

Officially Opened

Representatives from Shelburne who attended official opening ceremonies of the Western Counties Regional Library Services in Yarmouth last week, had an excellent opportunity to see and hear more about the service which will be coming to Shelburne and Lockeport early in the new year.

Education Minister Gerald Doucet in opening the new Region stressed the value of the library in education, not only in the interest of our children, but particularly in the interest of parents and other adults who were in many cases deprived of early access to the wealth of knowledge and delight which is contained in an unlimited choice of good books. With the introduction of magazines, free textbooks and paperbacks, our children are more fortunate today than were their elders," said Mr. Doucet.

"Interest and absorption are the keys to learning, and it is intended that the new books and accompanying special services of the Regional library will be instrumental in spreading and encouraging wide reading tastes for young and old from Digby to Lockeport. This is the extra special service it can render to education," said the Minister.

"You will see how your library will develop in response to your use of its books, and suggestions as to new acquisitions. It will expand even as you begin. The more it is used, the more it will grow."

DOOR STILL OPEN

Mr. Doucet said the door was still open for those areas in the region who have not yet joined the association; with their participation the library may eventually supply more than 10,000 members. This will be to the advantage of all branches and the total community for, as membership grows, more books can be purchased.

"You will find that the Regional library offers a wider selection of books at hand and also access to other reading material not on the shelves, through a province-wide inter-library loan service. Co-operation means economy and efficiency, and an import factor in this respect is the book cataloguing, processing and consultant service of the Nova Scotia Provincial library, which is available to all Regional libraries.

Already 6,000 new volumes for adult and young readers have been purchased, at a cost of \$22,000 for the bookstock. These include a wide range of reference books. A good selection of books and magazines in the French language will also be processed as soon as possible.

Everett Reeves, Warden of the District of Yarmouth and chairman for the program welcomed the guests. Other speakers were Miss Diane MacQuarrie, Provincial Supervisor of Libraries; Arthur Neal of the Western Counties Library Board, and Loran Baker, President of the Yarmouth Library Board.

SHELburne SERVICE

Shelburne branch of the Regional Library Service is scheduled to open early in the new year. Books are being processed and approximately 1,000 new books fiction or non-fiction will be placed on the shelves to start. In the meantime, Shelburners who wish to, may register with the Regional Library at the Yarmouth branch and borrow books and material from that branch.

The Shelburne delegation brought registration cards back with them and for convenience these may be obtained from the Shelburne Library Building Association Secretary, Mrs. Pat Harding. Membership is free to residents of the towns of Shelburne and Lockeport, who at present are the only contributing members in this part of the Region.

Kritosophian Club

For many years, the Kritosophian Club has placed a book in the Yarmouth Public Library in honour of a deceased member. Also, the Club occasionally votes money to purchase further books, which may be used by members in preparation of programmes and then go into circulation. A book-plate, designed by Mrs. Clement Crowell, a one-time member, is put in each book. The Club has now voted that the name of MISS THEODOSIA GOUDEY should appear on the book-plates of these additional books.

Miss Goudey, an early and most active member of this 80-year-old literary society, was instrumental in the establishment of the Yarmouth Public Library, which opened in 1905. When the Hon. L. E. Baker left money for a public library for Yarmouth, he stipulated in his will that the Town should raise an equal sum before a certain date. Time was passing and the Kritosophian members became concerned for fear there should be no Public Library. Therefore Miss Goudey, with a group of Club members, made a canvass of Yarmouth, and so raised an even larger sum before the expiry date. Thus the Yarmouth Public Library came into being. The Club finds it fitting to honour Miss Goudey's memory by gifts of books to the Library.

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Digby branch opens January 15th

The Western Counties Regional Library is pleased to announce that its Digby Branch will be open for registration and viewing on January 15, 16, 17, 1970.

Regular services including the circulation of books and the reference and interlibrary loan services will begin on Monday, January 19.

These decisions were reached at a meeting between the Digby Library Committee and the Western Counties Regional Library staff. Present at the meeting were the following members of the Digby Library Committee: Mr. Harold Emerson, Vice-chairman; Miss Mary Marshall, Secretary; Mrs. E. H. Anderson, chairman, Librarian's Committee; Mrs. P. A. Robert; Mrs. V. A. Thompson; Mrs. G. Winfield; Mrs. H. M. Warne, Chairman, Cataloguing Committee; Miss Louise Daly; Mrs. H. Anthony and Mrs. M. P. Gott, representing the municipality of Digby. Miss Barbara Kincaid, Regional Librarian, and Miss Jay Kincaid, Deputy Regional Librarian, represented the Western Counties Regional Library.

The meeting also decided that the official opening of the Digby Branch of the Western Counties Regional Library would take the form of an "open house" with the library being open from 3-5 on Thursday, January 15; 3-5; 7-9 on Friday, January 16 and 10-12 on Saturday, January 17.

During these hours, the public is invited to visit the library, browse through the regular collection and the special displays and then to register for borrowing. The first books will be circulated on Monday, January 19. The regular library hours of the Digby Branch will be:

- Monday; 3-5
- Tuesday: 12-1; 2-5
- Friday: 3-5; 7-9
- Saturday: 10-12

Membership is free to all residents of the supporting municipalities and the Digby Library Committee and the Western Counties Regional Library Board hope that as many as possible will visit the library during the "open house" January 15-17 and avail themselves of its services when the Digby Branch begins operation on Monday, January 19.

Light-Haired, July 10 '69
Library Notes

A meeting of the Yarmouth Public Library Board Executive, held recently, planned for a full meeting of the Trustees, almost immediately. The Trustees will be notified of the date of the meeting.

News of the appointment of the Regional Library Board was given. It was the wish of the Executive that Mr. A. L. Neal, President of the Yarmouth Public Library Board, be their member on the Regional Library Board. Mr. Neal expressed himself willing to act in this capacity.

Work had been done on the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Building to relieve the flooding after heavy rains; a problem which had need of solution.

REGIONAL LIBRARY

The Western Counties Regional Library is now in possession of its headquarters at the Izaak Walton Killam Building and will make all necessary arrangements for giving service to the area at a date to be announced later. A number of applications have been received for the very good position of Regional Librarian. It is expected that this office will

be filled by September, when the fiscal year of the Yarmouth Public Library is concluded.

SOUTH CENTENNIAL SCHOOL LIBRARY

With the ten dollar (\$10.00) prize money, from the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union, presented to the Library for the best decorated store window during Education Week, there has been made the purchase of a copy of the Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index, 9th abridged edition, recommended by the Nova Scotia Department of Education, School Libraries Division. This book will serve as an excellent guide to the Library staff for classifying the new books which will come in. To date there are over 1500 books catalogued and ready for use. Most are for circulation, but there are a good number of very fine books for reference: dictionnaires, special encyclopedias, and other books. The Library is now closed for the summer.

Acknowledgement is gratefully made for recent gifts from Prof. Anne Perry, of New York; from Mrs. Arthur Kay; from the Yarmouth Public Library.