MINUTES OF THE 1971 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada/La Société bibliographique du Canada was held at 8:30 p.m., June 21, 1971, in Social Suite East, Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, B.C. About eighty members and guests were present.

In the absence of the President, Mr. Bruce Peel, Father Auguste-M. Morisset, O.M.I., acted as Chairman. Speaking alternately in French and English, Father Morisset welcomed the members and guests and extended our thanks to the Canadian Library Association for having us on their programme and making the necessary arrangements. He mentioned that in the last two months we had lost a founding member, Mr. E.C. Kyte, and Mlle Madeleine Pellerin, who had done such excellent work on the Supplements to our Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies. Mlle Pellerin had died a few weeks before getting her degree from the University of Ottawa but her degree had been granted posthumously.

Since the minutes of the last Annual Meeting would be included in the 1970 volume of the Papers, it was moved by Mr. William Watson, seconded by Mr. Ben Toth, that the minutes be taken as printed. Carried.

Mrs. Jacobsen then read, on behalf of Professor Douglas Lochhead, the following:

"I should like to move a vote of thanks, on behalf of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, to the University of Toronto Press, to its Director, Dr. Marsh Jeanneret, and to one of its leading designers, Mr. Peter Dorn, for their generous assistance in the creation of the Tremaine Scroll and Medal. All who have seen the Medal, will agree, I think, that it is original, handsomely executed, and, of course, well named. To all concerned with the creation of the Tremaine Medal our most grateful and sincere thanks."

This was unanimously endorsed by all those present.

The Secretary-Treasurer then presented the Treasurer’s report, noting a balance in the General account of $83.31 and in the B.C.B. account of $682.44. Mrs. Jacobsen moved the adoption of this report, seconded by Miss Agnes O’Dea. Carried.

The Secretary then read the motion to raise the fees which had been sent to all members. It was as follows: “That the annual individual membership fee be raised from two dollars to ten dollars and the institutional membership fee be raised from five dollars to twenty-five dollars; that the life membership category be discontinued and that a new category of “Patron”, for a contribution of five hundred dollars, be established.” She then announced the results of the balloting, which had been 141 in favour and 20 opposed. The motion was therefore carried.

On behalf of the Publications Committee Chairman, Professor Douglas Lochhead, Mrs. Jacobsen read the following report:
"...I have the honour to submit a report on behalf of the Publications Committee. As you will recall the Committee is made up of all members of Council, along with five regional representatives.

Once again, and definitely for the last time, I should like to report on the 'progress' of the revised edition of the Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies. The entire work, newly arranged and indexed in detail, has been in the hands of the printer for some months. When delivered in March we hoped that the new edition of B.C.B. would be ready by June 30. Mechanical difficulties have delayed production but we now have a final date to receive proofs in August, with the day of publication set for September 30, 1971. Dr. David M. Hayne has kindly offered to assist me with proof-reading.

I believe I speak on behalf of all members of the Council and the Publications Committee when I say that I hope the newly proposed increases in membership fees will be approved by members of the Society. One of our main functions is to publish, and a substantial increase in our treasury will make possible the publication of more and better monographs, facsimiles, reprints, and so forth.

The Editor of the Papers, Dr. David M. Hayne, has asked me to mention the next issue. In his own words, 'if the three contributors who are to give me their texts do so, I shall put out an issue early in the fall; the following issue, will, of course, be the Colloquium transactions.'

By this time you will have received details of the Colloquium on 'Nineteenth-Century Canadian Bibliography' to be held in Toronto on November 5 and 6, 1971. Among the speakers are Professor Fredson Bowers of the University of Virginia; Dr. Guy Sylvestre, National Librarian; Professor John Hare of the University of Ottawa and Professor Jean-Pierre Wallot of the University of Toronto. The Council of the Society has felt for some time that a gathering to discuss nineteenth-century bibliography as it relates to Canada would be most useful and the Colloquium in November is the result. It is hoped that as many members of the Society as possible will attend the meetings. The papers presented will be published by the Society.

One final word about publications: it is that Mr. William F.E. Morley's expanded bibliography of John Richardson is near completion and will be the next monograph published, hopefully in the late fall or early in 1972.

I would thank all members of the Council and of the Society for assistance given during 1970-71."

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

In the absence of Mr. Peter E. Greig, Chairman of the Index Committee, Mrs. Jacobsen read his report as follows:

"The Index Committee of the Bibliographical Society of Canada, since its formal inception a little more than a year ago, has grown in numbers and assumed a more active role in Canadian indexing.

