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The precocious pup on the cover is "Snoopy", the bookish beagle. During her puppyhood, Snoopy chewed through a number of weighty tomes until she learned that books were intended to be digested mentally, and not as a substitute for Dr. Ballard's. The sorrowful expression...could it be interpreted as meaning: "What fools these mortals be!"

## Comment . . .

It's possible that with the departure of former editor Anne Leibl, MLA members have wondered if the Bulletin also had departed from the scene. But life is full of surprises, and we present herewith the Winter Edition of the MLA Bulletin.

It was intended to publish in November, but circumstances conspired to delay the publication date until after the Christmas rush. There was some "hesitation" in the arrival of copy, and other "pluses" such as: collating, typing, confabs with the printer, preparation of the format, typing about 300 names and addresses; and finally, a suggestion from the friendly postman that we hold back the mailing until the "seasonal madhouse" had ended.

While the finished product does not indicate the amount of work entailed in its production, the Bulletin actually is more than a one-person job. We suggest that appointment of a small committee (of perhaps three members) would result in a division of labor and ensure publication at regular intervals; with a tendency toward more interesting and informative contents.

As a final note to the above the new editor had to earn the family bread and cheese, together with Yuletide "problems" of his own with which to contend. And here endeth the pathetic paragraphs of your neophyte editor....

to conclude, in the coming days may each of you enjoy good health, bigger take-home pay, satisfactory budgets, and withall, a Happy New Year!

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"Night's candles are burnt out, and jocund day

Stands tiptoe on the misty mountain-tops."

With the smuffing out of 1967's candles, let us hope that 1968 really will be a "jocund day", dissolving the mists of uncertainty and leading toward a more positive and sympathetic approach to the problems that afflict mankind.

## C.L.A. Council Moves To Improve Liaison

At the fall meetings of CLA Council in Edmonton this year steps were taken to improve liaison between the various library organizations in Canada. It had been felt earlier that provincial, professional and regional library organizations would be more effective and could "facilitate the development of a consensus on issues of national importance" if a close, formal, constitutionally recognized liaison with CLA/ACB were established. Meetings in Winnipeg last March resulted in the Winnipeg Memorandum which urged CLA Council to take action on four proposals:

1. To provide for representation on Council of ACBLF and each provincial and professional library organization.
2. Sponsor jointly with ACBLF the formation of a co-ordination council representing national, provincial and professional library organizations.
3. Consult with and solicit support from library organizations on proposals of a national character before approaching the Federal Government.
4. Assign an officer of CLA for liaison among library organizations.

On September 30th the Ad Hoc Committee which had prepared the Winnipeg Memorandum and many of the presidents of provincial and regional associations met the Council of CLA to report its findings, with the following results:

1. It was recorded in the minutes that the spirit of the Winnipeg Memorandum is accepted by the CLA-ACB Council.
2. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that CLA/ACB, on an experimental basis invite the provincial, regional and professional library associations in Canada, which are affiliates of CLA/ACB to appoint one representative each to an advisory group which will join CLA/ACB at its meetings. These representatives, though having no vote on the Council, will have the right to speak. It is recommended that each association name as its representative a member of its present executive who has been and will continue to be closely connected with the association's affairs. The appointment is to be made for a period of three years.
3. The Committee on Committees was asked to consider representation from related committees of the affiliated associations when setting up CLA/ACB committees. In this connection it was noted that personal membership is normally a prerequisite for committee membership in CLA/ACB.

The exchange of information and ideas has already begun. It has assisted the Budget Committee in its planning. It has enlarged the field of vision of the committee studying establishment of a library school. It has presented us with the challenge of friendly competition as well as the assurance of warm co-operation with other library associations.

Perhaps the flower people have the idea: "Lilac is stimulating!"

—Mr. Robert Park,  
President, M.L.A.

## Canadiana Catalogue Believed to Be 'First'

Recent publication issued by the Winnipeg Public Library is an attractive booklet, believed to be the only publication of its kind in Canada, titled "Canada in Books for Children". Listed between its covers, 143 exclusively Canadian books, with annotations by Marion Curtis and Wenda Berglind, under supervision of Helen S. Robertson, co-ordinator of Children's Services.

