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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 1981

A very successful and well attended Annual Meeting was held on June 10, 1981 at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. During the morning and afternoon sessions, members and a number of CLA Conference delegates heard four papers given on the BSC Conference theme, "Bibliography in the Sciences."

In the evening, the Annual Business Meeting was convened in the Great Hall of the Faculty Club where a most happy event took place as the Tremaine Medal was presented to Dr Olga Bishop. Dr Desmond Neill delivered the citation, and President, Professor Gloria M. Strathern, presented Dr Bishop with the Medal, the highest honour awarded by the Society. Following is the citation, as read by Dr Neill:

Madam Chairman, Dr. Bishop, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Committee appointed to consider nominations for the Marie Tremaine Medal for distinguished services to Canadian bibliography had the honour of unanimously recommending Dr. Olga Bernice Bishop for the award for 1981. The Council having accepted our recommendation, the Society is assembled here to-night to make the presentation of the Tremaine Medal the first, and pleasantest, of the items on the Agenda of its Annual Business Meeting.

Dr. Bishop is a graduate by examination of three universities: twice of Mount Allison, once of Carleton, and twice of Michigan, and she holds research degrees in both history and library science. Dr. Bishop was further awarded the Degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) by Mount Allison University in 1971. She has worked as a librarian at Mount Allison University and at the University of Western Ontario; and she has taught a wide range of courses at the University of Western Ontario, and at the University of Toronto, of which latter she is now a Professor Emeritus. Dr. Bishop has acted as a consultant on libraries, successfully supervised a doctoral student, and not merely belonged but actively contributed to the purposes of numerous societies and workshops. That service includes two notable years, Madam Chairman, as the President of this Society. Dr. Bishop is a model for us all since, like the Clerk of Oxford in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales 'gladly wolde she lerne, and gladly teche'.

Even as her teaching of the theory of librarianship has been based upon substantial experience in libraries, so also was her instruction on Canadian Government Publications firmly built upon a nearly unrivalled knowledge of such documents, which she has searched out and listed in Publications of the Government of the Province of Canada, 1841-1867, published in 1963; Publications of the Government of Ontario, 1867-1900, 1976; and in her two most recent works Bibliography of Ontario History, 1867-1976, Cultural, Economic, Political, Social, 2 vols., 1980, in which she was assisted by Barbara I. Irwin and Clara G. Miller; and Canadian Official Publications, published this year as number 9 in the series Guides to Official Publications. Even here to-day, she has been exploring the resources of McMaster University Library in government publications. These are but some of Dr. Bishop's many writings, but they constitute a notable contribution to the bibliographical control of historical and political publications of governments in Canada, and they richly merit the concise approbation of Dr. W. Kaye Lamb: Dr. Bishop's patience, accuracy and industry will yield rich dividends in the years to come for Canadian scholars.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dr. Bishop's exhaustive researches have and will make the past more accessible and more comprehensible to the future, and there can be no better ideal than that for bibliography and bibliographers.

Madam Chairman, it is my very great pleasure to invite you to present on behalf of our Society the Marie Tremaine Medal for 1981 to Dr. Olga Bernice Bishop in recognition of her outstanding achievements in the field of Canadian bibliography.

A Message from the President concerning the Revision of the Constitution

"At the 1981 Annual General Meeting, Council presented a revised draft of the Constitution for approval by the membership. The purposes of the revision were:

1. To provide an updated text in both official languages
2. To establish an official financial year for auditing purposes
3. To include in the objectives a statement that the Society will be conducted without purpose of financial gain for its members.

The draft, as amended at the Annual General Meeting, was accepted in principle for ratification by the members through a mail vote. The English and French language texts of the revised document will be distributed to members together with a mail ballot in the near future.

The adoption of the revised Constitution will enable the Society to meet the requirements for registration with Revenue Canada as a charitable organization under Part I of the Income Tax Act. Such registration would enable the Society to issue donors with official receipts for income tax purposes."

A full account of the Annual Meeting will be carried in the May Bulletin. For the information and use of members, the report of the Nominating Committee is printed below.

BSC COUNCIL, 1981-82

Honorary President	Dr. Marie Tremaine
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1981-83	Miss Edith Jarvi Mrs Frances Morrison
1981-82	David B. Kotin Eric L. Swanick

Publications Committee:

H. Pearson Gundy, Chairman
Miss Elizabeth Hulse,
Editor Papers/Cahiers

In addition, the following are invited to attend Council meetings: Mrs Marilyn Flitton, Indexer to the Society; Peter Greig, Editor, BCB; William F.E. Morley, CBISSSH Representative; Richard G. Landon, ESTC Representative and Beth Miller, Editor, Bulletin.

