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## THE COUNTY LIBRARY COMES TO ONTARIO

### Introduction

If you take a look at the early archives of the Lambton County Library, you will be as fascinated as I have been over the past Christmas season as I read letters from and to Dr. J.A. (Archie) Lamont, Wyoming, Ontario, while he was the (first) President of the Lambton County Library Association. May this sample selection whet your appetite.

### Letters

May 23, 1931 To: The members of the Lambton County Library Board

At a meeting held last evening, it was decided to ask each member of this board to interview the reeve of his district or other representative of the county council before the meeting of the said council on June 2nd, explaining the scheme and of its enthusiastic reception last Wednesday.

It is most important that each member of our county council know definitely of our plans, so that the matter may be discussed with intelligence and ease; and that council may stamp its approval in a satisfactory manner.

J.A. Lamont, per C.

May 25, 1931 To: Dr. A.R. MacMillan, M.L.A.

We were sorry that you were unable to be present at the meeting at the County Clerk's office in Sarnia last week in the interests of the Lambton County Library movement. Might I say that the meeting unanimously endorsed the formation of the Lambton County Library Association. A representative delegation is to meet the County Council on Tuesday, June 2nd. at 2:30 P.M. We would be very much indebted to you if you would seriously endeavour to attend and lend your support.

J.A. Lamont, Pres. Lambton Co. Library Ass'n.

May 29, 1931 To: Dr. J.A. Lamont

I was sorry that I was unable to be present at the meeting of your library association at the Clerk's office in Sarnia but trust that your meeting was profitable to all.

I will endeavor to be with you on June 2nd when you are desirous of meeting county council and will lend my support in your work before that body of men.

A.R. McMillan, M.D. M.L.A.

June 9, 1931 To: Dr. J.A. Lamont

I understand the County Council didn't give the County Library Board much encouragement last week when the petition for a grant of \$1000 was asked.

In talking to Fred Eastman, our reeve, to-day, he told me that about 85% of the Councillors went dead against the proposition. And moreover, that the reeve of Euphemia came with a special message from the members of the Shetland Public Library Board to keep their hands off the thing, because it would shortly take control of the local libraries out of the hands of the local people.

I would have thought this question would have been cleared up at the general meeting two weeks ago, but apparently there are some suspicious people who question every good endeavour.

What is now being suggested with regard to further action? Mr. Eastman strongly advises that the matter be again brought before the County Council at the January sitting 1932. He says it would be useless to attempt anything at the December meeting. He also states that he never saw the Council make a grant of a sum as high as \$1000 the first time it was presented by petition. So he encourages the Board to keep up their spirits.

A.S. Burnham (Arkona)

July 6, 1931 The Honourable G.S. Henry, B.A., LL.B.,  
The Minister of Education  
Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Sir:

Lambton County has taken such steps toward the formation of County Library work, that in order to develop this important movement it is necessary to apply for a government grant.

In short, there are 16 rural public libraries operating in this county, with a registered membership of 1768; and there are 31,000 residents untouched by library service. The logical and highly-approved method to reach these people is to establish a county library system, whereby books may be bought through and distributed from a central agency. The system, similar to that operating most satisfactorily in England and in most parts of the United States, gives the rural residents nearly equal library privileges to the city dweller.

In order to discuss the county movement, a meeting of representatives from the 16 rural libraries was held in Sarnia on May 20th in the office of the County Clerk. 67 Board members attending. After a thorough discussion of the project, a motion was carried unanimously that a Lambton County Library Association be formed and steps taken to centralize the purchase and distribution of books, which would be advantageous to each and

every library. In order to start this, it will be necessary to have at least \$1,750, as follows:

Purchase of 500 books	\$ 750.00
Cataloguing, etc	200.00
Travelling expenses	100.00
Equipment, cases, etc.	250.00
Part salary of librarian	450.00
Total	\$1,750.00

Clause "D" in section 79, Pt.III. of the Public Libraries Act, refers to the authorization to pay grants for "experimenting in the interest of new and improved library methods". Since the county library movement is one of the most important steps in recent years toward library extension, and since it has received the approval of the Ontario Library Association at its Easter convention, it is deemed advisable to take every possible step to develop what has been started in Lambton County.

At a meeting of the Lambton County Library Association held in Sarnia Public Library on June 29th, a motion was carried unanimously that this association apply to the Ontario Government, through the Department of Education, for a substantial grant in this pioneer project in the Province of Ontario.

