

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As you all will now be aware, I hope, it is membership dues time again, so please send your cheques in on time, and do give some thought to the message that comes with your renewal reminder - try and find another person to join CAML.

The first Board Meeting of the new Board was held on September 25 at Carleton University. We discussed the CAML budget, a depressing topic - hence the raising of membership dues, and a plea for new members - the future of CAML publications (will everyone please do their utmost to promote sales of the Serials List, and Musicians in Canada) and the programmes for our Annual Meeting in May/June and a presentation at CLA. Further details of the former are given elsewhere in the Newsletter; Sandy Benet assisted by Kirsten Walsh, is doing a fantastic job, and my sincere thanks go to her, for taking it on. At CLA in June 1983 in Winnipeg, we are sponsoring a programme on The Acquisition of Music Materials for the Non-Musician. The speakers thus far are Isabel Rose and Gwen Creelman. On October 16, a good Canadian contingent found its way to the MLA NY State/Ontario Chapter meeting in Potsdam, and heard all about the uses of the Apple computer in music source materials, the U.S. Copyright Act, and education and training for music librarianship. MLA's Annual Meeting is coming up March 2-5, in Philadelphia.

On December 8, I attended a meeting at the Canadian Conference of the Arts in Ottawa for representatives of key member organisations and others at which they outlined their stand and future action on the Applebaum/Hébert Report. I came away with my bag weighing at least twice as much as before (culture can be very heavy sometimes), and the following information. The Conference intends to support the report, and any ensuing government action, even if not in entire agreement, on the understanding that the aims are basically the same - culture belongs to all." About twenty hearings across the country are planned, before their Annual Meeting in May, at which the public will be encouraged to state their views. These will be held mainly in larger provincial centres (sorry about that, Mozart, Sask.) but an attempt will be made to sample some smaller communities, as their different viewpoint is recognised (so hang in there Camrose, Alta!). For those whose spirits may have failed them at the thought of reading the Ring Cycle version of the report itself, you will be delighted to hear that a shortened version, in both official languages, is in preparation, to be ready hopefully by the end of March, retailing at a considerably lower price than the original. In the meantime I would direct anyone hungry for a précis to Macleans for 29 November 1982, which provides an excellent resumé in about six pages.

Finally, may I take this opportunity of sending you all the very warmest greetings for a happy Christmas, and a successful New Year.

Alison Hall.