Archives of the Bibliographical Society of Canada/
La Société bibliographique du Canada

I would like to draw the attention of all members to the following urgent notice from William F.E. Morley, a past-President of the Society:

"At the Society's Annual Meeting, 1977, approval was given to the designation of Queen's University Archives as the official repository for the correspondence and records of the Bibliographical Society of Canada. We are fortunate to have the protective and organizational services of a distinguished archives, but since 1977 the Society's papers have hardly grown at all. If we want the records of our past to be preserved and organized for future consultation, then these records must first be deposited. I therefore appeal to all past Presidents, Council members, and other officers of the Society, to send their correspondence and papers relating to the Society to: The University Archives, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 5C4.

If we ever hope for an accurate and complete history of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, then we must have the records on which to base it. The documentation of our history is deteriorating, and being scattered and lost, with every passing day. This is the bibliographical heritage of Canada, and we cannot afford to lose it. Please let all concerned take note, and act without delay!"

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members of the Bibliographical Society/La Société bibliographique du Canada:

Alston, Ms. Sandra, 1087 Briar Hill Ave., Toronto, Ont. M6B 1M8
Collier, Mr. Clifford, Apt. 906, 80 Wellesley St. E., Toronto, Ont. M4Y 1H3
Cooke, Mrs. Geraldine A., 8734 - 119 St., Edmonton, Alta. T6G 1W8
Fink, Miss Diana, 212 Homewood Ave., Willowdale, Ont. M2M 1K6
Horne, Mr. Alan J., 100 Quebec Ave., Apt. 1401, Toronto, Ont. M6P 4B8
McClung, Ms. Ellen, 2655 Gananoque Drive, Unit 28, Mississauga, Ont. L5N 3A6
MacDonald, Mrs. Mary Lu, 10 Botany Terrace, Halifax, N.S. B3N 2Z7
Pilon, Mr. Paul M., 2655 Gananoque Drive, Unit 28, Mississauga, Ont. L5N 3A6
Robinow, Mrs. Beatrix H., Health Sciences Library, McMaster University,
Hamilton, Ont. L8S 4J9
Ross, Mr. J. Donald, 20 Blantyre Ave., Scarborough, Ont. M1N 2R4
Sheets-Pyenson, Dr. Susan, Special Lecturer, Centre for Interdisciplinary
Studies, Sir George Williams Campus, Concordia University 1455 De Maison-
neuve Blvd West, Montreal, P.Q. H3G 1M6
Yandle, Mrs. Anne, Head, Special Collections, The Library, University of
British Columbia, 1956 Main Mall, Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1Y3

NEWS OF MEMBERS

From the September 1981 Newsletter, a publication of the Toronto Chapter of CASLIS:

"Congratulations are due to Professor Olga Bishop, winner of this year's Special Librarianship Award. We are pleased to note that Prof. Bishop was our nominee!"

Anson-Cartwright Editions is pleased to announce that The Promise of Light by Richard Outram has also been selected by the A.I.G.A. for inclusion in its 1981 Book Design show (see p. 14 of May 1981 Bulletin). The book was designed by C. Freeman Keith and printed letterpress at The Stinehour Press. A distinguished poet and printer, Mr. Outram is on the staff of the CBC in Toronto.

Anson-Cartwright Editions is pleased to announce the forthcoming publication of A Dictionary of Toronto Printers, Publishers, Booksellers and the Allied Trades, 1798-1800 by Elizabeth Hulse, in an edition of five hundred copies. The book, to be typeset in Century Schoolbook and a variety of nineteenth century display types, is designed by Glenn Goluska and will be available in the Spring of 1982. Elizabeth Hulse is former editor of the Bulletin, and is currently editor of Papers/Cahiers.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Bibliography of Toronto Books

This is a bibliography of the city of Toronto and surrounding Boroughs. It will contain all the standard points for each title, but will be aimed more directly at book collectors. Points of additional interest to this audience will be included, such as descriptions of plates, editions, states, and binding. Also planned are contextual notes for many of the titles or authors. All titles will refer to other bibliographies. The work will contain about 500 titles, to 1981. Included are general history, social and labour history, specific histories of institutions, companies, etc., biographies of Toronto personalities, guide books, (early) directories and view books.

Excluded are planning reports, catalogues, addresses, theses, sermons, year-books, political party literature. Also excluded are pamphlets under 50 pages or journal articles except where an author has a further contribution to his major work or where there is no book on the topic. Projected publication date is spring of 1984.

