Work on the comprehensive Bibliography of British Columbia is proceeding steadily. Mrs. Barbara J. Lowther, who compiled the first volume: Laying the Foundations, 1849-1899 (Victoria: Social Sciences Research Centre, University of Victoria, 1968, xi, 328 p., $18.50), is now a member of the staff of the McPherson Library, University of Victoria. She has been succeeded in this project by Mrs. Gloria M. Strathern, Bibliographer, Social Sciences Research Centre at the University of Victoria.

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THREE NEW SERIALS
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The objective of the University of Toronto School of Library Science Monograph Series has been described by Dr. John Wilkinson, the chairman of the School's Committee on Publications, as an attempt to provide faculty, students, and graduates with an outlet for "worthwhile manuscripts too detailed, too specialized or too long to publish in a library periodical." It is hoped that these manuscripts will be selected and edited with a critical eye, for the series presents a splendid opportunity for Canadians to make a useful contribution to library literature. Miss Bassam, as Director Emeritus of the Library School, appropriately inaugurates the series with her monograph on 'The first printers and newspapers in Canada.' However, her subject relates only obliquely to the purpose of the series: to deal "with topics related to librarianship." Originally prepared as an address to the University Women's Club of Toronto, Miss Bassam's paper is essentially a popular and superficial account of printing and newspapers, following the largely historical framework already well established in such works as the Canadian Book of Printing (Toronto: Toronto Public Libraries, 1940). One of the aims of the work is to "illustrate the important part played by them [early Canadian printers] in promoting the development of Canada." It is inherent, however, in Miss Bassam's historical approach that the reader is left with the impression that the development of Canada stimulated the need for improved communication, and not the reverse. The other aim of the paper is to demonstrate that insight into the lives of the early printers "should present a mosaic of the times in which they worked." Frequently reference is made to the sociological importance of early Canadian newspapers for historians, but Miss Bassam's thesis is not substantiated per se. Copies may be obtained from the Business Office of the School of Library Science, University of Toronto.