

BULLETIN

May, 1973

Dear Members,

From time to time some of you have written or remarked that the annual Papers/Cahiers of the Society, excellent though they are, do not provide sufficiently frequent communication between our members nor do they keep you closely enough acquainted with the Society's activities and current events of bibliographical interest occurring across Canada. "Perhaps there should be a quarterly journal or a newsletter ... with news of who is doing what" and "Probably the Bibliographical Society should evidence signs of life more frequently" are two comments received. This is an age of communication, and those who have complained are doubtless correct; but what percentage of our membership actually feels thus deprived? Communication of this sort costs money, not to mention time, so before we consider embarking on a regular newsletter, your Council would like to know how strongly you feel about the matter.

This informal 'Bulletin' (a bi-lingual word), therefore, invites you to express your views to our Secretary-Treasurer, whose address appears below. Should we have a newsletter at all? If so, can you suggest a striking title? Should it include correspondence from members? Bibliographical works in progress? News items of bibliographical interest, perhaps including meetings and publications, past and future? What frequency should it have? Would you be willing to contribute? Should there be regional reporters? (Careful - we would need volunteers!) Because of printing and mailing costs, items would have to be brief - more in the nature of statements than articles. If your response (a simple postcard anyway) warrants it, we could at least provide you with current news and a forum for communication between members.

It's up to you. For or against, just let us know.

Annual Meeting

Notice of Annual Meeting enclosed. We are hoping for a record attendance in Sackville, to hear our distinguished speaker.

Colloquium

The Society is planning a second Colloquium to be held in Toronto November 2nd and 3rd, 1973. Details will be sent later.

Index Committee

A summary report of the local indexing survey undertaken by the Committee in the spring of 1971 was published in the October 1971 issue of The Indexer ("Indexing in Canada: Local Indexing and Commercial Services", vol. 8, no. 2, p. 88-93). At the same time, since this report dealt primarily with periodical indexing, a new survey was started on book indexing in Canada. Some 170 questionnaires were distributed to Canadian publishers and related organizations. A report on the results should appear later this year in The Indexer. In addition, it is planned to write a report based on both surveys for publication in Canada.

Three current works on indexing which will be of interest to members of the Committee are M.D. Anderson's Book Indexing (Cambridge, University Press, 1971. \$1.75) which has replaced G.V. Carey's familiar Making an Index in the Cambridge Authors' and Printers' Guides; "Recent Advances in Indexing", issued by the Graduate School of Library Science, Drexel University, Philadelphia (Drexel Library Quarterly, vol. 8, no. 2, April 1972. \$3.00) which summarizes the post-war trends in indexing in capsule form; and R.F. Hunnisett's Indexing for Editors (British Records Association, Archives and the User, no. 2, 1972. £1.50) which, although intended primarily for archivists, has a great deal of interest for the general indexer.

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Peter Greig, Chairman, Index Committee.

Papers/Cahiers

Contributions of appropriate subjects and standard are always welcome for consideration by the Editor.

Personal

Recent assignments, lectures, activities?

Necrology

Quilliam, Brig. Cyril David, soldier, Middle East political expert, proprietor of Old Book Collector (antiquarian Canadiana), Kingston, Ont., 28 March 1972.

Clapp, Verner Warren, librarian and author, first president of Council of Library Resources, Washington, D.C., 15 June 1972.

Klinck, Dr. George A., Editor, Canadian Modern Language Review and Head, Department of Modern Languages, North Toronto Collegiate. Published a number of text books and studies of the French-Canadian poet, Fréchette. April 1973.

Allison, Laurie MacCallum, Chief Librarian, Bishop's University, Lennoxville, P.Q., 5 April 1973.

Descriptive Brochure

New Members and others who would like a copy of the attractive booklet outlining the history of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, and listing some of our publications, please address the Secretary-Treasurer. If you have friends or colleagues who share our interests and objectives, this booklet may persuade them to give us their support!

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