MINUTES OF THE 1973
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada — la Société bibliographique du Canada — was held at 8:30 p.m., June 18, 1973, in Auditorium 24 of the Physics and Engineering Building, Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick. About one hundred and six members and guests were present.

The President, Mr. William F. E. Morley, welcomed the members and guests, whom he hoped would be sufficiently interested in the aims and objectives of our Society to become members. He thanked the Canadian Library Association for their generous hospitality and excellent arrangements, giving special thanks to Miss Mary Jane Peel, the Conference Coordinator, and to Miss Eleanor Magee, Chairman of Local Arrangements. He mentioned that Father Morisset, a former President, who had enlivened so many of our previous meetings, had sent his regrets at not being able to attend and his best wishes for a successful meeting. Mr. Morley then reported the deaths of four of our honoured members: Brigadier Cyril Quilliam, Mr. Verner W. Clapp, Dr. George A. Klinck and Mr. Laurie M. Allison.

Since the minutes of the last Annual Meeting had been published in the 1972 volume of the Papers, which had been sent to all members, it was moved by Miss Flora E. Patterson, seconded by Dr. Olga Bishop, that they be taken as printed. Carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer then presented the Treasurer’s report, showing a balance in the General Account of $3162.91 and in the B.C.B. account of $1952.92. Mrs. Jacobsen noted that this balance would soon be wiped out with the publication of the Richardson monograph, now in the page proof stage, and the award of the Tremaine medal. Mrs. Jacobsen then moved the adoption of her report, seconded by Miss Shirley Elliott. Carried.

Before the reading of the Publications Committee report, Mr. Morley thanked Mr. H. Pearson Gundy for consenting to take over as Chairman from Professor Douglas Lochhead. He expressed our thanks to Professor Lochhead for his ten years of excellent and dedicated service and our pleasure that he would be staying on the Council as first Vice-President. Dean Cameron then moved a vote of thanks, seconded by Miss Elizabeth Colley, to Professor Lochhead for his long and dedicated service. This was carried unanimously.

In the absence of Mr. Gundy, Mrs. Jacobsen read the report of the Publications Committee. Mr. Gundy reported that Mr. Morley’s revised and augmented bibliography of Major John Richardson had already been sent to press and that, apart from the annual volume of the Papers, this was the only publication for
1972-1973. He mentioned the receipt of three academic theses for consideration. These, he felt, were too restricted in their present form in scope and usefulness for our purposes but might be considered in a revised form. Mrs. Jacobsen moved the adoption of this report, seconded by Dr. Frances Halpenny. Carried.

In the absence of Dr. David M. Hayne, editor of the Papers, his report was read by Mr. William Watson. His report is as follows:

"Volume XI (1972) of the Papers has appeared and has already been mailed to our members. With the publication of this volume I am resigning as editor of the Papers, and the new editor, Miss Edith Firth, will begin her duties with volume XII (1973).

In completing fifteen years' service as editor, first of the Society's Newsletter and more recently of its Papers, I should like to express my thanks to the officers and members of our Society who have encouraged and assisted me, and particularly to our Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Jacobsen, for her constant support during all those years. I am pleased to be able to report that the Papers seem to have survived the perils of infancy and are now established, and I am delighted that a scholar-librarian of Miss Firth's experience and ability has accepted the editorship for the next few years. I think that we can all feel confident that the future of the Papers is now assured."

It was moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Basil Stuart-Stubbs, that this report be adopted. Carried.

Mr. Morley then extended a vote of thanks to Dr. Hayne, noting that he had worked continuously to solicit and select the best manuscripts and, in so doing, had established a consistently high standard and reputation for the Papers. The quality of the Papers was especially important since it is through them that the Society communicates. Miss Shirley Elliott then moved a vote of thanks, seconded by Dr. Olga Bishop, to Dr. Hayne for his long and devoted service to the Society. This was unanimously endorsed by all present. Mr. Morley then mentioned that we were fortunate in securing Miss Edith Firth to take over as editor of the Papers.

It was recalled by Mr. Morley that in 1962 Dr. Hayne had suggested that an informal Newsletter might be continued to announce current news to our membership. A step in this direction had been taken with the distribution of a sample Bulletin with the notice of the Annual Meeting to all members. The future of the Bulletin would depend on the response of the members and their contribution of news.

On behalf of Mr. Peter Greig, Chairman, Mr. Basil Stuart-Stubbs read the report of the Index Committee. The report follows:

"A major decision affecting the Index Committee was reached at the last Council meeting of the Society. Due to the general interest expressed in the Committee's activities by the Society's institutional members, and at the recommendation of the Chairman, the present formal Committee structure was dissolved. The Society's continued involvement in indexing will be represented on the Council by the newly created position of "Indexer to the Society". This position is to be held, for the present, by the Committee's present Chairman.

