Minutes of the 1978 Annual Meeting
of the Society

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA/
La Société bibliographique du Canada was held at 8:00 PM, June 15, 1978, in
the Bibliography Room, Rutherford Library, University of Alberta, Edmon-
ton, Alberta. About eighty-five members and guests were present.

This meeting had been preceded by an afternoon session, at which time Mr.
Bruce Peel, Librarian to the University, had welcomed all those attending on
behalf of the University and his Library. The following papers were then
presented:

1 Bibliographical activity in the West and North West since 1974 – Mr. Peter Greig,
   Secretary, Committee on Bibliographical Services for Canada.
2 Bibliographical control and acquisition of provincial government publications in
   Western Canada – Mr. Robert Wuetherick, utlas, University of Toronto
3 The Western Canadiana Publications Project – Professor N. Parker-Jervis, Secretary,
   The President's Committee; Department of English, University of Alberta
4 Bibliographical activity on the North and North West – Mrs. G.A. Cooke, Librarian,
   Boreal Institute for Northern Studies, University of Alberta.

[The complete text of all these papers will be found later on in this volume.]

At the Annual Meeting Dr. Olga B. Bishop, the President, welcomed mem-
bers and guests and thanked Mr. Peel for making such splendid facilities
available to us. She then presented the following report:

Today has been another first for the Bibliographical Society of Canada in that a half-day
programme, which introduced the members of the Society to bibliographical develop-
ments in the West and North West since 1974, was held in conjunction with the Annual
Meeting.

The programme was very successful due to the hard work of Miss Norma Freifield
(Chairman), Mrs. Maureen Bradbury, Mr. John Charles, Mrs. Margaret Farnell, and Mr.
Bruce Peel, with Mr. Peter Greig as consultant. Our appreciation is also extended to
Miss Dorothy E. Ryder for the bibliography The Canadian West in the North: A Biblio-
graphical Overview, which she prepared especially for this programme.

Last July the Society was requested by the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal Program,
Secretary of State Department, to nominate several persons who had rendered ex-
emplary service in their respective walks of life and who were held in esteem by their
associates. The following members have received the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal: Dr.
David Hayne, Mrs. Esther Jacobsen, Professor Douglas Lochhead, Mr. William Morley,
and Mr. Bruce Peel.

A letter was sent to the Department of Labour protesting the dropping of the index to
Labour Gazette / Gazette du travail in 1975. The Director of Public Relations has
informed us that the index will be reviewed and that within a few months the material
will be brought up to date.

By now all members will have received Early Printing in the Red River Settlement,
1859-1870 by Bruce Peel. This gift from the Society was made possible through the
generosity of Mr. Peel.

It is a pleasure to announce that Colloquium III will be held at the National Library of
Canada from October 19-21 at the kind invitation of Dr. Guy Sylvestre. A Committee,
composed of Dr. David Hayne (Chairman), Dr. Olga B. Bishop, Miss Gwynneth Evans,
Mr. Peter Greig, and Miss Liana Van der Bellen, presented the proposed programme to
you with the May issue of the Bulletin.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of Council and Commit-
tees for their work during the past year, particularly Professor Douglas Lochhead, Past
President, Ms. Deanna Christensen, and Mr. John Mappin, who retire from the Council
at the end of this meeting. Special thanks are extended to Miss Elizabeth Hulse, who
has resigned as editor of the Bulletin to become editor of the Papers / Cahiers. Special
mention and thanks are extended to Mrs. R.C. Jacobsen, our Secretary-Treasurer, for her
unfailing devotion to the work of the Society.

Since the minutes of the last Annual Meeting would appear in the 1977
volume of the Papers / Cahiers, it was moved by Dr. Hayne, seconded by Miss
Hilda Gifford, that the minutes be taken as published. Carried.

