

existing Museum-Planetarium complex at Vanier Park on the south shore of False Creek.

On 1 May, 1971, R. D. Watt was appointed City Archivist to succeed the late Major J. S. Matthews, who died in October, 1970. Pending an increase in the permanent staff, six temporary employees have been engaged since 1 January cataloguing, indexing and arranging the mass of uncatalogued public and private records, maps, paintings and photographs. To date, 253 feet of private manuscripts, 163 feet of public records, 386 maps and 160 paintings have been formally accessioned, indexed and shelved.

A vigorous collections development programme has begun. In the last six months, the Archives has received the papers of the Vancouver Little Theatre Association, 1921-1970; the Cates family of North Vancouver, founders of a pioneer tug firm, including the papers of the firm up to 1950; the British Columbia Society of Artists, 1917-1968; the papers of Mayor D. Oppenheimer and his family, 1876-1914, to mention only a few of the more significant donations. Portions of several public series are now open to researchers, notably the correspondence series of the City Clerk's Office, 1886-1929.

In order to ensure that the City Archives developed on more precise lines than in the past, City Council passed a Statement of Purposes and Objectives for the institution on 23 November, 1971. This document sets forth, as the primary objectives of the City Archives, the preservation, arrangement and development of the public records of the city and the collections of private material, in whatever form, together with the development of records scheduling and records centre services associated with the management of the public records. Associated responsibilities relate to the provision of reference services, publication and relationships with other civic institutions such as the Museum and the Public Library. Subsequent legislation will deal with public records retention and scheduling.

Owing in part to the increased availability of materials, user attendance has increased sharply. Since 6 May, 1971, 395 separate research passes have been issued, and there have been over 1200 separate research visits.

#### MANITOBA

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES: After the unequalled demands and extraordinary activities of the 1970 Manitoba Centennial celebrations, the Provincial Archives has returned to a plateau of relative normality, at least in respect to the number of research demands made on the institution by correspondence and personal visits.

Planning of the new Provincial Library and Archives Building (the former Winnipeg Civic Auditorium) continues, but a move from offices in the Legislative Building to the new location is not expected to take place until July, 1973. The Auditorium is being internally reconstructed to provide spacious and up-to-date research rooms, offices and especially storage areas, in a central downtown Winnipeg location less than two blocks from the Legislature.

A major organizational change came into effect on April 1st, 1971,

when, for administrative purposes, the Provincial Archives ceased to be a subordinate branch of the Legislative Library. Both the Provincial Archives and the Legislative Library are now branches of the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

Acquisitions of particular interest include a group of legal records covering the last years of the Courts of the District of Assiniboia and the first years of the Province of Manitoba; a collection of the family papers of Senator C. A. Boulton, (1841-1899), organizer and commander of "Boulton's Scouts" during the North West Rebellion of 1885; papers of the Hon. Valentine Winkler (1864-1920) and of Howard Winkler (1891-1970); a collection of manuscripts related to the migration of a group of Mennonites from Manitoba to Mexico in the 1920's. The copyright on the L. B. Foote photograph collection was purchased outright from L. B. Foote's heirs. The collection which has been physically deposited in the Provincial Archives since 1957 consists of approximately 2,000 glass negatives taken mostly during the years between 1903 and 1946.

ANGLICAN ARCHIVES - ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND: Considerable activity has occurred in the past year related to the organization of the archival materials belonging to the dioceses included within the boundaries of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land.

On March 2nd, 1972, coincidental with the Western Studies Conference at the University of Calgary, representatives of the Provincial Archives of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba met with the Dean of Calgary, to discuss the state of archival organization within each diocese and throughout the Ecclesiastical Province as a whole. At present, the archives of the Diocese of Calgary are being deposited at the University of Calgary, the archives of the dioceses of Athabasca and Edmonton at the Provincial Archives of Alberta, the diocese of Qu'Appelle at the Regina branch of the Saskatchewan Archives Board, and the dioceses of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon at the Board's Saskatoon office. The Archives of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land and of the Diocese of Rupert's Land are deposited in the Provincial Archives of Manitoba. Those attending the Calgary meeting were John Bovey, Alan Ridge, Doug Bocking and The Very Reverend David Carter, Dean of Calgary. The only two dioceses in which a beginning on archival organization is yet to occur are those of Brandon and Keewatin, and a beginning on the materials in their custody is hoped to occur during the present year.

#### NEW BRUNSWICK

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES: Mr. Michael Swift has been appointed the new Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. Mr. Swift, a native of Minto, N. B., is a graduate of U.P.E.I. (1958) and U.N.B. (1964). He commenced work at the Public Archives of Canada in the summer of 1964 and was Head of the Post-Confederation Section there until his appointment to New Brunswick in January of this year.

Recent Acquisitions: Maritime Union Study, 1968-1970, includes correspondence, briefs, hearings, speeches, reports, publications, background materials and tape recordings. No restrictions and inventoried.