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1. MINUTES OF THE 54TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THE SOCIETY/SOCIÉTÉ

The 54th Annual General Meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada / Société bibliographique du Canada was held on Friday, June, 11, 1999 / vendredi le 11 juin, 1999 at/à l'Université de Sherbrooke, Québec.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

1. Welcome from the President: Anne Yandle extended a warm welcome to all the members present for the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The agenda was approved.

2. Minutes of the 1998 Annual General Meeting: Moved by Peter McNally, seconded by Patricia Fleming, that the minutes be approved. CARRIED.

3. Report of the President: Anne Yandle thanked Jacques Michon, Peter McNally, Kenneth Landry, David McKnight, and Pierre Hébert for all their work in organizing the conference in Sherbrooke. She thanked departing members Leslie Howsam, G. Thomas Tanselle and Tom Vincent for their service to Council. She expressed delight in the progress of the History of the Book in Canada project, and was optimistic that the SSHRCC proposal will be successful. She congratulated Patricia Fleming and Sandra Alston for their recent reissue and supplement to Marie Tremaine's bibliography, and announced that the royalties from the publications will be given to the Bibliographical Society of Canada, for which the Society is very grateful. She moved a motion of thanks for their generous support. CARRIED.

Anne Yandle expressed regret that the past year had seen the deaths of two of the Society's distinguished members, Michael Treadwell of Trent University, and Bruce Peel of the University of Alberta, a former president of the Society, and a household name in Prairie bibliography. Anne Yandle, in her final meeting as President, thanked all members of Council, and also Eric Swanick, for the pleasure and enjoyment of working with them.

4. Report of the Treasurer: Elaine Hoag distributed copies of the 1998 Review Engagement Report, and commented briefly on the accountant's analysis of the Society's financial position. The Society has enjoyed a good year financially, demonstrating modest growth. Especially pleasing is the increase in membership fees collected this year, compared to 1997.

The Tremaine Fund benefited by last year's re-investment of its short-term GIC to various longer-term instruments, gaining over twice as much interest in 1998 as it did in 1997. Royalties from the Tremaine reprint, and from Early Canadian Printing, will further enrich this fund.

The Amtmann Fund, however, is less healthy. Even though the fellowship was not awarded in 1998, allowing both the principal and interest of the matured Amtmann GIC to be re-invested in the summer of 1998, the new GIC, purchased at the best rate then available, will earn only \$1507 in interest by the time that the next Amtmann fellowship of \$1500 is due to be awarded. In the coming years, the Society will encourage donations to the Amtmann fund, to halt the erosion of the capital so that the scholarship can continue to be awarded.

Adoption was moved by Elaine Hoag, and seconded by Apollonia Steele. CARRIED.

5. Report of the Secretary: Anne McGaughey thanked Ralph Stanton for preparing the minutes of the 1998 Annual General Meeting in Vancouver, in the absence of the Secretary. She also thanked Anne Dondertman and Sandra Alston for all their help and support in secretarial and membership activities. She reported that the Society has 296 members, some of whom have not yet renewed for 1999. Reminders to those members will be included in an upcoming mailing, and again in the Fall, signed by the 2nd Vice-President. She urged those present to encourage lapsed members to renew, and to seek new members.

6. Report of the Nominating Committee: Anne Yandle presented the report, in the absence of Tom Vincent. In his written report, Tom Vincent thanked Sandra Alston, Eric Swanick, and Peter McNally for their assistance at various stages. The following positions were nominated for:

2nd Vice-President: Gwynneth Evans, National Library of Canada

Council members: Patricia Belier, University of New Brunswick
David McKnight, McGill University
Robin Healey, University of Toronto

Adoption of the report was moved by Patricia Fleming, and seconded by Ralph Stanton. CARRIED. All positions were declared elected.

7. Report of the Publications Committee: David McKnight reported that the Spring Papers/cahiers are delayed. The issue consists of an index to previous Papers/cahiers. The Fall issue on New France is well underway, under the editorship of François Melançon. He also reported that he and Sandra Alston will be reviewing the Society's web site in the near future.

8. Other business: Anne Yandle indicated that she was delighted to report that the Tremaine Medal Committee had nominated Dr. Carl Spadoni as the 1999 recipient of the Tremaine Medal, for his outstanding contribution to Canadian bibliography. She thanked Apollonia Steele and her committee for their fine work, and congratulated Dr. Spadoni. She announced that the medal would be presented at the Society's banquet that evening.

