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Dear Members,

Last May, the Bibliographical Society of Canada revived the idea of a newsletter, to appear irregularly during the interval between the annual Papers. Such a publication was issued by the Society, as a quarterly, from the spring of 1955 until June 1962, in which year the first volume of our Papers appeared. Its title was The Newsletter, but the new name Bulletin ensures that at least our title is bilingual - we would welcome contributions in French. With the advent of the Papers the Society has been able to make a substantial Canadian contribution to the world of bibliography, and in a form more permanent than that of the Newsletter. However, there had been requests for a more frequent and less formal means of communication between members. In our first issue in May, 1973, we invited contributions and an expression of feeling, that we might gauge your interest. Well, the only contributions received have come from members of your executive; but there have been letters of response which we have considered sufficient to justify the expense of a second issue. We thank those of our readers who have troubled to write to the Secretary-Treasurer, and for writing with such encouragement. We hope to achieve an instrument of multilateral communication though, so that the load is shared and so that we may all benefit from the bibliographical news our members carry around with them. Communication between our members!

This issue of the Bulletin comes to you with a copy of the Society's new publication on Major John Richardson. One of our major aims, as set forth by Dr. Lorne Pierce at our founding meeting in 1946, is that we should be "a publishing society". The Richardson monograph is published entirely at the expense of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, from your fee revenues, and is distributed as one of the privileges of membership to all our paid-up members. The occasion therefore provides the opportunity to issue our second Bulletin without adding to our considerable postage costs.

Your executive's constant endeavour is to advance the interests of Canadian bibliography, and your comments and suggestions in this direction are always welcomed by the Secretary-Treasurer, whose address appears below.

Papers/Cahiers XII

The next issue of the annual Papers, now under the experienced editorship of Miss Edith Firth, is expected to appear well before the Annual Meeting in June. (This will be in Winnipeg in conjunction with the Canadian Library Association.) Included in this issue will be not only the usual Minutes of the Annual Meeting (Sackville, N.B., June 1973) and the text of the annual address (Dr. Peter Waite, Dalhousie University), but also the texts of the several excellent papers delivered at the Society's Colloquium II. Our members will want to have these papers in permanent form, whether or not they were fortunate enough to attend this second Colloquium. On this occasion, too, the biennial Tremaine Medal of the Society was presented to Professors John Hare and Jean-Pierre Wallot, and this also will be reported. Perhaps it should be mentioned at this time that Colloquium II paid for itself without a grant from any agency. Our thanks go, however, to our host, Massey College, and to Professor Douglas Lochhead for his excellent arrangements.

Contributions of appropriate subjects and standards are invited for consideration by the Editor, for future issues of the Papers.

Personal

Recent assignments, lectures, appointments, other activities? We also report here the following changes in the Council of the Society:

Upon completion of their three year term as Councillors, M. Rosario de Varennes and Mr. R.C. Ellsworth have been succeeded by Miss Suzanne F. Chaney and Miss Dorothy E. Ryder. Our long time Associate Secretary, Mr. Claude B. Aubry, has resigned and M. Jean-Rémi Brault elected as his successor. Dr. David M. Hayne, editor of the Papers since 1962 and the earlier Newsletter since 1958, has resigned and Miss Edith G. Firth has accepted the appointment as editor. Professor Douglas G. Lochhead has resigned as Chairman of the Publications Committee but will continue on the executive as 1st Vice-President. Mr. H. Pearson Gundy succeeds Professor Lochhead as Chairman of the Publications Committee.

The President would like to thank retiring members, on behalf of our membership, for their devoted services to Canadian bibliography and the Society, and to welcome with similar appreciation those who have assumed office on the Council.

Indexing News

Peter Greig, Indexer to the Society, is attending the University of Leeds in England during 1973-74. Index queries and correspondence should be addressed to him, care of Mrs. R.C. Jacobsen, Secretary-Treasurer.

In the final Newsletter of the Index Committee, mention was made of the possible implications of the International Standard Bibliographical Description formula for book index statistics. The National Library of Canada has recently announced that they have been employing the ISBD formula with its pertinent analytics in Canadiana since the fall of 1972. By the fall of 1973 the process will be completely automated, so that within a few years it will be possible to examine book indexing in Canada with relevant statistics at hand. The arrangement of Canadiana will also lend itself to a subject analysis of these statistics.