We have the honour, Sir, to submit this to you for careful consideration.

J.A. Lamont, Chairman, Lambton County Library Ass'n.

#### Summary of events following

The next letter in this file is dated April 19, 1932. The Association had been turned down both in 1931 and in 1932 by the County Council and there is no record of a response from the Minister.

However Dr. Lamont and the embryonic Association did not give up easily. By the fall of 1932 seven libraries, Alvinston, Camlachie, Inwood, Mandaumin, Port Lambton, Sombra and Wyoming began the actual cooperative effort by each contributing \$25. into a common fund to buy books, each receiving the \$25. worth for its shelves. In 1933 the 10 other libraries joined by paying a fee of \$25. each and these were followed in the fall by the newly established Petrolia Public Library.

In 1933 the Province came through with a special grant of \$70. In 1934, the Province agreed to a special grant up to \$600 matching the funds provided by Lambton County Council. However Council approved only \$300. which was matched by the Province.

And so a County Library came to the Province of Ontario with

the principle established, however tenuous, of support from the Province and from the County Council. (Edited by E.S. Beacock)

(Please let us know if you would like more of this type of report on library history. We have another 20 pages of Lambton County letters and Roberta Wilson Weiner has forwarded her file of letters and reports on the founding of the Wentworth County Library Cooperative in 1948.)

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DR. B. MABEL DUNHAM (1881-1957)

by Dorothy Shoemaker and Grace Schmidt

Vision, determination and vigour coloured all the activity of Mabel Dunham. We are going to try and present a picture of this remarkable woman whose outstanding concentration was transferred to her bridge game, tennis and drawing house plans.

Mabel Dunham was born on a farm situated between Harriston and Clifford, Wellington County, Ontario. When she was six years old the family moved to Berlin (now Kitchener), where she lived for most of her life. Her mother's family, Mennonites from Pennsylvania, had settled there. Berlin, as always, was a progressive place.

After high school, normal school and a teaching post for two years in Berlin, she enrolled at Victoria College, University of Toronto where she graduated in 1908. The Berlin Public Library Board, after constructing a new library with the help of Andrew Carnegie in 1904 (at the corner of Queen and Weber Streets) decided that they should hire a professional librarian and Mabel Dunham was their choice. Then she attended McGill University's Summer School for librarians and became the first professional librarian to head a public library in Ontario. She held the position until 1944. The population of Berlin at the time she was employed was about 10,000 people.

The Story Hour which she started in 1912 became very popular. After school and on Saturday it was a great delight to hear Miss Dunham tell her wonderful stories - perhaps the first in Canada. In 1916 the new addition to the library included a large children's department and a story hour room. This room was used also for lectures, art exhibitions and meetings. The Waterloo County Historical Museum, housed in the lower level, was another great interest of Miss Dunham, and popular with adults and children alike.

In 1923 a special area for adolescents (later called teenagers) was established in the adult library. During the next two decades the Reference Library grew with special emphasis on collections of clippings and pictures to serve the schools, universities and the public in the surrounding area.

In the mid 1930's Miss Dunham embarked on a fund raising campaign in order to augment the book collection. On her own time and driving her own car she placed small collections in the rural libraries, in homes and barber shops. This was the beginning of the Waterloo County Library Cooperative which is now the Waterloo Regional Public Library. Communities such as Ayr, Elmira, Hespeler, New Hamburg, Preston and St. Jacobs, with the assistance of Kitchener and Galt Public Libraries were able to enjoy the benefits of joint book selection and processing.

Miss Dunham gave many speeches. She enjoyed talking to people, reading and travelling and put her experiences to good use. For several sessions she was lecturer-in-charge at the Ontario Library School Summer Course. This responsibility and her position as lecturer in library science at Waterloo College (now Wilfrid Laurier University) were firsts in the Canadian library profession.

Her second successful career was evident in her writing. Her first book "Trail of the Conestoga", published in 1924, was a fictionalized portrayal of her Mennonite forbears on her mother's side. A sequel "Toward Sodom" was published in 1927. Her father's family were United Empire Loyalists and she wrote about them in "Trail of the King's Men" published four years later. Her "Grand River" (1945) gave the history and description of an area well known to her. In 1948 "Krisli's Trees", a story of a little Mennonite boy was awarded the Book of the Year for Children medal by the Canadian Association of Children's Librarians. All of her books are now unfortunately out-of-print.