This change will not lessen the aims of the Index Committee in any way;
rather, it serves to broaden the responsibility for the fulfilment of these same objectives by extending the work to the entire membership of the Society. In order to report to this wider audience the Committee Newsletter will be discontinued after a final number is issued later this month. In the future, the Indexer to the Society will report to the membership as a whole by means of the recently created Bulletin and occasional articles in the Papers.

In the past year the Index Committee has succeeded in completing some of its former obligations, as well as breaking fresh ground. A summary report on the 1971 "Local Indexing in Canada" survey was prepared last summer with the assistance of Miss Joyce Tracy, then the editor of the Canadian Periodical Index. The report appeared under the title "Indexing in Canada: Local and Commercial Services" in the October issue of The Indexer. This periodical is the joint organ of the Society of Indexers in England and the American Society of Indexers. Mr. L. M. Harrod, the editor of The Indexer, has since written to say that this particular issue is being advertised for the first time at the CLA Annual Meeting.

Since the results of the Local Indexing survey were largely related to periodical indexing, a complementary study of book indexing was undertaken in August 1972. Questionnaires were prepared in English and French and mailed to 161 publishers, twelve associations of authors and/or publishers, and an additional form was sent to the Commissioners' Office of the Ontario Royal Commission on Book Publishing. From this total mailing of 174 questionnaires the response was approximately twenty per cent. A report on this survey was completed in December 1972, and has since been published under the title "Book Indexing in Canada" in the most recent issue of The Indexer. The final step, now currently underway, is to prepare a third report embodying the results of these two surveys for publication in Canada.

During the past year the Index Committee has continued to be active in the actual preparation of indexes as well as providing assistance and advice in matters of index methodology. In late 1972 an index was prepared for volumes VI to X of the Society's Papers. More recently, a second index was compiled for Nos. 6 to 10 of Canadian Notes & Queries. In addition, a permanent cumulated card index is being maintained for both of these works. The file of indexes compiled by members of the Committee has been maintained, and this list will be enlarged in the future to include works prepared by any member of the Society. Your assistance in keeping the file up to date will be greatly appreciated.

The recent appearance of a new edition of A Guide to Scholarly Publishing in Canada, published by the Humanities and Social Science Research Councils of Canada, demonstrates the increased importance of indexing in Canada today. It is a pleasure to record that the Index Committee participated in this effort by compiling a short and select annotated list of useful reference works. For the first time a Canadian literary guide stresses the necessity of an index for any work of scholarship and provides for the author references of value in its preparation."

Mr. Basil Stuart-Stubbs moved the adoption of this report, seconded by Mr. Jacobsen. Carried. Mr. Morley mentioned how grateful we were to Mr. Greig for having agreed to take on the important office of Indexer to the Society.
Mr. Greig had been entirely responsible for the excellent indexes to the first ten volumes of the *Papers*.

Mr. Morley then read the announcement of the Colloquium Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Hugh Anson-Cartwright, of the forthcoming Colloquium II on November 2nd and 3rd and detailed the various items on the programme. All members were urged to attend.

The Tremaine Medal Committee, consisting of Miss Marie Tremaine, M. Michel Thériault and Mr. R. C. Ellsworth, as Chairman, had made their report, with recommendation for the award, at the last meeting of the Council. The Committee had recommended that the Marie Tremaine Medal be awarded in 1973 jointly to Dr. John Hare and Professor Jean-Pierre Wallot for their compilation *Les Imprimés dans le Bas Canada, 1801-1810* (Montréal, Les Presses de l’Université de Montréal, 1967). The Council accepted the recommendation, the award to be announced at the Annual Meeting. Since neither Dr. Hare nor Professor Wallot could be present in Sackville, the actual presentation of the medal was to be made at the Colloquium dinner on November 2nd in Massey College. Mr. Morley thanked the members of the Committee for their report.

Mr. Bruce Peel then presented the following report of the Nominating Committee:

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Continuing on Council:  
- Mr. Peter E. Greig — to 1974  
- Dr. Carl F. Klinck — to 1974  
- M. Michel Thériault — to 1975  
- Mr. William Watson — to 1975  
- Mr. Bruce Peel, Past President  
- Miss Edith Firth, Editor, *Papers*  
- Mr. H. Pearson Gundy, Chairman,  
- Publications Committee

Respectfully submitted, Shirley B. Elliott, Edith Jarvi and Bruce Peel, Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. Peel, seconded by Miss E. Colley, that this report be adopted. Carried.

Miss Dorothy Cooke then introduced our speaker, Dr. Peter B. Waite, Professor of History at Dalhousie University in Halifax, who addressed the meeting on “An Historian’s Adventures in Archivia and Beyond”. (The text of Dr. Waite’s address will be found in full later on in this volume.)

Dr. Frances Haldenby expressed our thanks to Dr. Waite for his completely absorbing address, that it had been a rare example of his great sensitivity and splendid prose.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

WILLIAM F. E. MORLEY  
President

ESTHER JACOBSEN  
Secretary-Treasurer