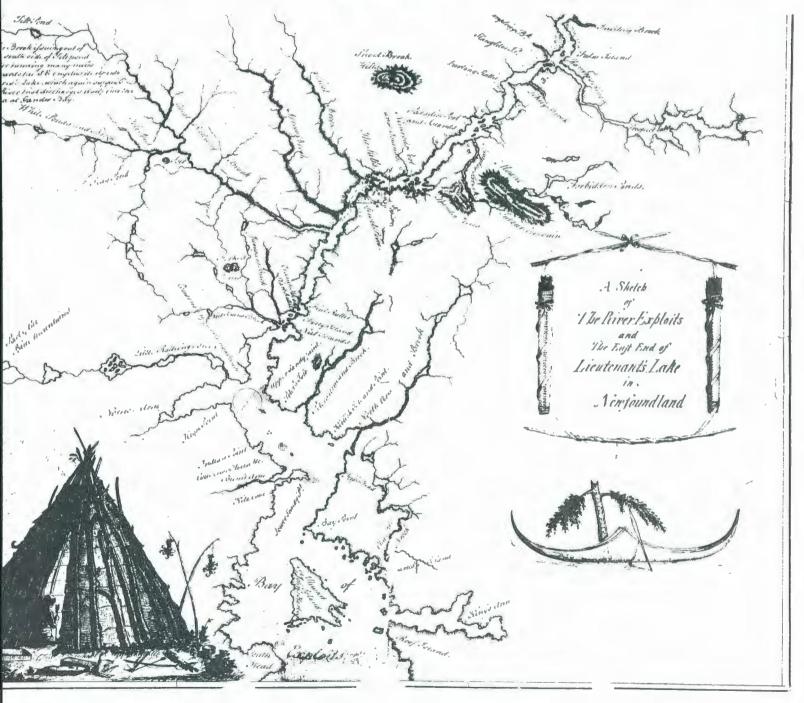
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From the editor's desk...

I throughly enjoyed the recent ACMLA conference in Montreal. Pierre and his committee are to be congratulated for putting together such a stimulating conference. It was my first in several years and gave me the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make a number of new ones. The Bulletin depends on its members for articles and I welcome any contributions. The deadline for the September issue is September 1st and for the December issue it is December 1st.

Don Lemon Editor

THE 3-MILE TO ONE INCH SECTIONAL MAPS OF THE CANADIAN PRAIRIES* L.M. Sebert

Of all the many topographic map series that exist today, the Canadian 3-Mile series is one of the most interesting. By the end of its life, in 1955, it had been developed into an elegant cartographic style in which a remarkable amount of cultural detail was shown, and yet each sheet covered a broad extent of Western Canada. During its 53-year history, it recorded the surveying and settlement of the Canadian Prairies.

Before describing the development of this topographic series, a popular misconception should be cleared away. The term "sectional" in the title of the series has nothing to do with the square-mile sections of land into which the prairies were divided. A "sectional map" was the term given at the turn of the last century to a map divided into sheets that could be fitted together to cover large areas. Today they would be called "series maps", as in the 1:50,000 or 1:250,000 Series.

The rather strange scale of 3 miles to 1 inch has an interesting history. When it was decided to sub-divide the prairies into farm lots, it was decided to use a slightly modified version of the US Public Lands Administration township system. The sixmile square township would be the basic administrative unit, with each township being divided into 36 sections(6 by 6). The basic farm lot would be a quarter section of 160 acres(i.e., one half-mile square). It had long been the custom in Ontario and Quebec to publish a plan of each township

* Presented at 1989 ACMLA conference

as soon as it was surveyed. This plan of survey could then be used by the settler to himself orientated in get his neighbourhood and also by government officials and administrators to keep track of granted land, reserved land, etc. The Department of the Interior recognized the value of such plans, and from the first published similar plans of the prairie townships. These were printed at a scale of 2 inches to 1 mile. At this scale, each quarter-section was one inch square, which was large enough on the plan to write in the owner's name and other necessary detail.

The land survey, after several false starts, commenced in a serious way in 1871. By 1884, a considerable area of the Prairies had been surveyed, and the authorities in the Department of the Interior wanted to show this progress in the annual report of that year. It was decided to print a fold-in map at a scale that would show a township as one square inch. This would be a scale of 6 miles to the inch, with each quartersection appearing as a small 1/12 inch square, just large enough to be given a distinctive colour to show its status.

This 6-Mile map was very popular and extra copies were run off for public use. Several editions appeared. But the map showed very little topographic detail, and it became clear that another map scale was needed between the large-scale township plans and the small-scale status map. In 1891, the first 3-Mile sheet appeared. The cartography was crude and the topographic detail was scanty, but from the first it was an instant success.

TABLE OF SHEETS AND EDITIONS

Table 1. gives the sheet name and number and lists the year and style of each edition. There are three distinct styles in this series. The Old Style is very plain. At first the sheets published in this style were monochrome but just before the First World War. blue or green was used to indicate open water. No contours were shown and there was little cultural detail. The survey pattern was heavily printed and tended to dominate the map. All sheets were first published in this style but after 1920 the sheets of the more populated areas were converted to either the Intermediate or the New Style. On the Intermediate Style sheets, the survey pattern was subdued somewhat, and the terrain contoured. The roads were colourcoded to indicate their width and surface construction, but there was little cultural detail. In contrast, the New Style sheets were true topographic maps with careful contouring and abundant topographic detail such as symbols for farmsteads. schools, churches, etc., and area colours and patterns for wooded areas, wetlands, muskeg, and the like.

In Table 1., the edition years are shown in Roman for the editions of the sheet published in the old style and in Italics for the years it was published in either the *Intermediate* or the *New Style*. The table contains much of the history of the Series. A glance through it will disclose which was the first sheet published(315 Edmonton, 1891), and which were the first New Style sheets(114 Calgary, 218 Saskatoon and 315 Edmonton, all in 1920). The first Intermediate Style sheets were 463 Smoky River and 511 St. John, both published in 1922. The last edition of the Series was published in 1955 when the 8th edition of Calgary came out. Edmonton holds the record for the sheet with the most editions, the 13th of which appeared in 1947.