In addition to her achievements as Kitchener's Chief Librarian and as a successful author of historical works, Mabel Dunham's involvement in the life of the community included a numbers of firsts - the first woman to be a member of the Waterloo Historical Society; first president of the University Women's Club; the first woman to contest a municipal office (She was elected twice to the Public School Board). She was also the founder of the Women's Canadian Club and a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club.

The honorary degree, D.Litt. conferred on her in 1947 by the University of Western Ontario demonstrated recognition for her library work and her writing. May 29, 1953, her birthday, was declared Dunham Day by the Councils of Kitchener and Waterloo and by the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society of Ontario to celebrate her life and her work. Her writing had brought fame to the whole region.

Trinity United Church was her church throughout her life. Her history of this church, "So Great A Heritage", published as a pamphlet in 1941 told a story of an old and successful downtown church.

Dr, B. Mabel Dunham died on June 21, 1957. She was buried in the cemetery of the First Mennonite Church, King St. East, Kitchener, Ontario.

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## MEMOIRS OF A BRITISH LIBRARIAN IN CANADA

by Stephen Kees, former Chief Librarian, Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology

Since the "last shall be first" I thought that the memories of, I believe, the last British librarian to be employed by the Toronto Public Library might be of some interest.

To understand the story, I think a recapitulation of some of my background would be useful. After attending a secondary school in the London suburbs, I began classes at the University of London School of Librarianship in 1937 when non-university graduates could take a two-year course with some general education courses. Between then and 1940 when I joined the army I also worked part-time in a learned society library and a public library.

In 1946 I was back at Library School; graduated in 1947 and was awarded the Library Association Fellowship in 1948. After working in several small special libraries I decided to apply for a position in the Toronto Public Library. A well-known British librarian interviewed me and believed my experience suitable for the Toronto System.

I sailed for Canada in the fall of 1957. In Toronto, with a one year contract, I was assigned to the very busy Downtown Branch, then located on Richmond Street West behind Simpson's store. My lack of public library experience, limited knowledge of Canada and contemporary literature was a concern to me and my supervisors.

My wife and son joined me in the spring of 1958 and soon we moved to St. Catharines near my new position as librarian in the research department of the Ontario Paper Company in Thorold.

Next came the position as Chief Librarian of the newly established Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology in nearby Welland. Accepting this post was quite a leap in faith since the community colleges were a new phenomenon in post-secondary education in Ontario.

A scheme administered by McMaster University under the direction of the late professor and University Librarian, William Ready, selected, purchased and processed core collections for the new colleges. This was a feat of organization whose importance has not, I think, been fully appreciated. From this book provision scheme came the College Bibliocentre, a cooperative

purchasing centre serving the colleges and Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

As Niagara College grew so did its need for library facilities and in 1970 a new library was built - the first custom designed library for a community college in Ontario. Later an electronic security system was one of the first in a college. In addition to the main campus my supervision extended to two branch libraries and a number of special purpose campuses. Although the library was not well funded, and not always supported by the college areas, a variety of services were provided to an increasing number of students.

I have always recognized the value of contacts with other libraries and librarians and have been active in professional associations. A member of the Special Libraries Association since arriving in Canada, I was elected President of the Upstate New York Chapter, and as Chairman of the Science Technology Division assisted with the arrangements for an annual conference in Hawaii. Also I joined the Western New York/Ontario Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

My local involvement with the Niagara Regional Library System began as a consultant and continued both as a member and Chairman of the Regional Advisory Committee.

Since my retirement in 1984 my enthusiasm for organizations has diminished but I am still a member of the Public Library Board in the Town of Pelham where we live. A new library is being constructed with all the headaches and anticipated joy which that brings.

(Written in May, 1988)

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**NEWS NOTES:** Remember Sue Bonsteel's piece as a Couoncillor on the Stratford City Council in the last issue of the News? Well she wasn't elected in 1989 because she chose not to run. She may be up to her eyebrows in something else but Sue would never be over her head!!

**NEWS FLASH:** Robert (Bob) E. Lee, Director of Libraries, The University of Western Ontario, and Margaret Banks, Law Librarian have both announced their retirements effective in the summer of 1989.



