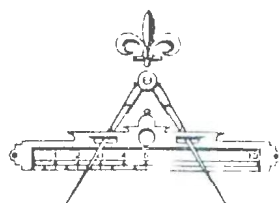


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THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN MAP LIBRARIES:

The Third Annual Conference was held at Université Laval, Québec, June 4 - 6, 1969. This was a very successful conference in every respect. Special thanks for a very efficiently organized program are extended to the Organizing Committee:

M. Yves Tessier, Chairman
 Mlle. Louise Dion
 M. Andre Villeneuve

The Association also acknowledges the very sincere hospitality extended by this committee and other staff members of Université Laval during our stay in Québec. On numerous occasions these people, although thoroughly exhausted from the events of the day, guided the group on informal tours to restaurants and other night spots in the "Heart of French Canada".

The proceedings of the third annual conference to be published in the new year, will contain all of the papers and a summary of discussions. An outline of the conference agenda follows:

Tuesday, June 3 - Evening

Welcome to Pavillon Biermans-Moraud:- a get-together for coffee and an executive meeting.

Wednesday, June 4

- 8:30 Registration of delegates in "la cartothèque, Université Laval".
- 9:15 Welcoming address by M. l'abbé Joseph-Marie Blanchet, Conservateur de la bibliothèque, Université Laval.
- 9:30 Paper: "Maps for the 1971 Census of Canada" by Mr. Pierre Hubert, Cartography Section, Census Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.
- 10:30 Business meeting of the Association. A proposed constitution, presented by the President, was ratified by the delegates.

10:30 (Cont'd)

The new executive for the year:

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| Past-President | - | Mrs. Karen (Edwards) Lochhead,
National Map Collection, Public Archives of Canada. |
| President | - | Miss Maureen Wilson,
University of British Columbia. |
| Vice-President | - | Mr. Brad Fay,
McGill University. |
| Secretary | - | Miss Frances Woodward,
University of British Columbia. |
| Treasurer | - | Mr. Hugo L. P. Stibbie,
University of Alberta. |

13:30 Paper: "Care and preservation of maps" by Mr. Jan Pidek, Records Conservation Section, Public Archives of Canada. (Samples of maps showing various methods of preservation were handed out to delegates).

15:30 Panel discussion:
"Exhibits and inter-library loans" Miss Joan Winearls, University of Toronto.
"Map Housing: systems and arrangement" Mr. Serge Sauer, University Western Ont.
"Reference works for map libraries" Mr. Brad Fay, McGill University.

OR

Visit to the old map section of "Les Archives du Séminaire de Québec" from 15:30 to 17:00 (limited to 15 people).

Evening:

"Map-In" at Restaurant La Nouvelle France.

Thursday, June 5.

9:00 Demonstration of "Miracode and cartographic documentation" by M. Robert Leblond, Université Laval.

11:00 Tour of "la cartothèque de L'Université Laval".

14:00 Tour of Québec and vicinity.

Evening

Reception and dinner given by Université Laval followed by a very interesting showing of colour slides by M. Yves Tessier, Université Laval.

Friday, June 6:

Joint session on Automation in map libraries with the Geography & Map Division. Special Libraries Association.

Friday, June 6 (Cont'd)

- 9:00 Presentation of the automated cataloguing project of the Library of Congress by Dr. W. Ristow and Mr. D. Carrington, Geography & Map Division, Library of Congress.

Current developments in the automation of the map library at Illinois State University, Mr. W. Easton, Illinois State University.

- 10:30 "National Union Catalogue Project" Miss Joan Winearls, University of Toronto.

Explanation of the archival contribution to the National Union Catalogue by the Canadian Section of the National Map Collection, Public Archives of Canada by Miss Betty May, Map Collection, Public Archives of Canada.

- 14:00 Discussion of the possibilities for national and international co-operation in the field of automated map cataloguing led by Miss Joan Winearls, University of Toronto.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS:

A Geography and Map subsection of I.F.L.A. was established at the I.F.L.A. General Conference held at the Royal School of Librarianship, Copenhagen, August 24 - 30 1969.

The general objective of the meetings was to establish a geography and map librarians group at the international level which would advance the principles and practices of geography and map librarianship. Some of the projects planned for the new subsection are: compilation of an international directory of geography and map libraries, exchange of maps and geographical information, standards for the care and preservation of maps, standardization of the cataloguing and classification of maps, automation in this field, and professional training of geography and map librarians.

Canada was represented at these meetings by Mr. T. E. Layng, Head, National Map Collection, Public Archives of Canada (Official Canadian delegate), Miss Nora T. Corley, Librarian, Arctic Institute of North America and Mr. Brad Fay, Map Curator, McGill University. Brad Fay was granted travel assistance by the Association to attend as its representative.