Anne Yandle reported that she was especially privileged to initiate a new Bibliographical Society of Canada/ Société bibliographique du Canada award. This award is to be given occasionally to institutions which have made significant contributions to Canadian bibliography. She indicated that it was fitting and appropriate that the first recipient be the National Library of Canada/ Bibliothèque nationale du Canada for, to quote the citation, "... outstanding contributions...in leadership, publications, support and promotion of bibliographical studies in Canada." She stressed that during the last half century the National Library of Canada/ Bibliothèque nationale du Canada has made major contributions to Canadian bibliographical development, and that it appears that they have taken to heart Roy Stoke's admonition that there is "...too little time in our libraries for basic bibliographical purposes, with the result that much vital information is lying rotting on our shelves." She thanked Eric Swanick for help in preparing the citation. A scroll will be presented to the National Librarian at a later date by the incoming President, Peter McNally.

Lillian Rider asked the Society to consider offering a special retirees rate for future conferences. Anne Yandle thanked her for raising this matter. Peter McNally indicated that it may be possible to reduce fees in some way

9. Date and place of the next Annual General Meeting: Peter McNally reported that the Society plans to meet in Edmonton in 2000, with the Canadian Library Association. A local arrangements committee is being formed.

He reiterated that a major concern of the Society is its membership, and the need to raise funds to increase endowments.

He moved a motion of thanks to Anne Yandle for her excellent work as President over the past two years. CARRIED.

10. Adjournment: Moved by Peter McNally, seconded by David McKnight, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:00 p.m. CARRIED.

2. TREMAINE MEDAL AWARDED

Marie Tremaine Medal Award Announcement

The Marie Tremaine Medal Committee is pleased to announce that the Tremaine Medal for 2000 will be awarded to Dr. Bertrum H. MacDonald of Dalhousie University.

Dr. MacDonald has significantly advanced Canadian bibliographical studies, both through his nearly twenty-year pursuit of the bibliography of Canadian science and technology, and, through his contributions to research into the history of print culture in Canada. In addition to his deep commitment to research, scholarship, and education in bibliography, this award recognises Dr. MacDonald's considerable service to the Canadian bibliographical community.

La médaille Marie-Tremaine - Annonce

Le comité du Prix Marie-Tremaine est heureux d'annoncer que le Dr. Bertrum H. MacDonald, de l'université Dalhousie, est le récipiendaire de la médaille Marie-Tremaine pour l'année 2000.

Dr. MacDonald a permis au domaine des études bibliographiques de faire des progrès considérables au Canada, tant par l'entremise de ses travaux entrepris il y a presque vingt ans en vue d'effectuer la bibliographie des sciences et de la technologie au Canada que par sa participation aux recherches sur la culture de l'impression au Canada. En plus de reconnaître son engagement poussé envers la recherche, l'érudition et l'éducation bibliographique, ce prix vise à souligner sa contribution exemplaire au milieu de la bibliographie du Canada.

3. ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM, JUNE 19 - 20, 2000 EDMONTON ALBERTA

The Bibliographical Society of Canada
La Société bibliographique du Canada

54th Annual Conference
June 19 - 20 Juin, 2000
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University of Alberta
Humanities Centre L-2

MONDAY, 19 JUNE
LUNDI, 19 JUIN, 2000

Session One:

Chair: Peter McNally, McGill

9:30 - 10:15

"A Tribute to Kaye Lamb"
(Basil Stuart Stubbs, U.B.C.)

"A Tribute to Bruce Peel"
(Merrill Distad, University of Alberta)

10:15 - 10:45

Coffee Break / Pause

Session Two:

Chair: Patricia Belier, U.N.B.

10:45 - 11:15

"At the Risk of Losing One's Shirt: Malcolm Ross, Jack McClelland, and the Launch of the New Canadian Library"
(Janet Friskney, Independent Scholar)

11:15 - 11:45

"Best Educated Men in The Province": The Significance of Bishop John Medley's Libraries in Nineteenth-Century New Brunswick"
(Bertrum MacDonald, Dalhousie)
(Mark C. Lewis, Dalhousie)

11:45 - 1:15

Lunch / Diner

Session Three:

Chair: Chair: Gwynneth Evans, National Library

1:15 - 1:45

"Cape Breton's Magazine As A Voice of Generational Memory"
(Dianne MacPhee, Dalhousie)

1:45 - 2:15

"Prairie Print Culture - Dispersed, Distinctive, and Defined"
(Fiona Black, University of South Florida)

2:15 - 2:30

Brief Break / Pause



Session Four:

Chair: Anne Yandle, U.B.C.

