possible, O'Neill gives full bibliographic details for each title, with the slight exception that he leaves out the number of pages for published single plays. But, while the list is a tribute to O'Neill's industry, it also reflects limitations imposed on it by the present state of Canadian drama study. We are still in the fundamental stage of documenting the body of indigenous drama, much of which has been lost. There are really only three bibliographies, each quite limited, which this one can 'supplement', although an updated and expanded (2,500 entries) edition of the *Brock Bibliography* of published plays will be out in 1979. At the moment, then, we must recognize that O'Neill's work is pioneering and that his titles are largely obscure. Moreover, because many of them are merely plays copyrighted, probably neither published nor performed, they have undoubtedly proved to be hard to find – the scripts once held by the Copyright Office, for instance, have disappeared. Hence, a large proportion of the entries show only the author, title, date and place copyrighted, or are in some other way bibliographically incomplete. Nonetheless, even with its shortcomings, this is a useful tool and one for which P.B. O'Neill should be commended.

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Canadian Selection: Books and Periodicals for Libraries. Compiled by Edith Jarvi, Isabel McLean and Catherine MacKenzie. Toronto: University of Toronto Press for the Centre for Research in Librarianship, Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto, 1978. xii, 1060 p., index, cloth, \$35.00 ISBN 0-8020-4554-5.

Canadian Selection will be welcomed by public libraries across Canada because, as stated in the Introduction, it is 'designed to meet the need for a selective guide to significant English-language books and periodicals, written for adults, about Canada, published in Canada, or written by Canadians at home or abroad.' It is also an excellent resource for evaluating and updating Canadiana collections.

The idea for the guide originated with the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation, which provided the necessary funds to the Metropolitan Toronto Library Board. The Board, in turn, commissioned the Centre for Research in Librarianship at the Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto, to carry out the project. More than fifty librarians assisted in the work.

The guide is divided into five parts: Selection Aids, Classified Catalogue, Canadian Periodicals, Index, and a Publishers' Directory.

The first part, Selection Aids, has a valuable introductory essay followed by a listing of general, subject, and regional bibliographies; selection aids for government publications, periodicals, and children's materials; and also a listing of Canadian periodicals which have regular book review sections. It should be noted, however, that whereas children's literature selection aids are given, the Classified Catalogue does not list children's books.

The Classified Catalogue includes 4,285 books arranged according to the 18th edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification with slight modifications for certain subjects. A bibliographic rather than a cataloguing form of entry has been used. Information

includes publishing history, awards won, the International Standard Book Number, and price. If a book is out of print, this is indicated, but the emphasis is on in-print materials. Then follow the Dewey class number, suggested subject headings, and an annotation. Annotations range from two to twenty lines, and many are signed. Excluded from the Catalogue are music scores, maps, county atlases, unpublished theses, and highly specialized publications. Although works in languages other than English are also excluded, translations of French-Canadian literary works are listed.

The subject with by far the largest number of entries is Literature – 1,124 items, in a total of 4,285, to 877 for History. The Law section, compiled by Gail Dykstra of the Law Library, York University, is quite extensive with 97 entries. As explained in the Introduction, 'there is a recognized need for stronger collections of legal material in public libraries.' (It is interesting to note that there are 59 entries under the subject Ice and Snow Sports!) But to return to Literature: no doubt because of the demand from CanLit courses, the majority of Canadian novels are in-print; and, although the emphasis in the Catalogue is on contemporary works, there is a wide selection going back to Frances Brooke's *History of Emily Montague*, published in London in 1769, and considered the first 'Canadian' novel – in short, more than two hundred years of CanLit!

In the periodicals listing, which is arranged alphabetically by title, the following information is given: starting date, frequency, publisher with complete address including postal code, price, and International Standard Serial Number. If the periodical contains book reviews, this information is noted, and where the periodical is indexed is also stated.

There is a 200-page author, title, and subject index to the Classified Catalogue only. Canadian Periodicals and the items in Part One, Selection Aids, are not included. The Index is very detailed, and subject headings are given in upper case.

The Publishers' Directory contains the 472 addresses necessary for ordering all the books in the Catalogue.

Canadian Selection was printed from camera-ready copy of a computer print-out. Quarterly supplements are a possibility, with an annual cumulation and a complete revision every five years.

My one criticism of the work is that the Table of Contents does not give sufficient information as to the contents. It would have made for easier use if, under Selection Aids, the five categories of aids had been given; and if, under Classified Catalogue, the ten main classes of the Dewey Decimal Classification had been listed.

This volume, with its surprising amount of detailed information, will be an important acquisition not just for public libraries, but for any library interested in developing a Canadiana collection.

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