Three years were spent in preparation of the catalogue, which has an attractive blue cover, with design from C. W. Jeffery's "The Picture Gallery of Canadian History". The type used is large and readable, and no doubt the publication will be of great value to parents, teachers and librarians interested in "Canadiana for Children". The cost is 50c per copy.

Subtitles in the catalogue are: General History for Older Boys and Girls; General History for Junior Readers; The Fur Trade; Explorers; Soldiers, Sailors and Settlers Who Defended and Built Canada; The Canadian West; Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Geography for Juniors; Geography for Older Readers; Source Material; The Indian Story; Canadians Poems and Legends; Canadian Adventure; Canadian Animals.

Those responsible for the compilation of "Canadiana for Children" are to be congratulated on the achievement of their Centennial project.

### NOTES FROM CLA-ACB COUNCIL MEETINGS, HELD SEPT. 30-Oct. 1...

CLA-ACB Council approved a proposal that would provide for three high-level professional positions, i.e. an Executive Director; a Field and Executive Secretary; and a Comptroller and Chief of Publications.

A three-day work-study course will feature the 1968 conference at Jasper, Alta., June 10, 11, 12. Work study is defined as "the systematic, objective and critical examination of all factors governing the operational efficiency of any specified activity in order to effect improvements". (Dear me!) There will be an alternative program for those who already know something about the above.

Further information re the conference will be released early in 1968.

Miss Hutcheson, CLA President, suggested that this would be a good year for sections to prepare and finalize handbooks. Included should be the section constitution, etc.

A resolution brought before CLA Council urged... "that in view of library development in Canada today, serious consideration should be given to re-organization of sections to reflect these changes and developments".

The Dialogue Committee of CLA/ACB and ACBLF were asked to... 1. Study ways and means of officially making the Canadian Library Association an English-language national association. 2. Recommend the best possible method for the maintenance of uninterrupted and mutually beneficial dialogue between the Canadian Library Association and its French-language counterpart, the Association Canadienne des Bibliothécaires de Langue Francaise.

### CLTA EXECUTIVE AT EDMONTON...

Tentative plans for trustee participation at the Jasper conference include: Sunday morning, Business Meeting and Speaker; Sunday evening, Informal Get-together; Monday, Annual Meeting and Election of Officers; Tuesday, CLTA banquet, with speaker.

Executive also will recommend that members take part in the work-study or alternative program; suggesting to CLA Council that topics of interest to Trustees be incorporated into the program.

CLTA has set up committees on Budget and Finance, on Activities and on Membership.

As a special project, CLTA will circulate copies of "Library Standards" to all MLAs and MPs in Canada, together with an introductory letter from the President.

Ideas for projects are being sought. It is proposed that consideration be given for funds to compile a "Canadian Library Trustees' Manual" that would be distributed to all boards in the Dominion. The Trustees executive already is proceeding with an all-out campaign to increase membership.

### GETTING RESULTS FROM READING!

A timely International Telephone and Telegraph advt. in a national U.S. magazine, referring to an experiment initiated by Dr. Daniel N. Fader, is headed: "He's not exactly reading Shakespeare. But he's reading".

Depicted is a U. S. soldier reading a "whodunit", with the underlines stating:

"Hamlet won't turn him on. Dr. Fu Manchu will. And to a guy who never read a book before in his life—any book—it's a start.

"He's a corpsman at the Kilmer Job Corps Centre in New Jersey, and like most other Corpsman, he's a school drop out. The problem: How to get these boys to start reading and writing so that their mental skills match the job skills they're learning.

"Thousands of paperbacks were made available to Corpsmen, and now boys who never read a book before are reading two or more a week.

"As a boy's reading improves and he learns sentence structure and punctuation, his sophistication in books grows.

"When many of these boys come to Kilmer, they find it almost impossible to express themselves. Now when they leave, they've found an exciting new way: with words".

And where will the lads go when they seek more "sophisticated" reading? Why, to the Public Library...natch!

## M.I.T. Library Graduates Sought By Public and Specialty Libraries

Looking back at the record of the students who have attended the course for Library Assistants, it appears that, generally speaking, all who desired employment in libraries, or who were capable of taking a position, were able to find such employment. Of course, some have now left library work to be married, to go to university, etc.

