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Noël! Nouvel An! Season's Greetings!

A l'occasion des fêtes de Noël et du Jour de l'An, il est d'usage d'échanger des vœux de bonheur. C'est pourquoi, il convient d'exprimer à tous les membres de notre Société les traditionnels et émouvants souhaits: Joyeux Noël, Bonne, Heureuse et Sainte Année et le Paradis à la fin de vos jours! To all the members of our Society: Heartfelt Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Annual Meeting 1951

1. Gist of the meeting.- In the Canadian Library Association Bulletin, November issue 1951, a summary of our Toronto Annual Meeting, June 1951, has appeared. For those who have not as yet had the opportunity to read it, the following should be of interest.

Le jeudi, 14 juin 1951, la Société Bibliographique du Canada tenait sa cinquième assemblée annuelle, à Toronto, dans la bibliothèque du Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies sous la présidence de R.P. Auguste-M. Morisset, O.M.I., président de la Société et bibliothécaire de l'Université d'Ottawa.

Après quelques mots de bienvenue, le président exprimait sa vive satisfaction de constater avec quel empressement les membres de la Société, ainsi que nombre de leurs amis, avaient répondu à son invitation.

The fifth annual meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada which was held at the close of the sixth C.L.A. Conference was attended by some seventy members and friends. Its agenda included remarks from the President on the fourth annual meeting of our Society held in Montreal on June 13, 1950, the Council meeting held in Ottawa, on February 10, 1951, the question of reprints, the Treasurer's and Nominating Committee's reports.

Plans were mentioned for future publications including James Evans' Cree Syllabic Hymnary, the first publication in the North West, which had been suggested by Mr. Bruce Peel, and a pamphlet from the Gagnon collection, Aux Citoyens et habitants des villes et des campagnes de la province de Québec. The question of format has been under consideration. Until all provinces are represented, this project of reprints will be carried on.

In the absence of the Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Donalda Putnam, the Treasurer's report was read by the Secretary "ad hoc" Miss Florence B. Murray. Its adoption was moved by Miss Murray, seconded by Miss Jean R. MacMillan. In the absence of Mr. Gérald Malchelosse, Associate

Secretary, Miss Juliette Chabot accepted the invitation to act as French Associate Secretary.

The guest speaker, Mr. Guy Sylvestre, L.En., M.A., Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, was introduced by the President. It was pointed out that he had been a former Secretary to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Louis Saint-Lauront. Mr. Sylvestre, an author, a lecturer, the founder of the late review "Gants du Ciel" and a co-founder of "La Nouvelle Revue Canadienne", is also a regular contributor to a number of newspapers and literary periodicals. At present he is Administration Officer, Canadian Government Travel Bureau, Department of Resources and Development.

To his address "The Recent Development of the French Canadian Novel" the audience listened with keen interest, expressing their approval with great enthusiasm of his personal views on the spiritual value of the French and English Canadian literature. Given mostly in English, his text is just about to be published "in extenso" in the University of Toronto Quarterly, January 1952 issue. An open discussion followed Mr. Sylvestre's address. The president extended the thanks of the meeting.

2. M. Guy Sylvestre parle ainsi.- Here is a résumé of Mr. Guy Sylvestre's address which the author was kind enough to prepare. Those who were present will, indeed, enjoy reviving such happy moments while those who were unable to attend the said meeting will fully realize both what they missed and read the following by way of compensation.

C'est au milieu du dix-neuvième siècle que le roman, comme la plupart des autres genres littéraires majeurs, a commencé à se développer au Canada français. Les Anciens Canadiens, de Philippe-Aubert de Gaspé (1863) est le premier récit romanesque important mais, chronique de ce qu'était la vie sous l'Ancien régime, il marque la fin d'une époque. Les premiers auteurs de récits furent, en général, des hommes d'action, et leurs ouvrages sont moins des romans proprement dits que des prétextes grâce auxquels ils développent une thèse ou mettent de l'avant des idées religieuses, sociales, économiques ou nationales. De Boucherville et Marmette lancent le roman d'aventures, mais il faut attendre Laura Conan pour découvrir un romancier qui vise à découvrir derrière les faits, des âmes.

Les deux grandes guerres et l'avènement politique du Canada ont toutefois amené dans notre société des répercussions profondes et étendues, lesquelles ont naturellement amené à leur tour une transformation de l'esprit de nos lettres. A la suite de la première grande guerre, c'est le roman à thèse qui attirera le plus de romanciers, notamment Jean-Charles Harvey, Aloné de Lestre et Harry Bernard. Puis, l'exemple de Marie Chantalaine aidant, le roman d'inspiration régionale fut pratiqué avec un succès croissant par Robert Choquette, Claude-Henri Grignon, Félix-Antoine Savard et Ringuet, pendant que Léo-Paul Desrosiers portait le roman historique à un niveau élevé. Le roman de mœurs est toujours à la mode, avec Germaine Guèvremont, Gabrielle Roy et Roger Lemelin, ces deux derniers puisant leur inspiration dans l'observation des mœurs citadines. Puis, le roman d'analyse prit place à côté des autres genres, grâce à Robert Charbonneau, Jacqueline Hébert, André Giroux et Robert Elie. Autour d'eux, quelques bons artisans ouvrent avec talent.

Au point où nous en sommes, il n'y a lieu ni de tomber dans un optimisme béat ni dans un pessimisme exagéré; au contraire, l'avenir semble prometteur.

