

Northern Libraries Bulletin

A news bulletin of the Northern Libraries Colloquy furnishing information on northern libraries activities, developments and cooperation; serving as an informal link for a northern libraries network. Send inquiries or news items to: Phyllis Nottingham, Alaska Division of State Libraries, Pouch G, Juneau, Alaska 99811.

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The Northern Libraries Colloquy now appears to have reached a stage in its history when it seems it will be useful to make a formal statement of the colloquy's aims and objectives just so that we know where we're all going. To this end, a small group of "leftovers" at the 1975 Colloquy in Rovaniemi, Finland, put their heads together and drafted the following for everyone's consideration. Read it through - send your comments to the editor of the Bulletin. Then perhaps a redrafted version will be in good enough shape for formal consideration and voting on at the next colloquy.

The purpose of the Northern Libraries Colloquy is to enable all librarians, archivists and bibliographers from the North (North defined as per map in volume fifteen of Arctic Bibliography plus Iceland) and from all libraries with significant polar collections to have the opportunity to get together to promote cooperation, to learn of available resources, and to discuss mutual problems. To this end, attendance at the colloquys will be by invitation from the colloquy chairman only. The Colloquy hopes to achieve these aims by the following means:

- 1) By convening biannually after the meeting in 1976;
- 2) By publishing a Bulletin at least three (3) times a year;
- 3) By encouraging the production of publications useful to member libraries and their users.

As an extension of these thoughts - what about the appointment (strong-arming? volunteering?) of a secretary to ensure continuity? Or is this becoming too formal?

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REMINDER: The 6th Northern Libraries Colloquy is July 12-16, 1976, at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Contact Ted Ryberg, Director of Libraries, University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99701, for Colloquy information.

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Peter Anderson, of the Institute of Polar Studies, The Ohio State University, is writing a scholarly biography of Richard E. Byrd. Librarians and archivists with collections containing material on Byrd or his colleagues and on early aviation in the polar regions are asked to write to Mr. Anderson. He is familiar with most of the published books on Byrd and is most interested in unpublished material or published material with very limited distribution. A revised and updated LIST OF PUBLICATIONS of the Institute of Polar Studies, The Ohio State University, will be published in early 1976. Librarians interested in this list should write to: Mr. Peter J. Anderson, Assistant Director, Institute of Polar Studies, The Ohio State University, 125 South Oval Mall, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

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INTER-NORD, an International Journal of Arctic and Nordic Studies, is an annual publication of the Centre d'Etudes Arctiques, in Paris. No. 13-14, October, 1975, is now available. Partial contents include:

Climatic and oceanographic history of the Arctic Ocean in late Cenozoic Time	Y. Herman
Problems of Geological Development of the Arctic Basin	Yu.E. Pogrebitsky
The vegetation of Northern Finland - past and present	Y. Vasari
Le cycle sexuel du renne dans le subarctique eurasienn et nord américain	Y. Guillien
Agressivité, guerre et règlements des conflits chez les Esquimaux de la mer de Behring	J. Malaurie
Esthétique et fonction de l'art chez les Esquimaux de la Tchoukotka sibérienne	S. Aroutiounov
Un Atlas d'anthropologie économique et culturelle des Esquimaux polaires de Thulé	J. Malaurie
A current interpretation of Central Canadian Arctic Prehistory	R.R. McGhee
Les dialectes esquimaux. Feront-ils obstacle à la survivance de la langue?	R.P. Schneider
Les régions asiatiques de l'U.R.S.S. : des nouvelles formules de mise en valeur	C. Beaucourt
Iceland and the Faroes, a comparative demographic study covering the period 1900-1970	Aa. H. Kampp
Prospects opened for the Alaska Economy by the oil exploration at Prudhoe Bay	R.R. Richards

INTER-NORD has several addresses:

FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS:

French Subscribers: Editions MOUTON, 7,
rue Dupuytren, 75006 Paris
Price: 60 francs français

Subscribers from
other countries: MOUTON Publishers
P.O. 482, The Hague (Netherlands)
Price: 36 FL

FOR PURCHASE OF SINGLE COPIES:

France: Librairie de la Nouvelle Faculté, 30,
rue des Saints-Pères, 75007 Paris
Price: 39 FL

Other
countries: MOUTON Publishers
P.O. 482, The Hague (Netherlands)
Price: 39 FL

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Harry King, librarian for Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, England, will spend three months helping the Canterbury Museum at Christ Church set up a new Antarctic research library. He writes: "I am anxious to help the Canterbury Museum acquire new material, especially Antarctic publications, but Arctic material is also welcome." Libraries having duplicate material to give or sell to Canterbury can get in touch with Harry King or Dr. Roger Duff, the Director, at Canterbury Museum, Rolleston Avenue, Canterbury 1, New Zealand.

