

The 1963 Survey

The Survey of Archivists' Positions in Canada 1963, published by the Archives Section, has been much in demand. Requests have been received from the U.S., Europe and Africa and the supply is almost exhausted.

Union List of Manuscripts

A report has been received on the progress of the Union List of Manuscripts in Canadian Repositories. By mid-1963, Robert S. Gordon, Editor, had completed his tour of Canada and the compilation of returns is now under way from coast to coast.

A total of 162 repositories, including all the major archival institutions in Canada, are co-operating. More than half of them are sending in returns regularly; many have completed their programmes. Over 5,000 entries were received and another 7,000 - and possibly more - are expected by the end of the year.

The Master Index contains 3,500 main entry and 3,000 cross reference cards. The total is expected to reach 12,000.

It is hoped that the Master Index entries might be made available in book form. Sample pages have been prepared with the aid of a Xerox duplicator, and the results are very promising.

In a few places it may be necessary to give some assistance in the compilation of returns, but on the whole the work is being done by the local staff or volunteers. Many institutions are finding that duplicate copies of their entries, which they retain, form a most useful catalogue of their collections.

The Union List is a project of the Humanities Research Council of Canada in association with the Public Archives of Canada and the Archives Section of the C.H.A. Dr. W. Kaye Lamb is the Director.