MINUTES OF THE 1968
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada was held at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, 1968, in the Pyramid Room of Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper National Park, Alberta. Some 34 members and 28 guests were present.

In the absence of the President, Miss Martha Shepard, Mr. Inglis F. Bell, 1st Vice-President, acted as Chairman. Mr. Bell welcomed all members and guests, and expressed Miss Shepard’s regrets at being unable to attend the meeting. He read from her letter that, at the request of the Secretary of State’s Department, she had nominated Dr. Hayne and Mrs. Jacobsen to receive the Centennial Medal. She was very pleased that their work could be recognized in this way. Also, at the request of the Department of Manpower and Immigration, she had met with a member of the Occupational Research Section to draft a satisfactory definition of “Bibliographer” for the forthcoming publication, *A Canadian Classification and Dictionary of Occupations*.

Mr. Bell then went on to express our thanks to the Canadian Library Association for providing facilities for our meeting at their Conference and for including us on their programme.

It was moved by Miss Eileen McFadden, seconded by Miss Mary E. P. Henderson, that the minutes of the last Annual Meeting be taken as read, since they would be appearing shortly in Volume vi of the Papers. Carried.

The Secretary-Treasurer then read the Treasurer’s report, showing a balance of $573.76 in the general account and $668.29 in the b.c.b. account. Mrs. Jacobsen mentioned that our financial picture was not as rosy as usual, since we had published two Facsimiles (#7 and #8) as our Centennial effort and had distributed them to all members. However, to offset this, we had printed 200 extra copies of each for sale at $2.50 each. Mrs. Jacobsen moved the adoption of these reports, seconded by Miss Jean Kerfoot. Carried.

Mrs. Jacobsen then read the following report of the Publications Committee:

"... I have the honour to submit a report on behalf of the Publications Committee and of the Editor of the Papers of the Society.

During the past year two centennial publications in the Facsimile Series were published and distributed to members of the Society. The centennial publications, numbers 7 and 8 in the Facsimile Series, were From Montreal to the Maritime Provinces and Back... by A. G. Gilbert, Montreal, 1867, with an introduction by Douglas Lochhead, and Notes on Rupert's America, Its History and Resources by G. O. Corbett, London, 1868, with an introduction by Bruce Peel. Five hundred copies of each Facsimile were printed."
Regarding future plans I can report that the first edition of the Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies is now out of print. Accordingly the Council proposes to publish a second revised edition. This undertaking has the blessing of Dr. Raymond Tanghe, its first editor, and of Miss Madeleine Pellerin, who has been responsible for compiling the three supplements. It is intended to incorporate the three supplements, covering the years 1960-1965 inclusive, and to add bibliographies published during the years 1966 and 1967. It is also hoped to correct any errors which may have occurred in the first edition and the supplements and also to add any bibliographies which may have been omitted. Members of the Society are invited to send any pertinent information to the editor of the Second Edition as soon as possible. The editor is Douglas Lochhead, Massey College, 4 Devonshire Place, Toronto 5. It is planned to publish this new edition in November or December, 1968. The selling price of the new edition will be $10.00. The publisher is the University of Toronto Press. The volume will be in hard cover, letterpress and IBM typewriter offset.

Great difficulty has been experienced in assembling enough suitable material to produce the 1967 edition of the Papers. However it is planned to publish the next volume, volume vi, in the near future."

In the absence of Mr. Douglas Lochhead, Chairman of the Publications Committee, it was moved by Mrs. Jacobsen and seconded by Mr. John Archer that this report be adopted. Carried.

Under new business, Mr. Bell had the Secretary read the following motion: "That the annual Individual membership fee be raised from two dollars to five dollars and the Institutional membership fee be raised from five dollars to twelve dollars." This motion had been sent to all members along with the notice of Annual Meeting. Miss Mary E. P. Henderson then spoke for the motion, mentioning the desirability of using good typography and a better format. The Secretary then read opinions received in letters from members unable to attend. Mr. Bruce Peel felt that, as a preliminary to raising the fee structure, we should have a definite five-year publication policy to present to members. Mr. Bell then left the Chair to speak in favour of the motion, saying that it was difficult to ask an unpaid editor to conform to a strict publications policy. Miss Donalda Putnam, a former Secretary-Treasurer, mentioned that the membership fees were the same as at the Society's founding in 1946 and that she felt too much individual effort was expected on a voluntary basis. She would like to see more assistance for the Secretary-Treasurer. Miss McFadden spoke in favour, saying that the Society needed funds to operate and that perhaps the Editor could use some paid graduate students to assist in the preparation of papers for publication.

Mr. Bell then called for a vote on the motion. Since there were 15 in favour, 3 against, the rest abstaining, the motion could not be passed according to our Constitution. Mr. Peel then moved, seconded by Miss Norma Freifeld, that the matter of raising fees should be referred to Council for further consideration and be brought up at a later meeting. Carried.
The following report of the Nominating Committee was then read and its adoption moved by Miss Marion Cameron, seconded by Miss Florence Partridge:

Honorary President: Miss Marie Tremaine
President: Mr. Inglis F. Bell
1st Vice-President: Mr. Bruce Peel
2nd Vice-President: Mr. William F. E. Morley
Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. R. C. Jacobsen
Associate Secretary: Mr. Claude B. Aubry
Council Members, 1968-1971: Miss Flora E. Patterson
Mr. Germain Béliése
Continuing on Council: Miss Martha Shepheard, Past President
Mr. Laurie M. Allison — to 1969
Miss Dorothy Davidson — to 1969
Miss Mary E. P. Henderson — to 1970
Professor Gordon Roper — to 1970
Dr. David M. Hayne, Editor, the Papers
Mr. Douglas G. Lochhead, Chairman
Publications Committee

Respectfully submitted by Marion D. Cameron, Elizabeth Spicer, and Christine MacDonald, Chairman.

Since there were no further nominations, the slate was declared elected.

Mr. Bell then introduced our speaker, Mr. Basil Stuart-Stubbs, Chief Librarian of the University of British Columbia. He mentioned that Mr. Stuart-Stubbs had been an apprentice in rare bookmanship at McGill, which interest had been brought to the University of British Columbia, where he had established the Division of Special Collections. He had been working under a Canada Council grant on the preparation of a monograph on rare maps. He was a founding member and director of the Alcuin Society for fine printing and binding of worthwhile books. (The complete text of Mr. Stuart-Stubbs' paper appears later in this volume.)

To assist the audience in following his address, Mr. Stuart-Stubbs distributed to those present a booklet entitled Maps Relating to Alexander MacKenzie: A Keepsake for the Bibliographical Society of Canada / Société bibliographique du Canada, Jasper Park, June 1968." This contained reproductions of the twelve maps he was discussing, together with the cartobibliographical description he had prepared. This provided a good illustration of the problems and fascination of cartobibliography.

Mr. Bruce Peel thanked the speaker on behalf of the audience for his most interesting and delightful paper. He marvelled at the variety of interests displayed by Mr. Stuart-Stubbs, particularly as a sponsor of fine printing and now as a cartographical sleuth.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Martha Shepheard, President

Esther Jacobsen, Secretary-Treasurer