An approximate breakdown of the type of libraries in which the Graduates have found employment would be: of 60 graduates, 16-18 in public libraries; others in college, university, school, business, government, newspaper, etc. libraries.

Seven of the graduates found employment outside the province of Manitoba, of which two are working in public libraries, and the others in special libraries. While it would be pleasing to think that all the students had stayed to work in Manitoba libraries, it is gratifying to know that the services of these library technicians are being sought and accepted by other provinces. Many more requests for submission of applications by the students were received than were ever answered.

This year the ratio of students from rural areas is much larger than ever before. Out of 17 students, 10 are from rural points in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

While consideration of a change of name for the course continues, an entirely suitable alternative has not been forthcoming yet. Perhaps a uniform name will emerge for all courses of this nature when the recommendation of the special committee of C.L.A. are completed and adopted.

A new school, to be known as the Manitoba Institute of Applied Arts, is now in process of construction and is to contain a new library building, in which the Library Assistants course is to be accommodated.

A computer centre is planned for the new M.I.T.-M.I.A.A., and the plans call for some of the library routines to be computerized, as soon as possible. Besides being a great boon to the library, it will also afford an opportunity for the students to be trained as key punch operators.

—Miss Gertrude Perrin.

### AWARD OF EXCELLENCE TO MIMICO (ONT.) LIBRARY

It was interesting to note in "Daily Commercial News and Building Record" that the new Mimico (Ont.) Centennial Library has been awarded the 1967 "Award of Excellence" by the Ontario Masons' Relations Council.

Judges' comments were: "...the architects have shown how little it is necessary to do to achieve a building of distinction. They have not projected architecture with a capital 'A'".

## M.L.A. Memberships, With Fees . . . Payable Now!

If you are a bit vague re the difference between Institutional Memberships and Public Library Board Memberships in the Association, you have plenty of company.

The following is an attempt to clarify the matter...

Public Library Boards pay a personal membership for each member of the Board (or trustee). At present this fee is \$2.00 in Winnipeg; \$1.00 outside of Winnipeg.

Its payment constitutes a Library Association membership, as well as a personal membership for each trustee, making him or her a voting member.

Institutional Memberships of \$10.00 are usually paid by Special Libraries. Each such library can select one voting member. Aside from this, of course, staff members are expected to join the Association personally, with full voting privileges.

Public Library Boards who wish to make an EXTRA contribution to the Association, may also pay Institutional memberships.

All memberships are now due. December is the cut-off date for receipt of the Bulletin and notices.

Public Library Boards: Kindly send fees with a list of the names and addresses of Board members to the Membership Chairman.

Institutional Members: Forms have been sent to all libraries, but if yours is lost, don't hesitate to send in the money anyway. If your library needs special invoices, let us know.

Make cheques payable to "The Manitoba Library Association", and send to

Betty Clark,  
Membership Chairman,  
Manitoba Library Association,  
456 Queen St., Winnipeg 12.

"Each day I observe all manner of children dipping into books, testing, judging, seeking the exact combination which answers their need or appeals to their interest. The element of delight, of deep satisfaction, enters into all the ramifications of this involvement. It is there in the joy of recognition as a picture book reveals familiar objects. It dances in the "first fine careless rapture" when the key to the printed word has at last been found. It is part of the satisfaction in finding the answers to questions. It is richly present in the discovery that characters in a book partake in adventures and have qualities worthy of emulation.

"And it is part of the quiet surprise which overtakes the maturing reader when he realizes that others have been engaged in problems similar to his own and that for them, also, there have been no simple solutions"

—From a paper, "The Area of Delight," by Dorothy M. Reid.

## Suggested Changes 'Food' For Thought

Brandon College Library,  
Brandon, Man.

Mrs. A. Leibl,  
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Winnipeg 2, Man.

Madam Editor:

Congratulations on the summer issue of the Bulletin. I would like to be one of the first contributors to your "Letters to the Editor" column.