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The following publications are available at \$5 or on exchange from McGill Sub-Arctic Research Laboratory, P.O. Box 790, Schefferville, Quebec G0G 2T0:

AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE MCGILL SUB-ARCTIC RESEARCH PAPERS AND THESES, 1954-1974, by W.P. Adams, W. Barr & F.H. Nicholson.
McGill Sub-Arctic Research Papers #26, 98 pp.

A complete annotated listing by subject of all papers and reports included in McGill Sub-Arctic Research Papers #s 1-25 and of all graduate theses submitted to McGill University as a result of research based on the McGill Sub-Arctic Research Laboratory, Schefferville. Includes listing by author and a comprehensive index.

PROCEEDINGS FIFTH CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES NORTHERN SCIENCE (TRAINING) CONFERENCE, APRIL 1974. Edited by J.B. Bird, McGill Sub-Arctic Research Papers #27. 106 pp.

Includes proceedings of the two-day conference; information on the regional setting of the Conference at Schefferville and Reports from Universities on their northern activities.

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RETIREMENT: Mr. Herman R. Friis, Director of the Center for Polar Archives, National Archives, retired after thirty-eight years of government service on December 31, 1975.

New acquisitions at the Center for Polar Archives, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C:

THE DORA KEEN HANDY PAPERS include 800 black and white glass lantern slides of Alaska, Canada, South America and Europe, 1899-1929, and 400 black and white film negatives of Alaska and the continental United States, 1911-25. Also included with the photographs is a catalog, index and brief biographical sketch of Mrs. Handy. There are about three linear feet of photographs.

THE WILLIAM S. CARLSON PAPERS include biographical papers, correspondence, 1939-72, diaries, 1928-31, writings, research notes, maps and photographs. Many of the papers are related to Carlson's activities with the University of Michigan Expeditions to Greenland, 1926-31, and to the Arctic, Desert, Tropic Information Center, 1942-45. The papers total about six linear feet.

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Martha Andrews, librarian for the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research, University of Colorado, Boulder 80302, extends the following invitation: "I would like to invite all Northern Colloquyites attending the Special Library Association Conference in Denver, June 6-10, 1976, to join me at the Institute in Boulder and up on Niwot Ridge (altitude 10,000 ft. and up)." Please drop her a line by May 1 so she can make arrangements.

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The Boreal Institute for Northern Studies, CW 401 Biological Sciences Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada T6G 2E9, has the following publications available:

Occasional publication OP 8-2. YUKON BIBLIOGRAPHY UPDATE TO 1973. Compiled by Anne Hemstock, edited by Geraldine A. Cooke. \$10.00.

This volume of the bibliography essentially covers the years 1971-1973; there are 655 entries of which none are duplicated from previous volumes. The listing includes items from published periodicals, books, government and industrial reports and theses. Unpublished materials are incorporated only when the present owner has agreed to provide access to the document for any bona fide researcher. Maps, newspapers, air-photos, films and other non-book materials have not been included.

This compilation is the result of a broad literature search through secondary sources and library collections with a northern orientation. Wherever possible, the original document was reviewed. Abstracts are brief and indicative rather than descriptive.

Occasional publication OP-11. SETTLEMENTS OF NORTHERN CANADA: A GAZETTEER AND INDEX, by R. J. Fletcher. \$4.50.

This Index and Gazetteer is in two parts; the first part provides a comprehensive listing of past and present settlements of the Northwest Territories, Yukon, Labrador, Nouveau - Quebec and the Hudson Bay/James Bay coast. The list also includes unofficially named English or Eskimo

settlements, as well as unnamed trading posts and mining exploration camps.

The geographical area covered includes two distinctly different physical environments, the subarctic boreal forest and the arctic tundra. The Index attempts to provide coded information on such topics as mid-summer population; presence of Eskimos and Indians as permanent residents; the major religious, economic and transportation facilities. Topographic map and hydrographic chart numbers and letters corresponding to those assigned by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Ottawa, are also given for each settlement.

Part II contains aerial photograph information (i.e., number, year and scale) corresponding to each community listed in Part I of the Index. All aerial photograph maps are available from the National Air Photo Library, Ottawa.

