

AN HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Miss Doreen Harper, M.A., B.S.L., Provincial Librarian, Traces History of the Institution Going Back Over One Hundred Years.

At the December meeting of the York and Sunbury Historical Society, Ltd., the following interesting paper was read by Miss Doreen Harper, M.A., B.S.L., Provincial Librarian:

Libraries date back to the very dawn of civilization, that is, when man invented Agriculture in 4,000 B.C. The very first Library in North America was that of Marc Lescarbot in 1606 at Port Royal, Nova Scotia. In fact, at that time there were far more books than people in New France.

In 1787, the first year after the Government of New Brunswick was established, books were purchased for the use of the House of Assembly, the original bills of which are in our possession; showing that even at that early date the Government realized that—

"All the known world is governed by books,
And here, today the dead look down,
The Kings of mind again we crown."

In reading Governor Thomas Carleton's Letters for 1796, we find him writing to the Duke of Portland for the Acts of Parliament of Scotland, etc. for the use of Mr. Chipman in settling the boundary dispute between New Brunswick and the United States. It is rather interesting to note, that in spite of the ravages of years, some of these early books such as, the History and Proceedings of the House of Commons from the Restoration to the Present Time—London, Chandler, 1742, are on our shelves today. Nearly all of these volumes are British Government publications, especially bound in leather and embossed with the wording "House of Assembly."

In 1802 a book-case was purchased for the rapidly growing collection, and from the original drawing of it, it appears to be very similar to the sectional shelving in the Library today. It was probably 8 1/4 by 7 3/8 ft.

In 1810 a room between the House of Assembly and the Supreme Court was set aside as a Library.

But it was in 1841, nearly a century ago that the Legislative Library of New Brunswick, as such, really began, when it was decided to combine the Library of the House of Assembly and that of the Legislative Council. The Legislative Library and office of the Registrar were in the stem of the lower flat of the Province Hall, which was a plain, wooden structure of Georgian design in the shape of a "T".

The following year, the Rules of the Library were drawn up:

(1) It was to be under the control of a standing Committee of six, composed of three Members from each House.

(2) It was to be established between the Committee rooms, House of Assembly and Chancery offices.

(3) The Librarian was to be appointed by the Committee, and to attend the Library daily during the Session from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. During the recess on Wednesday afternoons from 12-4 o'clock. He was also to be ready to open the Library at any time during the year upon the request of a Member.

(4) The Librarian was to be accountable for all the books in the Library, and was to keep a catalogue, also a record of every volume taken out and by whom taken and see that the same was returned.

(5) No books were to be allowed out unless thus recorded.

(6) Those having access to the Library were: The Members of the Legislature, Master of Rolls, Judges of the Supreme Court, Members of the Executive Council, Secretary of the Province, Governor's Secretary, Officers of Governor's staff, and Officers of both Houses.

(7) The newspapers taken by both Houses were to be deposited during the recess in the Library, and kept on file for the use of the Members.

(8) The Librarian was to be under the standing Committee (Messrs. Botsford, George, Street, Wilmot, Fisher and End.)

The sum of £200 was voted to buy books, and £75 for the Librarian's salary during the Session.

In 1846 the Committee added to the above Rules:

(1) That no person was allowed to take more than two books at a time, and they were only to be kept one week.

(2) No outsider was allowed in the Library except when introduced by a member, and the privilege was to apply for only one day.

(3) No one was permitted to take books off the shelves of the reading room, this always had to be done by the Librarian.

By 1850 the Library contained 3,523 volumes. In 1852 an Act was passed for the insuring of same against loss or damage by fire.

By 1854 the duties of the Librarian were increasing, and curiously enough one of them was lighting fires, so the salary was raised to £100 for the Session, and £300 was voted by the Legislature for the purchase of books. The Members were not allowed to take the books home with them during the recess. Many were the distinguished visitors to the Library in the early days, among whom we find Sir Edward Seymour and Lord Elgin.

The collection continued to grow, and in 1855 the room occupied by the Clerk of the Supreme Court in Equity was appropriated for the Library, and a reading room with newspapers and periodicals was established in the Legislative Hall for the use of the Members.

About this time the subscription copy of King Louis Phillippe's elephant folio of Audubon's Birds of America was purchased.

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SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Purple Violet, our National Emblem

Sponsored by The Daily Mail

The Daily Mail is greatly pleased with the announcement that appeared in the Royal Gazette this week stating that the Lieutenant Governor has given his approval of the adoption of the Purple Violet as the floral emblem of the province. This news is particularly pleasing to us since we were the first to advocate the adoption of this beautiful little flower as our national emblem. Shortly after taking over The Daily Mail we more than once pointed out that where the May-flower had been officially accepted as Nova Scotia's emblem and the Wild Rose had become the emblem of one of the western provinces, that next in choice there could be none more appropriate than the modest little violet. Later on the Women's Institute, the Horticultural Society and others supported the idea and recommended the adoption of the violet in their resolutions. A questionnaire among the school children of the province showed that this little flower was greatly loved by the young as well as the old. Apart from its beauty there is a sentiment in connection with this little plant. It is said to represent thoughts. This is the language of the pretty little purple violet. May it be cultivated and encouraged to grow around our homes as well as in the fields of New Brunswick. The official message is as follows:

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to order:

That the floral emblem of the Province of New Brunswick be the purple violet.

