MINUTES OF THE 1970
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada was held at 2:00
134 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 making it possible for us to
hold our meeting with them, for making our arrangements with the hotel and for
including us on their programme. He also thanked Miss Dorothy Davidson for
undertaking the Society's publicity arrangements at the Conference.

As the minutes of the last Annual Meeting had been included in the 1969
volume of the Papers, which would be appearing shortly, it was moved by Mrs
R. C. Jacobsen, seconded by Miss Marion E. Brown, that the minutes be taken as
printed. Carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer then presented the Treasurer's report, noting a balance
of $512.10 in the general account and $682.44 in the B.C.B. account. Mrs Jacobsen
warned the members that the fees would probably have to be raised next
year, as our financial picture was not too bright. Mrs Jacobsen moved the adoption
of this report, seconded by Miss Jean Kerfoot. Carried.

Professor 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 Commit-
tee. The Committee consists of all members of Council, along with five regional
representatives.

Once again I bring you word on the state of our most ambitious work in pro-
gress, the revised edition of the Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies. The
editing, classifying and preparing of indices will be finished by the end of this
month and it is my intention to forward all material to the University of Toronto
Press in July. Of particular help to me during these last stages of editing has been
the work of my colleague, Mr Peter Greig. I would judge that the new edition of
B.C.B. will appear in the late autumn. The Society was successful in obtaining the
sum of $1,500.00 from the Humanities Research Council and the Social Sciences
Research Council to cover miscellaneous expenses incurred during the preparation
of the manuscript.

On the basis of my experience in working on the new edition, I propose to
recommend to Council that a permanent B.C.B. editorial sub-committee be formed
whose responsibility it would be to begin now to establish guidelines for a com-
plete re-editing and reorganization of the Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies,
to appear, say, in from 10 to 15 years' time. We now have a card file of all entries
for the 1970 edition and it would be this sub-committee's work to examine each item, to provide annotations and to improve on contents, the form of entry, the method of classification and so forth. Once the main card file had been reorganized, it would not be a difficult job to maintain it by examining bibliographies as they appear. One feature of this new B.C.B. would be that it would include those important bibliographies which are to be found in journals, theses, dealer catalogues and elsewhere. The purpose of the sub-committee would be to improve the B.C.B. generally and to produce a reference source of increased usefulness.

During this past year a brochure outlining the aims of the Society and listing its publications was printed and distributed. Some 10,000 copies were printed and it is our intention to circulate these widely in an effort to increase our membership and to attract contributors to the Society's *Papers* and to our other publishing endeavours. A number of members of the Society assisted in the publication of the brochure but I would thank, in particular, Mr Bruce Peel and Mr Inglis Bell.

Several manuscripts have been received for possible inclusion in our monograph series. A revised descriptive bibliography of the works of the Canadian novelist, John Richardson, compiled by Mr William F. E. Morley of Queen's University, will be published this Fall. This important bibliography appeared in its first form in Volume IV of the *Papers*. Mr Morley's expanded work will be even more useful as a monograph. As I mentioned, other manuscripts are also being considered for future publication.

With the next mailing of the *Papers*, members of the Society will receive a complimentary copy of *Lorne Pierce: A Profile* by C. H. Dickinson, made available to the Society by Dr Pierce's daughter, Mrs Beth Robinson, and by his son, Mr Bruce Pierce. It is particularly fitting that Dr Pierce should be remembered in this way as he was the moving spirit behind the formation of this growing Society. We are most grateful to the members of Dr Pierce's family for this generous gift to the membership.

I would thank all members of Council and of the Society for assistance given during the past year."

It was moved by Professor Lochhead, seconded by Mr Anson-Cartwright, that this report be adopted. Carried.

Dr David M. Hayne, editor of the *Papers*, reported that volume VIII (1969) of the *Papers* was just going to press and would be distributed later this summer. He mentioned that the only thing that delayed publication was the lack of really worthwhile material and he appealed to the members for their assistance. On behalf of the Society, Mr Bell expressed our gratitude to Professor Lochhead and Dr Hayne for their efforts on our behalf.

Mr Peter Greig then presented the following report of the recently formed Index Committee:
"The concept of a permanent committee reporting to the Council of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, with the purpose of examining the present level, and of assessing the future needs, of indexing in Canada, was originally conceived at the fall 1969 meeting of the Council. At that time little more was done than to appoint a pro tempore chairman to prepare a proposal for the formation of an Index Committee to be presented to the members of the Society. The open letter was presented to, and approved by, the Council in January; it was then mailed to the members of the Society.

Taken in its broadest sense, the aim of the Committee as expressed in the open letter is to provide and maintain indexes of publications both by the Society and allied to its interests and purposes. In addition, the Committee will attempt to prevent the indiscriminate publication of reprints without sufficient scholarly apparatus through a programme of retrospective indexing. In conjunction with this, a union list of indexes of Canadian materials is to be established to enable the Committee to function as an index clearing house and to prevent possible duplication of effort. Finally the Committee will attempt to remain abreast of, and promote, new techniques in indexing — acting in an advisory capacity where requested.