What is wrong with the libraries of Manitoba? Lack of money? lack of qualified staff? not primarily. By far the greatest weakness in our library structure is lack of leadership. If we improve the leadership, personnel and financial improvement will soon follow. By leadership I mean the ability to put our problems before people who have the power to act upon them; the ability to conceive, develop and promote new ideas; to adopt progressive policies; to attract and inspire competent staff; to innovate; to adapt; to see and work for goals which are in the distant future.

What can the Manitoba Library Association and the professional librarians of Manitoba do to produce such leadership?

1. The Manitoba Library Association should systematically review the needs of each type of library in the Province every year. Relevant reports and resolutions from each type of library should be reported and debated at each annual meeting. Following the annual meeting, the Executive Committee should take the following steps:
  - a) each and every year the Executive should request an audience with the Provincial Cabinet (public libraries, school libraries and university libraries are under different ministers) through which the Cabinet would be given a report on the state of the art in the Province, the contribution of libraries and librarians to the provincial well-being together with relevant specific resolutions.
  - b) Reports concerning salaries, working conditions, financial support and other matters should be directed to governing bodies, institutional heads, library directors, etc., on a systematic and regular base.
  - c) establish standing study committees on perennial problems. (For example there should be a standing committee on salaries which would prepare an annual brief on all library salaries and which would give comparative figures for other areas. This brief would be distributed to the Provincial Cabinet, senior civil servants, all library trustees, institutional administration, chief librarians, the press and other

interested persons). Much of the work pursuant to these studies and reports should be done by librarians in junior and intermediate ranks. By performing this work younger people would get an opportunity to develop administrative skills and make professional and public contacts before they are appointed to senior positions.

Following the above procedures would provide a means of keeping our problems before the people who can act upon them. Practice in using the means would help to develop the individual leaders which we so badly need. I should point out that this approach is the one normally used by organizations interested in provincial affairs. I have served on the executive bodies of the Brandon locals of the Council of Women and the Chamber of Commerce both of which use these methods on the provincial level.

2. The Manitoba Library Association should investigate problems faced by Manitobans who wish to get either basic or advanced training in library science and should take action to alleviate such problems wherever possible.
3. The Manitoba Library Association should sponsor an annual management seminar in addition to its annual conference. This seminar could be self-supporting through registration fees.
4. The Manitoba Library Association could encourage leadership qualities by establishing an annual merit award for significant contribution to the field.
5. The Manitoba Library Association should take out memberships in various provincial organizations such as The Manitoba Education Association and the Manitoba Provincial Council of Women which make a practice of studying and urging action upon provincial problems.
6. Librarians in senior administrative positions should keep abreast of new developments, should continuously seek improvement in their own leadership techniques, should continuously interpret their profession to their superiors and others, and should openly encourage their subordinates to develop leadership skills.
7. Librarians in junior and intermediate positions should develop leadership qualities by observing the operation of other libraries whenever possible, by conducting objective analysis of various problems associated with their work, by taking an active part in professional activities...if necessary at their own expense.
8. Librarians should take a greater part in the work of public and scholarly organizations.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to expound my views which I hope will stimulate both debate and action within the readership of this Bulletin.

Eileen M. McFadden  
Librarian, Brandon University.

## Library Trustees Meet at Pilot Mound

The Trustees' Section of the M.L.A. held its semi-annual meeting on Saturday, October 14th, 1967, in the new Centennial Library at Pilot Mound, Man. The hospitality was warm, but the attendance was disappointing.

Isn't it about time that library trustees started to take an interest in M.L.T.A. and begin to give active support and not just financial support to an organization that is working for the betterment of library services in each and every library across the province? The members of the executive should not have to shoulder completely the responsibilities of an organization whose membership totals 150 library trustees.

Those who were in attendance at the meeting heard a report from Mr. Chas. Hall, chairman, on the Aug. 28th meeting with Mr. Stewart McLean, minister of libraries, at which time the resolutions approved at the annual meeting were presented and favorably received. Six members of the trustee executive met with Mr. McLean. Miss Margaret Morley, provincial librarian, also was present.

A motion was passed whereby the executive of the M.L.T.A. will send a letter to Manitoba municipal and rural councils who appoint library board members containing suggestions to consider when choosing board members.