2:30 - 4:00

Panel: "History of the Book In Canada (Histoire de livre et de l'edition au Canada)": The Current State of the Project, Research Plans, and Schedule [General discussion to follow panel remarks]
(4 - 5 members of the Editorial Team)

**TUESDAY, 20 JUNE
MARDI, 20 JUIN, 2000**

Session Five:

Chair: Sheila Latham, York

9:30 - 10:00

"The Editor as Gap - Filler: The Margaret Laurence - Adele Wiseman Letters"
(Ruth Panofsky, Ryerson)

10:00 - 10:30

"Bliss Carman's Mobile Manuscripts"
(Mary McGillivray, St. F.X.)

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee Break / Pause

Session Six:

Chair: Bertrum MacDonald, Dalhousie University

11:00 - 11:30

"Another Look at Stephen Humbert's *Union Harmony of 1816*"
(Nancy Vogan, Mount Allison)

11:30 - 12:00

" 'The Roughest Land': Sarah Frost's 1783 Diary: A Problem in Copy Text"
(Gwen Davies, Acadia)

12:00 - 1:30

Lunch / Diner

Session Seven:

Chair: Apollonia Steele, University of Calgary

1:30 - 2:00

"Pauline Johnson in Print"
(Carole Gerson, Simon Fraser)

2:00 - 2:30

"Paul Kane, The Chinook, Herbert Spencer, and Early Ethnography/Sociology"
(Ian MacLaren, University of Alberta)

2:30 - 3:00

Coffee Break / Pause

3:00 - 4:30

Annual General Meeting

7:00

Reception [to be followed by the Banquet] at Rutherford House

**NOTE: THE TREMAINE MEDAL WILL BE PRESENTED AT
THE RECEPTION**

2. ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM / FORMULE D'INSCRIPTION:
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Affiliation / Institution: _____

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City / ville: _____ Province: _____

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Tel #: (____) _____

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FEES / FRAIS

Please select the appropriate box:

- ☐ BSC Member / SbC Membre: \$60.00
☐ Student and retirees / Etudiant et retraités: \$50.00

(Registration includes the reception and meal. Les frais d'inscription couvrent votre présence à la réception.)

Please make your cheque payable to The Bibliographical Society of Canada and mail the completed registration form to :

Veulliez émettre votre cheque à l'attention de la Société bibliographique du Canada et faire parvenir votre formulaire d'inscription à :

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Confirmation and a receipt will be sent to you by mail.
Une confirmation écrite ainsi qu'un reçu vous seront envoyés par courrier

Registration is requested by June 5, 2000.
L'inscription est demandé avant le 5 juin, 2000.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

The conference will be held in Humanities Centre L-2 on the University of Alberta campus. The reception/banquet will take place in the graciously restored Edwardian home of A.C. Rutherford on June 20 at 7:00 p.m. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Tremaine Medal. Dr. Rutherford was the first Premier of the Province of Alberta and the Chancellor of the University for many years. Rutherford House is located adjacent to the Humanities Centre. For information regarding accommodations please consult the following online list courtesy of the University of Alberta:

<http://www.ualberta.ca/UALBERTA/About/location/edmonton.html#Accomodations>

5. FOR THE RECORD

The Society's treasurer has discovered that the 1998 financial statement was not included in the 1998 Bulletin, at the treasurer's request it does so now for the record.

1998 Financial Statement

<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Bank and petty cash	\$7,356	\$4,403
Investments	\$111,579	\$197,258
Inventory	<u>\$47,845</u>	<u>\$46,441</u>
Total	\$166,780	\$158,102

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$695	\$650
Dues collected in advance	<u>\$68</u>	<u>\$1,402</u>
Total	\$763	\$2,052

Fund equity

<u>\$166,017</u>	<u>\$156,050</u>
\$166,780	\$158,102

If you wish to receive a copy of the complete 1998 financial report, please contact the treasurer: Elaine Hoag, Rare Book Division, National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington St., Ottawa, ON K1A 0N4 (613) 992-6961 (elaine.hoag@nlc-bnc.ca)



6. HISTORY OF BOOK IN CANADA PROJECT RECEIVES SSHRC GRANT

Communiqué

Il nous fait plaisir d'annoncer que dans le cadre de son programme de Grands travaux de recherche concertée, le Conseil de recherche en sciences humaines du Canada accorde une importante subvention (jusqu'à 2,3 millions de dollars) au projet "History of the Book in Canada / Histoire du livre et de l'imprimé au Canada".