MAP 1

This index map shows the layout and numbering of the sheets of the series before 1905. It can be seen that the numbers increase in columns from east to west. The strange narrow sheets (Sheets 25 to 29) have a curious history. The designers of the series wanted to fit the sheets directly into the survey pattern. No township would be split onto two sheets and this meant that the sheets lines would have to follow township outlines. The whole township survey was itself based on carefully surveyed control meridians. These were placed every four degrees across the prairies at 102°, 106°, 110°, 114°, 118°. At three miles to the inch, a very convenient size of sheet spans 2° of longitude, so it was logical to fit two sheets between control meridians. Each sheet would then have a control meridian as its east or west neatline and township outlines, complete with jogs, as its opposite neat-line. From north to south it was decided that 8 townships(48 miles) would give pleasing dimensions to the sheets. This was also convenient from a survey point of view because the baselines were surveyed every 24 miles(every 4 townships) and thus baselines would form the top and bottom neat-lines of each sheet.

Name*	Number**	Year of edition***	Final**** style
Port Moody	10	99, 02, 07, 13	()
Yale	11	99, 02, 05, 07, 10, 13, 21	()
Pincher Creek	4	96, 03, 05, 09, 12, 16	0
Lethbridge	1.5	94, 02, 07, 10, 13, 15, 24	Ν
Milk River	16	02, 07, 10, 12, 14	0
Cypress	17	03, 07, 10, 12, 14	()
Wood Mountain	18	03, 06, 08, 11, 13, 16, 30	1
Willowbunch	19	95, 02, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 30	1
Souris (Weyburn)	20	94, 03, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 17, 24	Ν
Turtle Mountain	21	94, 03, 08, 11, 13, 16, 22	N
Dufferin	22	95, 02, 06, 09, 11, 13, 17, 22	N
Emerson	23	95, 03, 06, 08, 11, 13, 17, 22	N
Lake of the Woods	24	03, 06, 08, 12	0
	61	99, 03, 05, 07, 13, 17	ŏ
Lytton Paravning	64	99, 03, 05, 07, 13, 17 96, 03, 08, 11, 12, 14	Ö
Porcupine	65		N
Macleod Medicine Hat	66	94, 02, 06, 09, 11, 13, 16, 23 95, 02, 07, 10, 12, 14, 24, 47	N
			N
Maple Creek	67	96, 02, 07, 10, 12, 14, 25	
Swiftcurrent	68	96, 04, 07, 09, 11, 13, 16, 24, 47	N
Moosejaw	69	94, 03, 06, 08, 10, 12, 15, 21	N
Moose Mountain	7()	94, 06, 08, 10, 12, 15, 23, 40	N
Virden	71	94, 95, 02, 04, 06, 08, 11, 13, 16, 23	N
Brandon	72	95, 03, 06, 08, 11, 13, 16, 16, 19, 21	N
Winnipeg	73	95, 03, 06, 09, 11, 13, 17, 21	N
Cross Lake	74	03, 06, 12, 13, 26	()
Kamloops	111	99, 06, 07, 12, 12, 16	0
Sicamous	112	99, 03, 05, 12, 15	0
Spillimacheen	113	99, 03, 10, 14	()
Calgary	114	92, 03, 08, 12, 14, 20, 26, 55	N
Blackfoot	115	94, 02, 06, 08, 09, 12, 15, <i>21, 48</i>	Ν
Rainy Hills	116	96, 03, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14	()
Red Deer Forks	117	96, 03, 06, 08, 10, 12, 15	0
Rush Lake	118	96, 03, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 25	N
Regina	119	94, 03, 06, 08, 11, 13, 15, 27, 40	Ν
Qu'Appelle	120	94, 02, 06, 09, 11, 13, 16, 25, 50	N
Riding Mountain	121	95, 97, 04, 06, 08, 11, 13, 15, 19	()
Manitoba House	122	94, 97, 06, 09, 11, 13, 17, 19	()
Fort Alexander	123	95, 06, 08, 11, 14, 21	()
Oiseau	124	15, 25	()
Seymour	162	99, 04, 10, 14	()
Donald	163	02, 04, 11, 13, 25	N
Morley (Banff)	164	93, 97, 04, 07, 10, 12, 15, 25	N
Rosebud	165	93, 97, 04, 06, 09, 11, 13, 16, 22	Ν
Sounding Creek	166	96, 06, 08, 10, 12, 14, 32	Ν
Bad Hills (Kindersley)	167	03, 06, 08, 10, 12, 15, 32, 48	N
The Elbow	168	96, 02, 05, 08, 10, 12, 15, 23	N
Fouchwood	169	96, 03, 05, 08, 10, 12, 14, 27, 50	N
Yorkton	170	90, 05, 05, 08, 10, 12, 14, 27, 50 94, 02, 06, 08, 11, 13, 16, 26	N
Duck Mountain	170	94, 02, 00, 08, 11, 15, 10, 20 94, 97, 02, 07, 10, 12, 15	0
	172	97, 04, 07, 10, 11, 14, 19	0
Fairford			0
Washow A the basks	173	11, 14, 18	0
Athabaska	213	11, 14	
Rocky Mountain House	214	93, 97, 04, 06, 08, 11, 13, 16	() N
Red Deer	215	93, 94, 97, 04, 05, 08, 10 12, 15, 22, 41	N
Sullivan Lake	216	03, 05, 07, 09, 11, 13, 15, 26	N
Tramping Lake	217	03, 05, 08, 10, 12, 14, 30, 45	N
Saskatoon	218	95, 02, 05, 08, 10, 12, 15, 20, 27, 40	N