CLOVIS T. RICHARD,
Provincial Secretary-Treasurer's Office, Fredericton, Dec. 1, 1936.

Miss Mary McElroy of Oromocto spent the day in the city.

Sale and Tea at Wilmot Church

The Christmas Sale and Tea held yesterday at the Wilmot Church by the Ladies' Aid was most enjoyable and well patronized. Tea was served at small tables which were centred with a red candle. Presiding over the tea-table were Mrs. J. Hawthorne and Mrs. Susan Squires, assisted by the ladies of the Aid. Booths selling fancy work, food and candy did a good business. Mrs. J. Baldwin's group of C.G.I.T. girls sold candy. The convener of the tea was Mrs. J. W. Bartlett.

Miss Anna Bailey is entertaining at the tea hour this afternoon at the home of her parents, Baron and Baroness d'Arvey, Grande Allee, Quebec City, for some of the debutantes of the season.

A Tragic

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Field Marshal Lord Roberts. "I was thinking what I would do if I was King like grandfather." "What would you do?" asked the great soldier, "I would make three laws. No one would cut the tails off of little dogs, there would be no more fishing hooks and no one use bearing reins to hurt horses." In years to come the Prince of Wales was to urge the old country to wake up, to maintain her old leadership in colonial trade against foreign competitors. In 1931 the Prince was asked to attend the British Empire Trade Exhibition in the Argentine as a representative of the British manufacturers. He asked one question, whether if he performed the duty if there would be any benefit to the working people of his country. He travelled to South America paying expenses of the trip out of his own purse. In 1911 the coronation of King George V, the Prince of Wales was present, a slim stripling of a boy. He knelt before the King and took the ancient heir's oath. "I do become your liege, man of life and limb and of earthly worship and faith and truth I will bear unto you to live and die against all manner of folks. So help me God."

The Prince of Wales was heart-broken at the outbreak of the war when he saw his battalion marching away without him. He went post haste to interview Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, to go to France. "What does it matter if I am killed," the Prince cried in desperation, "I have four brothers." His persistence was not to be denied and on November 16, 1914, he joined his regiment in France. King George V's health would not allow him to be at the front. He flew over the lines in fighting planes. He trudged the muddy roads of Flanders and begged rides on army transport trucks and

Ella Thorne Circle

The December meeting of the Ella Thorne Circle of the King's Daughters was held recently at the home of the president, Miss Marjorie Macredie. The devotional period was in charge of Miss Josephine Belyea, the theme being "The Christmas Story." The annual election of officers took place and the following elected to office for the ensuing year: President, Miss Marjorie Macredie, re-elected; Vice-President, Miss Mary Adams, re-elected; Recording Secretary, Miss Myrtle Moffitt, re-elected; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Josephine Belyea, re-elected; Press Secretary, Miss Greta Brewer; Treasurer, Miss Marion Edney. Two delegates were appointed to the committee to attend the meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Community Y; money was voted for the providing of Christmas baskets for needy families in the city. One new member from the Golden Rule Circle Saint John, was welcomed to the Circle, and a new member was elected. Other routine business was carried out, after which a social hour was enjoyed the hostess being assisted by Miss Sadie Blair. As this was the Birthday meeting of the Ella Thorne Circle, a pleasing feature of the programme was the serving of a beautifully decorated Birthday Cake, bearing eight candles, representing the eight years the Circle has been in existence. The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

Meeting Ladies Aux. Community "Y"

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Community "Y" held their monthly meeting yesterday in the office of the "Y" headquarters. A very enthusiastic meeting was held it being representative of the majority of the women's organizations in the city. After a few remarks from the Chairman explaining the need of such an auxiliary a slate of officers was elected as follows: President, Mrs. George W. Brown; Vice-president, Mrs. Arthur P. Vanwart; Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Cameron. The executive, Mrs. J. D. MacKay, Mrs. F. E. McDiarmid, Mrs. Hedley Wilson and Mrs. B. H. Hagerman. Plans were made and committees appointed in regard to the grand opening of the Community Y rooms which will take place in February. The main object of the Association at present is getting the rooms in condition for a recreation hall for the young people of the city. It is being furnished the Auxiliary depending mostly on the generosity of friends. It is understood that a piano and an electric stove have already been secured for the use of the rooms.

Beautiful fur coats at greatly reduced prices at Mrs. J. E. Johnston's. A most acceptable gift for Christmas.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Don't forget the Turkey Dinner and Christmas Sale at St. Paul's Church this afternoon and evening.

