

NEWS IN BRIEF

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Effective April 1st, 1966, a new salary schedule for archivists takes effect. This includes:

- Archivist I - \$450 to \$550 (raised from \$410 to \$505);
- Archivist II - \$510 to \$610 (raised from \$465 to \$565);
- Archivist III - \$550 to \$660 (raised from \$505 to \$605); and
- Archivist IV - \$590 to \$720 (raised from \$545 to \$660).

Hugh Irving, cataloguer in the Provincial Archives library, resigned late in 1965 to join the University of Victoria Library. No replacement has been secured.

The Provincial Archives has recently acquired a large collection of paintings, books, maps and manuscripts relative to the family of the Hon. Peter O'Reilly, dating from the late 1850's into the present century.

ALBERTA

The Government of Alberta has announced the appointment of a Provincial Archivist. He is Hugh A. Taylor, former County Archivist of Northumberland, who took up his new duties on October 1st, 1965. He received his M.A. from Oxford University and a diploma in Archives Administration from the University of Liverpool. Mr. Taylor was appointed City Archivist of Leeds in 1951 and moved to a similar position in Liverpool in 1954. He became County Archivist of Northumberland in 1958, a position he held until his Alberta appointment.

One of Mr. Taylor's first duties was to draft suitable legislation for Alberta. The result, The Provincial Archives Act, was passed during the 1966 sitting. It provides for the protection of government records and regulates their destruction. As a result of the Act, a Public Documents Committee will be established to direct the retention or disposal of government records. It will be made up of the Provincial Archivist, as chairman, the Provincial Librarian, representatives of the Attorney General and Provincial Auditor, and any other persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The Glenbow Foundation, Calgary, has been transferred to a new organization called the Glenbow-Alberta Institute. The Eric L. Harvie family, which has operated the foundation since its inception in 1955, announced that, as a Centennial project, it was donating the entire collection to the people of Alberta. The collection, including the archives, is to be held by the new Institute, which was set up through an Act of the Alberta Legislature. Besides the collections, insured for \$5,000,000, the Institute received an initial grant of \$5,000,000 from the Harvie family and \$5,000,000 from the Alberta Government. In addition, it will receive an annual \$100,000 operating grant from the Alberta Government. The new Institute will be governed by a board appointed jointly by the Harvie family and the Alberta Government. No changes in the objectives or functions of the institution have been announced.

Steel work is now under way on the new Provincial Museum and Archives Building in Edmonton. This is the main Centennial project of the Alberta government, and is expected to be opened in 1967. In the meantime, the Provincial Archives is housed in temporary accommodation in Beaver House, 103rd Street, Edmonton.

The principal activities of the Provincial Archivist since his appointment have been: the drafting of archives legislation; reviewing records held by government departments; planning for equipment for the new building; and examining the Ernest Brown and Harry Pollard photographic collections, the two main collections in the archives. An extensive program is also under way to co-ordinate printed and manuscript sources of Alberta history located in various institutions in the province.

The Glenbow Foundation has added a number of significant collections to its archives during the past year. One of these is the registration books of