All information in the Index has been updated to October, 1974.

THE BOREAL INSTITUTE VERTICAL FILES ON NORTHERN AFFAIRS; a microfiche clipping service issued monthly, with a KWIC Index on paper.

The Institute's file of newspaper clippings on Northern affairs, mid-Canada and Canada's Native people are clipped on a regular basis from six newspapers and special interest material from six more. The Index can be used independently by institutions maintaining back files of the newspapers.

The microfiche and looseleaf index service are available from Micro Media Limited, Box 34 Station S, Toronto, Canada M5M 4L6:

1974 cumulated index. Looseleaf; 163 pages	\$20.00
1975 index service. Looseleaf; includes 104-page Jan.-June cumulation; monthly updates for July-Dec.; and annual cumulation	\$30.00
1976 index service. Looseleaf; includes 12 monthly updates and annual cumulation	\$40.00

Microfiche service subscribers receive one copy of the index with each subscription. Additional copies may be purchased by fiche subscribers at a 50% discount off the above prices.

1975 Current Subscription (Includes Jan.-July clippings on microfiche with KWIC index cumulation; monthly fiche and index service from Aug.-Dec.; annual index cumulation and looseleaf binder).	\$250.00
1974 Backfile (Includes annual index cumulation and microfiche clippings).	\$200.00
Standing order 1976	\$250.00/yr.

Also available from Micro Media Limited is the following microfilm publication:

MACKENZIE VALLEY PIPELINE INQUIRY. Briefs and transcripts on 16mm microfilm with looseleaf name index.

Established by Order in Council of the Canadian federal government, hearings on the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline Inquiry began in April 1975. This landmark inquiry provides a sounding board for all groups and individuals interested in the proposed gas pipeline to pass through Canada's north. As such, its public records provide documentation of the diverse points of view surrounding the social, environmental and economic impact of energy development in the north.

Price per roll: \$40. (One roll contains 2-3000 pages.)
Price includes periodic index updates and looseleaf storage binder, as well as mailing charges to all points in North America. Invoice for initial deposit accompanies first shipment.

INITIAL DEPOSIT REQUIRED (Covers 8 rolls of film) \$320.00

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The Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL), Hanover, NH, announces the publication of MOUNTAIN GLACIERS OF THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE, William O. Field, Editor.

This three-volume work is a geographic study of mountain glaciers of the Northern Hemisphere. Two volumes of text give detailed descriptions, with reference sources, of numerous glaciers and glacier groups. Special emphasis is given to fluctuations of the ice margins in historic times. An atlas shows the locations and outlines of glaciers in 49 plates. The work was performed by the American Geographical Society on behalf of the U.S. Army.

The three-volume set is available from the National Technical Information Center, Springfield, VA 22161, for \$20.00 (\$22.50 outside U.S.A.).

Volume 29 of the BIBLIOGRAPHY ON COLD REGIONS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY published by the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) is now in press and announcement of its availability will be made shortly to all former recipients. Volume 29 with author and subject indexes will be available in Jan. from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Springfield. Earlier volumes are being reprinted and will also be available at this time. Price for each volume will be \$15.00 (\$17.50 outside U.S.A.). Due to the high cost of preparation and printing of the bibliography, complimentary exchange copies will no longer be available. Other CRREL publications will, however, continue to be provided on exchange free of charge, according to Eunice Salisbury, CRREL librarian.

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Marvin Falk is the new Arctic Bibliographer for the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks. He replaced Charlie Parr, who is now serving as a representative in the Alaska Legislature.

Presently, Marvin is preparing an annotated guide to the library's rare map and atlas collection dealing with Alaska, which will be published as an occasional paper - no publication date has been set.

The library has acquired two editions of Krusenstern's ATLAS OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN. The first was published in Russian from 1823 to 1826. It is the first edition of this important atlas and is so rare, that Lada-Mocarski was unable to locate a copy for collation (p. 327). The second, more common, version - although still rare, is in French and dates from 1835. The two are basically the same atlas, except that the second is corrected to show the state of knowledge in 1835. By placing them side-by-side, it becomes apparent how much was learned between 1823 and 1835 about Alaska. The Russians utilized information generated by their own explorations as well as those of others.

Also, the library recently purchased a number of other rare maps and atlases. The best known of them is Joseph N. Delisle's ATLAS RUSSICUS...ATLAS RUSSIEN FROM 1745, which is the first engraved map of the entire Empire, showing many recently discovered details of Siberia (but not Alaska, as has sometimes been rumored in the book-trade). Also, some more George Davidson manuscript maps have been received.