Dr. W.W. Ristow, Chief, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress chaired the meetings. (He was also chairman of the organizing committee which formulated plans for the meetings some time ago). It was pointed out by Dr. Ristow that geography and map librarians felt that they had no representation or status at the international level and, in fact, very little at the national and local levels. A few groups at the national and local levels have recently been formed (i.e. the Association of Canadian Map Libraries in Canada, the Geography & Map Division of the Special Libraries Association and the Western Association of Map Librarians in the U.S.A., and the Map Curators Society in Great Britain). Because of this lack of organization, there has been very little communication or opportunity for co-ordination and exchange of ideas among geography and map librarians. Also, because there are very few professionals and no standardization of cataloguing and classification procedures in this field, it was felt that organization of this subsection was essential.

The compilation of an international directory of map libraries was suggested as a first project for the subsection. Dr. Ristow stated that it was difficult to contact geography and map librarians because there is no international directory. He also stated that in the past quarter century many new libraries have come into existence and many of the older ones have greatly expanded. He proposed that the directory should list only national geography and map libraries, as well as those of associations and the major universities.

The following papers were read: "Reference work in map libraries", Dr. H. Wallis, British Museum; "The Library of Congress Computerized Map Cataloguing Project", Dr. W.W. Ristow, Library of Congress; "Brief description of the Lenin State Library", Dr. Koslova, Lenin State Library (read by Dr. Rybak of the same library) and "Geography and Map Libraries in Denmark", Dr. I. R. Kejlbo, Royal Library, Copenhagen.

One day was spent touring the geography and map libraries of Copenhagen and one day touring North Zealand. Both tours were part of the official meetings, the former was organized by Dr. I. R. Kejlbo, the latter by I.F.L.A.

A more detailed report on the meetings has been deposited with the Secretary of the Association, together with copies of the papers delivered by Dr. I.R. Kejlbo and Dr. W.W. Ristow. (Only these two papers were distributed to delegates). Should any member be interested in reading these papers or the report they may do so by consulting the Secretary or the Editor of the Association.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL MAP COLLECTION:

The National Map Collection, Public Archives of Canada has kindly offered to act as a collecting and redistribution centre for surplus maps. These are current maps not required by the National Map Collection, and duplicate and superseded maps collected from any Canadian Map Library willing to enter into this exchange.

This exchange is mutually beneficial to all concerned. The National Map Collection could conceivably fill in some gaps in its Canadian collection from superseded maps collected from other map libraries. Other map libraries in turn obtain maps which might otherwise be unavailable to them either physically or financially.

To ensure the success of this project you are asked to send all of your duplicate, superseded, and other surplus or unwanted maps to the National Map Library, Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa.

In July the National Map Collection finally received the blessing of the Treasury Board to enable the Foreign Section to collect foreign maps. Negotiations are continuing with the Department of National Defence concerning the transfer of stocks of maps and related material to the Public Archives. It is expected that a regular flow of maps from the Department of National Defence will be established in the near future. It is still expected that certain series at the scale of 1:250,000 or smaller will be available for distribution to map libraries in Canada. A list of series for distribution will be circulated to map libraries when these stocks become available. Any new map libraries wishing to have their name added to the mailing list should write to Mrs. Karen Lochhead, Foreign Section, National Map Collection, Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa 4.

Mrs. Lochhead has issued a letter requesting map librarians to send in a list of the topographic series held in their collections in order that she can begin to compile information on series for the National Union Catalogue of Maps. Series can be compared to those on the list of Topographic Series in the Map Library, University of Toronto, compiled by Miss Joan Winearls. Many map librarians have already received a copy of this list from Miss Winearls or at the Association conference in June, 1968 in Edmonton. Mention was again made of the list this past June in Quebec. Copies are still available from Miss Winearls at Map Library, Department of Geography, University of Toronto, 100 St. George Street, Toronto, Ontario. To date Mrs. Lochhead has received only two completed lists! In order that work can be started on compilation of information for the National Union Catalogue of Maps, it is essential that Mrs. Lochhead receive these completed lists. Please send them to her as soon as possible.

In June the Canadian Section circulated a list of world maps relating to Canada, covering the period 1600 - 1700 which are held in the National Map Collection. This list was sent to approximately 80 curators of map collections in Canada. Those who replied, expressing an interest in receiving additional lists or supplying information on their holdings, will receive further lists. A "List of Facsimilie Atlases, Atlases of Facsimilie Maps, and Volumes with Numerous Map Reproductions" has also been circulated. The second list, Maps of the Western Hemisphere, for the same period is now being printed. A list of addenda to the first list will be sent out with this second list. The third check-list planned will be of pre-1763 maps of the French territories in North America.

