
With one of the largest holdings of Canadian newspapers in Canada it is appropriate that the Douglas Library has at last provided a catalogue of them for the benefit not only of the scholars at Queen’s University but also as an aid to other interested scholars. Originally the conception of Mr. W. F. E. Morley, Curator of Special Collections in the library, the work was carried forward by members of his staff after his interim catalogue was produced in 1964, and was finally completed by Miss Ellison under his direction. An excellent explanatory introduction is provided, followed by a listing of abbreviations and symbols used throughout the work. As well there is a comprehensive bibliography which includes sources cited and a geographical index; both of these should invite the particular thanks of interested scholars as an aid to their research and as an additional control over the material. The format of each entry is closely modelled on the CLA catalogue of Canadian Newspapers on Microfilm, with the difference that greater precision is used in listing the actual holdings. Short notes are appended on the publication history of the paper and its editorial policy, followed by a copious list of sources consulted. In addition to Canadian newspapers, there is a small listing of foreign journals of Canadian interest held in the Douglas Library. Copies may be obtained prepaid for $3.00 from Technical Supplies, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario.


Bsc readers will recall the proposal made in Volume v of the Papers (pp. 90-92) “for a medium of brief exchange between scholars ... in Canada” to aid bibliographical investigation of Canadian subjects in the Humanities. Mr. Gerrard Amtmann and the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of Canada have generously supplied a modus vivendi, for the first number of CN&Q has appeared as a supplement to the Association’s ABACUS, under the joint editorship of Mr. William F. E. Morley (English editor) and M. Antoine Roy (French editor). In the first issue (July 1968), “Notes” are defined as those “little discoveries encountered ... which have not themselves sufficient weight for development into a full study or even a journal article,” and the hope is expressed that CN&Q would be a useful medium “to preserve these ‘by-products’ of original research.” “Queries” are defined as problems which arise in the course of research “which [are] beyond your present resources to solve”; but by publicizing these problems it is pointed out that contributors can draw upon the knowledge of “subject specialists and others over a wide geographical area.” For ease in referring to a query, these have been numbered consecutively over each calendar year. While