BOOKS IN REVIEW

While reviews of books which are no longer recent, or even in print, may still serve a useful and interesting purpose, news of bibliographical work in progress is of no value whatsoever to our readers when such news appears after the bibliographical work being reported is already published. Worse, it is an embarrassment to the reporters. In an annual publication such as these *Papers*, there are limits to the timeliness of what is printed. Under these circumstances, the Council of the Society has recognized that the Work in Progress notes which have preceded the reviews here over the last few years, would be more useful if transferred to the pages of the Society's more frequent *Bulletin*. This has now been done.

Readers are reminded that suggestions of titles for review here will be gratefully received. Publishers are invited to send copies of Canadian works of bibliographical interest to the Review Editor. Reviews will be printed, whenever possible, in the language of the book under review: French or English. We shall be especially pleased to hear from subject specialists who are willing to review new publications in their field, as they are published, for we are concerned that our reviews be authoritative. 'Notes for Reviewers', a guide to the length and format of reviews, will be sent to reviewers with a copy of the work they have undertaken to appraise. In general, full reviews should be about 300 words in length, or 500 words for more substantial or controversial works, and from 100 to 150 words for late reviews or slight works — though a brief review now does not exclude the possibility of a full review in a later issue of these *Papers*.

I should like to thank our reviewers for their contributions to the *Papers*, but opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Bibliographical Society of Canada.

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Bibliography on Metric Conversion. Revised March 1977. Ottawa: Metric Commission Canada, 1977. 40 p., paper, free.

This bibliography — which seems in fact to be a catalogue of the Commission's collection on metric conversion — may be of value to many libraries as a selective bibliography or selection aid to material on this topic.

The arrangement is somewhat complicated and is as follows. There are separate classified sections, first for the English language publications and then for the French language publications. The classification system used in each section is identical: the initial groupings are by country of origin, and then there are sub-groupings by type of material, such as legislation, standards,