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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

English Language Secretary :

Mr. Hunter reported on the variety and large volume of correspondence during the past year. He also announced his resignation, expressing his gratitude to Mr. R. S. Gordon, Mr. B. Weillbrenner, and other members of Council for their assistance during his period of office.

On the motion of Mr. A. Wilson, the meeting tendered Mr. Hunter a hearty vote of thanks for his services during the previous four years.

Historical Booklets Series :

Mr. Smith reported that in the previous eight months all but four of the booklets had been reprinted. In the past year 110,000 booklets had been printed, equalling the total printed in the first seven years of the series. In answer to an inquiry by Mr. R. H. Roy, Mr. Smith outlined prospective future inclusions in the Series.

Canadian Centenary Council :

Mr. Hunter reported on behalf of Mr. Nicholson :

A written report, dated 1 June, 1965 and prepared by Mr. G. W. L. Nicholson was presented. The report outlined recent developments in connection with the effort to ensure that the original home of Jean-Charles Chapais, at St-Denis, P.Q., be made a national museum as a rural Memorial of Confederation. It was evident that no financial aid toward the capital cost of the project would be forthcoming from the Centennial Commission.

Representative on Public Records Committee :

Mr. Hunter read a report, dated 22 April 1965, prepared by Mr. D. M. L. Farr on behalf of Mr. G. Buxton and himself.

He called attention to the transfer to the Dominion Archivist by May 1 of authority to approve records schedules and the destruction of records that is now vested in the Public Records Committee. A complete schedule of all department records is to be prepared by 1969; all public records will normally be open for inspection thirty-five years after their creation. An advisory Council on Public Records is to be appointed, with twelve members (nine from government departments and agencies and three others, one of whom will be a representative of the Canadian Historical Association, one of the Canadian Political Science Association and one of the Records Management Association of Ottawa.)

*NEW BUSINESS**(a) General Revision of America Copyright Law —
"Manufacturing Clauses" :*

Mr. Hilary Marshall, of the University of Toronto Press, explained the situation which had risen in connection with projected American legislation. The following resolution was moved by Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. Kerr :

RESOLUTION PLACED BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE CANADIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION,
VANCOUVER, JUNE 12, 1965

WHEREAS a bill for the General Revision of Copyright Law was introduced in the United States House of Representatives on February 4, 1965 and

WHEREAS this bill contains new and even more vicious protective provisions than its predecessor as well as the objectionable Manufacturing Clause and

WHEREAS these provisions, contained in Section No. 601 of the said bill, are rankly discriminatory and do jeopardize the permanent property rights of Canadian scholars and publishers,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Association protest to the Chairman, and Members, Judiciary Subcommittee on Copyright, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington 25, D.C., U.S.A.

most strongly against this unilateral and unjustifiable impediment to the diffusion of scholarship.

The resolution was carried unanimously. It was agreed that the resolution should be forwarded to the Judiciary Subcommittee on Copyright, U.S. House of Representatives, through the appropriate channel.

(b) Place of Future Meetings :

Mr. Wade reported that the C.H.A. had been invited to hold its 1966 meeting at the Université de Sherbrooke, in co-operation with Bishop's University. The regular June meeting in 1967 would be held in Ottawa, and a Joint Meeting with the A.H.A. would be held in the following December at Toronto. The Association had been invited to hold its 1968 meeting at the University of Alberta.

(c) Constitutional Status of Local History and Archives Sections :

On the motion of Mr. G. O. Rothney, seconded by Mr. W. S. Reid, it was agreed that the constitutional position of the two Sections should be referred to Council for clarification at its next meeting.

(d) *Cruise of Vancouver Harbour* (12 June 1965) :

Mr. Wade announced the arrangements for the afternoon cruise provided through the courtesy of the National Harbours Board.

(e) *Report of Nominating Committee* :

Mr. Preston reported on behalf of the Committee. The following slate of officers was presented to the meeting :

President : Margaret Ormsby, Vancouver.

Vice-President : R. M. Saunders, Toronto.

English Language Secretary : C. C. J. Bond, Ottawa.

French Language Secretary : B. Weilbrenner, Quebec.

Treasurer : R. S. Gordon, Ottawa.

Councillors (to retire in 1968) :

Claude Thibault, Sherbrooke

L. H. Thomas, Edmonton

Guy MacLean, Halifax

John Morgan Gray, Toronto

General Editor of Historical Booklets series : W. I. Smith (assisted by B. Weilbrenner and Keith Johnson).

Chairman for Programme Committee (1966) : R. M. Saunders.

Editor of the Annual Report : J. P. Heisler, Ottawa.

Chairman of Local Arrangements Committee : Claude Thibault.

A motion by Mr. Preston, seconded by Mr. Graham, to adopt this slate of officers was carried.

Mr. Wade then turned over the chair to Miss Margaret Ormsby, who expressed her thanks to the meeting and the Association's gratitude to Mr. Wade for his services during the past year.

C. C. J. BOND,
English Language Secretary.

Ottawa,
November 25, 1965.
