

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings! The 1978/79 Board held its first meeting in Toronto on the evening of October 20th with both members from the West in attendance!

Among items I had to report was the response to my letter to the Secretary of State and Minister of Revenue regarding the application of import taxes on imported records--a topic raised at the annual meeting in August. Sad to say, neither reply was very encouraging. Yet, already we get word from a number of quarters that Canadian pressings of classical records are on the increase. So much the better! At the meeting, the publication committee reported that work on the revised edition of the Bio-bibliography is approaching the final stages; the Treasurer reported that membership dues will hold their present level in spite of the dollar; and we've had a request for the possibility of advertising in the Newsletter! The Board approved.

On October 21st a number of CAML members were able to attend the New York State/Ontario Chapter of MLA held at the Metropolitan Toronto Library. The program included presentations by Pat Kellogg, Supervisor, Music Library and Program Archives at the CBC, Toronto, and Kenneth Winters, co-editor of the up-coming Encyclopedia of Music in Canada. Pat described the many facets of her role as a librarian in a large organization like the CBC and urged her audience to encourage more young librarians to look to the broadcast field. Kenneth Winters spoke of the work that has gone into the preparation of the Encyclopedia, publication of which is now expected to be in 1980--an exciting event for us all.

A report of the fall workshop held by the Ontario region of CAML at the Metropolitan Toronto Library appears elsewhere in this Newsletter. Its mention prompts me to remind everyone that so much of the success of CAML depends on all our individual efforts. I urge you not to leave the year's activities up to the Board. Take the initiative, CAML member in the east, north or west, to plan a gathering of special interest to yourself and your nearest colleagues. Even an informal visit to a nearby library or special collection can generate discussion in many directions. If you organize an event, or if you have an idea or topic you'd like to see developed, do please contact Pat Kellogg, our program chairman, who wants to be kept advised of activities across the country and who is even now thinking of our next year's annual meeting. Let her know your concerns. Let us share your news through the Newsletter, too. We want to know what you're doing, what you've seen, or what you're planning. Best wishes for a full and productive year.

Isabel Rose.

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