

NEWS IN BRIEF

ALBERTA

Provincial Archives: Mr. P. J. E. Cole was appointed Archivist I with special responsibilities for maps and manuscripts. This appointment brought the complement of 4 archivists, 2 secretary-clerks and 2 technicians up to full strength.

An Archivist I attended the course on Archives Administration at Carleton University. The Provincial Archivist gave two lectures and held a practical class during the Carleton course; he also spoke to the Edmonton Regional Social Studies Council, to the Jasper-Yellowhead Historical Society, to the School of Library Science at the University of Alberta and to the Edmonton Branch of the Historical Society of Alberta. Other members of the staff have addressed school groups and the School of Tourism.

The Provincial Archivist attended the annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists in Ottawa in October, 1968 of whose Resolution and Programme Committees he was a member. He is now a member of the Society's State and Local Records Committee. G. Brandak, Archivist I, has been Treasurer of the Archives Section of the Canadian Historical Association since June, 1968. Four archivists attended the Conference on Prairie History held in Calgary in February, 1969. At the present time, discussions are under way between archivists considering an informal meeting of Prairie archivists to be held in the Fall of 1969.

Accessions to the Archives collection through private donations or purchase or transfer from Government Departments totalled 338 deposits, which is an increase over 1967. Among non-government deposits, the following are of special interest:

Records of the Edmonton YMCA and YWCA;
Architectural drawings by Dr. C. S. Burgess, c. 1890 - 1940;
Personal papers of Mrs. Cornelia Wood and Mr. L.C. Halmrast,
former members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Public Documents Committee has been very active during the year. Thirty-four recommendations for the disposition of records of eleven departments were made, including sixteen recommendations for transfer. Of special interest are:

Provincial Treasurer's records, c. 1905 - 1923;
Chattel mortgages, 1883-1906 and Lien Notes 1890-1910 from the
Court House, Fort Macleod.

The most significant collection acquired during the year was the Ernest Brown Photograph Collection, the oldest and most comprehensive of its kind in Alberta, whose custody was transferred from the Department of Industry and Tourism. A programme has been instituted for indexing, printing and arranging by subject sets of prints from the Brown and other photograph collections.

During the year the staff prepared twenty-eight inventories; in the second half of 1968, the number of searchers climbed to an average of fifty per month.

Glenbow Foundation Archives: The regular staff total of Glenbow archives has continued to number seven, however a university student was hired to assist with the work load during the summer. In addition, Mrs. May Harben, Calgary, who had commenced a special project, the History of Alberta Law Society, some years ago but had had to leave the work for family reasons, was re-engaged to complete the assignment. This, a detailed definitive work, will be finished shortly. Also, our representative in Britain is continuing his work on a part time basis.

Mrs. Georgeen Barrass successfully completed the Course in Archival Principles and Administration offered in Ottawa, July 2nd to August 8th, 1968. At the beginning of 1969, she was named assistant archivist and Mrs. Sue Baptie takes the senior archival assistant position.

Archives staff members gave a number of historical addresses or lectures during the year, and participated actively in the educational extension program conducted by the Glenbow-Alberta Institute. In the 1969 spring series of four lectures on Personalities of the West, three will be handled by archives staff. In addition Miss Sheilagh Jameson, archivist, presented a paper on ranching at the Local History session of the Canadian Historical Association's conference held in Calgary, June 1968.

The Archives Series publication program, commenced during the winter of 1968, proved very successful. In addition to the inventory of the Western Stock Growers' Association Papers, it has included series number two and three, namely, How To Prepare A Local History by Hugh A. Dempsey and The Lomen Brothers' Photographic Collection, 1900-1935. These have been very well received, in fact the demand for the Local History booklet has been so great that the printing of a second 200 copies has become necessary. Plans are underway for producing the inventory of the George Coote papers. These booklets are distributed without cost by the Archives, Glenbow Foundation, 902-11th Avenue S.W., Calgary 3.

Material of interest continued to come into the archives at a

gratifying rate. Interviews were conducted with Amos Leather, an elderly Blackfoot Indian, regarding the fast dying lore of his people. Plans are underway to obtain more of this type of material. A special effort was made to increase holdings of microfilms of newspapers and pertinent theses.

Some of the most significant acquisitions which might be mentioned are: a group of papers and photographs originating with Long Lance, a Cherokee Indian, who became a writer, lecturer and actor noted across the continent, in the 1920's and 1930's, which include files of manuscripts, scripts of interviews conducted with Blackfoot and Blook Indian personalities in the 1920's, data relating to the Indian life film "Silent Enemy," etc.; a collection of manuscript, photographic and film material relating to early oil development in Alberta; personal papers of Rev. George and Rev. John McDougall; a further group of W.C.T.U. papers, earlier than those in our files; further notebooks, letters and other primary items related to western ranches.

Archives staff members attended the first annual workshop of the Archaeological Association of the University of Calgary, in January, and the annual meeting of the Historical Society of Alberta held in February. Mrs. Georgeen Barrass was elected secretary of the last mentioned organization. At the time of writing this report, the forthcoming Conference of the History of the Canadian Prairies sponsored by the University of Calgary, to be held February 28th to March 1st, 1969, is anticipated with interest.

MANITOBA

For the Provincial Archives one of the most notable events of the year 1968 was the move into new accommodations in the Legislative Building. Since 1952, when the first full time archivist was employed, the Archives had been located in part of the Legislative Library.

The Manitoba Historical Society had shared this office space with the Provincial Archives since 1955. However during the month of May the Society moved out of the Legislative Building and into the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature. While the Archives and the Society no longer work in immediate proximity the Archives continues to answer all the Society's research correspondence. It is hoped that the close cooperation which has long continued between the Archives and the Society will be maintained undiminished despite the physical distance between the two offices.

The Archives staff has noted a considerable increase in the number of academic researchers during the past year; 244 visits were

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