L'objectif premier du projet est la publication d'une histoire interdisciplinaire du livre et de l'imprimé au Canada du XVI^e siècle à nos jours. Les textes rédigés en anglais et en français par les collaborateurs seront traduits en vue d'une édition anglaise et d'une édition française; les trois volumes en chaque langue seront respectivement publiés par University of Toronto Press et les Presses de l'Université de Montréal.

Cette subvention quinquennale permettra l'établissement du bureau administratif du projet à l'Université de Toronto (Patricia Fleming, directrice, co-responsable du projet et co-directrice du volume I); de sites de recherche à l'Université Dalhousie (Bertrum MacDonald, responsable des composantes électroniques du projet); à l'Université de Sherbrooke (Jacques Michon, co-directeur du volume III); et à l'Université Simon Fraser (Carole Gerson, co-directrice du volume III); d'un bureau éditorial à l'Université McGill (Yvan Lamonde, co-responsable du projet, co-directeur du volume II); de structures d'appui aux travaux de Fiona Black, Regina (co-directrice du volume II) et de Gilles Gallichan, bibliothèque et Reconstitution des Débats, Assemblée nationale du Québec (co-directeur du volume I).

La subvention entraînera la création de postes d'assistants de recherche auprès des directeurs du projet; elle permettra aussi l'embauche de chercheurs postdoctoraux qui, dans les sites et bureaux du projet, collaboreront à la recherche, à la rédaction des volumes et à l'administration du projet.

Des colloques de planification organisés pour chacun des volumes suscitera une collaboration des chercheurs à travers le Canada. Ces colloques auront lieu à l'Université de Toronto pour le Volume I (24-26 novembre 2000), à McGill pour le Volume II (17-19 mai 2001) et à Simon Fraser pour le Volume III (15-18 novembre 2001). *

La constitution d'une bibliographie et de bases de données électroniques alimentera la recherche et l'édition des volumes et permettra le développement d'infrastructures pour la recherche future dans le domaine du livre et de l'imprimé tant au Canada qu'en association avec les collègues travaillant à d'autres projets nationaux d'histoire du livre et de l'imprimé.

On trouvera sur le site internet du projet <http://www.hbiclibrary.utoronto.ca> un aperçu du contenu de chaque volume ainsi que d'autres renseignements.

* De plus amples renseignements seront disponibles à la conférence de la BSC/SBC à Edmonton

Announcement

We are pleased to announce that the project for "A History of the Book in Canada/Histoire du livre et de l'imprimé au Canada" will be funded (up to 2.3 million dollars) as a Major Collaborative Research Initiative by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

The primary objective of the project is to research and write an interdisciplinary history of the book in Canada from the sixteenth century to the present. Texts will be written by collaborators in English or French then translated for two editions: three volumes in English and three volumes in French, to be published by the University of Toronto Press and les Presses de l'Université de Montréal.

The five-year grant will support a project office at the University of Toronto (Patricia Fleming, project director, co-general editor, and co-editor Volume I); research sites at Dalhousie University (Bertrum MacDonald, editor of electronic resources), Université de Sherbrooke (Jacques Michon, co-editor Volume III), and Simon Fraser University (Carole Gerson, co-editor Volume III); an editorial office at McGill University (Yvan Lamonde co-general editor and co-editor Volume II); the work of Fiona Black in Regina (co-editor Volume II) and Gilles Gallichan of the Library of the National Assembly in Quebec City (co-editor Volume I).

Opportunities will be available for student assistants to work with all of the editors. Post-doctoral fellows will be recruited early in the development of each volume to conduct research, to write, and to share in the management of the centres at Toronto, McGill, Sherbrooke, and Simon Fraser.