The bibliographer would appreciate hearing from anyone able to relate interesting anecdotes or circumstances around the publication, special or limited editions, variations, or the author's relation to the book or publisher. Contact: Don Ross, 20 Blantyre Avenue, Scarborough, Ontario M1N 2R4

Centre for Editing Early Canadian Texts

Carleton University has received a Major Editorial Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to help fund the preparation of scholarly editions of major works of early English-Canadian prose, chiefly fiction. The works now being edited include Frances Brooke's The History of Emily Montague, James DeMille's A Strange Manuscript Found in a Copper Cylinder, Thomas McCulloch's Stepsure Letters, Susanna Moodie's Roughing It in the Bush, Catharine Parr Traill's The Canadian Crusoes, and John Richardson's Wacousta. The editors, who come from universities across Canada, and the members of the editorial board at Carleton would be pleased to hear of rare editions, papers, manuscripts and memorabilia which might be relevant to this project. For further information, please contact: Mary Jane Edwards, Principal Investigator, Centre for Editing Early Canadian Texts, Arts Tower, Room 1901, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, K1S 5B6. Telephone: (613)231-5652 or (613)231-6758.

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

National Library to Display Rare Hebraica and Judaica

A major exhibition, featuring a significant collection of books from the earliest years of printing, opened September 15, 1981, at the National Library of Canada.

Incunabula, Hebraica & Judaica will show a selection of books from the Jacob M. Lowy Collection, one of the outstanding collections of Hebrew incunables and rare Hebrew books in the western world, which was acquired by the National Library of Canada in 1977.

Arranged in eighteen thematic categories, the exhibition reflects the interests of Hebraic learning and Jewish culture, both religious and secular, over the course of the past five centuries. Rare Bibles in Hebrew and various European and oriental languages, early editions of the Talmud and legal-ritual codes, curious scientific tracts, and famous medieval mystical, philosophical and literary compositions comprise some of the works displayed, representing the history of the Jewish book and the art of Hebrew typography.

The exhibition is intended to underscore the intellectual and the geographic breadth of the Lowy Collection, which contains books from every continent and major centre of Hebrew printing from the 15th to the 20th century. Among the 150 items displayed are thirty books published before 1500, most of them in Hebrew. The oldest Hebrew book displayed is one of the oldest in existence, Maimonides' Mishneh Torah (Code), whose printing began circa 1474 in Rome. Among the Latin incunables displayed is the first edition of the works of the ancient historian Josephus, published in 1470, the oldest printed book in the National Library.

Although primarily a display of Hebrew printed books, the exhibition includes a number of items of Judaica and a few Hebraic manuscripts at the National Library. Some rare items of Jewish Canadiana have also been included in the exhibition.

A general overview of the exhibition is given in a free brochure available at the door in the main exhibition room of the National Library, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa. The exhibition is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and continues until January 10, 1982.

For information contact: Andrea Paradis (613)995-7969 or Brad Sabin Hill (613)995-7960.

NORTH AMERICAN IMPRINTS PROGRAMME

This report has been prepared by John B. Hench.

The North American Imprints Program (NAIP) is eager to solicit the participation of Canadian libraries in its effort over several years to create a machine-readable data base of highly detailed bibliographical information on pre-1801 North American imprints. Begun at the American Antiquarian Society (AAS) in Worcester, Massachusetts, early in 1980, NAIP cooperates with the Eighteenth-Century Short Title Catalogue (ESTC) project underway at the British Library in London and at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, but is administratively separate from it. In addition to loading its records in a major cataloguing network, NAIP will provide the records of American and Canadian imprints for ESTC.

The staff is now well along in the first phase of NAIP, which entails the machine-readable cataloguing of the Antiquarian Society's own unequalled collections of pre-1801 books, pamphlets, and broadsides printed in what are now the United States, Canada, and the British West Indies. The Society estimates that it possesses approximately sixty percent of all titles printed in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries within the present United States. Funding for this first step, like that for the ESTC operation at Baton Rouge, has come from the National Endowment for the Humanities (an agency of the U.S. government) and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The first step of NAIP is expected to be completed in 1983.

The second step of NAIP, for which funding will be sought in due course, will entail the complex task of cataloguing eighteenth-century North American imprints, including heretofore unrecorded items, not found on the shelves at AAS. Canadian imprints will continue to be included under NAIP's jurisdiction, though West Indian materials, not at AAS, will be recorded by the ESTC staff in Louisiana.

To succeed, NAIP will require a large cooperative effort. To this end, the staff has drafted instruction for the preparation of volunteer reports of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century American and Canadian imprints in libraries throughout the continent to enrich the data-base of AAS-held imprints already begun. Although the NAIP cataloguers will not be able to process these materials until Step Two is funded, they realize that many libraries might find it convenient to combine their listing of Canadian and U.S. imprints with those of British publications that they may be preparing for the North American ESTC headquarters in Baton Rouge. The ESTC/NA team members routinely make this suggestion when they first approach libraries and pass on information about recording NAIP imprints.

Already a number of Canadian libraries have indicated a willingness to contribute records to NAIP and ESTC. The staff is eager to make contact with any other Canadian libraries that are able and willing to contribute volunteer records. All inquiries and requests for instruction sheets should be addressed to the project director, John B. Hench, American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01609 U.S.A. Alan N. Degutis is the senior cataloguer on the project.

