

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ALBERTA

**Provincial Archives:** On August 1, 1967 archival material was transferred from the old premises to the new building at 12845 - 102 Avenue, Edmonton. The Provincial Archives forms a separate wing to the West of the main Provincial Museum Building. At present the Archives wing has two floors with provision to expand vertically to a maximum of eight floors. On the ground floor are a public reference room, an Archives display room, offices, work-rooms, darkroom, value, stack-rooms, fumigating room and receiving area. On the

second floor is a stackroom only.

During the year Hugh A. Taylor resigned from his position as Alberta's first professional Provincial Archivist, and his place has been taken by Alan D. Ridge formerly Archivist of McGill University Archives. The staff at present consists of: Archivist II in charge of the Archives and Library; Archivist I to assist with departmental records, private manuscripts and ephemera; Archives Technicians II and I for photographic and reprographic services; Clerk-Stenographer III and Clerk-Typist II.

The Public Documents Committee has been very active during the year. The Committee is comprised of the Provincial Archivist (Chairman); Legislative Librarian (Secretary); Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Provincial Auditor (Members) who authorized the destruction of records which were of no further administrative or historical value for thirty-two Government departments, branches and boards. In this period records of historical value from eighteen Government departments, branches and boards were transferred to the Provincial Archives. Significant transfers included: Inquest files, 1910 - 1928; Crown Corporations files; Department of Agriculture records, 1895 - 1960; Board of Industrial Relations files, 1939 - 1963; Fire Commissioner - town files, 1922 - 1960.

The Staff members of the Provincial Archives have discovered and collected many of the significant papers of organizations, businesses and individuals. In this period local histories, pamphlets, biographies, clippings and maps were collected as well as audio-visual materials such as records, tapes of interviews with significant individuals and historical photographs. During 1967, seventy individuals, businesses and organizations deposited manuscripts in the Archives including: the Brotherhood of Carpenters, Edmonton; the Florence Hotel, Killam; the Registered Music Teachers' Association of Edmonton; and microfilms containing the plans of Messrs. Blakey, Blakey and Ascher, architects, 1910 - 1962.

The collection of recorded interviews with old-timers, bush pilots and others is growing steadily and in special cases these records have been supplemented by photographs. Archives staff assisted in the tape-recording and photographing of three Indian transferal ceremonies.

The microfilm programme has been continued and included the microfilming of records of the Diocese of Athabasca, the Barr Colony, and the County of Leduc.

A programme of photographing historical buildings in the Edmonton region and other parts of the Province has continued. Major use was made of the Ernest Brown, Harry Pollard and other photographic collections for the Museum and Archives displays. The Ernest collection has now been transferred to the Provincial Archives.

The Provincial Archivist addressed the Alberta Library Association Convention and Roman Ostashevsky (Archivist II) attended the Archives Administration Seminar at Denver, Colorado.

The outstanding event of the year was the official opening of the building to the public and preparation for the Archives Gallery display, which was entitled, "Rural Settlement and Agriculture".

**Glenbow Foundation Archives:** In June, 1967, Hugh A. Dempsey, who has been archivist since 1956, accepted the directorship of the Glenbow-Alberta Institute, a position of administrative authority over all the departments of the Glenbow Foundation. Miss Sheilagh Jameson, formerly his assistant, became archivist. Other staff changes and additions were made and the staff now consists of: the archivist, two archival assistants, secretary, two cataloguers, a clerk typist.

In addition to regular staff, plans are being made to hire a university student during the summer months to undertake a special assignment. Also, a representative in Britain continues on a part time basis his search for material for the Glenbow Foundation.

Plans are underway for the extension of the premises of the library and archives. The building was formerly the Calgary public library and this body retained use of most of one floor. This has now been vacated, and the additional space will accommodate the library's book bindery and add materially to archives storage facilities.

A program for the publication of inventories has been instituted. The inventory of the Western Stock Growers' Association Papers will appear shortly and that of the photographic collection, 1900 - 1935, of the Lomen Brothers, Nome, Alaska, is presently under preparation.

The Glenbow-Alberta Institute conducted an educational extension program during the 1967 - 1968 season in which archives was actively involved. Besides giving research aid to lecturers, archives staff members presented a total of six lectures in the two series.

Some of the most significant collections acquired during the year were as follows: the papers of the Alberta section of the C. C. F. party, 1940 - 1961, comprising some 12 linear feet of records; letters of W. J. S. Traill and W. E. Traill, H. B. Co. officers, 1866 - 1881, loaned for copying by members of the family; papers of Leonard Nesbitt concerning the development of the Alberta Wheat Pool; photograph

collection of photographer, J. H. Gano, Wainwright, Alberta, consisting of some 200 negatives, excellent views of pioneer and early farming life, east central Alberta, mainly 1908 - 1920.

During recent years a number of communities in Alberta have been preparing local histories and in 1966 and 1967 this stream of studies became a veritable flood. So many calls for help came to Glenbow Archives that in addition to research assistance and the provision of pictures, a regular program was followed, providing advice concerning general procedure, format of work and its publication.

Another noteworthy feature during the past year was the increasing number of demands for material for educational purposes. Some of these were for television or teachers' aid programs of an experimental nature from such bodies as Ontario Institute of Studies and Education; Alberta Department of Education; Calgary Association Radio Educational Television.

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**University of Alberta Library:** The University Library has just announced the appointment of James M. Parker, as Archivist. He will be joining the Library Staff, September 1, 1968. He will be responsible for consolidating all University of Alberta records and indexing them.

A guide to the papers of Henry Marshall Tory (first president of the University of Alberta), 1908 - 1927, has been compiled by W. J. Cherwinski for internal use only.

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**Red Deer and District Archives Committee:** The Committee moved into new quarters in the Archive Room of the new centennial library building equipped with a tape recorder, and microfilm reader. The Committee's Centennial project was the publication in the Red Deer Advocate of a pioneer family biography for every publishing day in 1967.

Our Archive Committee members are appointed for a 2-year term and they are: Mr. E. L. Meeres, Chairman, Mr. Fred Horn, Mrs. Annie L. Gaetz, Mrs. J. Richards, Alderman Mrs. L. H. Taylor, Mr. Gordon Caton, Mr. G. Stickland, Mr. Nigel Lawrence, Mrs. Thelma Foster, Archivist and Secretary-Treasurer.

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## SASKATCHEWAN

**Saskatchewan Archives Board, Regina and Saskatoon:** Lloyd Rodwell of the Saskatoon staff has been on leave-of-absence, 1967 - 1968, taking his M. A. year in History. Adjustments in staffing have resulted in an establishment at the Regina office comprised of the Provincial Archivist, two archival assistants, one stenographer, and one clerk.

In September, 1967 the Regina office was moved from the Legislative Building to the new Library Building of the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus. Occupying the full 5th floor, some 18,000 square feet of floor space, the new quarters provide adequate stack and work areas, offices, and search rooms. Expenditures for new furniture