The three-mile sectional maps of the Canadian West

Table 1 Three-Mile Maps

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Name*	Number**	Year of edition***	Final**** style
Humboldt	219	02, 05, 06, 08, 12, 14, 29	N
Nut Mountain	220	02, 05, 07, 10, 13, 16	0
Swan River	221	00, 04, 08, 11, 14, 19-46	0
Waterhen	222	12, 14, 18	0
Berens	223	17	0
Yellowhead	262	12, 16	()
asper	263	(17, 1), 12, 14, 18	0
Brazeau	264	03, 07, 09, 12, 13, 16, 33, 48	0
Peace Hills	265	92, 94, 97, 03, 05, 08, 10, 12, 14, 27, 48	Ν
Ribstone Creek (Wainwright)	266	04, 05, 07, 09, 11, 13, 16, 24	И
Battleford	267	94, 97, 04, 05, 08, 10, 12, 15, 28	N
Carlton	268	94, 97, 04, 06, 08, 10, 12, 15, 35, 48	I
Prince Albert South	269	93, 97, 02, 05, 07, 08, 11, 13, 16	0
Pasquia	270	02, 06, 08, 13, 15, 23, 40	I
Mossy Portage	271	06, 08, 11, 14, 24	1
Long Point	272	16	0
Brule	313	07, 10, 11, 13, 16	0
St. Ann	314	93, 97, 04, 07, 10, 12, 14, 33	0
Edmonton	315	91, 94, 97, 03, 06, 09, 11, 3, 15, 20,	
	_	28, 40, 47	Ν
Vermilion	316	94, 97, 04, 06, 09, 12, 14, 8, 28	Ν
Fort Pitt	317	97, 06, 10, 12, 14, 18	0
Shell River (Big River)	318	97, 04, 06, 08, 11, 14, 25	I
Prince Albert North	319	92, 97, 02, 06, 08, 11, 14, 8	0
Carrot River	32()	07, 11, 13, 16	0
Tedar Lake	321	14, 18	0
Grand Rapids	322	16	0
Simonette	362	15	Ō
Berland	363	13, 16	Ö
Fort Assiniboine	364	10, 12, 14, 17, 37	N
Victoria	365	97, 04, 07, 08, 10, 12, 15, 29	N
Saddle Lake	366	04, 08, 10, 12, 13, 16, 25	1
Meadow Lake	367	12, 14, 18	0
Green Lake	368	12, 14, 18	Ö
Montreal Lake	369	14	Õ
Cumberland	370	15	0
Cowan River	371	14, 17	Ö
Minago	372	14	Ő
Wapiti	412	12, 14, 18	Õ
Josegun	413	13, 14, 17	Õ
Saulteux	414	13, 14, 22, 46	I
Fawatinaw	415	10, 13, 14, 18, 48	0
La Biche	416	07, 10, 12, 14, 18	Ö
rimrose	417	15	Õ
La Plonge	418	14	ŏ
Kississing	421	22	Õ
Wekukso	422	14, 18	0
Sipiwesk	423	14	Ö
Aoberly	461	13, 17	Ő
Dunvegan	462	11, 14, 17, 28	1
Smoky River	463	13, 15, 22	I
Siroux	464	12, 14, 18	0
Pelican	465	12, 14, 18	0
Landels	465		0
Dillon	465	13,17	
711011	4()/	19	0
Partridge Crop	473	14,23	1

Table 1	Three-Mile	Maps
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Name*	Number**	Year of edition***	Final**** style
Montagneuse	512	13, 14, 18	()
Shaftesbury	513	12, 14, 15, 20, 48	()
Atikamik	514	15	()
Wabiskaw	515	14, 15	()
McMurray	516	13,17	()
Methye	517	19	()
Limestone River	524	15	()
Notikewin	563	14, 18, 47	()
Penny River	564	16	()
Birth Hills	565	15	()
McKay	566	14, 18	()
Port Nelson	575	15	()
Wolverine	613	16, 19	()
Kokiu	614	16	()
Waskwei	615	16	()
Firebag	616	16	()
Mustus	663	14,18	()
Mikkwa	664	14, 18	()
Lake Claire	665	21	0
Chipewyan	666	19	Ö
Dawson	1052	18	Ŏ

Table 1 Three-Mile Maps

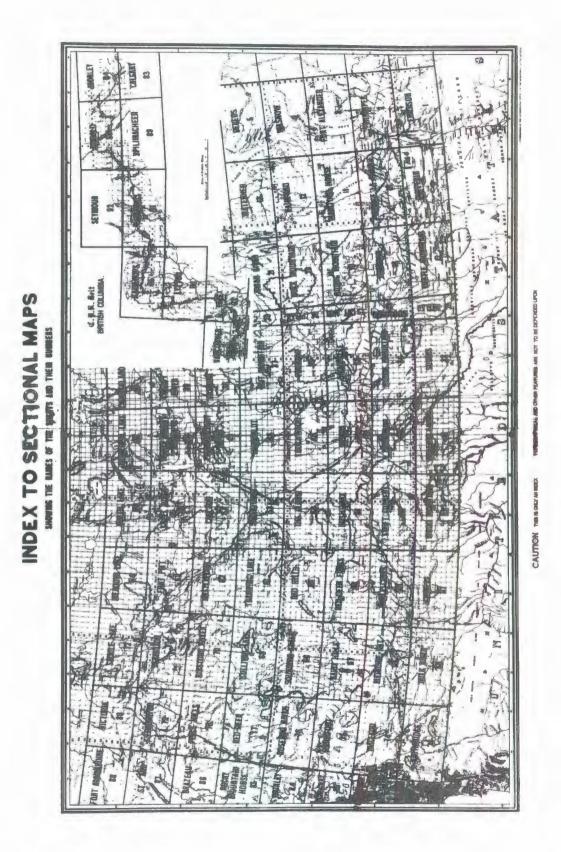
* Name in brackets is the final name given to the sheet.

** The missing numbers indicate that the sheet was never drawn.

*** All sheets were in Old Style for early editions; the italicized dates are those of the final style if the style was changed.

**** Style is indicated by O = Old, I = Intermediate, N = New.

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Map 1.

There was one flaw in this very convenient plan. The Principal Meridian, which was the first line surveyed in the whole of the Dominion Land Survey system, was not 4° east of the 102nd Meridian. To get the survey started, the position of the Principal Meridian was chosen more or less at random. It was important that it be to the west of the Red River Settlements, but otherwise its position was not important. Later it was determined to be at about $97^{\circ}27'$ west longitude.