Before giving her formal report as Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Jacobsen men-
tioned that she had been particularly anxious not to miss this meeting in
Edmonton, since at the 1959 meeting here neither Dr. Tanghe, the President,
nor herself had been present. Dr. Kaye Lamb and Miss Donalda Putnam had
agreed to act on their behalf, but although all reports had been sent well in
advance of the meeting, they had been posted on the notice board and never
reached the meeting. Later Mr. Bruce Peel had written to Mrs. Jacobsen as
follows: 'It was quite an hilarious business meeting. The reports of the Presi-
dent and the Secretary-Treasurer were apparently accepted on faith. When it
came to the report of the Nominating Committee, Miss Freda Waldon got up
and said that she had been a member of the Society since its inception and
that never once had the General Meeting questioned the report of the
Nominating Committee. She therefore moved that the report of the Nom-
inating Committee be accepted, and so the officers were elected without
anyone quite knowing who they were.'
The Secretary-Treasurer then presented the Treasurer’s report, noting a balance of $1,905.43 in the General Account and $2,968.75 in the BCB account. It was moved by Mrs. Jacobsen, seconded by Miss Norma Freifield, that this report be adopted. Carried.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. H. Pearson Gundy, the Secretary read the report of the Publications Committee. It was as follows:

I have the honour to present the following report of the Publications Committee for the year ending in June 1978:

During the year two volumes of the annual *Papers / Cahiers*, volumes 14 (1975) and 15 (1976), both edited by Miss Edith Firth, were published and distributed to members. Regrettable, Miss Firth has found it necessary to resign owing to pressure of other work. We are fortunate, however, in securing the services of Miss Elizabeth Hulse, who has edited the Society’s *Bulletin*, as Miss Firth’s successor, beginning with volume 17 (1978). The interim volume 16 has been edited by Mr. Gundy and will be ready for distribution in the fall of 1978. Miss Beth Miller, Rare Books and Special Collections Librarian, the Weldon Library, University of Western Ontario, will take over from Miss Hulse as editor of the *Bulletin*, beginning with the issue for November 1978.

Application was made to Wintario for a grant in aid of publication of *Essays in Canadian Bibliography*, selected and edited by Douglas Lochhead. The project was warmly supported by Professor Roger Graham, Department of History, Queen’s University, and by Dr. Gordon Dodds of the Ontario Archives (now of the Public Archives, Ottawa). The submission was followed by protracted correspondence with Wintario officials and with the Ministry of Culture and Recreation but, after a delay of several months, we were finally informed that the proposal had been rejected, ostensibly because it was judged not to come clearly within the limits of eligibility. Although, as we pointed out, we could find nothing within the published terms of reference that would rule out our submission, we were informed that it could not be reconsidered. As a result, the project has had to be temporarily postponed for lack of funds.

Mrs. Jacobsen moved, seconded by Miss Marion Cameron, the adoption of this report. Carried.

In the absence of Miss Dorothy Ryder, Chairman of the 1978 Nominating Committee, Dr. Bishop presented the following report:

Honorary President: Dr. Marie Tremaine
President: Dr. David M. Hayne
1st Vice-President: Mrs. Jennifer Forbes
2nd Vice-President: Mrs. Gloria M. Strathern
Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. R.C. Jacobsen
Associate Secretary: M. Jean-Rémi Brault

Council members, 1978-1981:

Miss Margaret Williams
Dr. George L. Parker
Continuing on Council:

Dr. Olga B. Bishop, Past President
Miss Marion D. Cameron – to 1979
Miss Gwynneth Evans – to 1979
Dr. Desmond G. Neill – to 1980
Mr. Donald E. Wick – to 1980
Mr. H. Pearson Gundy, Chairman, Publications Committee
Miss Elizabeth Hulse, Editor, *Papers/Cahiers*

Respectfully submitted by Mr. William F.E. Morley, M. Michel Thériault, and Miss Dorothy E. Ryder, Chairman.

Professor Peter McNally moved, seconded by Mr. Greig, the adoption of this report. Carried.

Mr. Peter Greig will continue as Indexer to the Society and Chairman of the BCB Committee; Miss Beth Miller will be the new Bulletin Editor; Mr. William F.E. Morley will continue as our representative on the Committee on Bibliographical Services for Canada.