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The Yukon Archives, Government of the Yukon Territory, at Whitehorse, has received an interesting array of material.

Mrs. Nora Garside, of Whitehorse, has been instrumental in helping us obtain an unpublished autobiography of Frank Segrin, a prospector in Yukon, 1889-1892, and a diary by Frederick F. Flewelling, who was with the Anglican Church at Fort Selkirk and in the Klondike from August, 1896, to March, 1897.

The Archives now has a taperecording of a special programme on Jack Dalton and the Dalton Trail, compliments of Cal Waddington. It includes conversations with Native people who remember Jack Dalton and their first encounters with white men around the turn of the century. Everyone is welcome to come and listen to these tapes.

Thanks to Bob Coutts, the Archives has obtained another significant addition to its photograph collection. This latest acquisition consists of 153 negatives taken by commercial photographers Cantwell, Adams and Larkins around the turn of the century. Although the subject coverage is predominantly scenes of miners and mining activity in the Klondike Gold Fields, there are also a number of negatives illustrating interiors of businesses, private residences and the Dawson Post Office.

George Shaw recently presented a number of items to the Yukon Archives. Included in his donation are some 13 issues of the DAWSON COUNCILMAN NEWSLETTER, 1961-68; a 34-page manuscript of George Black's about his trip to the Yukon in 1898; assorted correspondence, financial statements

and blueprint plans for the proposed reconstruction of St. Mary's Hospital in Dawson (1958-63), as well as a considerable amount of published material.

Another treasure recently unearthed was a copy of THE TESLIN TIMES for April 1947, contained in the B.G. Harvey manuscript collection. As this is the only copy of the newsletter we've seen, we would like to hear from others who may have additional copies of this publication.

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The following correction should be made in the ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF CANADA, 1974-1975: Page 38 states that the library has been in storage since 1968, but the correct date is 1972.

Audrey Dawe, Chief of the Library Division of the National Museums, says they are still in temporary quarters but should move during the summer of 1976 into their new library.

In February, 1974, some space was obtained and shelving put up, so some material has been available and a vehicle is used for pick-up service. The acquisition program moves forward.

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SOME BOOKS ABOUT ALASKA RECEIVED in 1974-1975; an annotated list of current publications, prepared by Phyllis Nottingham, is available on request to the Alaska Division of State Libraries and Museums, Pouch G, Juneau 99811.

The Alaska Historical Library in Juneau continues to build the Alaska/Arctic photograph collection. John Grainger, of Ketchikan, presented the library with seven albums of Alaska photographs, c. 1900, primarily of the Ketchikan area. The Alaska Northwest Publishing Company donated 82 photographs of the Alaska fishing industry.

The library is obtaining copies of U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Land Operations photographs of the reindeer industry. These photographs show a number of Alaskan herds, slaughter facilities and equipment used for hide preparation.

THE DIRECTORY OF SPECIAL LIBRARIES IN ALASKA is now available. This 67-page book lists all special libraries in the state, including info such as names, addresses, resources, loan policies, size, etc. I was the editor. It is available for \$5 from the Special Libraries Association, 235 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10003.

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Professor Silvio Zavatti, Director of the Istituto Geografico Polare, 62012 Civitanova Marche (Macerata) Italy, has a philatelic interest. The Institute produced a souvenir post card in honor of the 5th Northern Libraries Colloquy which were postmarked with attractive cancels in Rovaniemi, Finland.

The library of the Istituto Geografico Polare has added another rare volume, published in Italy, that has this long title page:

Istoria/di due viaggi/comandati dal Governo Inglese/l'uno per terra/
diretto/dal Capitano Franklin/l'altro per mare/sotto gli ordini/del
Capitano Parry/onde scoprire un passaggio/dall'Oceano Atlantico nel
mar Pacifico./ Volgarizzamento/di Giuseppe Rossi/Tomo II/Torino,
Dalla Stamperia Alliana, 1829. 189 p.

The book is about the history of Sir William Edward Parry's
voyage (1821-1823) in search of the Northwest Passage.