There was another very important northsouth line, already surveyed, when the sheet lines of the 3-Mile Series were being set out. This was the Manitoba-Saskatchewan boundary. This was at approximately 101°22', and as this was almost 4° from the Principal Meridian, it was decided that the first two columns of 3-Mile sheets would be placed between them. This left a rather unfortunate 38' gap which would have to be filled by very narrow sheets. This was done, resulting in the peculiar sheets numbered 25 to 29 on the first index.

MAP 2

In 1905 the sheet numbering was revised as shown in Map 2. The narrow sheets(25 to 29) that had covered the area between the Saskatchewan-Manitoba Boundary and the 2nd Meridian were joined to the sheets immediately to their east. Their outline can be seen on Map 2 at the left edge of the sheets now covering their area. To keep the 2° spacing, an equal area had to be lopped off the eastern edge of the sheets to which they had been joined. This shuffle had a few drastic consequences. For example, the city of Brandon no longer fell on the Brandon Sheet. The old Brandon had to be renamed Virden and the former Portage-la-Prairie sheet became the new Brandon.

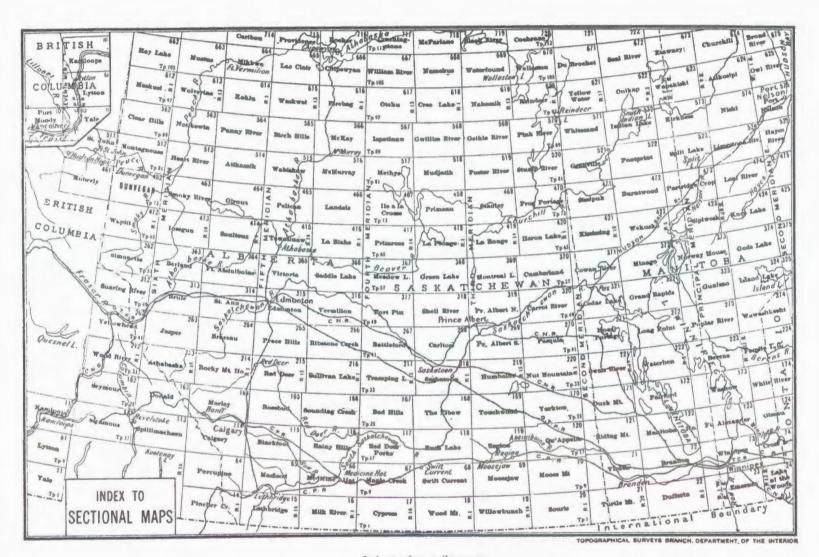
MAP 3

This illustrates the dreams of grandeur that floated through the Department of the Interior in 1912. The dreamers envisaged the 3-Mile Series covering most of Canada. Of course, it never happened, because the NTS took over. In 1944, the 8-Mile Series did cover the whole country, as did the 1:250,000 series in 1971 and as the 1:50,000 series will in the not too distant future.

THE CHANGE IN STYLE

As has been mentioned, in 1919 it was decided to turn some of the sheets into true topographic maps. To try out the new cartography, in 1919 a "change of style sheet" was drafted. It was of a fictitious landscape showing Edmonton and the surrounding prairie country, but also the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific sea coast. It looked like a true map, and when it turned up in the National Map Collection a few years ago, it caused some cataloguing problems.

To make topographic maps out of the original 3-Mile sheets required the addition of contours but also the addition of other detail such as classified roads, vegetation, buildings such as schools, churches, farmhouses, etc. Most of this detail could be added by inspection because the country had been well measured and every quarter section(i.e., every i/6 inch on the published map) was marked on the ground either by



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Map 2.

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a fence or by a "post-and-mound" corner marker. Contours were more difficult. By 1919 the railroad companies had run level lines along all their tracks, so elevations above sea level were available at every point where a railroad crossed a road. At first, barometers were used to interpolate elevations along roads. They were carried on Model T Fords and a map was marked at every point where the barometers showed a 50-foot contour crossing the road. From these road crossing marks the contours were sketched in by eye. But the road were dirt, the travel slow and bumpy, and the station barometers spread around the country being contoured(to record pressure changes while the barometer runs were underway) were generally too far apart. Despite all this, the results when compared with modern maps are not too far from the truth. After about 1930 more accurate trigonometric levelling using stadia distances was used, which of course produced more accurate results.

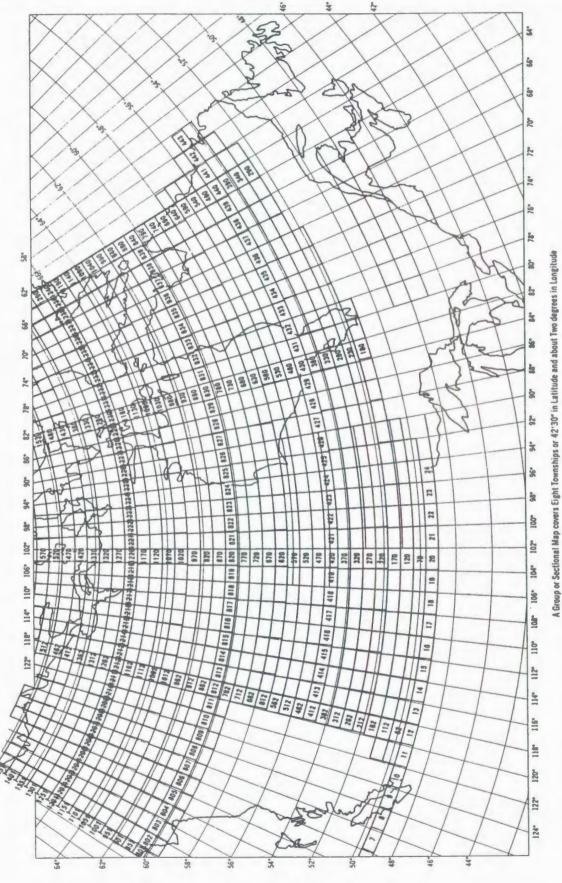
A rather innovative method was used to extend contouring into the region north of the prairie road network. Here barometers were used to get the elevation of lakes. These elevations were then interpolated down rivers to the next lake downstream where an elevation could be obtained. The barometers were flown from lake to lake in old RCAF open-cockpit Vickers Viking float planes. Unfortunately, the first attempts at transporting barometers by air were disasters. The delicate survey barometers could not cope with the sudden rise from about 500 feet above sea level to the flying height of 5000 feet. When they landed at the next lake, the barometer was still

