

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

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The first concern of the Executive Committee of the Archives Section was to seek the sponsorship of another Archives Course at University from the Chairman of the Department of History and the Dominion Archivist. This support was generously granted and Professor D. J. Wurtele agreed to act as Director. The Committee also suggested some changes to the 1964 course and Professor Wurtele kindly agreed to incorporate many of these in his new program. Members will now have received notice of the course and will, I am sure, be delighted that it is once more being given.

Arrangements were then made for two sessions to be held by the Archives Section at the next Annual Conference in Calgary. One will be essentially inward looking - an appraisal of the role of the Canadian archivist especially in the light of developments of other related skills and professions, and the implications of such relationships for possible membership of some common body.

The second session will be outward looking and will explore ways of improving the record of oral history in the light of increasing use being made of this medium by historians.

Looking further ahead we have been considering the Canadian offering at the Conference of the Society of American Archivists in Ottawa in the Fall. We should, I think, be considering quite carefully how we stand in relation to the S.A.A. especially in the realm of publication since I have been unable so far to secure an editor for the Canadian Archivist. Do we really want a separate journal, and to what extent are we prepared to support one? Perhaps this could usefully be discussed at our business meeting in Calgary.