The active collaboration of scholars and researchers will be promoted across Canada by means of planning conferences for each volume (Volume I at Toronto, 24 to 26 November 2000; Volume II at McGill, 17 to 19 May 2001; Volume III at Simon Fraser, 15 to 18 November 2001).*

News of the project will be disseminated widely in both electronic and print formats. Electronic resources will be created to support collaborative research and to develop an infrastructure for ongoing studies in Canadian book history and for comparative work with colleagues from other countries.

For an outline of each volume and further details about the organization of the project, please consult the web site at <http://www.hbic.library.utoronto.ca>

Further details will be available at the BSC/SBC meeting in Edmonton.

Patricia Fleming (fleming@fis.utoronto.ca)
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General editors

7. NEW AND FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

NEW AND FORTHCOMING BOOKS

Peter Mitham's long awaited Robert Service Bibliography published in April 2000.

Robert W. Service, A Bibliography. Oak Knoll Press. New Castle: Oak Knoll Press, 2000, small 4to. cloth, dust jacket. 440 pages. . \$65.00 (USD)

This first edition is the most comprehensive bibliography of the works of British/Canadian poet-author Robert W. Service (1874-1958). As a young man, Service migrated to north-western Canada from his native Britain. The exuberant people and magnificent scenery of British Columbia and the Yukon filled him with an ebullient enthusiasm which was reflected and captured in his early poetry and his later novels. Beginning with his "Songs of a Sourdough" in 1907 to his "Songs of the High North," published in 1959, Service wrote a prodigious stream of poems and rough, frontier literature. In this well-researched and scholarly bibliography, Peter Mitham has produced a welcomed bibliography of the works of Robert W. Services' work.

The book may be ordered directly from:

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New work on E. Pauline Johnson to appear in Spring 2000

Forthcoming from the University of Toronto Press

Paddling Her Own Canoe: The Times And Texts of E. Pauline Johnson (Tekahionwake)
by Veronica Strong-Boag and Carole Gerson.

In addition situating Johnson in her historical and literary contexts, the book includes a full chronology of her writings, including her abundant contributions to periodicals.

A New descriptive of bibliography of John Galt

Tim Sauer has prepared a descriptive bibliography the works of John Galt, 1779-1839, the Scottish writer and founder of the city of Guelph, superintendant of the Canada Company, etc. It is available at <books.lib.uoguelph.ca> as well as the full text and images of three of his books. A fourth, "Lawrie Todd", his American novel, should be added shortly. A fifth, the Canadian novel "Bogle Corbet" is currently in progress.

The descriptive bibliography represents the culmination of close to twenty years of effort, while on vacation, business trips abroad, and one six month sabbatical. It is an innovative

update of the presentation methods for descriptive bibliographies made possible with linking and image scanning, while still retaining all of the rigor of traditional description. An advantage of this approach to bibliography is that updating is far more feasible than with printed editions. Given the nature of descriptive bibliography, publication at any point in time is always of a work that is always in progress. Despite a great deal of travel and contacts, there are still many items never seen in their original issue state and the compiler will be pleased to learn of additional information. Please contact:

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8. WILLIAM MORRIS SOCIETY OF CANADA CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

William Morris 2000 Conference, June 22-25, 2000 in Toronto. An international conference will look at the many aspects of William Morris, the 19th Century artist, designer, writer, and leader of the arts and crafts movement. Sponsored by the William Morris Society of Canada, the conference is taking place at the University of Toronto, with accommodation on campus and at nearby hotels. A Pre-Raphaelite art exhibition is also being held, including works by Morris, Rossetti, and Burne-Jones. For registration information see:

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9. UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH RECEIVES CANADIAN LITERATURE COLLECTION

The University of Guelph is the recent recipient of a significant donation of Canadian literature, mainly poetry and mostly from the turn of the 19th century to the 1930's. Donated by Mrs. Mary Harvey, granddaughter of the original owner, Dr. E.A. Hardy, they include variant bindings and many examples of personal inscriptions to him from their authors. Among them is a group of 18 novels and poetry by L.M. Montgomery, almost all of which are signed and a great many dated by her. E.A. Hardy was a founding member of the Ontario Library Association and for many years the head of the English Dept. at Jarvis Collegiate in Toronto. He was very active in Canadian arts and literature in many ways, holding various positions on the executives of literary societies and authors' organizations. The donation of these books adds to the collection of Canadian literature

in Guelph's McLaughlin Library, built on the strength of original holdings of the Massey Library (1903) of the Ontario Agricultural College (founded 1874), which had a very strong Canadian literature program from its early years. The Montgomery books in particular, which included a letter from the author, enhances the very significant Montgomery Collection in Archival and Special Collections.