It should be brought to the attention of all that the Public Archives will send future lists only to those who replied to the first, or to those who specifically request copies of it and additional lists. These can be obtained by writing to the Canadian Section, National Map Collection, Public Archives of Canada, 395 Wellington Street, Ottawa 4.

NEWS FROM THE TREASURER:

Your treasurer is now halfway through his year of office. Under the terms of our new Constitution the treasurer must notify the members when their Association fees are due. This will be January 1st. You should expect to receive a note in the mail sometime in December in the form of an invoice. I hope that everybody who was a member in 1969 will take out a new membership in 1970. Already membership renewals and new membership requests are being received.

The sale of the Directory of Canadian Map Collections has progressed to the extent that of the 250 copies printed only 28 copies remain as of the date of writing. The stock of 1967 Proceedings has dwindled to some 4 copies. We hope to reprint the 1967 Proceedings and sell them at \$3.00 each. A small profit will then be realized. The break even point will be reached if we sell another 60 copies. We must also consider reprinting the Directory, and selling it at an increased price: \$3.00 per copy. Because the balance in our bank account is presently fairly low, we must wait until January or February 1970 with the reprinting of these publications. We also have to think about the cost of printing of the 1969 Proceedings and the publication of the Manual on Standards and Procedures for Map Libraries (M. Wilson's Committee).

MAP SOURCES FILE:

At the time of writing there are well over 1500 addresses in the map sources file. More are being added continuously, but very soon the point will be reached where all resources for additional addresses, available at this time, will have been exhausted. Will those of you who have address files please forward xerox copies of addresses (in any form) so that they can be checked against the master file? Some of you have already done this and to you sincere thanks is extended. Many of you, however, have promised but have not yet done so. Please do not feel that any addresses which you have listed will already be listed in the master file. It is the very obvious addresses that are most likely to be overlooked.

Early in the new year the list will be assumed to be as complete as is possible at this time. Letters will then be forwarded to each address in the file requesting that the address and any information pertinent to it be verified. When this information has been compiled it will hopefully be published as a publication of the Association and should be a very valuable reference aid for all map librarians.

Please send any information on map sources to Brad Fay c/o Dept. of Geography, McGill University.

NEW PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST:

A revised and expanded edition of the American Geographical Society's "Cataloguing and Filing Rules for Maps and Atlases in the Society's Collection" has recently been compiled by Roman Drazniowsky. This publication can be obtained from the A.G.S. in New York at a cost of \$4.00.

Those wishing to have an explanation of "The Universal Transverse Mercator Grid as applied to National Topographic System maps of Canada" should consult the pamphlet recently published by the Map Distribution Office, Surveys & Mapping Branch, Department of Energy, Mines & Resources. It is available from that office in Ottawa in either English or French editions for only 25¢ per copy. In recent correspondence with Mr. L. M. Sebert of that Branch we are informed that a second pamphlet on the Mercator and Transverse Mercator projections is in preparation but has not yet been published.

A new directory of map collections "Directory of Map Collections in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Alberta and British Columbia" has been compiled by the Western Association of Map Librarians. At the time of writing the price to non members is not known but this information can be obtained from the Government Publications Section, California State Library in Sacramento.

An outline guide to twentieth century maps is given by C. B. Muriel Lock in a recent book "Modern Maps and Atlases". The book is published by Clive Bingley, London-the costs £6.00

NEWS AND NOTES:

I know that all members of the Association join with me in extending our best wishes to our Past-President, Karen (Edwards) Lochhead, and her husband on the occasion of their

NEWS AND NOTES (Cont'd)

recent marriage. Following the July wedding in Orangeville, Ontario and their honeymoon trip to the U.K., Karen and Graham have taken up residence in Ottawa.

K.L. Armstrong and T. Griffith are two newly appointed map librarians. D.L. Armstrong has been appointed to this position at the Department of Geography, University of Lethbridge and T. Griffith to the same position with the Department of Geography, Sir George Williams University. We, the Association, wish these two map librarians much success in their new positions and look forward to meeting them at our next conference.

A list of members of the Association is now available. It can be obtained by writing to the secretary.

The editor thanks Mr. Hugo Stibbie and Mrs. Karen Lochhead for their contribution to this Newsletter. As mentioned in earlier numbers of the Newsletter this is your publication and the more support it receives from you the more interesting it can be. Your support also determines the frequency of publication.

Please reserve the dates June 1 - 3 of next year for our annual conference. It is being held at University of British Columbia, Vancouver. Miss Maureen Wilson, President, is also Conference Organizing Chairman.

You should begin now to prepare your paper for the annual conference. As soon as you have decided on a topic please inform Miss Wilson so she can incorporate it into the program. If you will not give a paper please indicate some topics of interest to you so that they can be included in the program.

Brad Fay,
Editor.