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The Fourth Regional Colloquium of Glaciology was held at the University of British Columbia on December 2 and 3, 1975. Dr. Garry Clarke, of the Geophysics Department, organized and chaired the annual event, attended by some 25 glaciologists, representing the University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, University of Washington, U.S. Geological Survey Project Office and World Data Center A, Glaciology, both in Tacoma, Washington, and the University of Alaska. The program was informal, with emphasis on presentation and discussion of work in progress, particularly of results and experiences gained during summer field work, the use of new techniques and novel computational methods.

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The Alaska Native Land Claims textbook, with student workbook, has been published by the Alaska Native Foundation with funding from the Indian Education Act. Written for the upper secondary level, it describes early times and Alaska's first settlers, relates problems facing Alaska Natives and other American Indian tribes, the coming of the white man and incidents leading up to and including the Statehood Act. The land claims struggle, legislation, purpose of the corporations and future implications are also discussed. Special features include 22 four-color maps showing different regions and the areas of village land selections, photographs of Native leaders, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, along with charts and titles.

The textbook is available for \$12.95 direct from the editor, Bob Arnold, Alaska Native Foundation, 515 "D" Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

The Alaska Native Language Center, University of Alaska, Fairbanks 99701, is instituting a new service to schools, associations, libraries and others who use their publications. They are offering a Standing Order service so any institution using their publications will receive one (or more, if desired) copy of each new publication in the desired language or languages as they are issued. Billing will be sent automatically with the shipment. Thus, it is now possible to "subscribe" to the publication program of the ANLC. Through the Standing Order system, users will be able to examine the material as soon as it is published and to enter orders much more quickly. In addition, the relevance and usefulness of each text can be thoroughly evaluated before a large number are ordered for a school or other institution.

Publications are available in the following languages:

Inupiaq Eskimo	Tanacross
Central Yupik Eskimo	Glingit
Siberian Yupik	Aleut
Kutchin (Gwich'in)	Ahtna
Tanaina	Koyukon.

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"Scandinavian Summer Seminars 1976" includes a seminar conducted in English on Public Libraries in Denmark, August 3-12. The cost, Danish Kroner 1800, includes accommodations, meals, transport in connection with the program, lectures and study excursions. Credits obtainable at special request. For further information contact Det Danske Selskab (The Danish Institute), Kultorvet 2, DK-1175 Copenhagen K, Denmark.

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The Center for Northern Studies, Wolcott, Vermont 05680, publishes a newsletter titled NORTHERN RAVEN, an information bulletin on their activities. Libraries interested in receiving this newsletter should contact William Osgood, Center Librarian.

Also, the Center has duplicate copies of ARCTIC BIBLIOGRAPHY, volumes 1, 2, 3, which they will send to anyone who has need for them. The Center needs volumes 11 and 12 and would like to arrange an exchange.

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For sale: ARCTIC BIBLIOGRAPHY. V. 1-13, 1953-1967. Good condition. Spines only slightly faded. Offers to:

Librarian
RSMAS - Library
4600 Rickenbacker Cswy.
Miami, Florida 33149.

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SURVEY OF ARCTIC BIBLIOGRAPHY USERS

Kenneth de la Barre
Director, Montreal Office

During the fall of 1974, the Arctic Institute of North America announced that the ARCTIC BIBLIOGRAPHY (AB) was being discontinued in its existing format with the publication of Volume 16. It was also stated that whether or not it would reappear in a modified form, and whether the Institute would again be involved would depend upon information received as to precisely what type of specialized

bibliography was required by northern researchers, students, governments, industry, etc., and decisions on how such an arctic bibliography might be produced.

In order to assist the Institute and other interested organizations in deciding what course to pursue, a survey was conducted in the winter of 1974-75 from among users of the ARCTIC BIBLIOGRAPHY who were selected at random from standing order files and lists of attendees at the annual Northern Libraries Colloquy.

In total, 469 survey questionnaires were mailed to AB users in the United States (42%), Canada (36%) and abroad (22%). Three general types of users were identified: academic institutions - 46%, Government organizations - 36%, industrial and private users - 18%. Although the questionnaires were not all marked as to source, the 150 replies received (a very satisfactory 32% of the original mailing) appeared to represent a proportionate return from all the types of users contacted.

The results of the survey, with the responses received expressed as percentages, follow, together with a summary of comments and suggestions received on selected questions.

1. In your discipline or field, does the AB represent an essential information service? 74% Yes 26% No.

Comments: The large affirmative majority emphasized (1) the unique nature of AB as the primary comprehensive and inter-disciplinary source of northern literature, (2) the high quality and accuracy of the citations and abstracts, (3) the coverage of foreign language and peripheral literature, and (4) the diversity of the index. The unfavourable comments referred to the obsolescence of the material covered, and the availability of other, more specialized, and more current, bibliographies.