Hudson's Bay Company's Archives

In his Report of the Public Archives for the year 1950, Dr. Wm. Kaye Lamb, Dominion Archivist, states that "Microfilm promises to play an important part in the future activities of the Public Archives. In this field the outstanding event of the year was the conclusion, in October, of an agreement between the Hudson's Bay Company and the department under the terms of which the microfilming of the Company's archives is being undertaken as a joint project" (p. 13).

Canadian Bibliographic Centre

1. Theses.- "Canadian Graduate Theses in the Humanities and Social Sciences, 1921-1946, Thèses des gradués canadiens dans les humanités et les sciences sociales." This rather exhaustive Canadian bibliographical guide in the field of published and unpublished theses of Canadian universities has both an English and a French preface, by Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, Dominion Archivist and Chairman of the Canadian National Advisory Committee, representing the Canadian Social Science Research Council, and an Avant-propos in French, by Dr Maurice Lebel, President (1948-1949) of the Humanities Research Council of Canada. This publication 193 pages, is available free upon request (even though the price \$1.00 appears on the title page) at the Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario.

2. National Union Catalogue.- The undertaking of the Canadian Bibliographic Centre concerning the National Union Catalogue is progressing rapidly. To December, 1951, its Director, Miss Martha Sheperd, reports the microfilming of the catalogues of the following libraries.

	<u>Catalogue cards copied</u>	<u>Number of volumes in library</u>
Departmental Libraries <u>in Ottawa</u>		
Civil Service Commission	768	3,800
Department of External Affairs	2,696	40,000
Department of Finance	7,000	35,000
Department of Fisheries	3,400	12,000
Department of Labour	40,900	150,000
Department of National Health and Welfare	5,800	20,000
Department of Transport	5,339	38,000
Dominion Bureau of Statistics	42,287	215,000
Forest Products Laboratories	17,285	24,000
Forestry Branch	24,734	11,000
Historic Parks and Sites	2,000	3,000
National Parks	3,614	8,000
National Research Council	21,329	131,000
Public Archives	8,109	63,000

Ottawa

Ottawa Public Library,		60,000
Reference Collection	14,040	160,000
Université d'Ottawa	27,182	

Montreal

Bibliothèque Saint-Sulpice	103,123	175,000
Bibliothèque Municipale, Collection Gagnon	25,629	50,000

Toronto

Toronto Public Libraries, Reference Division	216,125	207,000
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University of New Brunswick	<u>35,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
	606,360	1,450,800

Labour Publications

One of our members, Mr. Robert S. Kenny, over a period of years, has made a remarkable collection of early labour publications. Several hundred of these are Canadian. The Checklist of the above which he is preparing will certainly be another welcome addition to our Canadian bibliographical tools.

Reprints.

Due to unforeseen and most regrettable circumstances, there have been no reprints for some time. It is hoped, however, that early in 1952, a French and an English reprint will be sent to our members. The following are on the way:

- Rowe, Lizzie. An Old Woman's Story. Regina, Printed by the Leader Printing Company, 1886.
- Evans, James. Cree Syllabic Hymnary. Printed at Norway House, 1841.
- Aux Citoyens et habitants des villes et des campagnes de la Province de Québec. S.l.n.d.

Offprints

Mr. Guy Sylvestre's address to the Toronto Annual meeting is to be printed in the forthcoming issue of the University of Toronto Quarterly. Each member will receive a copy of it.

Miss Marie Tremaine, Director, Bibliography Project, Artic Institute of North America, has contributed a paper on 18th century printing in Canada to the festschrift to Dr. L.C. Froth, published by the Anthoensen Press of Portland, Maine. Some offprints of that paper will be available from our Secretary through the courtesy of the author herself.

Marie Tremaine visits Canada

Miss Marie Tremaine, a co-founder and the first secretary of the Bibliographical Society of Canada has recently addressed her colleagues and friends in Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal. The Library Association of Ottawa on the occasion of her visit held a buffet supper meeting in the Academic Hall of the University of Ottawa, on Thursday, December 6, 1951. Following the buffet supper, Miss Tremaine addressed some 90 members and friends on the origin and development of the Arctic Institute of North America, of which she is the Director of the Bibliography Project. Miss Tremaine was introduced by Dr. W. Kaye Lamb and thanked by Reverend Father Auguste-M. Morisset, O.M.I.

Next Council Meeting

Plans are made for having a council meeting early in 1952. The place is likely to be Montreal, since last year the winter meeting was held in Ottawa and the annual in Toronto. Needless to add that any and all suggestions from the members will be gratefully received.

Executive 1951-1952

At the business meeting, Mr. Willard E. Ireland was invited to act as chairman while Miss Florence B. Murray, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, read her report. The following slate of officers was unanimously approved. The executive for 1950-1951 was re-elected and two new councillors nominated.

President	R.P. Augusto-M. Morisset, O.M.I.
1st Vice-President	Dr. W. Stewart Wallace
2nd Vice-President	Dr. W. Kaye Lamb
Secretary-Treasurer	Miss Donalds Putnam
Associate Secretary	M. Gérard Malchelosse
New Councillors	M. Félix Desrochers Miss Margaret Ray
Councillors continuing	R.P. Fernand Guilbaut, C.S.V. Miss Marjorie Sherlock Dr. James J. Talman Miss Marie Tremaine

Le président,

Auguste-M. Morisset, O.M.I.,

President.