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LIST OF SERIAL HOLDINGS:

The 5th (1970) edition of this list has been issued this fall. In spite of additional entries it is still necessary to advise users that complete and more accurate information of holdings is to be had only through the card catalogue.

INTER-LIBRARY LOAN SERVICE:

Main stack books have been being lent on a 4-week basis plus an additional 2-week allowance for transit time, while the branches have been lending on a 2-week basis plus a 2-week transit time allowance. Increasing pressure on the main stack collection has now forced a decision to adopt a uniform period of two weeks plus two weeks' transit time. This change at the same time brings the loan period into line with the borrowing privileges of our own students.

Concern was also expressed at the ILL meeting of October 1 over the large number of requests emanating from Alberta and Saskatchewan. The possibility of reminding institutions in those provinces to check the National Library for sources within their own boundaries is being considered.

Discussion was initiated on the possibility of inaugurating an ILL service to all B.C. college and university libraries which may wish to participate. Foreseeable problems include:

1) the likely heavy demand for items already under heavy pressure at U.B.C. Limiting access to "research" material is expected to result in increasingly elastic use of the term rather than in an alleviation of the problem.

2) the use of photocopying might result in popular items being constantly off the shelves awaiting xeroxing.

An in-depth study was recommended, including consideration of the three major universities all participating, each acting as the main support resource for its own satellite group of colleges.

LOUIS RIEL - PATRIOT OR TRAITOR?

The Special Collections Division has mounted a display of manuscripts, pictures and books relating to the controversial figure in Canadian history, Louis Riel. The exhibits include colourful lithographs graphically portraying the Rebellion of 1885, several interesting manuscripts concerning the Rebellion of 1870, and some of the original declarations made during the unrest at the Red River Settlement. Also shown is a facsimile of the famous letter bought by the National Historic Sites Service at a recent Montreal auction for $16,000.

SECURITY:

The University Security Patrol reports that on October 7 it found the east face north door of the Main Library open at 1.38 a.m. The need for constant attention to the proper securing of all outlets and to general security measures cannot be too highly stressed.

SHARED CATALOGUING:

At a meeting on October 9, it was decided to continue this project without change at least through December.

During the month of August, U.B.C. used 26 cards from S.F.U., 52 from U.Vic., 10 from York and none from Waterloo or Windsor. The interference of a move to new quarters was a temporary handicap to York, and it is expected that their cards will have proved more useful when the next statistics are compiled.

The possibility of expanding the number of participating institutions and that of the larger libraries covering the alphabet between them (doubling up the coverage of the smaller ones) were mooted and will be subjects for discussion at the next meeting (probably in January).

SUBJECT MATTER FOR THE BULLETIN:

The Bulletin is open to all as a medium for the dissemination of useful information. Anything which may be considered helpful to the Library or to the Staff is earnestly solicited by John Gray, Cataloguing Division.

TRANSFER OF BOOKS INTO STORAGE:

Because of the overcrowded conditions in the Main Stacks, part of the book collection - possibly 50,000 volumes - is being removed to a compact storage area in the Woodward Library. The books are being chosen on the basis of recorded use; those being removed have not been borrowed since 1960, or have been in the Library for more than five years and have never been used. No serials, nor library-use-only books will be removed.

Cards will be keypunched for these books and used to produce cards for the Location File as well as a list in multiple copies for use in various locations. A temporary file will be kept near the Main Loan desk until all cards have been filed into the Location File.

Anyone wanting a book which is in storage, should be referred to the Main Loan Desk where the request will be accepted. Books will be retrieved twice weekly - on Tuesdays and Fridays. The books will be lent for the regular loan period, then returned to storage.

MEETING OF THREE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Librarians from U.B.C. and S.F.U. and U.Vic. met on October 15th and 16th to review developments of the last decade, and to make plans for further cooperation in the 1970's. It was decided to: conduct a feasibility study on a joint storage facility; develop a uniform statistical and information gathering system for the three libraries; set up task forces to report on a variety of topics, including shared cataloguing, uniform cataloguing of Canadian materials, experience and practice with foreign blanket approval orders, gaps in provincial collecting, machine-based information systems, shelf-list conversion and standard personnel classifications. Task forces will be established in November.

ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES OF CANADA:

A meeting of the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries will take place at the AUCC meeting in Winnipeg, on November 2nd and 3rd. Mr. Bell, President of CACUL, will attend as a University Delegate. Attending as observers are: B. Stuart-Stubbs, L. Carrier, E. Mercer, A. Soroka. Mr. Soroka will speak to the meeting on copyright problems in Canadian university libraries.

BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT:

Physical Plant, as part of its renovation program, will soon begin the remodelling of the Men's Lavatory in the basement. No re-opening ceremony is scheduled, because it has been decided not to re-christen the room, although it has been used by many famous persons.