MINUTES OF THE 1969
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada – La Société bibliographique du Canada was held at 2:00 p.m., June 12, 1969, in Room 101A of the Arts and Education Building, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St John’s, Newfoundland. About 127 members and guests were present.

The President, Mr Inglis F. Bell, welcomed members and guests and expressed our thanks to the Canadian Library Association for their assistance in arranging for our meeting on their programme.

Since the minutes of the last Annual Meeting would be printed in the Papers and sent out to all members, it was moved by Mr David Foley, seconded by Miss Clara G. Miller, that the minutes be taken as read. Carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer then presented the Treasurer’s reports, noting a balance in the general account of $759.27 and in the b.c.b. account of $676.80. It was mentioned that the book of maps to be sent out with the 1968 volume of the Papers had been printed and paid for but not the Papers. It was moved by Mrs Jacobsen, seconded by Miss Martha Shepard, that these reports be adopted. Carried.

Mr Douglas G. Lochhead, Chairman of the Publications Committee, then presented the following report:

"... I have the honour to submit a report on behalf of the Publications Committee and of the Editor of the Papers of the Society.

This joint report consists of a brief account of work done during the past year, work in progress and plans for more work. It also includes the usual polite, bordering on the agonizing, plea for more material both for the monograph and other Society series, and for inclusion in the Papers.

The compilation of the second edition of the Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies is about three-quarters done and my self-imposed deadline is to have the completed manuscript in the friendly hands of the University of Toronto Press by September 15th. You will recall that the Society applied to the Social Science Research Council of Canada for a publication subsidy of $1,500. The latest word I have received from the Secretary of the two Councils involved – the Humanities Research Council and the Social Science Research Council – is that news would be forthcoming this month. All things being more or less equal we should meet our September deadline.
Other work in progress is the publication of an eight-page brochure which will be circulated as widely as possible to let the world know something of our history, aims and publications. The Council is particularly anxious to increase membership and to encourage bibliographical work on Canadian subjects. Mr Bell, Mr Peel, Dr Hayne and Mrs Jacobsen have been particularly helpful in this endeavour. We hope to reach a decision on the text for the brochure and to proceed with publication at once. An application for membership will be inserted in the brochure.

During the year the Council devoted considerable time to discussion of ways and means to improve our publications programme. At its meeting on February 28th, 1969, the Council decided that the Chairman of the Publications Committee should get five people, plus the Vice-President, to work on the project of getting papers and publications, the term of office to be two years, starting from the June meeting. Names of these new regional members are to be submitted at the Council’s meeting in St John’s. Now I have not rounded up five new members as yet but I hope to have this matter attended to by this evening if possible. Do you have your permission to co-opt, as it were, these willing workers, if not today, during the next few weeks? For they must indeed be willing workers. I have a list of about ten possible members. Perhaps scroungers is a better name for them. The Publications Committee needs members willing to work and to formulate and to assist in a successful publications programme.

Dr David Hayne, Editor of the Papers, has asked me to include the following remarks on his behalf:

1 Volume vii of the Papers has not made its appearance because the Editor has not received sufficient material to make a volume of respectable size. Because of the lack of articles on relevant subjects Dr Hayne wondered if the Society should give up the policy of annual publication and consider a volume to appear every two years.

2 There is just not enough material of high standard to provide for an annual volume. At least not at the moment. So here I would utter a polite, yet agonizing, appeal for more material. Surely there must be many members of the Society who have works in progress or who harbour ideas for articles on bibliographical subjects. Dr Hayne and I would welcome any information along this line.

It remains for me to extend warm thanks to the members of the Council and the Society for assistance given during the past year.”

It was moved by Mr Lochhead, seconded by Miss Mary E. P. Henderson, that this report be adopted. Carried.
The President then introduced the report of the Medal Committee by mentioning that the Council had deliberated on the matter of an award and medal to honour Canadian bibliographers. It was considered most fitting that the award be named for our distinguished Canadian bibliographer, Miss Marie Tremain. The following report of the Medal Committee was then read and passed unanimously:

"Moved by William F. E. Morley, seconded by David M. Hayne, that the Society at its Annual Meeting to be held in St John's on 12 June 1969 approve in principle the establishment of an annual award for bibliography to be known as the Tremain Award of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, or, if suitable arrangements can be made, The Tremain Medal of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, to be awarded on the occasion of subsequent Annual Meetings of the Society to a person or group of persons considered by the Council of the Society to have made an outstanding contribution to bibliography in Canada. The precise nature of the award and the conditions under which it may be granted shall be approved by the Council of the Society and publicized to the Society's members before the first award is made."