10. NEWS FROM SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Special Collections, University of Calgary Library is pleased to announce major new archival collections and additions to existing collections in 1999.

The new collections are the Stan Dragland fonds, the Katherine Govier fonds, the George Wing fonds and the Christopher Wiseman fonds. The archives all consist of correspondence, drafts of manuscripts, editorial work (e.g. Stan Dragland's work as poetry editor for McClelland & Stewart, and his work with Brick Books). Also documented is the professional involvement of the writers with organizations such as the Writers Guild of Alberta, and in the case of Katherine Govier, with the Writers in Electronic Residence programme.

Additions to existing archival collections were made to the Aritha van Herk, Hugh Hood, Max Braitihwaite, Descant, Donald Jack, and Kenneth Dyba fonds in the literary archives. The Richard Johnston Canadian Music Archives Collection received additions to the Alfred Fisher, Jean Anderson Wuensch, Gerhard Wuensch, George Fiala, Srul Irving Glick, Edith Fowke and Quenten Doolittle fonds.

Material was also donated by Gordon Snyder relating to the artist/writer Illingworth Kerr and George Gahan presented further additions of correspondence with Robert Kroetsch.

Two wonderful non archival collections of interest to researchers of the history of the book were also received: the Dr. Bruce Peel Bookplate Collection and bookplates donated by Richard Spafford. The Peel Collection, donated by Alison Nussbaumer, contains just over 2300 bookplates by significant Canadian designers such as Thoreau MacDonald and Leslie Victor Smith and by American and European designers such as Rockwell Kent and Jack B. Yeats. Listings of the two collections have been completed.

11. CANADIAN NOTES AND QUERIES.

Although many members of the Society may already be familiar with *Canadian Notes & Queries*, it has, since 1997, changed editorial hands. It is now edited by author, editor and bibliophile, John Metcalf and published by Porcupine's Quill Press, Erin, Ontario. Under Metcalf's editorship, *CN& Q* continues to publish articles on a wide array of subjects of interest to members of the society: authorship, book selling, literature, publishing, printing and more. An annual subscription for two issues is \$10.70 (GST included). For more information please contact:

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12. BSC / SbC PRESIDENT ' S REPORT

In the Fall *Bulletin*, I spoke about the decision of Council to establish Study Groups to consider the future of the Society. Although progress by the Groups has been slower than anticipated, several creative suggestions have been received on how we might proceed.

First, there is a strong sense that Fund Raising is a necessary and positive activity for the Society and ought to be allied with Fellowships and Publishing programmes.

Second, there is great concern about the Society's visibility in a world of digital communication and information. A major preoccupation is with revamping the Society's web page and developing links with other bibliographical societies and allied organizations and activities. It is hoped to have this accomplished during May 2000.

Third, there is a growing sense that bibliography must be involved in developing standards and techniques for electronic texts. Our Society, along with other similar societies, needs to play a role in developing standards that producers and consumers can rely upon. We also need to develop analytical techniques for analyzing electronic texts that are equivalent to the techniques developed for analyzing printed and manuscript texts.

On a related point, members should know that on May 1st I will be presenting to the National Library of Canada, in recognition of its outstanding contributions to Canadian bibliography, the first Institutional Award of the Bibliographical Society of Canada. The Award recognizes an institution whose contributions transcend any one individual. The fiftieth anniversary this year of the founding of the Canadian Bibliographic Centre serves as a reminder of the National Library's continuing and enduring contributions.

On a further point, I would like to express to the History of the Book in Canada Project, on behalf of the membership of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, congratulations and satisfaction at its receiving a major grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. As the progenitor of the HBIC Project, the Society wishes this important new venture every success. We are confident that with its outstanding leadership, the Project's great potential will be fully realized. The HBIC Project is an important milestone in Canadian bibliographical development.

Finally, I would like to extend to Dr. Bertrum H. MacDonald, Director, School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University congratulations upon his being awarded the Tremaine Medal for 2000. The Medal is the highest honour that the Society can bestow in recognition of an individual's contribution to Canadian bibliography.

I look forward to seeing you June 19-20th, at the Society's annual conference in Edmonton, Alberta.

Peter F. McNally, President