recording several thousand feet. The solution to this problem was simple but ingenious. The field chief, Mr. William Miller, who later became Director of Surveys and Mapping, flew to the nearest Hudson's Bay post where they could land the plane. There he purchased three large preserve jars. Thereafter, the barometers would be carefully slid into a preserve jar and sealed tight before taking off. They were then unsealed at the next lake and given a few minutes to acclimatize before the readings were taken. Three barometers were used and the average reading became the elevation of the lake.

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE OLD STYLE SHEETS

In the opening paragraph of this paper, I mentioned my admiration of this Series. I must now qualify my words by pointing out that I was referring to the New Style sheets. Most of the Old Style continued to be published after the New Style came out. The last first edition of the Old Style was Sheet 421 Kississing published in 1922. New editions of Old Style sheets kept appearing until 1948 when the last three appeared(264 Brazeau, 415 Tawatinaw and 513 Shaftsbury).

These Old Style sheets were still published in the heavy cartography that made the originals look more like posters than topographic maps. But the real fault of the more northern sheets was that they were virtually useless. These northern sheets covered land that was unsuitable for agricultural settlement but still they were surveyed in the township system though, thankfully, only the township outlines were ACMLA Bulletin Number 75



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surveyed in most cases. Even farther north, only the baselines were cut through the forest and surveyed. The maps depict only what the surveyors saw, and that was not much of the country. When today you examine a survey line on these maps, you will see little arrows, about one centimetre long, crossing the line. These are the streams that crossed the line. The surveyor carefully noted their position on the line but, as he had no way of telling where they had come from or where they went, all he could show was an arrow indicating the direction of flow.

I doubt if these northern 3-Mile sheets were ever put to any practical use. Certainly when one considers the backbreaking work involved in cutting and surveying these cadastral lines through heavy bush, one wonders what the directors and planners were thinking of when they ordered the surveys. But we must remember, this was during the years before 1922 when there did not appear to be any practical way of mapping sub-arctic Canada. Fortunately, in 1924 the first experiments in aerial mapping were carried out. These experiments quickly led to new and infinitely more efficient mapping methods. This in turn led to the production of good maps eminently suited for the exploration and development of the Canadian Arctic and Sub-arctic

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NEW TRENDS IN MAP COLLECTIONS*

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Robarts Library, the humanities and social science library at the University of Toronto, conducted a user survey during the months of August, November, and December, 1988. It was found that 49.2% of library users had their own personal computers. The library was surprised that almost half of library users are computer owners. But it confirms my suspicion that soon most library users will be computer literate and will make demands on the library which reflect that literacy. Librarians. particularly in educational settings, have an obligation to keep abreast of technological developments. To borrow a phrase from Diane Mittermeyer, we need to become tsp's, "technologically sophisticated professionals." Furthermore, as managers of small units such as map libraries, we need to direct our institution's limited resources in ways which will optimize the benefits to be derived from these new technologies.

Last year, at our conference at Trent University, I demonstrated the capacity of FELIX (the University of Toronto's online public access catalog) for accessing map records in the database. In the short period since that demonstration, plans have been developed for the addition of other databases to the system. It has become clear that an automated catalogue is merely the first step in a long string of future developments. For example, the catalogues of other Canadian university libraries, the U.S. Government Printing

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Office's Monthly Catalog, and bibliographic records for the Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproduction series are all being considered for addition. Some librarians predict mass confusion on the part of the users of the catalogue. However, I have confidence that our users will not only find these additions useful, but will come to expect this kind of global access to information. Access to other databases will immediately create new demands on interlibrary loan and make the rationalization of collections among institutions more viable. Library materials which have long been enshrouded in mystery, such as maps and government publications, will now have a higher profile with the library user. Library users will have direct access to holdings not only in their own institution, but also across regional, provincial, and national boundaries. This is not a new idea but never before have we been so close to making it a reality in our institution.

Other new software developments will allow the user to limit his or her search to a specific collection, such as the Map Library, and to further impose a wide variety of search limitations. For example, the user will be able to limit the search by place of publication, by language, or to select all maps produced at the local level of government. These search limitations are based primarily on the data contained in the fixed fields of the MARC record. Further down the road, users of our OPAC will be able to access EasyNet. This will provide access to 13 host systems and 850 databases using a common command interface language.

At the same time that technology introduces a myriad of options, it demands greater expertise than previously expected from the library user. And it demands more from us as information preservers and providers. Not only will we need to have greater computer skills, we will also have to develop strong orientation programs and instructional techniques to ensure that our users are not divided into two groups: the technologically skilled and the technologically illiterate. The latter being those who remain powerless because they are unable to navigate through the barriers technology can erect for the uninitiated.

So far I have been speaking about the future development of the public access catalogue at the University of Toronto and its impact on the Map Library. Like so many map libraries we are but a small part of a larger institution. This has meant that our cataloguing records must meet the international standards adhered to by the rest of the library. It has also meant that we have little or no say in the system chosen. This will not be the case once the map library begins to develop stand-alone work stations which will meet the demands for custom-made mapping to suit our users' needs.

It will be our role as map librarians to assist the user in using the new technologies available to create a map appropriate for his or her needs. I see this as an extension of our role now in the reference interview, where we assist users

in selecting an appropriate scale and type of map for their needs. Imagine our users producing coloured maps based on Statistics Canada data at an appropriate scale for their area of study. The demand for such maps is already there; we are, for example, continuously asked for maps illustrating the ethnic makeup of Toronto neighbourhoods. The ideal is the development of a hybrid system--a local work-station which also offers network access. Mapping software, CD-ROMS's. video discs, and access to networks which would provide both bibliographic and nonbibliographic information, are the future of map libraries. These technologies exist today. Granted they are expensive (certainly beyond our budget!) and many products are still being perfected, but the next few years will bring a number of them within our reach.

