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UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN TAKES SABBATICAL

Basil Stuart-Stubbs, University Librarian, is on leave from the Library until 31 December 1977. He will be on loan to the Ministry of Education where he will be responsible for planning the operation of a province-wide post-secondary interlibrary lending network. Funded by the province, the project is based on proposals from the recent report *The Needs of Libraries and Post-Secondary Education in British Columbia* prepared by Basil and Ross Carter of VCC.

During Basil's absence, Bill Bell is Acting University Librarian.

FOUNDER OF CLA DIES

Elizabeth Morton died Sunday, 10 July 1977, at age 74. She was a national figure in Canadian librarianship. She oversaw the founding of the Canadian Library Association in 1946 and served as CLA's executive director for 22 years. Throughout her tenure, she worked "loyally with good, bad, and indifferent presidents," noting that "everybody has at least a few good points, and within the family we have to concentrate on those." She built an important personal network among Canadian librarians, informally overseeing promotions and appointments throughout Canada as well as holding together and directing a national association.

Born in Trinidad, she was educated at Dalhousie University, University of Toronto, and University of Chicago. She started her career as a school teacher and children's librarian, later working at the Toronto Public Library. She came to Ottawa to manage first the Canadian Library Council and then the CLA. She was a determined and brilliant director of CLA, initiating both political and bibliographic projects. Even after her official retirement in 1968, she remained active in the library community as a consultant.

Many staff members at UBC have vivid memories of Elizabeth Morton. Eleanor Mercer, Sheila Egoff, and Sam Rothstein all recall her fine sense of humour and her ringing laugh, her excellent memory, diplomatic presence and foresight. Indeed, Sheila Egoff tells us, she was foresighted enough to remind a CLA conference speaker who wanted to know what to tell *the ladies* that his audience did not consist of "ladies" but of "professional women!" She provides for us all an example of professionalism at its best.

TRAVELLERS, SAVE THOSE MAPS!



The map library graciously awaits your donation of maps and other travel brochures from places near and far. Check your suitcases and pockets for stray maps that may have returned from vacation with you; please deliver them to the Map Division, Main Library, south wing, second level. Note that this does not allow you to count your vacation as a collection development trip for the library.

LOCAL TALENT

Tom Shorthouse, head of the UBC Law Library, is the new president of the Canadian Association of Law Libraries. His two year term began in May.