## AND SO WE CAME: LIBRARIANS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM

by John MacPherson

### BARRIE PUBLIC LIBRARY, BARRIE, ONTARIO, CANADA.

Required, young man or woman with A.L.A. as ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN in adult department of medium-sized library. To do cataloguing and circulation work. Salary \$3,200 with possibility of increase in a few months. Five-day week. One month vacation. Pension scheme. Barrie is summer resort and industrial town of 19,000, 55 miles north of Toronto.

Apply by airmail to Mr. D. S. F. Cameron, Chairman, Library Board, Box 190, Barrie.

### MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY, SACKVILLE, NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA.

APPLICATIONS are invited from Graduate CHARTERED LIBRARIANS for the post of Assistant Librarian (Cataloguer). Minimum salary \$3,500 per annum; four weeks vacation; medical and surgical plan available.

Apply direct to the Librarian by airmail stating age, education, experience, religious denomination and enclosing a recent photograph. The University will pay up to £75 to the successful candidate to cover the cost of passage.

Advertisements such as these were common in North American library periodicals and in such United Kingdom publications as The Times Literary Supplement during the decade 1955-1965. That foreigners with library experience were being solicited to apply for positions in this country is obviously an indication that native-born qualified librarians were not glutting the market. Two main reasons for this come readily to mind: a limited supply over a period of time of graduates from the accredited library schools and an increased demand for graduates to staff changing and expanding library services.

The interest of the author of this note is not primarily in the national situation but lies towards exploring the background and settlement of the many citizens of the United Kingdom who chose to be librarian immigrants, as he himself chose. Many of those who took up positions in Canada grew professionally and some played leadership roles in the development of Canadian services and of various professional associations. Others were content to demonstrate their professionalism in backbone roles in service areas. The level of personal satisfaction achieved by this group would appear to be worthy of recording in addition to their contributions to librarianship.

Object one of the Ex Libris constitution encourages "interested individuals to come together to stimulate memories of library history". Are survivors of the movement abroad prepared to have themselves memorialized statistically and biographically? Are those who have passed on not worthy of posthumous recognition? Are those who drafted the advertisements prepared to share their knowledge of the widening of the target area for recruitment? What kind of numbers would an analysis cover? How many are not yet qualified members of Ex Libris? How can they be contacted?

A project such as this is fraught with danger of invading personal privacy. That is the reason for this statement of the author's interest in the subject. Further investigation and any

analysis of data is in the hands of those who would be prepared to volunteer information about themselves, probably via a questionnaire.

For openers, are there fifty of you out there who would contribute? Do you know someone who does not receive Ex Libris News and who may appreciate the information? Expression of your interest in the viability of this exercise would be appreciated and may be communicated to:

John MacPherson  
124 Regent St.  
London, Ontario, M6A 2G4

or to any officer of the Association or to the Editor, Ex Libris News.

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(PRELIMINARY) LIST OF U.K. LIBRARIANS IN ONTARIO

Ron Baker	Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Library Consortium (former Chief Librarian, Lambton County Library, Wyoming)
Reg Bradley	(retired) Chief Librarian, Sarnia Public Library and Art Gallery
Brian Cahill	C.E.O. Ontario Library Service - James Bay, Kirkland Lake
Peter Hallsworth	Director, Sudbury Public Library, Sudbury
Norman Hebblethwaite	(retired) Chief Librarian, Cambridge Public Library, Cambridge
Dick Jones	C.E.O., Ontario Library Service - Voyageur, Sudbury
Stephen Kees	(retired) Chief Librarian, Niagara College of Applied Arts & Technology, Welland
John MacPherson	(retired) Associate Director for Public Services, Weldon Library, The University of Western Ontario, London
Jack Medd	(retired) Collections Librarian, London Public Library, London
John North	(former) Director, Learning Resources Centre, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Toronto

Alan Pepper C.E.O., Ontario Library Service - Nipigon,  
Thunder Bay

Reginald Rawkins (retired) Librarian, North York Public  
Library

R.A. Smith (retired) C.E.O., Algonquin Regional Library  
System (now part of other library service  
areas) Parry Sound

Gordon Wright (retired) Director, College Bilbliocentre,  
Toronto

(If John is to make any headway with this proposed project, we  
need names and addresses. We hope you will help.)