The afternoon session was enjoyed by all when Mr. Robert Park, president of the Manitoba Library Association, gave an interesting talk on "A Library School for the Province of Manitoba." A lively question and answer period followed his address.

A motion was passed that a recommendation from the general meeting in Pilot Mound be presented to the membership at the annual meeting: "That the Trustees' Section endorse the efforts of M.L.A. to promote a library school for the Province of Manitoba."

Mr. Bruce Bodie then chaired the meeting for open discussion on various sections of the Manitoba Public Libraries Act. A number of motions were presented in regard to this open discussion and are recorded in the copy of the minutes which are sent to all members.

Mr. Bodie informed the meeting that the 1968 C.L.T.A. conference will be held in Jasper, Alta., June 7, 8, 9, and urged members to encourage their respective boards to send representatives to this conference.

Manitoba is well represented on the Canadian Trustees' executive this year, with Mr. Bruce Bodie as chairman, and Mr. Don Craw as secretary-treasurer.

—Mrs. Leona Issett,  
Sec.-treas., M.L.T.A.

"The person who agrees to accept the role of a library trustee has before him (or her) a vital and responsible task...In accepting this role, the library trustee is agreeing to take part in the promotion and extension of library service".

## Saskatchewan Libraries Committee Report

A report by the Saskatchewan Library Committee was released last August and widely publicized by the news media. The library inquiry committee was established in June, 1966, to study the adequacy of present public and regional library services, their organization, administration and financing and to propose for future development.

The following excerpts from an article appearing in the Saskatoon Star-Phoenix may be of some interest to library workers in Manitoba.

"The 50,000-word report's recommendations include a revolutionary concept that would join all libraries in the province into one co-ordinated library system that would make available to everyone in the province the stored knowledge on shelves both in this province and anywhere else in the world.

"The provincial library would become the hub, inspiration and co-ordinating centre of the system. The two major city public libraries and the provincial library would be the major resource libraries serving the entire province. Public libraries in other cities would be strengthened as up-to-date reference centres within regions.

"Seven regional libraries recommended to be formed by 1970 would fill out the plan to cover all of the settled part of the province, including Indian reserves. The provincial library would retain direct service to people in remote areas.

"The report recommends that the present library council be replaced by a library development board of five to fifteen members whose duties and responsibilities would be clearly set out for them. This board would work closely with the minister in charge of libraries and the provincial librarian in much the same way as present city boards act with local councils and their chief librarians.

"The report said that, although the basic structure of libraries in Saskatchewan is sound and those in charge are fully capable and ready to administer them, Saskatchewan libraries are dangerously under-financed if the province is to keep up to the demands of the 20th century. 'Substantial infusions of provincial funds are urgently needed,' the report adds.

"Establishment of a school of library sciences, at the undergraduate level, at the University of Saskatchewan, was recommended, as was also a library technician course at the Institute of Applied Arts and Science.

"A new businesslike building for the Provincial Library, now in completely inadequate quarters, was recommended.

"The committee held hearings in nine centres, dealt with 109 briefs, many letters and heard about 1,000 interested persons in preliminary hearings, main hearings and informal sessions with experts and laymen."

There appears to be some sound reasoning in the excerpts quoted above. They at least provide a basis for study that may eventually lead to development of a more realistic library system.

## Around The Libraries . . .

### WINNIPEG PUBLIC LIBRARY...

The following "thank-you" note was received at W.P.L. from Stage Centre of Manitoba Theatre Centre:

"We despaired of ever finding any authentic World War 1 posters in Winnipeg. But, as it happened, The Winnipeg Public Library heard about our dilemma and donated a box of original posters which someone had left with the library several years ago. Our thanks to Harry Easton and his staff at the Downtown branch for thinking of us".

A letter of commendation recently came from Mr. Lloyd Sherrill, of Detroit, Mich., for assistance given "in a time of need". Seeking information of a technical nature while visiting Winnipeg, Mr. Sherrill related the co-operation received from W.P.L. staff and expressed gratitude for their painstaking efforts on his behalf.

The last touch has been added to the new look of Osborne Library. This past summer both the inside and front of the building have been painted. There is a new sign across the library windows, which bears the library name.

