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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The 1961 Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 1961 at 8 p.m. in Private Dining Rooms 1 and 2 of the Algonquin Hotel, St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, N.B.

The guest speaker will be Professor Fred Cogswell, M.A. (U.N.B.) Ph. D (Edin.), Associate Professor of English at the University of New Brunswick. He is the author of four volumes of poetry, The Stunted Strong, The Haloed Tree, Descent from Eden and Lost Dimension, and of a translation from the Middle Scots, The Testament of Cresseid by Robert Henryson. Professor Cogswell, who is Poetry Editor and Business Manager of The Fiddlehead, spent last year in the United Kingdom on a Nuffield Fellowship gathering materials for a life of John Galt. He is at present engaged in the preparation of a section of the Literary History of Canada, and is widely known for his radio talks on the C.B.C.

In his address to the Society, Professor Cogswell proposes, by an examination of neglected Maritime poets of the nineteenth century, to offer a new appraisal of the two literary "flowerings" that literary historians have tended to identify in nineteenth century Maritime literature.

### A HISTORICAL DIRECTORY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

#### NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

(Reviewed by Professor W.H. Kesterton, Department of Journalism, Carleton University)

It is the modest claim of J. Russell Harper that his Historical Directory of New Brunswick Newspapers and Periodicals is a preliminary study. If that be so, it is a preliminary study that is just about as accurate and complete as six years of research can make it, and as generally useful as limitations of space permit. Not that some errors and omissions in the ambitious survey will not inevitably be found, but such imperfections are the imperfections which derive from imperfect sources rather than from a lack of care or industry on Mr. Harper's part.

As might be expected, what the Directory says about the dates, personnel, page measurements and other vital statistics of individual publications makes the work a useful reference source. The study also contains the kind of information that is so valuable a part of Marie Tremaine's Bibliography of Canadian Imprints: notes about the content and tone of newspapers and periodicals, about their social and political milieu, and about the men that produced them. A prefatory account entitled "Random Highlights of Newspaper and Periodical Publishing in New Brunswick" furnishes historical data that are quite hard to come by. Far better than any amount of description in telling what the province's earliest news-organs looked like is an endpaper which reproduces the seventh issue of New Brunswick's first newspaper.

The publication of the Harper Directory gives further evidence that the gaps in Canadian bibliography are gradually but certainly being filled.

His work does for New Brunswick what Christine MacDonald has done in considerably less detail for Saskatchewan. The newest Directory is an important addition to the compilations of such researchers as Dionne, Gregory, Tremaine, Tanghe, Watters, Tod and Cordingley, and Goggio, Corrigan and Parker.

Mr. Harper's Directory was sponsored by the University of New Brunswick and made possible by Canada Council funds provided as a Humanities Council of Canada grant. The money thus made available has been well spent.

#### PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

(Supplement to the March issue)

LAMB, W. KAYE, The Letters and Journals of Simon Fraser, 1806-1808, edited with an Introduction by W. Kaye Lamb. Toronto: The Macmillan Company of Canada, 1960. (viii), 292 pp.

The Knight of Dundurn, by W. Stewart Wallace. Foreword by W. Kaye Lamb. Toronto, Rous and Mann, 1960. 24 pp.

#### DIRECTORY OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTRES

The phenomenal growth of research in all fields of knowledge has multiplied the problems of the information seeker. There is an urgent need for a new guide to the centres of information whose number has correspondingly increased in recent years.

To meet this need, Gale Research Company, 2200 Book Tower, Detroit, Michigan has undertaken a comprehensive survey of special libraries, information centres and documentation centres in the United States and Canada. The results of this survey will be published in 1961 as the first edition of the Directory of Special Libraries and Information Centres. This directory will be issued triennially by the Gale Research Company, publisher of the Encyclopedia of American Associations, Directory of University Research Bureaus and Institutes, and other reference books. Dr. Anthony T. Kruzas of the Department of Library Science, University of Michigan, will serve as editor.

The projected directory will supply detailed data on all types of information units in business and industrial organizations, research institutes, and trade and professional associations. Its main objectives will be to provide current and continuing listings of specialized repositories of knowledge in all subject fields; to identify major collections and key information personnel; to facilitate interchange of resources and to promote co-operative efforts among them.

The entry for each facility will include the following data:

1. Name and address
2. Name of sponsoring institution or organization
3. Name and title of person in charge
4. Names and positions of other professional staff members
5. Size of professional and non-professional staff
6. Annual budget
7. Year founded
8. Important subjects represented in the collections
9. Size and composition of collections
10. Bulletins, lists and other serial publications issued by the unit
11. Services available to outside agencies

Entries will be arranged alphabetically by name within the following major categories: 1) Business and industrial firms; 2) Newspapers and publishing companies; 3) Business and trade associations; 4) Scientific societies and institutions; 5) Historical, civic, social and religious organizations; 6) Public Library divisions and special branches; 7) Governmental agencies; 8) College and university departmental libraries.

