

## *Notices*

**The Nation's Memory: A Pictorial Guide to the Public Record Office.** JANE COX, ed., with contributions by David Thomas, Timothy Padfield, and Michael Jubb. London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1988. viii, 56 p., illus. ISBN 0-11-440216-7 £3.50.

Published in 1988 to coincide with the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Public Record Office, this handsome volume explains the services provided by the PRO as custodian of the records of the British Government (England and Wales) and Law Courts, dating from 1086 to the present day. Records are housed in two main buildings, the original repository on Chancery Lane in London, and the one opened in 1977 at Kew, Richmond, Surrey.

The guide provides succinct descriptions of the kinds of records preserved, the buildings in which they are housed, their extent, the variety of media types, access, reference room hours, and helpful location maps. It lists the titles of record groups and their division between Chancery Lane and Kew, as well as the titles of the PRO's Information Series leaflets. Sections also describe preservation and exhibitions. It is liberally illustrated with photographs, reproductions of richly illuminated documents, maps, and engravings, as well as some witty historical extracts.

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**Code of Ethics and Guidance for Practice for Those Involved in the Conservation of Cultural Property in Canada/Code de déontologie et guide de praticien à l'intention des personnes oeuvrant dans le domaine de la conservation des biens culturels au Canada.** Ottawa: The International Institute for Conservation-Canadian Group and the Canadian Association of Professional Conservators, 1986. 18 p. ISBN 0-9691347-2X Free.

This is the first code of ethics to be published for conservators practicing in Canada. It expresses principles and states practices which should guide conservators, whether working privately or employed by an institution. While no way exists currently to assure adherence, the codification of these guidelines by a committee of the International Institute for Conservation-Canadian Group (IIC-CG) and the