In a letter received October 30, Anne Leibl, former Bulletin editor, reports she now has a position with the University of Toronto Science and Medicine Section doing reference. She proposes to take courses leading toward her M.L.S.

### UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA...

Mr. Wilder recently attended a conference in Montreal on ascertaining the cost of higher learning. He brought back to the U. of M. Library the honor of being chosen a "guinea pig" (his words) for a pilot study which will attempt to determine the best methods of conducting such an investigation.

A tunnel is being built under the Dafoe Library to connect with University College on one side and the new Arts Building, which in turn connects with Tier and Isbister. When the tunnel is completed, the main floor of the library will no longer be a major traffic thoroughfare.

The University of Manitoba was host to a meeting held by the Study of Scientific and Technical Information in Canada Study Group last October. Mr. Wilder introduced President Saunderson who welcomed the group.

Grant Birks and colleagues have demonstrated considerable talents as photographers and writers in the Bibliography room's official year book: YEAR!!.

A telex has been installed in the U. of M. library office. This, it is stated, will facilitate interlibrary loan service and provide the obvious benefits of this communications system.

...And U. of A. News Notes proclaims that "Batwoman is a Librarian"!

### TRANSCONA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sunday, Oct. 29, was an important day in library circles of the town of Transcona, when Mayor Harry Fuller severed a ribbon to officially open a recently completed addition to the Transcona Public Library building.

Among the invited guests were Miss Marjorie Morley, provincial librarian, civic dignitaries, librarians and trustees representing other Metro areas. Mrs. M. Tegelberg is chairman of the Transcona Library Board.

In his opening remarks, Mayor Fuller commented on the harmony that existed within the library board, which extended to the librarian, Mr. Robert Oliver, and his staff, and augured well for the continued excellence in library service given the public.

During the ceremony, the library received a gift of money from the Transcona Kinettes toward the purchase of books. This was a Centennial project.

Librarian Robert Oliver is happy with the extension to his quarters, which has enabled the younger borrowers to have a section of their own. He pointed out that this is the second extension of the original building constructed in 1961.

### ST. BONIFACE PUBLIC LIBRARY

There has been considerable activity around St. Boniface Public Libraries during the past few months. Through co-operation of board members and library staff, plus a generous "donation" from city council, basement areas have been transformed from bare walls and empty spaces into attractive, well-lit quarters for the younger patrons.

The children now are using their very own, very spacious area, and librarians Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Morriss and Mrs. Kleinschmit report many expressions of joy from young borrowers on their new-found "freedom".

It is planned to hold official openings at a later date, when residents in each area will be invited to inspect the new library areas.

The main floors of each library now have lost that "crowded" look, and older students and adult borrowers can browse in a happier climate. It is expected that the alterations just completed will accommodate a growing clientele without further additions for some years.

Bouquets to the librarians and staffs of the three libraries for putting in the necessary time and energy to complete the conversions.

British publishers who toured Canada last spring noted in their report that "In Manitoba, for example, there is a large, unsatisfied demand for light fiction that is pure in word and spirit—a type of publishing in which several British publishers excel and which is hardly known in the United States."

FORT GARRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Considerable interest has been shown in a series of ethnic programs sponsored by the Fort Garry Public Library Board and staff as a special Centennial feature.

Designed to better acquaint Fort Garry residents with the background, culture and music of the many races which have contributed to the growth and development of our country, the programs have been staged monthly since May in the newly-opened reference section of the library.

Performed by various ethnic groups in colorful costume, the programs have featured songs and instrumentals native to the countries depicted, typical dances, films, and interesting displays of weaving, lace-making, knitting, and embroidery. Month-long displays of jewellery, handicrafts, ceramics, fabrics, books and objets d'art have been placed in the libraries to complement the programs.

Following each program refreshments were provided by the various ethnic groups, featuring delicacies from their native cuisine.

Successful programs were conducted by Canadians of Ukrainian descent, and by Canadians of Icelandic, Filipino, and Latvian descent. Other evenings included programs by East Indians, Scottish and French Canadians.

ST. VITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

St. Vital Public Library gave "full coverage" to Young Canada's Book Week in November, with contests, films and other special events being featured.

