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1956 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada will be held in Niagara Falls in the Ball Room of the Sheraton Brock Hotel at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 14th, 1956. The programme section of the meeting will be open to members of the Canadian Library Association and the New York Library Association attending the C.L.A. Convention. The meeting will be addressed by Mr. H. Pearson Gundy, Librarian, Queen's University on the subject "Early Printers and Printing in the Canadas".

MINUTES OF THE 1955 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada was held on June 23rd, 1955, following a dinner, at 6:15, in the Bessborough Hotel, Saskatoon. This was an open meeting, with the President, Dr. Louis Blake Duff, in the chair, and an attendance of about seventy people.

The President opened the meeting, and touched briefly on the past year in Canadian bibliography, mentioning particularly the publication of the Ryerson Press bibliography, the receipt of the Coleridge collection by Victoria University, and the most recent publication of the Society, the James Evans Cree Syllabic Hymnary. As retiring president, he made a few suggestions for the Society's future consideration, in particular facsimile reproductions of the newly located Halifax Gazette of 1752, and a copy of W.L. MacKenzie's Caroline Almanac. He went on to review publication suggestions which members of the Society had submitted in reply to a questionnaire.

It was moved by John Adams and seconded by Dr. C.R. Sanderson that the minutes of the last annual meeting be taken as read. Carried.

The treasurer's report, showing a balance in the bank, as of June 15th, 1955 of \$197.55, was read and adopted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read, and its adoption moved by the chairman, Father Morisset, seconded by Bruce Peel, as follows:

President:	M. Gerard Malchelosse
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Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. R.C. Jacobsen
Council members: Mlle. Juliette Chabot, Dr. G.R. Lomer, Miss S. Egoff,
B. Amtmann, B. Peel, N. Harlow

Further nominations were then called for. Neal Harlow moved that nominations cease, seconded by T.R. McCloy. Carried.

Father Morisset read portions of a letter from the incoming President, M. Malchelosse, indicating his hopes for the Society.

The Chairman then asked the members for their views on the Society's future activity. In particular, he asked if the members felt that the facsimile series should be continued, or as an alternative, if they wished to attempt the publication of original bibliographies. Bruce Peel wished to know if the Society was bound to Canadian imprints in its facsimile series, and, if not, he had in mind two rare and valuable Ukrainian pamphlets, not available in Canadian libraries, which had been published in England, and which were Canadian in subject matter. No decision was taken, and no further discussion was forthcoming. It was clear that the members were impatient to hear Dr. W.S. Wallace, the guest speaker, whose subject was the collecting of Canadiana. He was introduced by the Chairman.

Dr. Wallace traced his experiences in collecting Canadian materials, from his early interest as a young man, through his years as Librarian of the University of Toronto, during which time he abandoned personal collecting. He outlined the general sources of such materials: collectors' libraries, purchased as a whole; advertisement in trade journals; other dealers and book shops, many of whom are unaware of the value of their rare items; book scouts. He described, with many a graphic illustration, the worries, the risks and thrills of his work.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the meeting to Dr. Wallace. Bruce Peel moved adjournment.

PUBLICATIONS STILL AVAILABLE

Reprint Series: (\$.50 each)

- Edmc*
- No. 1 THOUGHTS ON THE EDUCATION OF YOUTH, by Richard Cockrel. Neward, Tiffany, 1795. 1949.
- hand F Q*
- No. 2 REPRESENTATIONS PAR LE CORPS DE GRANDS JURES (Quebec, 1764) Quebec, Brown(et)Gilmore, 1765. 1949.
- Hand BC* *(E BC)*
- No. 3 SAWNEY'S LETTERS, by James Anderson. Barkerville, on Williams Creek, B.C., Cariboo Sentinel, 1868. 1950.
- like Mr. Brg*
- No. 4 THE MANUSCRIPT BOOK OF OLIVER GOLDSMITH. England, 1925, and Canadian Review and Magazine at Montreal, 1826, 1950.

Facsimile Series: (\$1.00 each)

- Sci. lit*
Eng. 2nd
Hand - West
- No. 2 THE UNION OF TASTE AND SCIENCE, by Stephen Dickson, Quebec, Neilson, 1799, 1952.
- No. 3 THE RED RIVER EXPEDITION, by J.C. Major. Winnipeg, Laurie, 1870. 1953. (Note: This facsimile replaces the reprint of An Old Woman's Story, by Lizzie Rowe, previously announced)

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hist. - Mar
- No. 4 CREE SYLLABIC HYMN BOOK, by James Evans. Norway House, 1841. 1954.
- No. 5 THE BRITISH AMERICAN ALMANCK FOR THE YEAR 1792. Saint John, Sower and Ryan, 1791. 1953.

GLEANINGS FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mr. Robert Blackburn, Chief Librarian, University of Toronto, has consented to be Chairman of the 1956 Nominating Committee.

A Publications Committee, consisting of Miss Juliette Chabot, Mr. Claude Aubry, Mr. David Foley and Mr. R. D. Hilton Smith has been appointed. The primary responsibility of this Committee will be to find rare items suitable for publication in facsimile or reprint. The Committee will advise the Council of its choice of several items in order of desirability for the Council's action. It is felt by the Council that there should be a long range publishing programme.

The Council is also desirous of learning the reaction of the membership to a proposal to publish an annual report containing studies in bibliography. It was felt that in that way there might be more participation by the members in the work of the Bibliographical Society. The Council would be glad if the members would consider this proposal and either write in their ideas or suggestions to the Secretary-Treasurer at 32 Lowther Avenue, Toronto 5, or come to the Annual Meeting prepared for discussion.

A SELECTED LIST OF RECENT CANADIAN BIBLIOGRAPHIES

BOURINOT, Arthur Stanley.

Edward William Thomson (1849-1924); a bibliography with notes and some letters. Ottawa, 1955. 28 p.

DAVIES, Raymond Arthur.

Printed Jewish Canadiana, 1685-1900; tentative checklist of books, pamphlets, pictures, magazine and newspaper articles and currency, written by or relating to the Jews of Canada. Montreal, Lillian Davies, 1955. 56 p.

DORNBUSCH, Charles Emil.

Preliminary list of Canadian regimental histories. Cornwallville, N. Y. 1955. 45p. (Based on collections in the New York Public Library and in Ottawa libraries).

DROLET, Antonio.

Bibliographie du roman canadien-français, 1900-1950. Quebec, Presses Universitaires de Laval, 1955. 125 p.

GOGGIO, Emilio, Beatrice CORRIGAN and Jack H. PARKER.

A bibliography of Canadian cultural periodicals (English and French from colonial times to 1950) in Canadian libraries, Toronto, Department of Italian, Spanish and Portuguese, University of Toronto, 1955. 45 p.

MARSHALL, John Maitland.

Saskatchewan and the West; a list of books available from the Central Library, Yorkton School Unit No. 36. Yorkton, Sask., 1955. 10 p.
Distribution limited.

PEEL, Bruce.

Alberta imprints to 1900, published in Alberta Historical Review Vol. III No. 3, Summer 1955.
Bibliography of the Prairie Provinces to 1953. University, University of Toronto Press 1956.

JARVIS, Edith.

Bibliography of Windsor and Essex County. Rev. ed. Windsor, 1955.
35 p.

NOTICES

Beginning with the next issue of Newsletter, the name of the society on the letterhead will appear in English and French.