The establishment of such a work station represents a fair amount of a map library's budget. Furthermore, the technology is rapidly changing. Thus two of the biggest challenges we face is lobbying vigorously for scarce resources and choosing the right system for both present and future needs. Establishing strong links between the library, the computing centre, and other staff involved in data services is obviously important.

I feel I have not even begun to touch on all the new trends in map collections. In the future the development of a national union catalogue, and networks linking us instantly to one another, will underline our interdependence and place new emphasis on our national associations such as ACMLA. The proliferation of electronic information, both bibliographic and the primary information itself, will demand an increase in our computer skills if we wish to remain relevant to our users. Although technology has touched upon every major area of library work, from acquisitions, to cataloguing, to information retrieval, we must not lose sight of the central importance of the user in all of our activities.

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I agonized over my talk for weeks after Margaret Hutchison asked me to join this panel. I sat down on several occasions to compose a list of some of the steps we have taken at the University of Waterloo to prepare for the electronic revolution within the field of map librarianship. Agony turned to panic when I noted how short my list was and how seemingly uninspired our progress has been. However, after talking to many of you here at this conference, I have concluded that the University of Waterloo Library is not alone in being little advanced along the road towards embracing some of the new technologies we have all read about in our professional literature. The expression which captures the essence of our position is "we will wait and see". We are prepared to wait until a technology is developed which meets the needs of our patrons and which lies within our financial grasp, and then we will see!

PRESENT SITUATION

The University of Waterloo Library has a partially integrated, fully automated library system in operation. This Geac system consists of an online public catalogue, circulation control, and materials acquisition module. The system will handle a variety of material types including maps and aerial photographs. We have now loaded approximately 10,000 map catalogue records; these are MARC format records which have been created using international standards such as

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AACR2, LCSH, and LC G schedule. This system permits us to retrieve records by author, title, call number, and LC subject—but it is a fact that none of these keys is particularly effective for map retrieval. In the near future we anticipate having keyword and Boolean search capability; further into the future we hope to have access by material type, language, date, geographical coordinates, and tag 052.

Last year most of the departments within the Library were given an IBM PC or Mac microcomputer; we received an IBM PC (XT) computer with Microsoft Word, a spread sheet called Quatro, and WatFile, a database manager. Other units within the library received identical or faster machines, Word Perfect wordprocessing, communications software and hardware, and high resolution graphics. Thus our institution, like most others across the country is becoming increasingly involved with PCs on a daily basis. "Big deal," you exclaim—as well you might, since we are using our micro to automate our office routines and nothing more.

The Library now owns several Canon Fax machines; these are used to enhance our interlibrary loan service. We have purchased two CD-ROM players and the University of Guelph's library catalogue on CD-ROM in order to search ILL requests. Two more CD-ROM work stations are on order for the general reference areas; these will be used to provide public access to CD Wilsonline indexes and other indexing/abstracting services. This year the Library entered into an agreement with several other CARL libraries to cooperate in the purchase from Statistics Canada of the 1986 Census of Canada material on magnetic tape. But none of this is at all revolutionary, as I am sure you will agree.

Recently, a Library committee was struck to look into the question of non-print materials. Specifically, the committee's mandate is to consider the Library's role in collecting, housing, circulating, and providing access to: CD-ROM and other optical disks, video disks, computer diskettes, slides, and so on. I have been informed that I shall be asked to join this committee when discussions move to a consideration of non-traditional formats (i.e., video disks, computer files) for cartographic materials.

The academic units on campus are actively pursuing new technologies for teaching and research purposes. The Department of Geography and the School of Urban and Regional Planning have long had an interest in automated cartography and in mapping and statistical software packages: some of this software is accessible on the mainframe and some on departmental microcomputers. At the present time these departments are moving quickly in the field of GIS technology-for example, Geography has purchased ARC/INFO (PC). SPANS, and PAMAP. These systems have been acquired in order to teach methods and techniques courses rather than to create applications-oriented databases. Our Earth Observations Laboratory, a UW Centre of Excellence, is very much involved with image processing and image enhancement techniques; the centre runs Dipix and Intera software on its Digital VAX computer to analyze and enhance Thematic Mapper and SPOT satellite imagery. This work is research oriented and is intended to attract private sector interest. Very little of the activity on campus-in Geography, Civil Engineering, or Systems Design-can be considered to fall within the purview of the Library. This may not be the case in the future: spin-offs from the Oxford English Dictionary project and the creation of new GIS databases may be the foundations of future rivalry with the library.

THE FUTURE

It is my opinion that librarians must continue to remain well informed about emerging new technologies. I shall strive to up-to-date by reading keep the literature-which is voluminous; by taking courses (I hope to take a GIS-techniques course in the fall); by attending conferences and workshops; and by seizing every opportunity to obtain hands-on contact with these technologies. Some of us have our own microcomputer or have access to one at work; others can experiment with CD-ROM equipment and software. At this ACMLA conference we have had exposure to video disk technology as applied to topographic maps and to cartographically oriented storage and retrieval systems. Larry Carver has indicated the importance of exchanging information and ideas by remaining in contact, whether through networks such as Bitnet, by telephone, or

by correspondence. Beyond this, it seems to me that we should "watch and wait."

We are being bombarded on all sides by new technologies, many of them in early developmental or experimental stages. Unless we have very large operating budgets or access to development funding, we cannot afford to purchase the equipment or the software that is required, nor can we afford the expertise/training that is necessary to operate and maintain this technology. And these systems may not perform as we might wish nor have the resilience we require. Some of you may have read the recent review, in WAML's Information Bulletin, of GeoVisions's U.S. Atlas on compact disk; the review indicated that there were still many problems to be resolved. And how many of you saw demonstrations of BBC's Domesday project on video disk? Although brilliantly conceived, the project has been plagued with hardware problems. In part this is because standards are in very short supply.