The NAIP records, in their full form, will provide considerably more detailed information on early North American imprints than is presently available in any single source. NAIP will be even less a short-title catalogue than the ESTC will be. The complete title through the author statement, the place and names of publishers or printers, the date of publication, marks of provenance, genre, number and type of illustrations, the presence of a list of subscribers or of booksellers' advertisements, collation, and format (octavo, folio, etc.) height in centimeters, and shelfmark will, for AAS imprints, all be recorded from the actual copy of the item at hand. Appropriate added entries, subject headings, and special explanatory notes will also be recorded. Relevant existing bibliographies will be checked and their entry numbers recorded. Locations of copies as noted in these bibliographies and in the National Union Catalogue will be recorded as unverified locations, to be upgraded to verified as records from other libraries are matched, in Step Two, with AAS entries. Cataloguers will verify the form of the main entry from the Society's author authority file, and will, if necessary, change the form as dictated by AACR 2 or other rules. Similarly, the form of added entries and subject headings will be verified, amended, or expanded as appropriate.

The NAIP records will be available to scholars, librarians, booksellers, and collectors in a variety of ways--in the AAS's own data base, on-line through RLIN (a national bibliographical utility), on computer output microform as part of the whole ESTC, and, most probably, in a hard cover edition printed from the machine-readable records. The accuracy, detail, and ready availability of the records created by NAIP should greatly stimulate new and imaginative investigations into the printed heritage of North America for many years to come.

EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY SHORT-TITLE CATALOGUE (ESTC)

The following information has been prepared to assist in the uniform submission of marked photocopies of title pages for ESTC. All such records should be sent to Harry L. Synder, Director and Editor ESTC/NA, College of Arts and Sciences, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803.

Marked Photo-copies of Titlepages for ESTC

Library: use the symbol for your Library allocated by ESTC.

Shelfmark: enter all copies. List differences between or among copies under "Other" (see below).

Format: list bibliographical format 2⁰, 4⁰, 8⁰ etc.) if readily identifiable with certainty. If not, give direction of chainlines (i.e. horizontal or vertical) and number per gathering. Do not give height, either in inches or centimeters - though dimensions in case of single sheet material may help.

Pagination: Record here the pagination exactly as it is given in the book, indicating the total of all unnumbered pages in square brackets. Do not record pagination for works in more than one volume where each volume has a separate sequence (ie 4v). If the work is unpaginated, count the pages giving the total within square brackets. The following examples illustrate the principles to be adopted:

2v. 6v. 2v. (690p.) i.e. pagination continuous.
[6], 140 p. [8], viii, 112p.
164, [4] p. xii, [4], 36, 124 p. i.e. two arabic sequences.

Note: a book paginated viii 9-60 would be described as 60p. If the page numeration begins after i or 1, count back to the page which would have been so numbered. If this page constitutes what could be considered a reasonable place to start (i.e. not half-way through the Preface), record the sequence as though it had been so numbered. If this procedure produced ambiguity then record the pagination as accurately as possible:

[i-vi], 5-80 p. 6 preliminary pages, text begins on p. 5.

Although blank pages should be included and indicated, do not count blank leaves. Engraved matter (unless printed on leaves forming part of the signatures) is not included. The only exception to this rule is for an engraved title-page unaccompanied by a letterpress title-page. The presence of an engraved title-page, whether used as the basis for the description or not, should always be indicated.

For the following, tick if present, leave blank if absent:

ht: check if the half-title is present.
illus: check if any illustrations, including pages, are present.
frontis: check if a frontispiece is present.
adv.: check if advertisements are present, at the beginning or end of book.

Imp. : imperfect; check if the copy lacks any pages of text. If uncertain, leave blank.

- Other : record here any supplementary data which you think may prove useful, such as an attribution of authorship (if not listed on titlepage), a complicated pagination statement, or an attribution of data or place of publication.
- Note : for those books which cannot have their titlepages photo-copied (because of large size, fragile binding, etc.), please make out a record card following the principles laid down in the "Rules". Both cards and rules are obtainable from ESTC.

While photo-copying the titlepages, please reproduce the form set out below as part of the copy. Fill it in according to the rules.

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Format _____ Pagination _____ ht _____ illus _____ frontis _____ adv _____
Imp _____ Other: _____

NEWS FROM SOCIETIES

The Champlain Society

The Champlain Society is pleased to announce that a few memberships have become available and that application can be made to the Executive Secretary at the Society offices in the Royal York Hotel, 100 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 1E3. Annual membership is \$25.00.

Founded in 1905 the Society has regularly published collections of edited documents, with extensive introductions, on many phases of Canadian society, exploration, politics, business and ethnology. Each volume is self contained, although some form a series on a special topic.

Volumes in the general series are sent to members every year or so and in the Ontario Series about every two years.

