

# Now Establishing Western Counties Regional Library

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Nova Scotia's tenth regional library is now being established. The Western Counties Regional Library will provide library service to people living in the Districts of Yarmouth, Digby and Clare and the towns of Lockeport, Digby, Shelburne and Yarmouth. Headquarters for the new region will be located on the lower floor of the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library, Yarmouth. The Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library will be the Yarmouth branch of the Western Counties Regional Library. Present services from the Killam Library will cease as of August 31, 1969 and the official opening of the Western Counties Regional Library is tentatively scheduled for late September or early October. The opening date depends upon how quickly the necessary equipment and supplies can be obtained from suppliers and books delivered and processed. Every effort will be made to establish service and announce a definite opening date as soon as possible.

## FIRST AT YARMOUTH

It is expected that service will be available first from the Yarmouth branch with the branch libraries in Digby and Shelburne to be opened as soon as possible thereafter. Tenders have been called for a bookmobile which will travel throughout the regional library area and mobile library service will begin when the bookmobile is delivered. Any resident living in the area served by the Western Counties Regional Library may borrow from any branch library or from the bookmobile and all residents will be invited to use the Yarmouth Branch Library until direct service is available. There is, of course, no charge to any borrower for library service since the Regional Library is supported partly by local taxation and partly by Provincial Government grants.

The Regional Library will open with a brand new book collection containing a variety of books for general reading for both adults and children as well as reference books and magazines. A selection of books and magazines in the French language will be provided as quickly as possible. The initial bookstock will be small but will increase steadily as new books are added each week. Of the 8,000 books presently on order for the Western Counties Regional Library, approximately 3,000 have been delivered and will be ready for the shelves when the library opens in the fall. Book processing is one of the services provided to the regional libraries by the Nova Scotia Provincial Library. In-

## Books On Wheels

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With the current emphasis in education in Nova Scotia centring on the independent progress of individual students, regional libraries, most of them equipped with bookmobile services, have taken on new and important tasks in community life.

Since the term "students" has been broadened to include those attending elementary and high schools, vocational and training classes, evening extension courses and the adult education program, the need for research and background facilities touches the lives of the people from many walks of life.

The growth of the system has been remarkable. Plans have been announced for the opening of the province's 10th such establishment within a few weeks. The Western Counties Regional Library, with a bookstock of 8,000 publications on order will serve residents of Yarmouth, Shelburne and Digby county areas with permanent offices in the shiretowns and a mobile facility for outlying areas.

If the success and popularity of the nine others can be used as a measurement of worth, the provincial government and the municipalities concerned will soon find they are sharing in a wise investment.

terlibrary loan is another service available from the Provincial Library through which books not available in the Western Counties Regional Library may be requested from other libraries.

The policy-making body for the Western Counties Regional Library is the Regional Library Board. The Board is a body corporate composed of one representative appointed by each of the participating councils, one representative appointed by the Yarmouth Public Library Board and two representatives appointed by the Provincial Government. Board members appointed to date are as follows:

Warden Everett Reeves, Chairman, District of Yarmouth; Councillor Ina Dillon, Vice-Chairman, Town of Digby; Councillor Charles MacConnell, Treasurer, Town of Yarmouth; Warden Bernard LeBlanc, District of Clare; Miss Daisy Smith, Town of Lockeport; Councillor Layton Spencer, Town of Shelburne; Warden Ronald Morehouse, District of Digby; Councillor Penny Goff, District of Digby.