It is essential that we as map librarians and archivists keep several points in mind as we consider the alternatives that are available to us. We should always remember that we are librarians(or archivists) by training; which is to say that we are not cartographers or map designers. We may have some very useful and constructive comments to make about map design but it is not our business to actually create maps. It is the responsibility of cartographic service units to make maps; if the execution of a particular map is an academic exercise, then responsibility rests with the student or with faculty members drawing upon resources available within

the academic departments (e.g., Geography, History, or Architecture). Thus I question whether we need to have mapping hardware or software within our libraries.

A second point worth remembering is that we must serve the needs of our users. The University Map and Design Library at the University of Waterloo exists primarily to support undergraduate teaching; a secondary function is to support the research needs of graduate students and faculty, as resources permit. I feel that at present the undergraduate is very well served and will continue to be well served by paper maps. Conversely, I am not convinced that maps in digital or analogue form and accessible only by machine are required or even useful in an undergraduate setting.

It is my opinion that we should be focusing our attention on developing and acquiring computerized systems which enable us to store, access. and display cartobibliographic information. Many of us work at institutions which have sophisticated and functional online catalogues; these catalogues may or may not include map records. However, these systems were developed primarily to retrieve and display catalogue records for books, serials, and government documents. Map librarians have recently been exposed to systems designed to handle cartographic records: for example, CARTO-NET, developed by the British; Larry Carver's GRIN; and Chris Baruth's GeoDex. An efficient system for handling maps seems to be one where a relational database (or perhaps a quad-tree database) is linked to

a graphics front-end package and possibly graphics output as well. This is the kind of technology which I think will give us the greatest rewards-technology which enables us to control the items in our collections-whether these items are paper maps, photographic prints or slides, the contents of floppy diskettes/video disks/compact disks, GIS files, or whatever. might wish to extend this We cartobibliographic control to physical items or files held by faculty members or university service units. It remains our responsibility to describe these items, to assign location codes (e.g., LC call numbers), and to provide for the efficient retrieval and display of these descriptions and location codes.

I would like to conclude my talk with just a few words about the paper map. I have already said that I think the paper map or the photographic print will be in our collections for many years to come. These items have excellent display value, they can be borrowed and taken out of the library and into the field, and they can be annotated (although we all wish that students would curb their inclination to doodle on our maps); in addition, students can readily compare the content of two or more maps of the same geographic area by simply placing the maps side by side on a study table. Laptop computers, online scratchpads, and split screens/windows notwithstanding, the electronic product is not nearly as user friendly, to borrow a hackneyed expression. Peter Brooke-Smith in his article "Geographic information systems- is this the end of the map?" (The Globe, No. 27, 1987) states: "I think the

map, not a GIS, may still be the most appropriate method for some tasks, especially the smaller task where cost along counts against the GIS " "The humble map still has a place and an importance as a record of what went in and what came out." Susan Klimley in her review of GeoVision's U.S. Atlas. "The Columbia CD-ROM experience:evaluation of map data on CD-ROM,"(WAML Information Bulletin 20, no. 1, 1988) writes: "Paper maps represent one of the most data-dense information storage mechanisms available in a library....The paper map is still far superior to computer systems that have, until recently, primarily represented the word." "I haven't seen anything on this CD that wasn't 10 times better on a \$7 Rand McNally Road Atlas."

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ACMLA HONOURS AWARD

The Awards Committee invites nominations for the ACMLA Honours Award. According to the guidelines for the award, the nominee should be a person who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of map librarianship. The contribution may either be for a specific activity or for general services and contributions such as continued membership in the Association with active participation either as an executive officer, committee chairperson, or committee member. Normally, membership in ACMLA is a prerequisite, however that does not preclude considering outstanding non-members.

ACMLA PAPER AWARD

The Awards Committee invites nominations for the ACMLA PAPER AWARD. To be nominated for the Paper Award, which carries a \$200.00 monetary prize, a feature article by one or more authors consisting of at least three pages in length, must have appeared in an issue of the ACMLA Bulletin published after the last annual conference. We are looking for articles that make a solid contribution to map librarianship, including cartobibliographies. Originality, uniqueness or subject matter and depth of research will be taken into consideration. (Nominations close March 1, 1991)

Please send your nominations to: Serge A. Sauer, Chairperson, Awards Committee, ACMLA, Map Library, Department of Geography, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario N6A 5C2

REGIONAL NEWS

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ONTARIO

Aileen Desbarats in "Retirement"

Aileen Desbarats, recently retired Map Librarian at the University of Ottawa, is now working as a volunteer with Ed Dahl at the National Archives of Canada one day a week on the "atlas information files" project(a set of files Ed has been building up over the past years). Aileen is creating one file for each original pre-1850 atlas, or one file for a group of atlases such as "Bible Atlases"(G 1030) or "ancient geography"(G 1033) in cases where the atlases are not frequently consulted and can easily be grouped. The file is labelled with the Library of Congress classification number and contains the following:

- a print-out from the Canon readerprinter of the detailed catalogue entry for that atlas;
- 2. information that we have about the source or provenance of the atlas;
- 3. any lists of contents that have been made;
- 4. secondary literature that can be found about that atlas (either photocopies of the literature or references);
- 5. photocopies of the updated catalogue cards (in the reference room) for individual maps that are identical to or variants of maps in our atlases.

The work on the cards for "5" above is actually the major part of Aileen's work, since these cards do not yet exist for a number of the maps showing Canada that are found in our atlases. To make these cards, Aileen is systematically going through each atlas noting all the maps showing Canada in any way. Any identical detached maps and all related versions of the maps in flat storage and in other atlases are examined and information relating to them is added to the catalogue cards filed under the old classification. These cards are also photocopied and added to the atlas file.

When completed, these files will be an invaluable research tool for researchers, the reference room staff and the Early Cartography Specialist. The files will do much to make accessible an important set of early maps showing Canada.

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CGSB WORKING GROUP ON CATALOGUING STANDARDS FOR GEOMATICS

As the ACMLA representative on the CGSB Working Group on Cataloguing Standards for Geomatics, I feel it is time to bring interested persons in the map library community up-to-date with our progress.

