Canadian Association of Professional Conservators (CAPC) sets the standard for the profession in Canada. As circumstances and legislation change, the committee intends to make revisions to the code.

Clearly written in both official languages, with necessary terms defined in a glossary, this pamphlet will be a useful reference not for conservators alone, but for all who are involved in the conservation and management of historic and artistic objects.

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From Warehouse to Powerhouse is the Ontario Council of Archives’ planning document for the future of Ontario’s archives. This report may be considered as the logical extension of the Needs Survey conducted by the Ontario Association of Archivists and published in 1988. Based on the results of that survey, and on other contemporary reports and sources, the present document analyzes the archival infrastructure of Ontario. It offers an extensive list of recommendations, which are supported by detailed discussion, a limited bibliography, and a helpful descriptive list of the participants in Ontario’s archival system.

Of the two discussion sections in this report, “Ontario’s Archives — A Profile” and “An Archival Development Strategy,” the latter offers the most concrete and useful discussion upon which general recommendations may be based. The former, aside from covering subjects of operational interest, contains an implicit explanation of the basic reasons for having and supporting archives. This discussion may prove to be valuable in winning support for the development of Ontario’s archival system.

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The Central Okanagan Records Survey identifies for scholars and the general public the records of a significant part of the southern interior of British Columbia, the Central Okanagan. The survey covers archival material regardless of media held by public repositories as well as, to a lesser extent, records in the possession of private agencies and the general public. This research tool was created in both automated and hard copy format. One of the advantages of this computer-based inventory is that it makes possible periodic updates as additional archival material becomes known. The descriptions contained in the guide are also formatted in such a way as to permit
conversion into MARC format. The index allows researchers to locate material by geographic area, corporate and personal names, or by subject. The inclusion of an alternate index, which lists variant forms of the index terms with reference to the correct index terms listed in the index, provides an innovative solution to the problem of authority control. The addresses and other pertinent information on all the custodians surveyed are provided in a section separate from the description of the records. While this separation of intellectual and administrative control is understandable from a theoretical perspective, it is not very practical and is confusing for users attempting to physically locate the described records. Nonetheless, this valuable research tool will effectively serve those interested in the Central Okanagan.

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As a recent addition to the National Archives of Canada's series of record group descriptions, this volume will prove an indispensable guide to researchers interested in the involvement of the federal government in labour relations during the twentieth century. The volume consists of a forty-page administrative history of the Department of Labour, which notes its evolving legislative responsibilities and internal departmental organization, and ties these developments to the larger events affecting labour relations in the country as a whole from 1816 to 1987. The second part of the guide contains a thirty-two page description of the various series and sub-series which make up the department's archives. The descriptions give the normal vital statistics on records series; they also give an assessment of the value and thoroughness of each major series of records. The task of describing 1,647 metres of departmental records in this fashion was a considerable undertaking.

A major department with a wide range of responsibilities over the years, the Department of Labour created records which will also serve topics of research other than labour relations, including Japanese Canadians, German prisoners of war, government annuities, social support programmes like unemployment insurance or technical education, the changing role of women in Canadian society, and international organizations like the International Labour Office.

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This particular guide reaffirms the notion that the Special Collections Division of the University of British Columbia Library represents a motherlode of historical information that ought to be consulted by researchers studying a variety of provin-