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## EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION: THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### REVIEW OF THE PROGRAM

The meeting was held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto on Thursday, November 3, 1988, a pre-conference program day of the Ontario Library Association's 86th annual conference held in the same hotel. Forty-seven people registered for the Ex Libris meeting which included morning and afternoon sessions with a lunch and informal get-together between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. Isabel McLean organized the meeting with the assistance and cooperation of Larry Moore, OLA Executive Director, and Gerry Meek, President. Edith Jarvi assisted Isabel with registration of attendees. Again this year the meeting attracted some out-of-province members: Roberta Wilson Weiner from Fredericton and Barbara Dawson from Saskatoon. Roberta was the first Librarian of the Wentworth County Library Cooperative in 1948; Barbara retired from the University of Saskatchewan in 1975.

### Morning Session

The morning session was devoted to presentations on oral history activities at the Faculty of Library and Information Science, University of Toronto, and at the School of Library and Information Science, The University of Western Ontario.

Professor Margaret Anderson from FLIS described the project which she and the late Professor Larry Denis launched with a \$2,000 grant from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture. The aim of the project was to build an oral history databank of recollections of retired or about to be retired public librarians, particularly those who were innovative and active in associations and whose speeches had not been published or retained. In the first year interviews were confined to those living in Toronto. Professors Anderson and Denis selected the interviewees, made initial contacts and arrangements and provided

a reading list on Canadian public libraries and a checklist of published reports and surveys to the students carrying out the interviews.

In the second year the grant was sufficient to allow interviews to be recorded outside Toronto - in London, Oshawa, etc. In all, thirty to thirty-five librarians were interviewed as well as a few long-serving trustees. The background of these interviews were, for the most part, in children's specialties, administration, county libraries and networking. A certain number of the interviews have been transcribed and some of the materials has been used already by students working on historical projects.

The death of Dr. Denis was a blow to the project but Dr. Anderson plans to continue the series.

Professor Janet Fyfe of the University of Western Ontario, who is designated Oral History Officer of SLIS, outlined the origins of oral history activities at that school. One was the inheritance early on of a collection of tapes from a professor of English and the second was the founding of the SLIS Archives. Many of the inherited tapes related to depression times but one did contain an interview with Fred Landon.

Two series of interviews are going on. The first which might be termed "regular" comprises retirement/termination interviews with SLIS faculty members. Procedural guidelines have been followed in these interviews. The second which Dr. Fyfe termed "haphazard" are interviews relevant to projects carried out in the school, particularly library history projects in the Ph.D. Program. The file contains tapes, biographical sketches and references, photographs and release forms. Two copies of the transcript are available and loans are permitted. Student volunteers have been used as interviewers.

A "Research Series" is a further category in the oral history collection. At present this is comprised largely of tapes originating from Dr. Stephen Cummings' projects on Angus Mowat and on county libraries and regional library cooperatives in Ontario. These tapes have been consulted a number of times and have been used in filling interlibrary loan requests.

#### Afternoon Session

Ian Wilson, Archivist of Ontario, outlined the mission of the Archives, described broad categories of materials held, touched on problems facing the Archivist in terms of use, space, budget, etc. and outlined programs being put into effect to promote use of the Archives.

The Archives of Ontario was established in 1903 to identify and ensure the preservation of Ontario's documentary heritage. Ontario government records have been collected since 1792, but he pointed out that only three to five percent of government records

are worth preserving. A resource which has been acquired recently is the Archives of the T. Eaton Co. which includes a complete set of Eaton's Catalogues some of which have sales records of items recorded in the margins. The strengths of the Archives are in census, land, municipal and township records and maps, photographs, private manuscripts and a collection of Ontario newspapers from 1792.

Despite the fact that the Archives have had a low profile - "few people understand the role of the Archives" - use is steadily increasing. Fifteen thousand people per year come to do research - half of this use is for genealogical research - and the staff deals with four thousand letters annually requesting information. Plans are in the works for a new building. Mr. Wilson characterized the Ontario Archives as being the worst-housed in Canada. In addition, Ontario spends the lowest amount per capita of all provinces on its Archives.

Among the programs aimed at improving the status and promoting broader use of the Archives are the organization of tours, exhibitions, the publication of a newsletter (Legacy) and a two-volume guide to the Archives; making more material on microform available for interlibrary loan; closer liaison with government departments on the handling of government records; encouraging the preservation and housing of local materials in suitable facilities; and the formation of the Ontario Council of Archives, a group working toward exchanging information on holdings and establishing standards of description.