2. In your opinion how current should the material be in AB after the original publication date?

34% Within six months (assuming publication of volume every 6 months)

53% Within twelve months (assuming publication of volume every 12 months)

13% Within two years (assuming publication of volume every 2 years)

(Material of non-North American origin to be included as available)

Comments: Most users expressed a need for the information within six to twelve months from the time the publication becomes available, or publication of at least one volume per year. This compares to three recent volumes of the AB which have been issued at 4, 2, and 2-year intervals respectively.

3. Do you use the AB for retrospective search? 89% Yes 11% No.

Comments: The preponderance of users who see the AB as primarily a retrospective information tool is confirmed by the answers to this question and additional comments received on question one. Whether this is because the users have access to other more current northern information sources, or whether this suggests that there may not be a demand for a current-awareness arctic information service is not clearly indicated in the survey.

4. Do you use the abstracts? 90% Yes 10% No.

5. Would a brief annotation instead of a full abstract be satisfactory to you? 51% Yes 50% No.

6. What subjects would you like more fully covered?

The following subject areas were indicated as requiring more intensive coverage:

- (a) All the social sciences and humanities.
- (b) Oil and gas exploration and development.
- (c) Human ecology and public health.
- (d) Environmental engineering and animal ecology.
- (e) Communications.

7. What subjects could be dropped?

Most respondents indicated they found the AB well balanced in its coverage and there were few suggestions concerning subjects that could be dropped entirely. However, there were a number of comments to the effect that biological, geological and permafrost/arctic engineering areas were also being covered by other abstracting and indexing services.

8. Recent ABs have contained over fifty percent of Russian material. Would you like less coverage of Russian publications? 24% Yes 76% No. If so, in what fields?

Although most users felt all the subject fields were of equal importance, a number suggested that coverage of Russian material might be limited to the extent required to reduce costs in order to keep the AB available. Yet, as the answers to the three following questions indicate, Russian material is used quite extensively by respondents.

9. Do you use Russian material in your own research? 68% Yes 32% No.
10. Is Russian material used in your library? 83% Yes 17% No.
11. Is Russian material used in your agency or institution? 83% Yes 17% No.

12. Is indexing to geographic sectors (keyed to map) useful to you?
88% Yes 12% No.
13. Is indexing to specific geographic locations useful to you?
91% Yes 9% No.
14. Is the coded library location of each paper useful to you?
 (CaMAI, DLC, etc.) 71% Yes 29% No.
15. The list price for the forthcoming Volume 16 is \$60, with varying discounts for students, etc. What would you or your institution be prepared to pay for an up-to-date published AB?
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| (a) | \$100 yearly | <u>60%</u> |
| (b) | \$150 yearly | <u>25%</u> |
| (c) | Over \$150 yearly | <u>15%</u> |
16. Do you wish to make any other comments concerning the AB?

Although the majority of those surveyed commented very favourably on the AB, there was concern expressed about the currentness of the material, the time lag in publishing the volumes, and the need for a cumulative index. Following are a selection of comments covering the most frequently mentioned positive points:

- (a) "...one of ARCTIC BIBLIOGRAPHIES' greatest virtues is that it brings together information pertinent to defined arctic areas from a great diversity of subject fields. Therefore, I would not favour restriction to any narrow subject areas even though, as an oil company, we are naturally interested in some subjects more than others."
- (b) "...over \$150 is a high price for AB. But it is so valuable to us we would pay it."
- (c) "...Multidisciplinary approaches are becoming more common, and I can visualize greater use of AB in the future."
- (d) "...within the fields of my interest, the ARCTIC BIBLIOGRAPHY is the finest in any category in the world, as far as I know."
- (e) "...the type of information and the rapidity which it is disseminated makes a bibliography more or less valuable. Regardless of format - even if it is only putting key information in one place and with a year or two lag, I believe an AB is highly desirable."
- (f) A great many concrete suggestions were also received to improve the AB and/or to make it more efficient and less costly. A sampling of these ideas include the need for an explicit statement of the selection standards of the bibliography; examination of the potential benefits of involving other northern institutions in the selection and preparation of materials for AB;

modifying the format to include not only full abstracts but also such data as abbreviated abstracts, citations and library catalogue entries; and extending the coverage to include more available unpublished material not ordinarily covered by other abstracting and indexing services.