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## RULES GOVERNING TRAVELLING LIBRARIES.

1. Subject to direction of the Commissioners of the Library, Travelling Libraries shall be under the control of the Librarian of the Library of the Legislative Assembly, to whom all applications must be made in the manner hereinafter prescribed.
2. Any rural or mining community, provided that such community be not part of a duly incorporated city, may make application for a library to be sent to a designated address.
3. An application must be signed by at least twenty-five persons who must be British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and residents of the community petitioning for a library.
4. In order that their application may be entertained, the petitioners must agree to pay the transportation charges; to provide a suitable place for the reception of the library; to select a suitable person to take charge of the books and act as librarian (free of charge to the Government); to become responsible for the proper care of the books, and to forward the library to a designated address at the end of six months.
5. A library shall consist of a locked case, containing not less than one hundred books, pamphlets or other publications, same to be accompanied by a key, a set of rules, and catalogues for lending and reference purposes.
6. The publications shall refer to matters pertaining to agriculture, mining, forestry, and other natural resources, but may contain as well a number of selected volumes of a general character.
7. Applicants for a library must forward the sum of six dollars $(\$ 6.00)$ with their petition, to cover the cost of book-case and crate; but no community shall be required to pay the cost of more than one book-case and crate.
8. The library shall be kept at a convenient place, and be opened for the delivery and return of books at such times as the librarian in charge shall direct.
9. Any resident of a community where a travelling library is stationed shall be entitled to the loan of books, as long as such person complies with the rules, having first signed the following agreement:-
"Being a resident of , over fifteen years of age, I hereby agree, as a borrower from the British Columbia Travelling Library, to promptly return the books within the time specified, and to pay any fines due by me for over detention of books, or for injury to or loss sustained by any book while charged to me."
10. Persons under fifteen years of age shall be entitled to the same privileges as the foregoing in case their agreement is endorsed by a parent or guardian, or by any of the petitioners for the library, or the trustee.
11. Two volumes may be drawn by each reader and retained for two weeks.
12. The fine of five cents shall be paid for each book kept over time, and no books shall be lent to any one to whom books or an unpaid fine or fines are charged.
13. Fines shall be paid to the Librarian and used under the direction of the trustee for library purposes.
14. A reader desiring a book not at the time on the shelves may have it reserved for him for forty-eight hours after its return, by giving notice to the Librarian.
15. A reader returning a book which is not reserved may renew it for two weeks.
16. Notes, corrections of the press, or marginal references of any kind on books belonging to the Province are unconditionally forbidden, and all losses or injuries beyond reasonable wear, from whatever cause, must be adjusted to the satisfaction of the Librarian by the person to whom the book is charged.
17. Any person taking any books, maps or other publications from the library shall be liable for all damage done thereto while in his or her possession, which damages shall be assessed by the Librarian and paid to him or her by the person taking such book, map or publication; and the payment of all damages or losses in respect to books the property of the Province shall be made a condition precedent to obtaining further loans, and all moneys received by the Librarian shall be fully accounted for to the Provincial Librarian.
18. Books must be handled with care and leaves must not be turned down.
19. The Librarian shall keep an accurate record of all books lent out, entering the date of borrowing and return, cards for which purpose will be provided with each Library sent out.
20. A library may remain for six months in any community, at the end of which time it shall be the duty of the Librarian to forward it, carefully packed, to an address supplied by the Provincial Librarian.
21. In case of an application being received by the Provincial Librarian, duly signed by the Librarian and trustee of the library, requesting an extension of time not exceeding six months, the same may be granted.
22. An accurate record shall be kept of the books lent out and the date of their return, and a full report of the same shall be forwarded at the end of every six months to the Provincial Librarian.
23. A printed catalogue of the books in each library shall accompany the same.
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