With increasing awareness on the part of government and the public, Mr. Wilson's plans for "preserving the past and finding ways to show it off" are well launched.

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After Janet Fyfe's discussion of Oral History at the Annual Meeting last Nov. 3, she gave us this list of those who had been interviewed for the SLIS Oral History Archives:

E. Stanley Beacock	*	Geoffrey Pendrill
Douglas Blake	*	R. Gerald Prodrick
* Laura Colvin	*	Victoria Ripley
Shirley Edgar		William A. Roedde
* Jason Farradane		Ray Smith
* Alexis Jamieson		Dan Sudar
David Skene Melvin		Elgin Wells
Samuel D. Neill	*	Janette White
John Parkhill		

Other interviews have been done at FLIS. Other library schools or individual libraries may also have interviews on tape. Please send us the information and we will list names in the next issue.

EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION  
3rd Annual General Meeting  
Minutes of meeting, November 3, 1988  
Royal York Hotel, Toronto

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.
2. The Chairman gave notice that a resolution to be presented by H.C. Campbell would be considered under item 4: Reports.
3. Minutes of the 2nd Annual Meeting November 19, 1987.  
P. Hardisty moved, seconded by M. Cartwright, that the minutes be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Reports

- a) President's report 1988  
E.S. Beacock reviewed the activities of the Association during the past year. He ended his report by acknowledging the continuing assistance and support extended to the Association by Dean Jean Tague of SLIS, The University of Western Ontario.

- b) Membership report  
Members were provided with a report on the 1988 memberships and with preliminary figures for 1989. Total membership for 1988 was 122.

- c) Treasurer's report  
J. White, Secretary-Treasurer, moved acceptance of the 1987 financial report as distributed. The motion was seconded by A. Bowron.

CARRIED

J. White moved acceptance of the 1988 financial report (to October 31, 1988) as distributed. The motion was seconded by B. Hardie.

CARRIED

A financial report (to November 3, 1988) on the Ex Libris Organization's administration of the New Horizons grant was also made available to members for their information.

- d) Resolution on Ontario County Library History  
H.C. Campbell moved that a committee consisting of Betty Hardie, Grace Buller, Albert Bowron, Helen Spicer and Jack Snell be established: 1) to investigate and secure publication of an Ontario County Library History or the listing of materials available for the preparation of one or more Ontario County Library Histories; 2) that an amount of \$5,000 from the Ex Libris Organization budget for 1986-1989 be allocated by the Board of Directors to this project; 3) that in view of the urgency to complete this project in the

next three months, the President convene the Committee if possible, in the next thirty days. The motion was seconded by I. McLean.

CARRIED

5. Elizabeth Homer Morton Fund

The President had provided a report on the Board's action on the Fund. He reported that Edith Jarvi who had initiated the idea for the establishment of such a memorial to Elizabeth Morton, had made the first contribution to CLA to the credit of the Fund. In order to advise CLA on the use of the Fund, it was decided that Ottawa members of Ex Libris could keep in contact with CLA on this matter. A. BOWRON MOVED, SECONDED BY J. MUNRO, that a committee be struck of Ottawa Ex Libris members who will liaise with CLA with respect to the Elizabeth Homer Morton Fund, appointments to the committee to be made by the Board.

CARRIED

6. Report of the Nominations Committee

J. Snell moved adoption of the report as distributed. D. Kent seconded the motion. A. Bowron moved that nominations be closed. The motion was CARRIED following which the main motion to adopt the Nominations Committee report was

CARRIED.

The Board for 1989, including those newly elected are:  
Officers - President: E. Stanley Beacock, Past President: John Snell, Secretary/Treasurer: Janette White, Directors: David C. Appelt, Betty Hardie, Geraldine Hughes, John MacPherson, Isabel McLean, John Parkhill, Elizabeth Spicer. Notification was received from 1988 Board member, Ida Reddy, on October 28, that she was forced to resign because of ill health. This creates a vacancy which will be filled by the Board under the terms of the Constitution.

