, Dominion Archivist, will be the special guest and will speak on some special aspects of his work in connection with the establishment of the Canadian National Library. This will be of particular interest to members of our Society. Officers will be elected and reports presented on the work of the Society during the past year. Reservations for this luncheon meeting should be sent at once to Mr. Gerard Malchelosse, 995 Blvd. St. Laurent, Montreal, P.Q.

Members of the Society will already have received No. 3 in the Reprint Series, being a reproduction of "Sawney's Letters" an exceedingly rare British Columbia item, with an introduction by Dr. W. Kaye Lamb. A fourth reprint, which will, we think, be highly valued, is in preparation and it is expected that it will be in the hands of members before the annual meeting in Montreal. It is planned to continue this series until all the ten provinces are represented. There have been many commendations for the reprints which have already appeared and one library has ordered a second set. It may be expected that the little booklets will in time become collectors' items as the number printed is limited.

In reply to a questionnaire sent out by the Secretary of the Society, replies which have been received indicate that a very considerable amount of valuable bibliographical work is in progress at the present time throughout Canada. The Secretary of the Society would appreciate hearing of any additions to the following list which came in answer to her inquiry:

Members of the Bibliographical Society will have learned with deep regret of the death of Dr. J. Clarence Webster, Chairman of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and eminent as historian and author. He was a good friend of the Society and had a deep interest in its work.

REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE RE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL ACTIVITY

Banking: "Annotated bibliography on Canadian banking", by Mildred I. Turnbull, Royal Bank, Head Office, Library.

Botany of Eastern Canada, by Jacques Roussom, Le Jardin Botanique, Montreal.

B.C. documents: "Checklist of British Columbia documents from 1871-1947", by Marjorie C. Holmes, Provincial Library, B.C.

Canadiana: "Bibliography of Canadiana published in Great Britain to 1763", by Freda F. Waldon, Hamilton P.L. (completed)

Church Union: "Check-list of material in Victoria University Library on Church Union in Canada", by Victoria University Library.

Hamilton: "We have kept a file of Hamilton imprints in our Canadiana catalogue. We have also subject-analyzed very fully for Hamilton in our Canadiana catalogue". Hamilton P.L.

History of Canada: "Bibliographie des ouvrages relatifs à l'histoire du Canada, 1915-1950 (systematical)", by Conrad Morin.

Knister: "I am making a few additions to the bibliography of Raymond Knister which I compiled for the Collected Poems, 1949", by M.V. Ray, Victoria University Library.

Lac Mistassini: "Bibliographie de la region du lac Mistassini. Only one section of this was published, viz., La cartographie", by Jacques Rousseau, Jardin Botanique, Montreal. (completed)

Leacock: "Bibliography of Stephen Leacock", by Gerhard R. Lomer. (completed)

New Brunswick newspapers and magazines, card index, Miss Louise Manny, Newcastle, N.B.

Noms de plume: "My daughter, Miss Glen Hood is working on a bibliography of noms de plume in Canadiana, with special reference to the works published under noms de plume". Mrs. Dora Hood.

Norsemen: "Norsemen and their voyages to North America", by Grace S. Lewis.

North American authors: "Dictionary of North American authors", by W.S. Wallace.

Ontario imprints: "Bibliography of Upper Canada or Ontario imprints prior to 1900", by W.S. Wallace. (completed)

Ontario documents: "Ontario government publications 1763-1841; 1867-", by Robert M. Hamilton, Library of Parliament.

Plays, One-act: "One-act play index", by Hamilton P.L.

Pictures: "Picture index", by Hamilton P.L.

Poetry: "Revision of a bibliography of Canadian Poetry which was published by Victoria University Library in 1899. (The revision includes material up to 1910, and attempts to be an exhaustive list)", by M.V. Ray, Victoria University Library.

Prairie provinces: "Bibliography of prairie provinces, restricted to books and pamphlets about the prairies in social sciences; also literary efforts. Arrangement chronological. Indexed with biographical notes. About 1500 items. Hope to complete MSS. by this summer," by Bruce Peel, University of Saskatchewan Library.

Pratt: "Complete bibliography (up to 1950) of Edwin J. Pratt", by M.V. Ray, Victoria University Library.

Quebec documents: "Quebec government publications, 1763-1841; 1867-", by Robert M. Hamilton, Library of Parliament.

Railways: "Extension of bibliography on Canadian railways, which was published some years ago," by Grace S. Lewis.

Statistics: "Canadian statistics (published in Revue de l'Institut International de Statistique, with other contributions)", by Grace S. Lewis.

Theses: "Annotated list of theses for the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees, in the social sciences and humanities, in Canadian universities since 1920", by John E. Robbins, Canadian social science research council, and Humanities research council of Canada.

Wiseman (Cardinal N.): Bio-bibliography, by Mlle Lucee Morissette, Laval University Library School.

At the luncheon on Tuesday, June 13, in Montreal, opportunity will be given for some of those who engaged in work on special bibliographies to explain (briefly) the scope of their investigation. This meeting will also provide opportunity to confer with others having similar interests.

Along with answers to the questionnaire above mentioned some news items of interest were passed on:

Mr. Conrad Morin mentioned that he had just received the complete work of Th. Besterman, A world bibliography of bibliographies, 3 vols. London 1947-49, and was much pleased with it.

Mr. Willard Ireland mentioned the reproduction by R.R. Reid of Vancouver of a limited edition, hand set and privately printed, of Alfred Waddington's "Fraser River Mines Vindicated", one of the rarest B.C. imprints.

Miss Grace Lewis mentioned that Miss Audrey MacGregor of the D.B.S. Library is preparing a Newfoundland bibliography.

Attention may also be drawn to the publication in February issue of the Canadian Library Association's Bulletin of Mlle Chabot's list of bio-bibliographies by pupils of the University of Montreal Library School.

Dr. Lorne Pierce has again come forward with a generous discount offer to members of the Society. "Standards of Bibliographical Description", a publication of the Rosenbach Fellowship in Bibliography, by C.F. Buhler of the Pierpont Morgan Library, J.G. McManaway of the Folger Shakespeare Library and L.C. Wroth of the John Carter Brown Library, published by the University of Pennsylvania Press, at \$4 in Canada, may be bought at one-third off the retail price, that is \$2.67. Please send orders and payment to the Secretary of the Society, 214 College Street, Toronto.