Under Other Business, Dr. Frances Halpenny, Chairman of the Committee on Bibliographical Services for Canada, of which Mr. Greig is Secretary, said that they had mailed out a report of their activities which indicated their interest in collecting as much information as possible on bibliographical activity. She said that, in their deliberations, they had come to feel that it was important to talk about funding and its problems. There were many types of problems, such as checklists, updating, etc. She urged that bibliographers should try to make their project fit the type of funding available. There was also the problem of government grants suddenly not ready and where one could apply for help. It was a complex topic, and it was not easy to find solutions. Dr. Halpenny said that she would be glad to hear from anyone on this topic, the comments to be sent to the Secretariat.


Professor Gloria Strathern proposed the following resolution on behalf of Mrs. Cooke and those working in the field of Arctic bibliography:

Whereas the need for international cooperation in the control of Arctic literature has been expressed, and
Whereas a considerable portion of this literature pertains to the Canadian North, and
Whereas many uncoordinated individuals, institutes, and agencies are currently involved in northern Canadian bibliographical activity, and
Whereas the Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Research is actively attempting to coordinate such activity,

Be it resolved that this Society fully endorses the need for bibliographical control of the
literature on the Canadian North by the most expedient means possible consistent with sound bibliographic practice.

This resolution was moved by Professor Strathern and seconded by Mr. Greig. Carried. It was also suggested that Dr. Bishop should write to a number of prominent people, including the Prime Minister, regarding this Resolution.

Dr. Bishop then introduced our new President, Dr. David M. Hayne, as follows:

It is a pleasure to introduce to you the new President of the Society, Dr. David M. Hayne, a Torontonian by birth, is well known to the members of this Society. He was the editor of the former Newsletter. When it was decided by the Annual Meeting of June 1962 to consolidate the quarterly newsletter into the annual Papers / Cahiers, he became the editor of that publication, a position he held for eleven years.

Dr. Hayne received his BA from the University of Toronto, an MA and a PhD from the University of Ottawa. During the second World War he was attached to the Directorate of Military Intelligence, National Defence Headquarters, and between 1942 and 1945 was Research Officer for the National Research Council. In 1945 Dr. Hayne was appointed Lecturer in French at University College, University of Toronto, and in 1956 was appointed Professor. Between 1956 and 1961 he served as Registrar of the College.

In 1961 Dr. Hayne was appointed Associate Editor, University of Toronto Quarterly. He served as the General Editor of volume II, Dictionary of Canadian Bibliography (1701-1740). He is the author of Bibliographie critique du roman canadien-français, 1837-1900. He has also written a number of articles which have been published in Revue de l'Université Laval and Revue de l'Université d'Ottawa.

I present to you Dr. David M. Hayne, educator, editor, and bibliographer as your President.

Dr. Hayne thanked Dr. Bishop for her kind introduction and expressed our thanks to Dr. Bishop for her devoted leadership during her term of office.

Mr. Peter Greig then introduced our speaker, Dr. Richard T. Harrison, Associate Professor of English at the University of Alberta. He noted that he had been born in Peace River, Alberta, of pioneer stock from the three Prairie Provinces and British Columbia. With such roots he became 'an explorer in the terra incognita represented by the literature of Western Canada ... physically the fiction of the Prairie region and metaphysically “the collision of European sensibilities with a strange, awesome and uncompromising environment.” He became indeed a cartobibliographer ...' Mr. Greig outlined Dr. Harrison's educational background, his professional activities, and his various publications, with the conclusion: 'If the name of Bruce Peel is synonymous with the general bibliography of the Prairie region, that of Dick Harrison is becoming synonymous with the contemporary critical analysis of the fictional portion of that literature.'
Dr. Harrison then addressed the meeting on the topic of 'Prairie Fiction'. [The complete text of his address will be found later on in this volume.]

Dr. Hayne expressed our thanks to Dr. Harrison for a most lively, entertaining, and interesting address. Dr. Hayne then presented Dr. Harrison and the afternoon speakers with a copy of the Lovell facsimile and a complimentary year's membership in the Society.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

A delightful social period followed. We are grateful to Miss Norma Freifield and her Committee, who made all arrangements for our meeting and provided such delicious refreshments afterwards.

Olga B. Bishop, President
Esther Jacobsen, Secretary-Treasurer