A detailed subject index will be provided to facilitate the location of collections, libraries and information services in specific fields.

#### CURRENT BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Canadian Literature, No. 7 (Winter 1961) contains, on pages 85-102, a checklist of Canadian literature for 1960 in two sections, "English-Canadian" by Inglis F. Bell, and "Canadienne-française" by G.P. Selth. The 1960 list is about one-third longer than the 1959 one and is again conveniently subdivided by genre.

Canadian Literature, No. 8 (Spring 1961) will include a first bibliography of Clarence Malcolm Boden Lowry, compiled by Earle Birney and Marjorie Lowry.

La Revue de l'Université d'Ottawa, XXI no 2 (avril-juin 1961) présente, aux pages 298-349, le "Bilan littéraire de l'année 1960", au moyen d'une série de comptes-rendus signés par Paul Wyczynski, Gérard Bessette, Jean Ménard, Cécile Cloutier, Ronald Després, Bernard Julien, o.m.i., Camille-H. Mailhot et Brian Robinson.

#### MANUSCRIPTS OF CANADIAN INTEREST

#### IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO LIBRARY

In surveying, even briefly, the resources of the University of Toronto Library in the field of Canadiana, the effects of many financially lean years

when there was shortage of space, shortage of staff and shortage of book funds are clearly evident. Until the establishment of the Rare Books and Special Collections Department in late 1955 with reading room and stack space completed eighteen months later, there was no proper means of storing and caring for manuscript collections and such collections as were presented to the Library were placed elsewhere in order that they would be available to scholars. Such collections as the papers of the family of John Graves Simcoe, the Edward Blake papers and some thirty nine letters of Sir John A. Macdonald, for example, have remained on deposit in the Ontario Public Archives although technically the property of the University Library.

The papers of Sir Edmund Walker were held in the University Library. It is a fairly considerable collection consisting of letters written to him between 1867 and 1924, copies of his replies, bound volumes of his journals for the same period, all of this reflecting his interest in economic and political affairs, the National Gallery of Canada and so forth.

There are various smaller collections. The papers of the late Professor George M. Wrong numbering several hundred letters written to him by such men as James Bryce, William Howard Taft, H.P. Biggar and Lionel Curtis contain some material of considerable interest on historical and political affairs. There is an interesting series of letters written by John and Elizabeth Hale from Quebec to the latter's brother, Lord Amherst, in England between 1799 and 1823 and another series of about seventy-five letters written by Goldwin Smith to George William Curtis between 1875 and 1887. More recently the diaries of John Charlton (1829-1910), merchant and politician, were presented to the Library. There are fifteen volumes in all covering the years 1881 to 1905.

Three collections of manuscripts have been received but are not available for research at the present time. The task of sorting and calendaring is in progress and they will be made available as soon as possible. The largest of these collections came by the bequest of Joseph Burr Tyrrell. Included in it are papers of his father, William Tyrrell of Weston, family letters written fairly early in the 19th century, and a very large volume of his own correspondence, together with his diary and notebooks, 1882 to 1957, the field notes for the Geological Survey expeditions between 1889 and 1897 in which he took part, and other manuscript material. In addition, there is good illustrative material, notably photographs and photographic negatives taken during Mr. Tyrrell's early trips in the Canadian northwest.

About a year ago, the papers of the late Professor James Mavor were presented to the Library. Because of his efforts on behalf of the Doukhobors, there is a considerable amount of material on the Doukhobor settlements in British Columbia but there is also considerable material on other subjects on which Professor Mavor prepared books or reports, the Ontario Hydro Commission, the copyright law, telephones and a small group of papers on the Barr colony in Saskatchewan. Professor Mavor also collected what letters he could from men in the services in the first World War and those are with the collection.

The third of the collections which are not yet available for research is the smallest and the most specialized, notebooks and some other manuscript material of Sir Frederick Banting. The notebooks are concerned with his research projects and include those kept during the insulin experiments and there are also two very large scrapbooks of clippings, letters and other material relating to the insulin discovery.

Probably the most important single manuscript of Canadian interest in the University of Toronto Library is the original, hand written account of his travels in the northwest between 1794 and 1812 compiled by David Thompson from his journals. It is a neat and quite legible manuscript and was edited some years ago by J.B. Tyrrell for the Champlain Society. The manuscript has been microfilmed and a copy of the film is available also in the National Archives.

There are various other manuscripts and manuscript letters, the manuscript notebooks of Duncan Campbell Scott and the typescript of an unpublished novel of his, letters from a number of Canadian poets to J.E. Wetherell and so forth. Although it is not a large collection, it is a growing one and not without interest even now. It is hoped that it may continue to increase both in size and interest, particularly in the field of Canadian literary manuscript material.

Marion E. Brown.

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Membership in the Society is available on an annual basis, beginning in July of each year, and includes a subscription to the Society's Newsletter (four issues); members also receive the reprints and facsimiles issued by the Society from time to time.

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Individual: \$2.00 per annum.  
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