Report to the Bibliographical Society of Canada Council Meeting 12 October 1981 on CBISSSH, the Committee on Bibliography and Information Services for the Social Sciences and Humanities (formerly the CBSC), Twelfth Meeting, 16 October, 1978 National Library, Ottawa

This report has been prepared by William F.E. Morley.

In her opening remarks the chairman, Professor Anne Piternick, reminded members that the Committee formally reports only to the National Library Advisory Board, an autonomous body, and of which the Committee is itself a creation. It was also announced, for the information of the group, that the American Association of Canadian Studies would meet in the third week of October, at East Lansing, Michigan.

For information regarding CBISSSH, and any of the activities as described in this report, please address all communications to Ms. Flora E. Patterson, Secretary, CBISSSH, National Library Advisory, The National Library, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N4.

1. Inventory of Canadian Bibliographical Work in Progress
This project is now approved and staffed, and will be in operation by December, 1981. Information on bibliographies in progress is now being collected: please send to Ms. Flora E. Patterson, Secretary, CBISSSH. It was agreed that notice should be taken of the BSC Bulletin, which reports bibliographies in progress, and that information on completed projects would be supplied to BSC for Bibliography on Canadian Bibliographies.
2. CBISSSH Brochure
A draft of a brochure describing the CBISSSH's mandate and activities is in preparation, and will be distributed to Committee members after Christmas for comment. The final booklet will be published by the summer of 1982.
3. "You Name It!"
This is the title of a booklet prepared by Ms. Jean Conochie of the National Library of Australia concerning serials, in an attempt to regularize the practice of title changes, the use of similar titles and title acronyms, and to resolve other confusions. Permission has now been granted for CBISSSH to draw on the Australian booklet in preparing a Canadian version. Details of serials-title problems in Canada are welcomed by Ms. Patterson (as above), who is gathering examples which she hopes will be representative of all Canada, in all languages and subjects. The plan is for compilation and publication of the Canadian booklet in the next fiscal year (starts April 1982); it will be bilingual and bear a bilingual title.
4. Conference on Bibliography for Canadian Studies
This was hosted by the Library School, Dalhousie University, Halifax, 1-2 June, 1981, and was co-sponsored by Association for Canadian Studies and CBISSSH. I was not able to attend, but the proceedings will be published soon, funded by and available from the National Library. Copies will go to all ACS members automatically. Recommendations were framed, and several responses have been received already.
5. Questionnaire on Bibliographic Education in Canada
Planning and work have been going forward on this for some years, with the objective of learning what university faculties and departments offer in the way of education/training in bibliography for academic and research purposes. Under the new Freedom of Information Act, registration is required by Statistics Canada and Treasury Board for all federal government departments which survey other sectors, to see that the surveys are not duplicated, are pertinent to their objectives and not unduly onerous, are funded, and that the results will be recorded and available to all. This has further delayed the questionnaire, but the Secretary has initiated registration and this is expected to be completed by the end of October, 1981. Suggestions regarding the questionnaire are invited; please send to the Secretary, CBISSSH.
6. CBISSSH Terms of Reference
In brief the Proposed Terms of Reference are: 1. with publicity, "spreading the word"; 2. with identifying bibliographies; 3. with the co-ordination of bibliographical activity; 4. with future planning in certain areas; while 5. states the advisory responsibility to NLAB; 6.

with Canada's place in the international bibliographical scene; and 7. expresses the requirement for the Committee to report annually to its parent body, NLAB.

The desirability of having PAC and Statistics Canada represented on the Committee was discussed, but because of its already large size it was thought better to have representatives invited only to meetings of specific interest. It was also considered whether terms of office on CBISSSH should be prescribed, but it was agreed to discuss this next time.

7. SSHRCC Policy to Support Research Tools

The objective of this new policy is to make more accessible those primary and secondary source materials which are essential for research. Support is therefore given, within these terms, to the cataloguing of library collections, the inventorying or calendaring of archival collections, and to the preparation of bibliographies and other finding aids of value to advanced research in Canadian studies. A report under the "Strategic Grants Programme Guidelines", July 1981, entitled Canadian Studies: Research Tools, is available from SSHRCC, 255 Albert St., P.O. Box 1610, Ottawa, ON K1P 6G4

8. National Library Support of Future Projects: Priorities

The proposals already made were discussed: a. A clearinghouse of Canadian Bibliographies in Progress (the Inventory is already being set up); b. A checklist of subject headings and index terms presently used for Canadian materials (suggestions of names needed of persons to be involved; some funds are available in the National Library, but more specific guidance is needed); c. An investigation of which Canadian periodicals are being indexed by the various services, including both past and present indexing (what titles should have first priority? CONSER may already be involved in this, but is mainly interested in English-language titles while the National Library is not so restricted); d. A survey of information services in Canadian libraries is under contemplation (a burning question is: Why are Canadian reference tools not being purchased, even when their need has been widely expressed?); e. A plan for a clearinghouse in the National Library of Canada for report (shadow) literature (information has been requested on SIGLE, the System for Information on Grey Literature in Europe, to provide ideas that will get this important project moving); f. An information referral network to serve individuals who have been unsuccessful locally (a handbook could be compiled of such services available in the National Library, and liaison arrangements with other services is also desirable).

