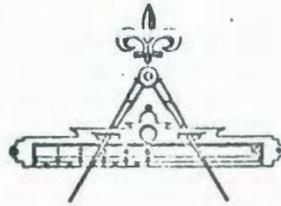


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Plans for our 1969 conference, to be held in Quebec City, are progressing well thanks to the efforts of Yves Tessier and Karen Edwards. At the present time, the agenda is as follows:

June 3	Tuesday	Eve.		Informal get-together Executive meeting
June 4	Wednesday	A.M.		Sessions - papers to be announced
		P.M.		Sessions - papers to be announced Business meeting
		Eve.		Party in Quebec City
June 5	Thursday	A.M.	9:00	Session - Robert LeBlond - Miracode Microfilm Project
			11.00	Tour of Laval Map Library with G. & M. Division (G. & M. Division people have Miracode demonstration after the tour)
		P.M.		Tour of Quebec City with G. & M. Division
		Eve.		Reception and Dinner with G. & M. Division
June 6	Friday	A.M.		Joint Session with G. & M. Division <u>Automation in Map Libraries</u>
				Presentation by the Library of Congress on their automated cataloguing project
				Current developments in the automation of the Map Library at Illinois State University by William W. Easton
				Report of the National Union Catalogue Committee of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries

June 6 . Friday P.M.

Discussion on the possibilities for national and international co-operation in the field of automated map cataloguing.

There is still space available for people wishing to present papers or those interested in leading a discussion. Reticence should be overcome with the thought that the majority of us are pathfinders desperately trying to do a good job where no guidelines have been set.

Some people learn from their mistakes and for this reason our executive is trying to streamline certain aspects of the business meeting. For instance, they are now studying a revised version of the Constitution and hope to hold a vote on it by mail before the June meeting. The appointment of a nominating committee is also considered so that they might present a slate of officers to the business meeting and thus speed up the democratic process.

The agenda shows that we will have ample opportunity to meet our American colleagues.

Committee on Canadian Map Sources

Work on this project is continuing, the principal effort being in the Eastern Ontario Pilot Project which is now almost complete. The project is a detailed one dealing with individual map sheets, and most of the material discovered has been of an archival nature. A number of people are prepared to sell their maps and there are five Canadian maps which are of special interest to members. These maps are all in excellent condition and the asking price is a very fair one. If interested in any of the maps described below, please contact Mr. Peter Hustwit, 2881 Sandalwood Drive, Ottawa. Telephone area code 613 - 731 - 9056 and mention Dr. Taylor's name.

The maps are listed in order of publication date.

1. "Le Canada en Partie de la Nouvelle France, contenant la Terre de Labrador, la Nouvelle France, les Isles de Terre Neuve, de Notre Dame etc."

- P. Mortier, Amsterdam 1702--1710
 - scale : approx. 50 miles to the inch
 - size : 30.5" X 22"
2. "A New and Accurate map of the islands of Newfoundland, Cape Breton, St. John and Anticosti together with the neighbouring countries of Nova Scotia, Canada etc."
 - Ewan Bowen, circa 1750
 - scale : approx. 50 miles to the inch
 - size : 13 1/2" X 16 1/2"
 3. "Newfoundland and Nova Scotia"
 - J. and F. Tallis, circa 1840
 - scale : approx. 60 miles to the inch
 - size : 13" X 10"
 4. "Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia"
 - Henry Tweesdale, 1845
 - scale : approx. 90 miles to the inch
 - size : 16 1/2" X 13"
 5. "British North America Sheet II West; Canada, with part of U.S."
 - J. Hugh Johnson pub., Fullerton circa 1860
 - scale : 40 miles to the inch
 - size : 21" X 16"

Considerable help has also been given by a number of members in other areas of Canada with the contributions from Miss Blight and Miss Tully of Winnipeg being particularly useful. Mrs. Stastny of Victoria, B.C. has received a grant from the University of Victoria to investigate the possibility of compiling a bibliography of the non-governmental maps of British Columbia and the results of this project are awaited with interest. A number of other map librarians have indicated an interest in the work of the committee but, as yet, very little information has been received.

The preliminary results of the Pilot Project are encouraging and Dr. Taylor would like to apply for additional funds to run an extended version of the project in other areas. He would appreciate hearing from members interested in participating in this project.

Directory of Canadian Map Collections

The Directory, consisting of 87 collections, is finally at the printing stage. The copies will be mailed to members and participants as soon as they are available. The cost of each Directory is \$1.00 for members, and an invoice will be included in the copy. Cost to non-members is \$2.00. Requests should be addressed to:

Mr. Brad Fay
Map Library
Department of Geography
McGill University
Montreal, Quebec

Union List of Topographic Series

Members are reminded that lists of topographic series held in their libraries should be sent to Karen Edwards. For those who have forgotten or have never heard of this - at the last annual meeting it was decided that it would be very useful to have a master union file of such holdings so that libraries might write, telex or telephone to find out the closest location of a particular series. To this end, a list of topographic series held in the Map Library at the University of Toronto was passed around (since it probably has the greatest number) so that members would have but to check mark that list to indicate their particular holdings instead of writing up a new one. These lists will then be compiled into a master file by Karen Edwards.

For copies of the U. of T. list, please contact Joan Winearls, Map Librarian, Department of Geography, University of Toronto.

Regional Meeting at the University of Western Ontario

Map librarians in the southwestern Ontario region met for a day in early December at the University of Western Ontario Map Library.

Following a welcome from Serge Sauer and Dr. V. Sim, Chairman of the Department of Geography, Dr. E. Pleva gave an interesting talk on school atlases. In particular he focussed on a new junior atlas for grade-school children which he is preparing for Oxford

University Press, and on the problems of the choice of scales and graphic methods of communications which it presented. Outstanding were maps combining vegetation and agriculture into a simplified land use series. Of interest also was a projection of the Arctic from a point in Canada, south of the Pole, which promises to be more understandable for children than a polar projection. Those of us who knew little about atlas cartography found the talk illuminating.

After a luncheon at the Faculty Club, the group heard Miss Alice Coleman of Kings' College, London speak about the new land use survey of Britain at 1:25,000 which she is conducting. Miss Coleman concentrated on the technical problems of production and the uses of the map series. The volunteer system, upon which the project depended, appears to have been amazingly successful. Indeed the whole project exemplifies how much can be done with little money and staff.

Following this lecture we toured the map library, a very large, pleasant looking room with map cabinets at only the 2-tier level. Serge has purchased most cabinets from the Burrowes Co. and he pointed out how he is trying to influence them into modifying their designs. There were excellent maps and directions for the use of the library.

Attending the meeting were Kate Donkin, Richard Malinski, Judith Doig, Joan Winearls, Miss Joyce Buchanan of the London Public Library and Mrs. De Somogyi of the Rare Books Section of the University of Western Ontario Library.

Numeration of the Newsletter

To facilitate the filing of the Newsletter it was thought that giving it a different Volume number each year would be the best way of numbering it. Thus, in spite of the fact that only one Newsletter was sent out last year, ie: Volume 1, number 1, this being the first one in 1969, it is numbered Volume 2, number 1.

Since the annual meeting is fast approaching, it might be well to think over whether members want to keep receiving a Newsletter at all. The overt response to it has been more than disheartening.

We could, of course, make it a vehicle for the Executive to keep the members informed of its doings. Think about it.

The editor would like to thank Dr. F. Taylor and Miss Joan Winearls for their extensive contributions to this Newsletter which appear almost verbatim.

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