7. Other business

In the matter of the future of the Association, there were a number of expressions of strong support for the activities of the Association and for an increase in membership fees which will be necessary in the future. The President assured members that the Association is in a financial position to carry on its activities through 1989 as long as it receives office space at SLIS at no charge and the support of its member volunteers to carry out most of the Association's activities. However, it will be necessary for the Board during the year and the members at the 1989 Annual Meeting to take the steps necessary to assure the Association's continuance in 1990 and beyond.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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(PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR The Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Ex Libris Association will be held in Hamilton, on Thursday, Nov. 9. 1989, at the OLA Conference. See you there God Willing)

## PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE NEW HORIZONS PROJECT: THE EX LIBRIS ORGANIZATION

In our proposal for funding from Health and Welfare Canada forwarded to the New Horizons Office in March, 1986, we requested funds of \$14,200. We received approval in August, 1986 and the first payment of \$10,000 in September. The project was to run for one and one-half years, that is to February 18, 1988. We asked for and received an extension of one year to February 18, 1989.

We have reported in some detail our activities in the area of library history in four previous issues of Ex Libris News. We organized the Ex Libris Association and planned three annual conferences.

Although we have not spent some \$4,000 of the original grant and much of the work, particularly in the oral history area, which we had planned has not been carried out, we cannot apply for another extension in order to finish that aspect of our program.

However, we would be able to apply for a second grant as the Ex Libris Organization. Our members and associates across Canada could also apply if groups were organized in different areas as separate units. That is, those in Vancouver or Edmonton, or Ottawa could. There may be merit in such initiatives, particularly in oral history and library archives where our Association has tried to show the way.

Think about it. New Horizons Program falls under the Ministry of Health and Welfare Canada. You may wish to contact your local office.

### MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association's membership on February 1, 1989 is 95. In 1988 we had a total of 122 members and we are confident that number will be surpassed in 1989. Please consider your renewal now. It isn't what the Association has done for you that counts but what you can do for it. We also have receive one subscription to the Ex Libris News at the same price of \$5.

Since all of our expenses except our conference lunches have been covered by the New Horizons Funds, all of our dues have been retained to pay the Association's future costs for as long as possible. Since the membership fee barely covers the cost of printing and mailing two issues of Ex Libris News each year, 13 of our members have made donations in amounts from \$5 to \$50. The Board wishes to express its appreciation to these members who believe in the Association to such an extent. On January 30, 1989 the Financial Report shows a balance of \$2,271.26.



## Donations being accepted

# Fund to honour Morton

The Elizabeth Morton Memorial Fund is now accepting donations.

The fund was established by CLA Council to honour the long-time CLA executive director.

### High praise

Superlatives abound when those who knew Morton reminisce about her.

Kay Kenny, former CLA membership secretary, said, "She was the most wonderful woman I knew in my life. Most people all but worshipped her." Kenny worked with Morton from 1960 till Morton's retirement in 1968.

"She was unique," June Munro, who worked with Morton from 1956 to 1961, said. "[The staff] was very loyal. She inspired that type of loyalty."

"She was a real tower of strength in the Canadian library field," according to Stanley Beacock, president of Ex Libris, an association of retired librarians and others interested in the library profession.

CLA life member Deane Kent said, "For more than a generation, she served Canadian libraries and librarians as an instigator, stimulator, innovator and protagonist. Visionary, tireless, committed, she concentrated her efforts to the greater glory of Canada and continuing education. In her own way, a spirited partner of Andrew Carnegie for Canada -- a leader in her field."

It was this universal admiration for the first executive director of CLA that lead Beacock to support the establishment of the fund.

"She was a very prominent Canadian librarian," he said.

"The purpose of the trust is to honour Elizabeth Homer Morton in a way that is satisfactory to



*Elizabeth Morton*

the library community. It will provide funds to further Canadian library education and research in honour of Elizabeth Homer Morton for her contribution to libraries in Canada and internationally."

Beacock said the initial objective of the fund is \$15,000, but Ex Libris, which is co-ordinating the fundraising, hopes to raise as much as \$40,000.

One project will deplete the fund, and a research project on Canadian library history is only one possibility. "We don't expect the fund to provide an income, but we're pretty optimistic we can do something important," he said.

Many feel Morton did something important for Canadian libraries.

In 1946 she was asked to move to Ottawa from Toronto, where she was working at the Toronto Reference Library, to manage a national organization. She became

the secretary of the Canadian Library Council and then the executive secretary of the Canadian Library Association. She remained as executive director of CLA for 22 years.

During that time, Morton promoted high standards of librarianship. She oversaw the establishment of CLAs microfilming program and edited the *Canadian Library Association Bulletin*.

### Helped National Library

She also played a role in the establishment of the National Library of Canada.

