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REPORT OF THE ARCHIVES SECTION

by SANDRA GUILLAUME

The annual meeting of the Archives Section of the Canadian Historical Association was held on June 6th at McMaster University, Hamilton.

The morning business meeting met in Room 228, Arts and Administration Building under the Chairmanship of Mr. Hartwell Bowsfield, with 19 persons representing 14 institutions in attendance. Reports were received from the Executive officers and the institutions represented. Discussions on various items of business followed, the questions of a second Archives Training Course and Canadian-made document cases being referred to the incoming Executive for action.

Dr. W. Kaye Lamb reported on the progress of the Union List of Manuscripts in Canadian Repositories, a project of the Public Archives of Canada in co-operation with the Humanities Research Council and the Section. He noted that the compilation was well under way, over 1,000 entries having been received from the 110 participating institutions in the Maritime provinces, Quebec and Ontario. Dr. Lamb also reported to the Section on his attendance at the International Round Table on Archives, Madrid, and the Conference of the Society of Archivists, Plymouth, England.

In addition to the Union listing, the Section felt it advisable to undertake a master revision of the "Survey of Archivists Positions in Canada", and the publication of selected papers on Archival matters. As the Section was without funds, the Secretary was instructed to petition Council to permit the Section to levy its own membership fee, the position of Secretary to become Secretary-Treasurer should the Section have funds at its disposal. (Subsequently, Council granted the Section \$50.00 to aid its activities.)

The Section passed the following resolution, to be forwarded to the National Librarian: "RESOLVED, that in the experience of the

members of the Archives Section, Canadian Historical Association, it is both useful and valuable for historical research to have graduate theses microfilmed and available on Inter-Library Loan."

After selecting Mr. Pearson Gundy to chair the afternoon session, the Section elected the following officers for 1962-1963:

Chairman: Hugh A. Dempsey

Vice-Chairman: Allan R. Turner

Secretary-Treasurer: Sandra Guillaume

The business meeting then adjourned.

In the afternoon, the Section reconvened in the Study Hall of the Arts and Administration Building under Mr. Gundy's Chairmanship to hear the papers "Some Thoughts on the Role of the Archivist in 1967" by Dr. W. Kaye Lamb and "Archival Legislation in Canada" by Dr. Lewis H. Thomas.

Following the presentation of papers, the members of the Section toured the Canadian Baptist Historical Collection and attended a reception given in their honor by the staff of Mills Memorial Library.