

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Archives Training Course

We understand that the response to Archives training course has been surprising and somewhat disturbing. In our last number, we said at least ten students were needed and by autumn there were four confirmed and seven hopefuls. Now we learn that more than thirty students have been confirmed and that several more applications have been received.

We hope that the instructors will not be overtaxed by the large classes. The response points out clearly that such a course is needed and perhaps consideration should be given to presenting it on a regular basis.

The course will be held at Carleton University, in co-operation with the Public Archives of Canada and the Archives Section of C.H.A., from July 6 to 31, 1964.

1964 Meeting

The annual meeting of the Archives Section, Canadian Historical Association, will be held in Charlottetown, P.E.I., on Wednesday, June 10th.

The business meeting will be held at 9.30 a.m. in Montgomery Hall Senior Common Room when officers for the coming year will be elected. In the afternoon, two papers will be presented in the Prince of Wales College Annex, Room 13. Beginning at 1 p.m., Alan D. Ridge, Archivist, McGill University, will discuss "What Training do Archivists Need?", followed by Arthur W. Murdoch, Archives Branch, Government of Ontario, speaking on "Conservation and Repair of Archives".

Union List of Manuscripts

Editor, Robert S. Gordon, reports that three quarters of all estimated returns for the Union List have now been received. These amount to almost 10,000 entries. More than one half of all repositories have already completed their listing; the rest are sending the returns regularly. Only three or four of the 160 archival repositories that are co-operating on this project have not been heard from.

The Master Catalogue, which is the basis for the Union List, is expanding rapidly. Almost 8,000 entries have now been included in it. In its card catalogue form it is already used for reference service. Ultimately the cards will be "shingled up" in page forms for photoduplication to produce the Union List of Manuscripts.

It is planned to make the Union List of Manuscripts a continuous project. The Master Catalogue will be kept up to date with new entries and with revisions of existing entries. The constant movement of manuscript material from private to public repositories, and from one repository to another, will require extensive revisions in the Master Catalogue. To reflect these changes it is planned to re-publish the Union List at convenient intervals.

News in Brief

Public Archives of Canada

A number of staff changes have taken place at Public Archives of Canada. Roger Comeau has been promoted to Head of the Pre-Confederation Section of Manuscript Division; Barbara Wilson is Assistant Head of the Section; and Keith Johnson is now Editor-Historian. New staff members include William Naftel, John Blackwell, William Cooper, Ronald Ward, and Andre Desrosiers. Ted Regeher is on leave to attend University of Alberta and John Banks to attend University of Toronto.

Public Archives of Canada has published check-lists of census returns available on microfilm for Ontario, 1842-71; Quebec, 1825-71; and New Brunswick, 1851-71 and Nova Scotia, 1871. These are available from Queen's Printer at 25 cents a copy. The Preliminary Inventory for Manuscript Group 18 has been revised and will soon be available at 50 cents a copy.

A new salary range for Archivists has been announced by Public Archives of Canada:

Grade I	-	\$4680-6060.
Grade II	-	\$6180-7320.
Grade III	-	\$7560-8640.
Grade IV	-	\$8520-9600.
Grade V	-	\$9500-11100.