In the spring of 1989 the Inter-Agency Committee on Geomatics initiated the formation of a Standards Committee, under the auspices of the Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB), to study the need for standards in the area of geomatics.

The need for standards was determined to be most important for the following areas: feature classification, cataloguing, data encoding, geographic referencing, data quality, symbology.

The first meeting of the Committee in June 1989 was attended by more than 40 representatives from industry, academia, and government agencies and departments.

Various working groups were assigned to develop standards on one or more of the 6 topics just listed. To my knowledge no formal statements of progress have yet been issued by any other group.

The working group of which I am a part of, however, is the one dealing with cataloguing standards (CGSB Working Group on Data Dictionary/Directory and Cataloguing Standards). It was originally assumed by the non-librarian members of our Committee that the cataloguing aspect of our work would include classification and some means of subject access, in addition to formulating rules for description. After much discussion amongst all members, the Group decided to further subdivide into two subgroups, one responsible for the data dictionary/directory (providing subject access), the other for descriptive cataloguing.

The descriptive cataloguing subgroup consists of 4 members: David L. Brown, National Archives Canada (Co-Chairperson of the Working Group); Velma Parker, National Archives Canada; Margaret Stewart, National Library of Canada; Frank Williams, University of Ottawa Map Library. The three latter members bring cataloguing expertise to the group, while David Brown fulfills the function of geomatics resource person. He also acts as liaison between this subgroup and the larger Working Group.

It was decided to use AACR II rev. ed. as the base material for the rules for description and modify them as needed. Thus, we intend to incorporate chapter I General rules, chapter 3 Cartographic materials, and chapter 9 Computer files, into one document.

The rules must also be elucidated through examples which must be tailor-made. We are presently involved in the process of cataloguing various geomatic files for this purpose.

In addition, the question of multi-level description must also be addressed.

The projected date for the completion of a

working document is June 1990, after which the document will be sent out to various organizations and individuals for feedback. Publication will follow the revisions based on this feedback.

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1991 ACMLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

26-30 May 1991 National Archives of Canada, Ottawa CALL FOR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS

For the two days of paper, etc. at the 1991 conference in Ottawa, we would like to ask the ACMLA membership for comments on our suggestions and for other topics to be considered. Please give us your opinion about these and send other suggestions to us, c/o MAPS, National Archives of Canada, Ottawa, CANADA K1A 0N3 by 15 September 1990. These topics will then be publicized with a "call for papers," with proposals to be submitted by the end of 1990 or early in 1991. We should then be able to put together the programme several months before the conference.

The two main suggestions for topics to date are:

- 1. "The 'archiving' of the historical maps of Canada (dated circa 1500 to 1950)." This topic is being suggested because the conference will be held at the National Archives of Canada which has a large segment of the historical maps of Canada as one of its major responsibilities. Presentations would be welcome in such areas as government cartographic records, commercially produced maps, and maps held by repositories outside Canada. In all these areas, we would wish to see how far we have come in bringing these maps under all aspects of proper archival care and to look at what remains to be done.
- 2. "Serving our public." This topic is of interest to all of us, regardless of the

size and type of map collection in which we work, and a wide range of papers could be presented dealing with the question of how we can improve the ways we serve our users.

3. Other suggestions discussed at our initial organizational meeting in May were: map literacy, environmental mapping, geographical information systems and geomatic records in map collections, the history of the ACMLA, and reports from federal government map producers.

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THE BRITISH LIBRARY MAP LIBRARY

The British Library Map Library will be closed for annual cleaning and shelfchecking October 29 - November 3, 1990 inclusive.

The British Library has published the Catalogue of Cartographic Materials: Accessions 1975-1988. The Catalogue is published on microfiche and contains over 11,500 records in MARC format. It is organized in 3 sections; Geographic names, names/titles, subjects. Because of its thoroughness it should be an invaluable aid for cataloguing within other collections because it can function as a unique and comprehensive authority file. The Catalogue comes in a durable binder, with the fiche sets filed in a rigid holder and accompanied bv explanatory an introduction. The fiche are standard 48x reduction and will be updated cumulatively on a regular basis. The catalogue is available from The British Library, Publication Sales Unit, Boston Spa. Wetherby, West Yorkshire, LS23 7BQ at a cost of £50.00.

The British Library Map Library is working on a project to prepare printed collations and individual map descriptions of their atlas collection. The intent is to use the latter as part of the new historical map catalogue, created by converting to machine-readable form the pre-1975 entries in the existing British Library catalogues. The project is a result of a private initiative in conjunction with the Map Library, and is being undertaken by Rodney Shirley assisted by John Goss.

THE AMERICAN CONGRESS ON SURVEYING AND MAPPING

The American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM) has announced the appointment of John Lisack, Jr., CAE to the position of Executive Director, effective June 4, 1990. Mr. Lisack is a civil engineer and also holds an MBA from the University of Massachusetts. He has more than 18 years experience in association and publicsector management.

The ACSM announced the installation of a new executive. Patricia Calwell Lindgren was installed as President on March 21st, 1990; Robert W. Foster as Vice-President; and Gunther H. Greulich as Presidentelect.

The ACSM and the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) have announced that both societies will move their headquarters to the Renewable Natural Resources Center in Bethesda, Maryland early this fall.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

The University Library, Michalska 1, Bratislava CSSR is attempting to build their map collection. They are looking for copies of Canadian maps. Anybody interested can contact Dr. D. Lechner, University Library, International Exchange Section, Michalska 1, Bratislava CSSR for information.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

On May 15, 1990 The Walter Hitschfeld Environmental Sciences Library, McGill University was officially opened by his widow. The new library, situated on the fifth floor of Burnside Hall (downtown campus), brings together the physical geography, meteorology, oceanography and University map collections.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

Omnigraphics, Inc., in association with The Phileas Society, have produced six videotapes on Christopher Columbus. They are the first in their Great Explorers video series. Each tape runs 30 minutes, features on-site filming and interviews with leading Columbus authorities. The tapes are priced at \$125 each; the set of six is \$675.

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