MINUTES OF THE 1966

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada was held on Sunday, June 10, 1966, at 4:30 p.m., in the Palliser Room of the Hotel Palliser, Calgary, Alberta. About eighty-two persons were present.

The President, Miss Marion E. Brown, welcomed members and guests and expressed our thanks to the Canadian Library Association, and especially to Miss Elizabeth Morton, for making it possible for us to hold our meeting with the Association as usual. Miss Brown mentioned that the increase in membership (ten new institutional and twelve new personal members) showed the increasing interest in the Society. She congratulated Dr. Hayne on his fairly recent appointment as editor of the Dictionary of Canadian Biography. She also expressed our gratitude to Mr. Douglas Lochhead for taking charge of the Papers during Dr. Hayne’s absence until September, when Dr. Hayne was expected back from his sabbatical leave.

As the minutes of the last Annual Meeting had been printed in the 1965 volume of the Papers of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, it was moved by Father Morisset and seconded by Mr. Inglis Bell that the minutes be taken as printed. Carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer then presented the Treasurer’s report, noting a balance in the general account of $1222.94 and in the B.C.B. account of $616.07. Mrs. Jacobsen pointed out that our bank balance appeared larger than it really was, as we had not yet received the final statement of the Press for the printing of volume IV of the Papers. It was moved by Mrs. Jacobsen and seconded by Miss Eileen McFadden 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:

"... Members of the Society will have already noted the late arrival of this year’s volume of the Papers of the Bibliographical Society of Canada — Cahiers de la Société bibliographique du Canada. Authorization to publish 400 copies of volume IV was made in November, 1965, but a succession of regrettable but unavoidable delays prevented distribution until April, 1966. As Acting Editor during the absence on leave of the Editor, Dr. David M. Hayne, I must assume
responsibility for the late appearance of this Society's official publica-
tion. I am confident, however, of your sympathetic understand-
ing in the light of what are usually described as matters beyond
one's control. Volume IV has been published, material for volume
V is now being gathered.

Also bearing the 1965 imprint of the Society was H. Pearson
Gundy's sixty-three-page monograph Book Publishing and Publishers
in Canada before 1900. In my report of last year I mentioned that
this publication was "in the press." Five hundred copies were
printed. Members received their copies in the autumn of 1965,
during the period covered by this report.

The Third Supplement (1964-1965) to the Bibliography of Cana-
dian Bibliographies has been compiled by Miss Madeleine Pellerin
and is now ready for the press. This new Supplement will be
slightly larger than the Second and its format will be the same. It
is proposed to send this latest Supplement to members by October,
1966.

The Society is anxious to publish a special monograph, reprint,
facsimile, or index to appear in 1967, the Centennial Year. At the
moment the Publications Committee is seriously considering the
publication of A. G. Gilbert's From Montreal to the Maritime Pro-
vinces and Back, Montreal, 1867. We should like to reproduce with
this item another monograph of approximately the same length, 100
pages, published in 1867 and having to do with western Canada.
The two books would be reproduced in facsimile, would be accom-
panied by introductions, and, it is felt, would constitute a useful
and appropriate centennial publication. All suggestions received
will be given every consideration by the Committee.

I would end by expressing my warm thanks to those members
of the Society who have assisted with the work of this Committee
during 1965-1966."

It was moved by Mrs. Jacobsen and seconded by Mr. John Archer
that this report be adopted. Carried.

The President then read the following proposed amendment to
the Constitution

Article V. Council. (As amended, to read:)
Section 1. The Council shall consist of the immediate Past-
President, a President, two Vice-Presidents, a
Secretary-Treasurer, an Assistant Secretary(of the
last two, one to be English-speaking and one French-
speaking), six Councillors, the Chairman of the
Publications Committee and the Editor of the Papers of the Bibliographical Society of Canada. (The addition is underlined.)

It was moved by Mr. Inglis Bell and seconded by Miss Eileen McFadden that this amendment be adopted. Carried.

On behalf of Miss Agnes O'Dea, Miss Clara G. Miller presented the following report of the Nominating Committee:

President: Miss Martha Shepard
1st Vice-President: Mr. Inglis F. Bell
2nd Vice-President: Mr. Bruce B. Peel
Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. R. C. Jacobsen
Associate Secretary: Mr. Claude B. Aubry
Council Members, 1966-1969: Mr. Laurie M. Allison
Miss Dorothy Davidson

Continuing on Council: Miss Marion E. Brown, Past-President
Miss Edith G. Firth - to 1967
Miss Christine MacDonald - to 1967
Miss Eileen McFadden - to 1968
Miss Liana Van der Bellen - to 1968
Mr. Douglas G. Lochhead, Chairman,
Publications Committee
Mr. David M. Hayne, Editor, the Papers

Respectfully submitted by Lillian Benson, Clara G. Miller and Agnes C. O'Dea, Chairman.

It was moved by Miss Miller and seconded by Miss Katharine Ball that this report be adopted. There being no further nominations, Miss Brown declared the proposed slate of officers elected for 1966-1967.

Miss Lorna D. Fraser introduced our speaker, Mr. Bruce Peel, Chief Librarian of the University of Alberta, as a bibliographer, librarian, administrator, and a son of homesteaders. Mr. Peel then spoke to us on "The Lure of the West: Immigration Pamphlets." (The text of Mr. Peel's address appears in a later section of this volume.)

Mr. Laurie M. Allison thanked our speaker for an informative, detailed and immensely witty address.

Miss Brown then made a few closing remarks, saying that it was her last occasion to preside over a meeting of the Society but
that it had been an honour and pleasure to have acted as President. She mentioned that the credit belonged to Dr. Hayne and Mr. Lochhead for the quality of the Papers and other publications, to Mrs. Jacobsen, as Secretary-Treasurer, for keeping the Society functioning and solvent, and to all members of the Council for their advice and help.

Miss Martha Shepard, our incoming President, sent her regrets that she had been unable to come to Calgary but hoped to be able to welcome all members in the new National Library in Ottawa next June.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Marion E. Brown, President.  Esther Jacobsen, Secretary-Treasurer.