In response to the National Library's request to CBISSSH for priorities for future projects, it was agreed those lettered b., c., and e. above warranted special attention.

9. CBISSSH Presence at IFLA

Dr. Sylvestre, the National Librarian, is giving a paper before the International Federation of Library Association's annual meeting, in Montreal in August 1982. Copies will be available. The CBISSSH brochure (2., above) will be ready for distribution there, and the Committee may possibly be involved with displays. Attendance at Montreal is encouraged.

10. Other Business

a. Micromedia, in difficulties for a couple of years, has now gone into receivership. Funds are hoped for from the present sale of microforms. Failure would be devastating for Canadian libraries (e.g. no more fiche or provincial documents, nor Canadian newspaper and business indexes, nor other essential services). It was recommended that a strong letter of concern be sent at once to the receiver, Messrs. Touche, Ross, Toronto, from the National Library Advisory Board. Others were urged to indicate similar support - by letters and by renewing subscriptions. The receiver is sympathetic, and such support may be crucial if indicated at once. About 95 percent of Canadian government publications are reproduced by Micromedia. b. Should the National Library indicate its criteria in determining who is a Canadian author? This would be especially useful in the case of works published outside Canada. c. Should there be a system of regional co-ordination of journal subscriptions, so that at least one subscription is retained to important Canadian journals in each region? The National Library has, for some time, picked up important subscriptions about to lapse when they are the last ones held in Canada. d. Should a brochure be compiled on how to compile a bibliography, perhaps based on the papers given in Halifax last June? (one of them by the way, by our President, Professor Gloria Strathern). Comments, and other appropriate bibliographical projects, are always welcomed by the CBISSSH Secretary, Flora Patterson.

The Bibliographical Society of America

The Bibliographical Society of America announces the appointment of John Lancaster and Ruth Mortimer as joint editors of its quarterly journal, The Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America (PBSA). The editorship begins with volume 76, no. 1, first quarter 1982, succeeding William B. Todd, who had edited the Papers since 1967, with associate editor Ann Bowden.

Ruth Mortimer is Curator of Rare Books, Assistant Librarian, and Lecturer in Art at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, and is the author of French Sixteenth-Century Books, catalogues of the Philip Hofer collection in the Department of Printing and Graphic Arts in the Houghton Library of Harvard University.

John Lancaster is Special Collections Librarian and Archivist of Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, and is the editor of Modern Illustrated Books: The Selma Erving Collection, a Smith College Museum of Art catalogue. He is chair of the Athenaeum Group, and a member of the Standards Committee of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ACRL.

The new editorial address of PBSA is: P.O. Box 467, Williamsburg, Massachusetts 01096.

American Antiquarian Society Announces 1982-83

Research Fellowship Program

The American Antiquarian Society, in order to make more readily available for research its unparalleled resources in early American history and culture, will award to qualified scholars a number of short- and long-term Visiting Research Fellowships during the year June 1, 1982 - May 31, 1983. These awards will be made in four categories.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships

The Society will award at least two long-term fellowships, made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities under its program of fellowships at centers for advanced study. The maximum available stipend is \$22,000. The Fellowships are tenable for six to twelve months, with the monthly stipend not to exceed \$1,833. According to Endowment guidelines, NEH Fellowships may not be awarded to degree candidates or for study leading to advanced degrees, nor may they be granted to foreign nationals unless they have been residents in the United States for at least three years preceding their award. NEH Fellows must devote full time to their study and may not accept teaching assignments or undertake any other major activities during tenure of the award. Also, they may not hold any other major fellowships, except sabbaticals or other grants from their own institutions.

Samuel Foster Haven Fellowships

These short-term fellowships may vary in duration from one to three months and carry a maximum stipend of \$1,800. The Haven Fellowships (formerly known as Fred Harris Daniels Fellowships) are open to individuals, including foreign nationals and persons at work on dissertations, who are engaged in scholarly research and writing in any field in American history and culture through 1876. Because the purpose of the Haven awards is to enable persons who might not otherwise be able to do so to travel to the Society, grants will be made only to persons who reside or work more than fifty miles from Worcester, Massachusetts, where the Society is located. These fellowships are named for Samuel Foster Haven (1806-81), librarian of AAS from 1838 until his death.