"She really helped a great deal in the establishment of the National Library," Munro said. "She recognized the need for a national library, and she helped in every way she possibly could."

Morton guided CLA through a period of serious financial difficulties.

"It was a struggling organization," Munro said of the early days of CLA. "I remember going to the first organized conference. We were just a small group of people who realized there could and should be a national organization."

### Gift of hospitality

Hospitality was another of Morton's contributions to CLA, Munro said. "She entertained people from out of town with her sister, Molly. There would always be a warm welcome at the Mortons'. There was no money for that."

Those wishing to make a contribution to the Elizabeth Morton Memorial Fund may make cheques payable to the Canadian Library Association, with the notation "Morton Fund" on the cheque.

Ottawa, Ontario  
January, 1989

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

The article from Feliciter about the Elizabeth Homer Morton Fund recently established by the CLA has been reproduced for your information. At Edith Jarvi's suggestion, Ex Libris has been working on this project for some time. We feel that Elizabeth Morton's contribution to libraries and librarianship should be recognized and are very happy that the CLA is doing so in this way.

Ex Libris is committed to assisting in the fund-raising campaign, and, especially because it is our members and associates who knew her so well personally, we are confident that you will support us and the Canadian Library Community by giving generously.

Please make your cheque payable to the Canadian Library Association with the notation " Morton Fund " on the cheque and send it to the CLA in the enclosed envelope. CLA will issue receipts for income tax purposes.

Sincerely,

Pamela Hardisty  
Chairman, Ex Libris Morton Fund Committee

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In mid January we were informed by the CLA that some "friends of Elizabeth Morton" had made a contribution already. We hope they will forgive us for including with their copies of the Ex Libris News the request for contributions. Obviously they have done their share but maybe each has a friend to whom they can pass the information on. (The Editor)

Melva Dwyer  
Mary Johnston  
Dorothy Simpson  
Robert Weiner  
George Bothwell  
Elizabeth Laird

Shirley Elliott  
Joyce K. Sowby  
Barbara L. Dawson  
Helen M. Lothian  
Elizabeth Spicer  
Stanley Beacock  
Edith Jarvie

At December 31, 1988, The Fund stood at \$1382.

I am sure Mort Coborn won't mind us quoting from his letter received with his membership last week: "Am also sending a cheque to CLA's "Elizabeth Homer Morton Fund." I shall never forget the many pleasant formal and informal meetings that Ms. Morton and I had during my years as a Canadian librarian."

CONSTITUTION  
of the  
EX LIBRIS ASSOCIATION

I. Name

1. The name shall be Ex Libris Association.

II. Objects

1. To provide a forum for interested individuals to come together to stimulate memories of library history, publishing and consulting in Canada for the development of archival collections.
2. To provide a vehicle for the collection of oral histories related to library history in Canada not currently being taped.
3. To identify and ensure collection of materials related to library history in Canada which are not at present collected, organized, or preserved by any other organization.
4. To encourage persons and institutions possessing archival materials related to library history in Canada to preserve and publicize their holdings.
5. To provide a focus for the ongoing intellectual and social activities of retired members of the library community.

III. Members

1. Any person whose career has been chiefly in libraries or in the field of publishing, or in books or related fields is eligible for membership.

IV. Meetings

1. An annual meeting shall be held at a time and place to be decided by the Board.
2. The Board shall meet at least twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall.

V. Board

1. The Board shall consist of: three officers - Past-President, President, and Secretary-Treasurer and eight members, all to be elected by the membership at the annual meeting. Membership on the Board shall be for two years. Initially four Board members shall serve for one year only. The Board shall decide by secret ballot, if required, which Board members shall retire at the end of the first year. The officers shall be elected annually.
2. If a vacancy occurs on the Board, the Board may appoint a member of the Association to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

Approved: November 6, 1986

Amended: November 19, 1987

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BY-LAWS

1. The membership fee shall be \$5.00 per year.
2. Membership shall be for the calendar year.
3. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board at its spring meeting to bring in a slate of proposed officers and Board members, to be presented to the annual meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor. All nominees must give their consent orally.
4. For meetings of the Board: a majority shall constitute a quorum.
5. For the annual meeting: fifteen percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum.
6. The Constitution may be amended at the annual meeting provided notice of such proposed amendment is sent out one month before the annual meeting.
7. By-laws may be amended at the annual meeting without prior notice.

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Amended:

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