Miss Marion E. Brown then presented the following report of the Nominating Committee:

Honorary President: Miss Marie Tremain
President: Mr Ingis F. Bell
1st Vice-President: Mr Bruce Peel
2nd Vice-President: Mr W. F. E. Morley
Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs R. C. Jacobsen
Associate Secretary: Mr Claude B. Aubry

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Mr Hugh Anson-Cartwright
Dr J. B. Rudnyckyj

Continuing:
Miss Martha Shepard, Past-President
M. Germain Bélisle – to 1971
Miss Mary E. P. Henderson – to 1970
Miss Flora E. Patterson – to 1971
Prof Gordon Koper – to 1970
Dr David M. Hayne, Editor of the Papers
Mr Douglas G. Lochhead, Chairman,
Publications Committee

Respectfully submitted by Liana Van der Bellen, John Bartniak and Marion E. Brown, Chairman.
It was moved by Miss Brown, seconded by Miss Agnes O'Dea, that this report be adopted. There being no further nominations, Mr Bell declared the proposed slate of officers elected for 1969-1970.

Mr Claude Aubry then made a short announcement concerning the availability of his book *Le Violon magique et autres légendes du Canada français*, which had been reproduced in a limited deluxe edition in both French and English.

The President then announced that it had been proposed in writing by Dr Hayne and Mr Lochhead and passed by Council that honorary membership be conferred on Dr William Kaye Lamb and Dr Raymond Tanghe. The President then read the following citations:

**Dr William Kaye Lamb:** Dr Lamb has been a leader in the field of Canadian bibliography and has made an outstanding contribution to its development during the last twenty years. As National Librarian, he encouraged Dr Tanghe and Mlle Pellerin to begin work on the retrospective bibliography covering 1867-1900 and made it possible for the work to be done at the National Library during library hours. Under his direction, the national bibliography, *Canadiana*, was conceived and developed. He guided the early development of the Union Catalogue, lending his support and encouragement whenever unexpected roadblocks were encountered. During his term as a member of the Council and as President of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, the Facsimile series of reprints was begun and he personally proposed many of the items reproduced. No one is better qualified to receive this honour than Dr Lamb.

**Dr Raymond Tanghe:** A distinguished author and bibliographer and a former President of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, Dr Raymond Tanghe was for many years Chief Librarian of the Université de Montréal. While serving from 1953 to 1963 as the first Assistant National Librarian, he directed the compilation of the *Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies*. He also directed the preparation of a major part of the bibliography *Canadiana, 1867-1900*, which is currently being completed by the National Library and will be published within the next two or three years. Dr Tanghe will long be remembered and honoured for his pioneering achievements and for the great bibliographic gaps which he helped to fill.

The members expressed complete approval of this action by Council.

Miss Agnes O'Dea then introduced our speaker, Dr Herbert Halpert, who spoke to us on "Newfoundland Folklore" in general and the building up of a folklore collection. (The text of Dr Halpert's address appears in a later section of this volume.)
Miss O'Dea felt that Memorial University was most fortunate to have Dr. Halpert as head of the newly established Department of Folklore and director of the University Folklore Archives. She pointed out that he was a past president of the American Folklore Society and the holder of many national awards, including Guggenheim and American Council of Learned Societies fellowships and that his Newfoundland folklore research had been supported by several Canada Council grants. His latest contribution to folklore literature was as co-editor with Dr. George Story, also of Memorial University, of a volume entitled Christmas Mumming in Newfoundland, recently published by the University of Toronto Press. Miss O'Dea also mentioned that Dr. Halpert had one of the finest private collections of English folklore on this continent.

At the conclusion of his paper, Dr. Halpert further delighted the audience by having some of his students appear wearing some of the more unusual types of masks worn until recent times by the Christmas mummers.

Miss Donalda Putnam expressed our thanks to Dr. Halpert for a most delightful and interesting paper. She felt that it had been a rich, informal and how-to-do-it talk, which should be an inspiration to us all to look into our own local folklore. It had been very interesting to contrast Newfoundlanders of twenty years ago with those of the present.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Inglis F. Bell, President

Esther Jacobsen, Secretary-Treasurer