Children took part in a contest to depict their favorite book characters, winners being chosen by Mr. L. Ditz, and suitable prizes awarded. Age groups were six years and under, seven to 10 years, and 11 to 13 years.

An hour long program of films was shown by the National Film Board on Nov. 17, with refreshments following. New books of interest to children were on display.

At the annual meeting of St. Vital Friends of the Library, Nov 22, pins were presented to children who had completed the Spade Reading Club requirements. Guest speaker at this meeting was Mr. L. Ditz, presently associated with Manitoba School Broadcasts.

PROVINCIAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES STAFF

Recent additions to P.L.&A. staff are:

Provincial Archivist: Mr. J. A. Bovey, B.A. Hons. U.B.C., M.A., U.B.C. The title of the thesis was "Federal Attitudes and Policies Towards Canada's Northern Territories, 1870-1930". His experience includes research for the B.C. centennial history book under the direction of Dr. Margaret A. Ormsby, sessional teaching assistant at U.B.C., Archivist, N.W.T.

Loose Leaves . . .

M.L.A. Annual Meeting—An invitation was received to hold the Manitoba Library Association Annual Meeting at Russell, Man., and was accepted at the M.L.A. general meeting in October. Details in the next issue of the Bulletin.

The November meeting of M.L.A. was held in the new Engineering Building at the University of Manitoba, with a good turnout of members. Mr. Robert Park was chairman. Following a brief business meeting, the gathering heard a talk on the computer in relation to the library field. The speaker traced the steps by which a computer system could assist in routine library operations, thus releasing personnel for creative and promotional work. Refreshments were served at the conclusion, and a general "talk-fest" ensued.

Assistant Archivist Barry Hyman, B.A. and M.A., U. of M., with post-graduate studies at Queen's University, was employed at Public Archives of Canada before joining the Manitoba Provincial Library and Archives staff.

Following a mild controversy concerning the venue of the 1969 CLA/ACB conference, an adjustment has been made. The meeting place is now transferred from the sunny climes of Jamaica to the rugged, picturesque coast of our own Newfoundland.

Favorable comment was heard on the appearance of Winnipeg Public Library's float in the Santa Claus parade. Good public relations for libraries in general.

The University of Manitoba Extension Library has announced publication of two new catalogues. No. 5-C, a supplement of adult books, lists recent additions to the library's stock of 50,000 volumes. Books in large type for the visually handicapped also have been added. Junior catalogue No. 6 is a revised basic list of books for children and young adults, on Canada and Canadians. Mr. Noble and his staff believe in keeping pace with the "book movement" in the marginal areas.

Those who attended council meetings at Edmonton praised the hospitality of Edmontonians, and regarded with awe the ultra-modern Edmonton Public Library where sessions were held. Delegates attended the official opening of this "colossal" library, which to most librarians and trustees seemed to have "a little more than everything."

"Did Emmeline Pankhurst Live In Vain?" is a question posed in WPL notes. Anyone care to undertake an answer to that query? (Quiet, men.) All is not lost, however. "The Committee to Study Terms of Reference on the Status of Women, with particular reference to the library profession" will get together and prepare a brief from CLA/ACB to the R.C. on the S. of W. (Selah!)

In Luton Town, England, librarians have estimated that today's children are two years ahead in good reading habits than were their elders during the same period of their childhood. Perhaps the long hair trend should be taken more literally! Or could it be that interest in the written word, as promoted by library policy-makers and personnel, is at last gaining momentum? Anyway, have a care not to scoff out loud at the lad with uncut tresses—he may mow you down with a blast from Bacon or Browning!

THE MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU...

TO ASSIST IN THE PROMOTION AND CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT OF LIBRARY STANDARDS AND FACILITIES IN MANITOBA.

In these fast-moving times ever-increasing demands are being made on libraries and personnel. We must make an effort to meet these demands. Only by concerted action, however, can we hope to cope with present-day needs and prepare for continued advancement in the future.

THE MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION IS DEDICATED TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ABOVE OBJECTIVES...

But the co-operation and combined efforts of all concerned is necessary if we are to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion.

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