Albert Boni Fellowship

Derived from a gift from the Readex Microprint Corporation, which Albert Boni founded, this fellowship will be awarded to a qualified scholar working in the general fields of early American bibliography or printing and publishing history. The award enables the recipient to work in the Society's library from one to two months. The stipend is negotiable up to a maximum of \$1,250. Foreign nationals and individuals working on dissertations are eligible to apply as are residents of Worcester and nearby areas. Boni Fellowship applicants who are otherwise eligible also may be given consideration for a Haven Fellowship.

Frances Hiatt Fellowship

One Frances Hiatt Fellowship will be awarded in 1982-83 to a graduate student engaged in research for a doctoral dissertation. The funds for the award are derived from a gift made by Jacob Hiatt of Worcester, Massachusetts, a member of AAS, in memory of his wife, Frances Hiatt. The award carries a stipend of \$1,000 for a minimum of six weeks' study at the Society. The Hiatt Fellowship carries no limitation as to place of permanent residence of the applicant. Hiatt Fellowship applicants who are otherwise eligible also may be given consideration for a Haven Fellowship.

In all four categories of fellowships, the deadline for receipt of completed applications and three letters of recommendation is February 1, 1982. Announcement of the awards will be made by March 15, 1982.

All awards will be made not only on the basis of the applicant's scholarly qualifications and the general interest of the project, but also on the pertinence of the inquiry to the Society's holdings. All recipients are expected to be in continuous residence at the Society's library during the period of the grant. The pages of the Proceedings of the Society may, at the discretion of the editor, be open to the fellow for publication of all or part of his or her completed work, though there is no obligation to publish therein. The Society's staff will attempt to locate suitable housing in the vicinity of the library for those who request such assistance.

Persons interested in applying should request an application form from John B. Hench, Research and Publication Officer, American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609. Telephone (617)755-5221.

Research Associates

Scholars who hold sabbaticals or fellowships from other grant-making agencies and who wish to spend at least four weeks researching in the Society's collections may make application to be designated a Research Associate. Research Associates may be granted the privileges accorded the Society's own fellows, including participation in the Society's seminars and colloquia, but will be paid no stipend by AAS. Scholars interested in applying should write the Research and Publication Officer enclosing a current curriculum vitae and giving particulars of the sabbatical or fellowship held or to be held, the subject of research, and the dates of proposed residence at the Society.

The American Antiquarian Society, founded in 1812, is the third oldest historical society in the United States and the first to be nationally oriented in its name and interests. It maintains a major research library whose collections are centered on materials printed within the boundaries of the United States, Canada, and other former British possessions. These collections are of preeminent quality through the year 1820 and are strong through the year 1876. They cover all aspects of American life within this chronological limitation.

NEW DATA BASE TO DISCOURAGE BOOK THEFT PLANNED

A computer-assisted alerting service for missing and stolen books and manuscripts will be implemented this fall. Called Bookline Alert: Missing Books and Manuscripts (BAMBAM), it is to be mounted on a not-for-profit basis on the computer facilities of American Book Prices Current (ABPC), the New York based annual record of the prices books and manuscripts fetch at auction.

BAMBAM will consist of two parts: an on-line data base, which will also be available as published hard-copy, plus hard-copy supplements.

BAMBAM will accept listings from libraries and antiquarian bookdealers for books and manuscripts with a value of \$50 or more. Prints will be listed if they are in bound volumes. Both libraries and individuals submitting entries to this alerting service will have the option of deciding whether or not they want their names to appear in their listings. The data base will be available for use in the fall of 1981, and will be accessible in machine-readable form to anyone with almost any sort of computer terminal and a telephone line.

The project has received the endorsement of the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America (ABAA), whose president, John H. Jenkins, Jr., says, "This is a real break-through in our attempts to discourage book theft, which is a growing problem for both dealers and libraries." BAMBAM has also been endorsed by the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries (a division of the American Library Association).

"We expect to distribute the hard-copy printouts of BAMBAM internationally," says Katharine Kyes Leb, the Editor of American Book Prices Current, "since so much book theft now takes place over national boundaries."

The method of BAMBAM's operation will be a simple one. Libraries and dealers will send in listings of missing and stolen property to American Book Prices Current, 121 East 78th Street, New York, NY 10021. These items will be input into the data base at once and be immediately available to those with devices for accessing machine-readable information. Listings will be anonymous or not, depending on the decision of the institution or individual listing them.

The Antiquarian Booksellers' Association's New York office will serve as a switching point for booksellers wishing to get in touch with anonymously-listed owners of missing property. A parallel arrangement will be set up for librarians needing BAMBAM information, using an institutional switching point.

It was expected that, by September 1, there would be several thousand records in the BAMBAM data base, from such sources as ABAA members, libraries with files of missing books, hard-copy lists previously published by the Society of American Archivists, and the 5000-item list of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association in the United Kingdom.