A quarterly Newsletter was initiated in 1970 to keep members aware of the Committee's activities. To date, three numbers have appeared, with the generous
assistance of Massey College at the University of Toronto. A fourth Newsletter will appear next month, issued from the Committee's new address in Ottawa.

In addition, the Index Committee intends to issue an Occasional Paper series. The first number of this series, to be issued later this year, will be Mr. George Smith's index to the University of Western Ontario's Historical Notes.

In March of this year, the Index Committee sent out a questionnaire on local indexing in Canada to more than three hundred libraries across the Dominion. This was largely prepared and generously produced by Miss Lois Thieman at her own cost. By the May 15 deadline nearly one hundred replies had been received. A report on these returns will be given in the July 1971 Newsletter, and copies issued to the participants of the survey as well as to Committee members.

The questionnaire returns will also provide valuable information for the Committee's proposed union list of indexes of Canadian materials, which is planned for the spring of 1972.

Since March, the Index Committee has been investigating the possibility of an index training programme for its members in co-operation with the University of Toronto School of Library Science. A tentative one-day pilot workshop is currently set for the fall of this year.

At present the membership in the Committee consists of 25 full members and 17 associate members, making a total of 42 in all. An executive was formed consisting of Mr. Peter Greig, Chairman and Editor; Dr. J.B. Rudnycky, Western Technical Advisor; Miss Elizabeth Spicer, Advisor on Retrospective Indexing; and Miss S.K. Wiguore, Eastern Technical Advisor. The first executive meeting of the Committee was held March 20, 1971. In an all-day session the role of the Index Committee was further defined to be primarily of a research nature, rather than that of a body devoted solely to the production of indexes. In addition, the executive outlined the programmes for the coming year, establishing priorities and tentative deadlines.

Finally, it was the decision of the executive members to request that the Bibliographical Society of Canada provide the Index Committee with an operating budget of $175. This will be required to cover the cost of the Newsletters, in particular the July Newsletter, which is to contain the questionnaire survey report necessitating a large distribution; and also to cover such expenses as stationery and postage.”

It was moved by Mrs. Jacobsen, seconded by Mr. R.D. Hilton Smith, that this report be adopted. Carried.

Mr. Inglis F. Bell then presented the following report of the Nominating Committee:

Honorary President Miss Marie Tremaine
President Mr. Bruce Peele
1st Vice-President Mr. William F.E. Morley
2nd Vice-President Miss Shirley Elliott
Secretary-Treasurer Mrs. R.C. Jacobsen
Associate Secretary Mr. Claude B. Aubry
Council Members, 1971-74  
Dr. Carl F. Klinck  
Mr. Basil Stuart-Stubbbs

Continuing on Council:  
Mr. Inglis F. Bell, Past President  
Mr. Hugh Anson-Cartwright — to 1972  
Mr. Rosario de Varennes — to 1973  
Mr. R.C. Ellsworth — to 1973  
Dr. J.B. Rudnyčkyj — to 1972  
Dr. David M. Hayne, Editor, Papers  
Prof. D.G. Lochhead, Chairman  
Publications Committee

Respectfully submitted by Eileen McFadden, Lorna Procter and Inglis F. Bell, Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Laurie M. Allison, that this report be adopted. Carried.

Father Morisset then spoke of the early days of the Society and mentioned those who had been present at the first meeting on May 20, 1946, at a luncheon given by Dr. Lorne Pierce at the University Club. They were as follows: Miss Winifred G. Barnstead, Mrs. Dora Hood, Dr. James F. Kenney, Mr. E.C. Kyte, Mr. Fred Landon, Miss Isabel Locheed, M. Gérard Malchelosse, Dr. Victor Morin, Father A.-M. Morisset, O.M.I., Dr. Lorne Pierce, Miss Margaret Ray, Miss Marie Tremaine, Dr. R.G. Trotter, and Dr. W.S. Wallace. Father Morisset also listed those who had been presidents in the various years and noted that Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, a former president, was present and that he was not only an honorary member but an unfailing good friend to the Society.

Mr. Inglis F. Bell then introduced our speaker, Professor Gordon R. Elliott, mentioning that he had grown up in the Cariboo, that he was a man of the frontier and a man of parts; that he had studied at the University of British Columbia and at Harvard, and was now on the teaching staff of Simon Fraser University.

Professor Elliott then addressed the meeting on the subject, “A Bibliocultural Study of Two Colonial Literatures”. (The text of Professor Elliott’s address will be found in full in this volume.)

Professor Elliott was thanked, in English, by Dr. Bruce Nesbitt and, in French, by Father Morisset for his witty and interesting address.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

BRUCE PEEL,  
President.

ESTHER JACOBSEN,  
Secretary-Treasurer.