NOTICE

The closing exercises of the Evening VOCATIONAL Classes will be held in the High School on THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 10 (tonight) from 7.30 to 9.30 o'clock. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to the public.

MARGARET FERGUSON,
Acting Secretary,
F'ton Vocational Comm.

Man Drowned

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Heaved he met his death. It was said that a scow had been in that section when Kingston had come over earlier in the day and had been removed before dark, leaving a dangerous opening in the ice.

wagons. He dined inconsiderately in front line dugouts with Canadian and Australia privates and met with equal ease and charm great generals and statesmen when the occasion demanded it. "I am so very very proud of him," Queen Mary said of her son to a close friend during these years. And so was the Empire. There was not a foot of the long battle line on the western front that this young Captain Windsor did not know. He served on several staffs as a liaison officer, the duty that took him to all sections of the front. He showed many of the qualities which are necessary to make a great monarch. Equally at ease with common people or with the great, courageous, determined and with the ability to make men give him of their best. His abdication will be regarded in all quarters of the Empire as a great tragedy no matter what merits his successor may possess. His value as a connecting link between Government and those governed will be most missed when irrevocably lost.



OUR
BOY
SCOUT
TOYSHOP

Good work goes on here. Wednesday evening, the Wilmot Group were much in evidence, painting and repairing. Contributions continue to come in, and today, we found several toys on the doorstep, so a box has been placed outside the premises, where offerings may be deposited; and anyone using this box, may rest assured that due care will be used in promptly housing the contents in the Toyshop building.

Anyone wishing to bring to our notice, the names of deserving cases whom we might help, can assist us in this, by giving us the ages of those requiring help; so that our selections may be the more easily made.

For some little time past, we of the Boy Scout Movement have been exercised over what is now referred to as the Constitutional Crisis. Although we would hesitate to attempt to take sides in this matter—the Scout Organization is non-political—yet we are ever mindful of our Scout Promise, part of which binds us "To do our duty, to the King." For many years past, His Majesty has been actively associated with us; and we may be permitted to quote from an article which appeared in the Scout for February 8, 1936, which surveys the King's Scouting activities; at the Alexandra Palace, in 1922; the 1924 Imperial Jamboree, at Wembley; the 1929 Coming of Age Jamboree, at Arrow Park; and with the Scouts of Wales, as Prince of Wales. None has given our Movement better encouragement; no one has more aptly voiced our aims, than His Majesty. Here is a typical extract from a speech made by him, in 1922: "You are members of a very big and jolly brotherhood, and you are doing a fine thing by making yourselves strong, active, efficient Scouts, because you are thereby carrying out your motto, Be Prepared, to be good, useful citizens for your country and for the greater brotherhood of free nations which form the British Empire. There is no higher duty than that. So stick to it, and do it well, and Good Luck to you."

We, too, say, Stand Fast in these difficult days; do not worry over the present world situations unduly, but make yourselves as efficient as possible, to improve things later on, by living up to the Scout promise and Law. At Scout Silence, too, let us remember, these days, the Man who spoke the words we have quoted above; this will be within everyone's grasp, and will be merely living up to that part of our Scout Promise: "To help other people at all times."

ROBERT PUGH,
Provincial Field Worker
and Acting District Commissioner

Annual Meeting

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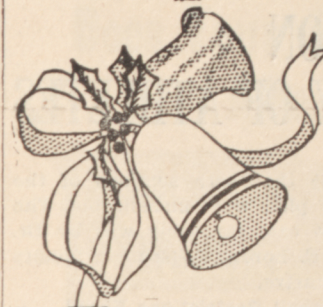
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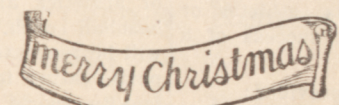
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C. J. Marven, E. S. Wright, Chas. A. Noble and C. A. Brunstrom, all of Saint John are in the city today, registered at the Queen Hotel.

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Lr. Queensbury

LOWER QUEENSBURY, Dec. 9—The St. John river has frozen in smooth and will soon be fit for travel. Mellow Pond and sons have started lumbering.

The Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Lorne Brown last Wednesday afternoon.

The Mission Band met at the home of Mrs. Mellow Pond on Friday.

Sherman Hawkins spent Sunday at Keswick.

Those in Fredericton Saturday included Eugene Dykeman, Mrs. Clarence Dykeman, Leonard Hood, Wallace McNally, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Joslin, Lena Joslin, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Currie, Mrs. Mabel Whiting and Harold Cliff.

Clarence Dykeman spent Sunday at his home here.

D. M. Hope, John W. Hobbin, S. G. Harrington, William Redding, and R. Turner, all of Saint John are among the guests at the Queen Hotel.

W. R. Morrison and E. D. Gaudet of Moncton are guests at the Queen.

D. L. Forbes of Swampscott, Mass. is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

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