Prices for the use of the BAMBAM database and of the hard-copy version will be adjusted as necessary to ensure that ABPC does not lose money on this venture, but it is expected that both the database and the hard-copy version will be available at relatively low prices. Distribution of the hard-copy volumes will be done by American book Prices Current. The present machine-assisted system at ABPC, called BOOKLINE, mounts information very similar to that which will be contained in BAMBAM, and the existence of the already-operating systems will result in considerable economies in mounting BAMBAM.

Booksellers and libraries are invited to send listings of missing and stolen books to BAMBAM at American Book Prices Current, 121 East 78th Street, New York, NY 10021, for incorporation into BAMBAM. Confidentiality will be respected.

BRIEFLY NOTED

This section will list information concerning current or retrospective publications of interest to members of the Society.

Canadian Theses 1975/76 Published

The latest issue of Canadian Theses/Thèses canadiennes, an on-going bibliography of masters and doctoral theses accepted by Canadian universities, is now available. Canadian Theses/Thèses canadiennes 1975/76 lists all theses accepted during the 1975/76 academic year. The bibliography is priced at \$25.95 in Canada, \$31.15 in other countries. Catalogue No. SN2-4/1976, ISBN 0-660-50804-4.

Copies of the three-year cumulation Canadian Theses/Thèses canadiennes 1972/73-1974/75 (a two-volume set) are still available at a price of \$46.75 in Canada, \$56.10 elsewhere. Catalogue No. SN2-4/1974 (v. 1), ISBN 0-660-50449-9 Catalogue No. SN2-4/1975 (v. 2), ISBN 0-660-50450-2.

Canadian Theses/Thèses canadiennes may be purchased from: Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada, Hull, Quebec K1A 0S9 or from authorized bookstore agents and other bookstores. All orders must be accompanied by a cheque or money order made payable to the Receiver General for Canada.

Checklist of Canadian Ethnic Serials Published

A comprehensive listing of Canadian ethnic serials recently published by the National Library of Canada has brought together approximately 3000 entries for newspapers, periodicals, church bulletins, directories, almanacs, yearbooks, and conference proceedings of about sixty cultural groups. Primarily intended as a verification tool, The Checklist of Canadian Ethnic Serials is an attempt to bring bibliographic order and control to current and retrospective ethnic serial publishing in Canada so that researchers may find source material relating to the ethnic communities that have contributed to the development of our country.

The Checklist is organized first by ethnic group and then alphabetically by title within each group. An alphabetical index of titles is provided at the back.

Copies of The Checklist of Canadian Ethnic Serials may be obtained from the Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada, Hull, Quebec, K1A 0S9 or may be purchased from authorized bookstore agents and other bookstores. All orders must be accompanied by a cheque or money order made payable to the Receiver General for Canada. Price: Canada \$50.00; other countries, \$60.00. Catalogue number: SN3-148/1981, ISBN 0-660-50732-3.

Index to Legal and Business Related Bibliographies

This work is an unique index to over 950 research bibliographies from 1977-1980 compiled by the staffs of American and Canadian law, business, and special libraries and associations.

Further information regarding the purchase of this publication, or the contribution of information to what promises to be an annual index may be forwarded to Inform Press, 4150 St. Clair Ave, Studio City, CA, 91604.

CVLG Serials List 1981

The Central Vancouver Librarians Group announces the recent publication of the CVLG Serials List 1981, 4th edition. This list shows the serial holdings, special collections and lending/photocopying policies of over fifty non-academic libraries in Greater Vancouver. In this, its fourth edition, the CVLG Serials List 1981 has greatly expanded its scope and coverage over earlier editions, and may be considered a union list of Vancouver's non-academic library serial holdings. The price of this publication is \$40.00 which includes three supplements to be issued at six-month intervals. Orders may be forwarded to CVLG, c/o Price Waterhouse & Co., 1500-1075 West Georgia St, Vancouver, B.C. V6E 3G1. Attention: Janet Parkenson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Toronto Antiquarian Book Fair, 1982

The 13th Toronto Antiquarian Book Fair will be held at the Saint Lawrence Market, 92 Front St. East, Toronto, on Tuesday, May 11, 1982, from 5 to 10 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday, May 12 and 13, 12 noon to 10 p.m. Admission is \$7.50 for the entire fair, and \$5.00 for Wednesday and Thursday.

Over forty dealers from Canada, the U.S. and the U.K. will be participating and offering for sale important, rare, and unusual books covering a wide range of interest.

The fair is sponsored by the ABAC/ALAC. Inquiries may be addressed to Gail Wilson, 198 Queen St. West, Toronto M5V 1Z2; (416)598-2024.

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Contributions to the Bulletin:

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All such submissions should be forwarded to: Beth Miller, Editor, Bulletin, Special Collections Librarian, The D.B. Weldon Library, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario N6A 3K7.