

## RANDOM NOTES FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Members of the Congress have no doubt observed the increase in the number of pages in the current numbers of the Bulletin. This emphasizes the continuing growth of this publication and its increasing importance to the expanding mathematical community. For the benefit of new members, it might be noted that this publication began as a newsletter in 1954 chiefly through the efforts of Professor Peter Scherk of the University of Toronto, who was then at the University of Saskatchewan. The newsletter continued for four years and then was replaced by the Bulletin in its present form, with a 70-page issue in January, 1958. A great deal of credit goes to the present editor and managing editor for their interest and energetic efforts in bringing the publication to its present status.

The response from mathematicians regarding membership, including subscription to the Bulletin, has been most satisfactory. About two-thirds of our membership of about five hundred have responded and most of these have sent in any unpaid dues that were outstanding. The names of twenty-seven former members who were two or more years in arrears and who did not reply, were removed from the list. Our apologies go to any of our members who may have received a considerably delayed acknowledgement of their payment. The number of acknowledgements proved too much for our staff to handle immediately, along with keeping up with our many activities. However, very little delay was incurred in the dispatch of the first issue of Volume 6 to the fifty new members. Any of the back numbers can also be obtained by writing to the Secretariat and enclosing the cost of \$1.00 per copy.

The programme for the June meetings is now completed and we hope that many of our members will attend them at the Conference of Learned Societies to be held at Laval University. Professor Leo Moser of the University of Alberta will give an address on "Semi-analytic Number Theory" on Saturday morning, June 1. He will be followed by Professor L. J. Mordell who will speak on "Some New Results on Diophantine Equations". The Council of the Canadian Mathematical Congress will meet on Saturday afternoon and a subscription dinner will be held in the evening for mathematicians and their wives. Fifteen papers have already been sent in for presentation on Tuesday, June 4, and Wednesday, June 5.

Plans for the seminar, colloquium and congress are proceeding satisfactorily and all signs point towards a most successful and interesting series of meetings. We are fortunate indeed to obtain such excellent lecturers and to have Professor Alfréd Rényi of Hungary as the chairman

of the colloquium. All those in attendance will also look forward to the final event of the congress when they will be the guests of the Province of Saskatchewan at a dinner to be held in the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon. Members have already been sent all the relevant information but any further information can be obtained from the secretariat.

A summary account of our audited statement for the year 1962 including all Congress activities, is given below:

Income from Various Sources

1. <u>Business and Industry in the various provinces (for the general fund)</u>	
British Columbia .....	\$ 925
Alberta .....	3,095
Saskatchewan .....	310
Manitoba .....	2,735
Ontario.....	24,585
Quebec .....	19,625
New Brunswick .....	500
Nova Scotia .....	850
	\$ 52,625
2. <u>National Research Council</u>	
For the General Fund .....	\$24,000
For the Summer Research Institute ....	30,000
For the Journal .....	6,000
For the Bulletin .....	3,500
For the 1962 International Congress ...	5,000
	\$ 68,500
3. <u>Atlantic Provinces Scholarship Funds:</u>	
New Brunswick.....	\$ 2,970
Nova Scotia .....	2,315
	\$ 5,285
4. Canadian Universities (For the Journal).....	6,075
5. American Mathematical Society (For the Journal) .....	1,150
6. Province of Nova Scotia (For the Summer School) .....	2,500
7. International Nickel Company (For the Summer School) .	5,000
8. Membership Fees.....	1,400
9. Subscriptions to the Bulletin .....	694
10. Books and Publications (net) .....	352
	\$143,581

NOTE: The general fund of the Congress includes all accounts except the Summer Research Institute, the Canadian Journal of Mathematics, the Scholarship Funds for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and South Africa and the Endowment Fund.

The following table gives some comparison between these contributions in 1961 and 1962.

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>
Number of increases from continuing contributors . .	18	24
Number of decreases from continuing contributors . .	4	9
Number of contributions discontinued . . . . .	32	36
Number of new contributors . . . . .	33	25
Net increase over the previous year in the total of these contributions . . . . .	\$1,650	\$1,530

The decreases show the effect of declining profits in certain industries and areas and also, in some cases, the effect of increased commitments to other educational projects including grants to universities.

Item (2) represents an increase of \$8,500 over the 1961 grant from the National Research Council. This was distributed as follows:

Travel to International Congress . . . . .	\$5,000	
Canadian Mathematical Bulletin . . . . .	1,000	
Montreal Summer Seminar . . . . .	2,500	
		<u>\$8,500</u>

Disbursements

1. Administration, Supplies and Overhead (including travelling expenses for the administrative officers and other members to promote the various activities) . . . . .		\$31,734
2. Scholarships, Bursaries and Prizes in the various provinces		
British Columbia . . . . .	\$ 50	
Alberta . . . . .	2,066	
Manitoba . . . . .	700	
Ontario . . . . .	5,100	
Quebec . . . . .	3,833	
New Brunswick . . . . .	3,691	
Nova Scotia . . . . .	3,632	
Newfoundland . . . . .	300	
South Africa . . . . .	980	
		<u>\$20,302</u>

3. Summer Research Institute .....	\$ 30,000
4. Canadian Journal of Mathematics .....	13,225
5. Atlantic Provinces Summer School .....	5,272
6. 1962 International Congress Grants .....	15,383
7. Canadian Mathematical Bulletin .....	4,770
8. Grants for Individual Study and Research .....	7,618
9. Membership Fees in Organizations .....	412
10. U. B. C. Summer Session .....	3,345
11. Montreal Summer Seminar .....	10,256
	<u>\$142,317</u>

In the statement above, the amount of \$30,000 for the Summer Research Institute was received in our General Fund and then paid into the Institute fund. The statement for this fund follows:

Balance at credit of Fund December 31st, 1961 ..... \$ 9,655.21

INCOME YEAR 1962

Grants from National Research Council .....	30,000.00
	<u>\$39,655.21</u>

DISBURSEMENTS YEAR 1962

Grants to Mathematicians including	
travelling expense allowances .....	\$23,976.13
Secretarial expense .....	384.54
Entertaining expense .....	279.83
Office expense .....	305.65
Publishing Institute Reports .....	<u>80.57</u>
DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL	<u>25,026.72</u>

Balance at credit of Fund December 31st, 1962	<u>\$14,628.49</u>
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The Canadian Journal of Mathematics Sustaining Fund was set up to ensure future publications.

Balance at credit of Fund, December 31st, 1961 .....	3,413.90
Amount received for credit to Fund, year 1962 .....	<u>75.00</u>
Balance at credit of Fund, December 31st, 1962	<u>\$ 3,488.90</u>

The budget for 1963 provides for disbursements amounting to over \$158,000, an increase of more than \$16,000 over the disbursements in 1962. Of this increase, \$10,000 will go to the Summer Research Institute from the corresponding increase in the National Research Council Grant for this purpose.

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