

*Canadian Studies Bibliographies*⁷ have been distributed to all University and many other academic and specialist libraries. *Case Studies in Canadian Population Geography*⁸ has been published to support teaching at Advanced Level GCE/Scottish Higher Certificate level.

The University of Birmingham Regional Canadian Study Centre, in association with the BACS and with the aid of grants from the Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, has produced two publications in support of teaching about Canada within the context of French Studies in Britain. These are *Breaking the Silence: the literature of Québec*⁹ and *A Guide to the Study of Quebec for Teachers and Students in Britain*¹⁰.

Thanks are extended to all who participated in the seminar and to those who have contributed sections to this Occasional Paper, especially to Donald Simpson and Patricia Larby who did so much to organise the seminar, to record the proceedings and to follow up the meeting with practical action.

Copies of this Occasional Paper are available from Academic Relations Division, Canadian High Commission, London.

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A Letter of Invitation from the Chairman of the BACS Library and Resources Group

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Dear Colleague,

The report below gives an account of a seminar of librarians and others interested in Canadian Studies held at Canada House in October 1980, followed by an outline of events since that meeting, resulting in the establishment of the Library and Resources Group as a Sub-Committee of the Council of the British Association for Canadian Studies.

BACS has already shown an active interest in promoting knowledge of Canadian resources in the UK through its Bulletin², Newsletters¹⁹ and through sessions at its annual conference. It has now been given responsibility for the general oversight of Valerie Bloomfield's revision of her *Guide to Resources for Canadian Studies in Britain*. It is also hoped that other matters such as the development of liaison in stock acquisition, bibliographical projects and meetings on specific library matters might be organised: some useful suggestions have emerged from a Canadian Studies Library Seminar⁴ at Edinburgh on 11 December 1981.

I hope, therefore, that your library will become a member of BACS if it has not already joined. The annual subscription, which includes receipt of the Bulletin and Newsletter of the Association, is £5. Libraries and other organisations may join at this rate and be represented at conferences and business meetings by one member of their staff, who need not be the same on every occasion. The Membership Secretary until March 1982 is Dr. J.G.L. Adams, Department of Town and Regional Planning, University of Glasgow, Scotland G12 8QQ, to whom applications should be sent. From April 1983, you should write to the BACS Secretary, Dr. Jim Sturgis, History Department, Birkbeck College, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HX.

If you wish to know more about the *Library and Resources Group* or to make any suggestions as to its activities, I shall be very pleased to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

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