The response to the open letter — although slowed by the rotating mail strike — has been heartening. The wide geographic range of answers precludes frequent meetings but this will be offset by means of a newsletter, the first number of which will be issued at the end of this month. By the end of the summer the Index Committee will be fully organized and actually working on a programme based on the points outlined above."

It was moved by Mr Greig, seconded by Mr Morley, that this report be adopted. Carried.

Mr Bell mentioned that it had been proposed that our Society hold a Colloquium in November 1971 and asked Mr Anson-Cartwright to speak on the subject. Mr Anson-Cartwright said that the Colloquium would be held on November 5th and 6th, 1971, at Massey College and would have as its theme 19th century bibliography. He stated that later this year or early next year information would go out to all members of the Society.

The Nominating Committee's report was then presented as follows:

Honorary President : Miss Marie Tremaine
President : Mr Bruce Peel
1st Vice-President : Mr William F. E. Morley
2nd Vice-President : Miss Shirley Elliott
Secretary-Treasurer : Mrs R. C. Jacobsen
Associate Secretary : Mr Claude B. Aubry
Council Members, 1970-73:  Mr Rosario de Varennes
Mr Rudolph C. Ellsworth

Continuing on Council:  Mr Ingis F. Bell, Past President
Mr Hugh Anson-Cartwright — to 1972
Mr Germain Bélisle — to 1971
Miss Flora E. Patterson — to 1971
Dr J. B. Rudnyckyj — to 1972
Dr David M. Hayne, Editor, the Papers
Mr Douglas G. Lochhead, Chairman,
Publications Committee

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Hardisty, Basil Stuart-Stubbs and Martha Shepard, Chairman.

On behalf of Miss Shepard, it was moved by Mrs Jacobsen, seconded by Dr Hayne, that this report be adopted. Carried. Mr Bell declared the slate elected and extended a welcome to the new members of Council.

It was then time for Mr Bell to make the first award of the Marie Tremaine medal to Miss Marie Tremaine. He first gave the background and terms of reference for the award, as established at our 1969 Annual Meeting. He went on to say that it was unanimously felt that the first recipient of the award could be no one else but the distinguished Canadian bibliographer, Miss Marie Tremaine. Here was followed the worthy precedent established by so many learned societies of presenting the first award to the person for whom the medal was named. Miss Tremaine’s truly outstanding abilities had been honoured on many occasions. In 1929 she was awarded the first Canadian fellowship by the Carnegie Corporation for study abroad. In 1935 she was awarded a second Carnegie fellowship for research on early Canadian bibliography. In 1941 she was made Associate Head of the Reference Division of the Toronto Public Library. In 1947 she was presented with a life membership in the Canadian Library Association. Also in 1947 she was appointed Director and Editor of the Bibliography Project of the Arctic Institute of North America. In 1949 she was the subject of a long biographical article in the Bulletin of Bibliography. In 1965 she was chosen Honorary President of the Bibliographical Society of Canada. Miss Tremaine’s publications have been an inspiration to Canadian bibliographers, commencing with her early achievements in the compilation of two important Canadian bibliographies – The Bibliography of Canadians (1934) and The Bibliography of Canadian Imprints 1751-1800 (1952). Among her other publications are Early Printing in Canada (1934) and the Canadian Book of Printing (1940) and, of course, the great Arctic Bibliography. Mr Bell then presented to Miss Tremaine, on behalf of the Society, the first Marie Tremaine Award of the Bibliographical Society of Canada.
In her reply Miss Tremaine stated that the greatest achievement had been the development of our society, that none of the founders would have expected it to have grown to such an extent and to such quality in such a short time. She said that we were fortunate to be living in a time in which bibliography had become more and more important and recognized as a genuine and indispensable key to the growing literature of our time. Miss Tremaine then thanked the members from her heart.

Miss Dorothy Davidson then introduced our speaker, Mr Roy Gurney, General Manager, Printing Department, University of Toronto Press. She mentioned that his stature was indicated in the notice of the meeting, where we had been told that he was Past President of the International Association of Printing House Craftsmen and recipient of the Benjamin Franklin Award from the Inland Printers’ Magazine and Dean of Printing from the Toronto Printing Council. She told us of his many achievements, that his work was scholarly and dealt in fine printing, that each job was tailored to its own needs. Miss Davidson went on to say that Mr Gurney was known as “The Printer,” that he was known for his generosity and patience; she felt that he was a friend as well as someone to help us with other printing needs. Mr Gurney then spoke on “What did Mr Gutenberg create?” (Unfortunately Mr Gurney’s text is not available for publication in these Papers.)

Miss Marion Brown then expressed the thanks of the Society to Mr Gurney for his excellent address, saying that he had given us much food for thought in time to come.

Mr Bell then turned over the meeting to Mr Bruce Peel, our new President, introducing him as University Librarian of the University of Alberta, as well as a fine bibliographer. Mr Peel felt that he had a difficult president to follow, that he would try to emulate his efforts but it would be difficult to emulate his achievements. He recalled an early episode in the history of the Society as well as mentioning that he had done practice work under Miss Tremaine.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Inglis F. Bell
President

Esther Jacobsen
Secretary-Treasurer