MINUTES OF THE 1963
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada was held on Tuesday, June 25, 1963, at 7 p.m., in the Colonial Room of the Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba. About fifty-two persons were present.

The President, Mr. Willard Ireland, called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and guests. He requested the Secretary to convey to the Canadian Library Association and, particularly, to Miss Morton, its Executive Director, our appreciation of their permission to include our meeting on their programme. He felt that it was a tremendous advantage for us to meet at this time, as the people interested in bibliographical work would be present at this session.

As the minutes of the last Annual Meeting had been printed in the 1962 volume of the Papers of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, it was moved by Mr. John Archer and seconded by Miss Mary E.P. Henderson that the minutes be taken as printed. Carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer then read the Treasurer's report, in which she noted a balance in the general account of $756.92 and in the B.C.B. account of $582.61. It was moved by Mrs. Jacobsen and seconded by Miss Martha Shepard that these reports be adopted. Carried.

In the absence of Mr. Douglas G. Lochhead, Chairman of the Publications Committee, Mrs. Jacobsen read his report as follows:

"...By this time all members of the Society will have received copies of Volume No. I of the PAPERS OF THE BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA - CAHIERS DE LA SOCIETE BIBLIOGRAPHIQUE DU CANADA published by the Society and edited by Dr. David M. Hayne. You will recall that at the Annual Meeting in Ottawa in June, 1962, the Society unanimously adopted the proposal to consolidate the quarterly Newsletters in one annual volume of Papers. This decision by the Society to publish a yearly collection of scholarly articles of bibliographical interest is perhaps one of the most important steps taken by this group. The high quality of the articles in the first volume and the expert
editing by Dr. Hayne give every indication that the Papers will soon be recognized as an important national annual serial publication in the field of bibliography. It will be the responsibility of the Society's Executive and the entire membership to provide the Editor of the Papers with the articles and financial support necessary to maintain the high excellence of this newest of the Society's endeavours.

At a meeting of Council on January 15th, 1962, it was decided that the Papers would be available only to individuals and Institutions on a membership basis as it was felt this method would provide continuing support over the years.

I had hoped to be able to announce at this meeting the imminent publication of a paper on Arctic Bibliography by Miss Marie Tremaine. Miss Tremaine is deeply involved in the compilation of yet another volume of her series of bibliographies on this subject and has been unable to provide us with her paper. We are hopeful, however, that it will be possible to publish Miss Tremaine's paper next year either as a separate volume or possibly as a contribution to the Papers.

Bibliographies of Canadian interest continue to appear and Dr. Raymond Tanghe, the editor of the Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies has agreed to edit a supplement every two years or perhaps less frequently according to the amount of material available to him. This project will continue to be an important part of this Committee's work.

The Council has suggested that it would be fitting for the Society to undertake a special, perhaps a major, publication for 1967, the Centenary Year. Suggestions for such a publication would be most welcome and may be submitted to the Chairman of the Publications Committee or to any member of Council.

The Society's 1962 publication, An Index to the Literary Garland, (Montreal, 1836-1851), compiled by Mary Markham Brown, appeared in July, 1962, and has been well received by the members. The Secretary-Treasurer, upon the advice of Council, has placed an advertisement regarding this excellent bibliographical work in Canadian Library. Lists of publications available from the Society have also been prepared for distribution upon request.

Mrs. Jacobsen moved the adoption of this report, seconded by Mr. David Foley. Carried.

The President commented that this report was
most indicative of just what the Society was doing. He mentioned that, by having the Papers available only on a membership basis, we had already acquired fourteen new institutional members and seventeen individual members. He felt that we should tender our appreciation to two individuals in particular—to Mrs. Mary Markham Brown for her compilation of the Index to the Literary Garland and to Dr. David M. Hayne for his excellent work as editor of the Papers. It was moved by Miss Eileen McFadden, seconded by Mr. Hilton Smith, that such congratulations be sent. Carried. Mr. Ireland also noted that we must have a special project ready by 1967 and that we would welcome suggestions from the membership for an appropriate undertaking.

In the absence of Miss Lorna Proctor, Miss Florence E. Murray presented the following report of the Nominating Committee:

President: Mr. Willard E. Ireland
1st Vice-President: Miss Marion E. Brown
2nd Vice-President: Miss Martha Shepard
Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. R.C. Jacobsen
Associate Secretary: Mr. Claude E. Aubry
Council Members, 1963-1966: Miss Shirley Elliott
Dr. David M. Hayne

Continuing on Council: Miss Vernon Ross, Past President
Mr. Robert Blackburn— to 1964
Mrs. Isabelle Skelly — to 1964
Miss Margaret Mackenzie— to 1965
Miss Agnes O'Dea— to 1965
Mr. Douglas Lochhead, Chairman
Publications Committee.

Respectfully submitted by Gladys Black, Olga Bishop and Lorna Proctor, Chairman.

It was moved by Miss Murray and seconded by Mr. Archer that this report be adopted. There being no further nominations, the motion was carried.

Mr. Ireland then called upon Mr. David Foley to introduce our speaker, Dr. Doris B. Saunders, of the Department of English, University of Manitoba. In his introduction Mr. Foley mentioned that Dr. Saunders was a native of Winnipeg and a graduate of the University of Manitoba, that she had done post-graduate work at Oxford and had been honoured by the University of British Columbia with the degree of LL.D. He remarked that Dr. Saunders was a professor of English and had recently been appointed Registrar of the new University College; that she had been three times
international President of the Federation of University Women and had represented that body seven times in meetings abroad. However, Mr. Foley felt that he would like to introduce Dr. Saunders as a life-long and personal friend of Elizabeth Dafoe, with whom she shared a love of libraries, women's work and literature. He mentioned also that, as the hardworking Chairman of the Dafoe Memorial Committee, she had shown devotion, leadership and industry. Dr. Saunders had become particularly concerned with the writings of Frederick Philip Grove and it was largely through Dr. Saunders' perseverance and interest that his original manuscripts and papers had been acquired for the University of Manitoba Library.

Dr. Doris B. Saunders then spoke to us on "Grove Comes Home - a tentative evaluation of his MSS. and Papers acquired by the University of Manitoba". (The text of Dr. Saunders' paper appears in a later section of this volume.)

Mr. Ireland expressed the thanks of the Society to Dr. Saunders for her extremely interesting and stimulating paper, saying that she had given us a very sympathetic and kindly criticism and insight into one who was an ornament of Canadian literature.

The meeting adjourned at 8.30 p.m.

Willard E. Ireland, President. Esther Jacobsen, Secretary-Treasurer.