Mr. A.R. Hazelgrove has continued to compile his excellent works

in honour of Kingston's Tercentennial year by producing a definitive Name and Place Index to the Illustrated Historical Atlas of the Counties of Frontenac, Lennox & Addington (Kingston, Author, 1973. v, cl, 59p.) The Illustrated Historical Atlas was published originally by J.R. Meacham & Co. in 1878. The index is in double columns, reproduced in a slightly reduced format from typewritten copy. Unlike so many works issued in this fashion, the text is exceptionally clear and legible. Copies are available from the compiler, Mr. A.R. Hazelgrove, 211 Victoria Street, Kingston, Ontario, at \$2.25 a copy.

Peter E. Greig, Indexer to the Society.

(Wow that the Newsletter of the Index Committee is suspended, news of indexing activities in Canada will be published in this Bulletin.)

Notae Bibliographicae

The Retrospective National Bibliography Division of the National Library has announced the completion of Canadiana, 1867-1900; it is being edited for the press. The compilation was begun in 1953 by Dr. Raymond Tanghe (a distinguished member of our Society), and continued after his retirement in 1963 by the late Mademoiselle Madeleine Pellerin. The publication of this work of some 25,000 entries will answer a long-felt need. The Division is now busy planning a comprehensive bibliography of Canadiana for the years 1900-1950, along with listings of Canadian government publications from 1867 to 1950. Those of our members, individual or institutional, who are preparing bibliographies of national interest, of publications to 1950, are invited to communicate their plans to the Division, which hopes to act as a clearing house for such information. (A carbon copy to our Secretary-Treasurer would also be appreciated!)

The School of Librarianship of the University of British Columbia, it is announced by Director Roy Stokes, is planning a National Conference on the State of Canadian Bibliography, to be held at the University May 22-24, 1974. The conference's purpose is to bring together librarians and subject experts to consider the present state and future requirements of Canadian bibliography - defined as the systematic recording of documents published in Canada, by Canadian authors, or dealing with topics of interest or importance to Canadians. The proceedings of the Conference, incorporating a series of recommendations relating to the future development of Canadian bibliography and to needed research in this area, is expected to be published. Further information: Prof. Anne B. Piternick, Conference Organizer, School of Librarianship, UBC.

Mr. Bruce Peel writes that M. Bernard Vinet of Laval has been working for some years on a list of several thousand Quebec pseudonyms,, those used by newspaper writers during the Duplessis period. The work has been accepted by a Quebec publisher.

Book Reviews for the BSC Papers

The following works have been received for review in Papers XIII. Those interested in reviewing any of these, in the language of the work, are asked to communicate with the Review Editor, William F.E. Morley,

whose address appears below. Information on books suitable for review is also invited.

- Allan, Margaret. French Reference Aids. 2nd ed. rev. Toronto, 1973.
Beaulieu, André & Jean Hamelin. La Presse québécoise des origines à nos jours. Tome premier, 1764-1859, Québec, 1973.
Bell, Inglis F. and Jennifer Gallup. A reference Guide to English, American and Canadian Literature. Vancouver, UBC Press, 1971.
Canadian Library Association. Canadian Materials, 1972. Ralph Wintrob, editor. Ottawa, 1973.
Lebel, Maurice. Bibliographie des ouvrages publiés avec le concours du Conseil Canadien de Recherches sur le Humanités et du Conseil des arts du Canada, 1947-1971. Ottawa, 1972.
National Library of Canada. Notable Canadian Children's Books. Ottawa, 1973. (Bilingual)
Russell: the Journal of the Bertrand Russell Archives. Hamilton, 1971+
Tougas, Gérard. A Checklist of Printed Materials Relating to French-Canadian Literature, 1763-1968. 2d ed. Vancouver, 1973. (Bilingual)

Necrology

Henderson, Dr. J.L.H. Senior Professor of Canadian History and Chief Librarian of Huron College, London, Ontario. In Venice, Italy, 24th May, 1973.

Waldon, Dr. Freda F. Chief Librarian of the Hamilton Public Library until her retirement in 1963, the first President of the Canadian Library Association, a member of the Council of the Bibliographical Society of Canada in 1954, lecturer at the Faculty of Library Science, Toronto, a leading advocate of a national library for Canada. In Hamilton, Ontario, 16th November, 1973.

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