

chives throughout a busy Centennial Year. By the end of the year the staff was restored to full strength once again.

The photographic architectural survey of Manitoba was again continued throughout the summer of 1967. Under the sponsorship of the Manitoba Historical Society, the Faculty of Architecture of the University of Manitoba and the Provincial Government two architectural students operating out of the Provincial Archives took more than 1500 colour slides and 1500 black and white negatives of buildings of architectural and historic interest located in the western and southwestern areas of Manitoba. While the greater portion of the Province has now been covered the eastern regions and metropolitan Winnipeg yet remains to be surveyed.

Acquisitions during the year included correspondence and papers of the Rev. John Black, 1853 - 1883; correspondence speeches and scrapbooks dealing with the Social Credit Party in Manitoba, 1936 - 1940, presented by Miss S. Halldorson; correspondence and papers of Ralph Maybank, 1914 - 1963, miscellaneous papers and photographs of General P. J. Montague; and a microfilm of the Winnipeg Strike Trials; Rex VS Ivens, Russell, John et al, 1919; Exhibit book, preliminary hearing and Privy Council Appeal. The consolidation of Manitoba school districts presently being made has resulted in the records of 41 school districts being deposited in the Provincial Archives.

Apart from staff changes the most significant event in 1967 respecting the Provincial Archives was the passage by the Provincial Legislature of "An Act to Amend the Legislative Library Act" (Cap. 31 - 1967). This Act replaces Part II of the Legislative Library Act and establishes "The Archives and Public Records Branch" as a branch of The Department of the Legislative Library. However its provisions are more concerned with the management and disposal of public records than with other aspects of the Provincial Archives' activities.

Formerly records committees were established by order of the heads of the various departments and agencies of the Manitoba Government. Under the new legislation a single Documents Committee of eight members, including a chairman who is the Provincial Archivist ex-officio, has authority to classify and schedule, and designate for disposal or retention, the records of all departments and agencies of the Manitoba Government.

It is to be hoped that when fully implemented the amended Act will result in a considerable increase in the volume of public records deposited in the Provincial Archives and not retained, as hitherto, by originating departments, in some cases ever since 1870.

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## ONTARIO

**Public Archives of Canada:** The chief event in 1967, was, of course, the move to the new building on Wellington Street, which was opened officially by the Prime Minister on June 20. The building was opened to the public on four evenings to provide an opportunity to "show off" the building and to demonstrate the functions and activities of the Public Archives and the National Library. There was

also a "family night" for the families of members of the staff. The auditorium and meeting rooms have been fully occupied by an average of more than 500 persons a day. Bob Rosewarne is head of a new section, Exhibitions and Extension Services. A series of changing exhibits is planned. There have been many formal presentations of gifts. For example, the British High Commissioner presented several thousand books, maps and a Henry Moore sculpture on behalf of the British Government, and the American ambassador presented the Great Ring of Canada on behalf of the United States government. Throughout the year centennial activities affected the volume of reference requests and accessions.

Volume I of the Papers of the Prime Ministers series is ready for printing and is awaiting completion of the French translation. Work on Volumes II and III (also papers of Sir John A. Macdonald) is proceeding. The editing of "The Canadian Directory of Parliament", biographical sketches of Members of Parliament and Senators since 1867, is nearly completed. "Nouveaux Documents sur Champlain et son Epoch, 1560-1622" has been published this year as well as preliminary inventory of records of religious associations, Manuscript Group 17.

Bernard Weillbrenner, Provincial Archivist, of Quebec, has been appointed Director of the Historical Branch, which includes the Manuscript, Picture, Map and Library Divisions.

There were significant increases in every measurable function and the Manuscript Division. Accessions, circulation, interlibrary loans and inquiries showed increases over last year ranging from 15 to 33%. The number of registered researchers (3092) was 50% higher. The papers of R. B. Bennett, a former Prime Minister, (800,000 pages) have been borrowed from the University of New Brunswick and are being microfilmed. Additional papers of Sir Charles Tupper were acquired as well. The Public Archives now has the private papers of all former prime ministers, including, on deposit, those of Rt. Hon. L. S. St-Laurent and Rt. Hon. John Diefenbaker. Indexes to the Sir John A. Macdonald Papers (sorted and printed electronically) will be completed shortly. Among the significant accessions of public records during the year (5000 feet) were those from the Department of Fisheries, National Parole Board, Department of National Defence, Canadian National Railways, the Centennial Commission and the Commissioner General for State Visits. Arrangements are being made for the transfer of records of Expo '67. A new section, Auxiliary Services, has as its head Michael Swift. Among the projects administered by the section are the annual publication of the "Register of Post-Graduate Dissertations in Progress in History and Related Subjects" and the long-awaited "Union List of Manuscripts in Canadian Repositories". There have been several changes in staff. Elwood Jones, Mary Gundlack, Barry Hyman and C. Redekop resigned. David Rudkin and Warren Misener rejoined the Division and Brian Hallett transferred from the Public Records Branch. New archivists are F. Dreiszgrer, and L. McDonald.

In the Picture Division there was a greatly increased demand for photographs in connection with publications, exhibitions and many Centennial projects. The Division participated in several exhibitions of paintings and drawings, including the Pageant of Canada exhibition at the National Gallery as well as the Confederation exhibitions at the Public Archives and the National Museum. Accessions included drawings of the Fathers of Confederation and several items which were included in the gift of the British Government to the National Library and the Public Archives. The Picture Division now has approximately one million photographs relating to the history of Canada. In the last few months 250,000 negatives have been transferred from the Department of National Defense. They cover the participation of Canadian armed forces in the Second World War and Korean War. Another significant accession was a collection of 350 negatives relating to the Klondike gold rush. The production continues of copy negatives from original glass-plated and celluloid negatives by use of the Ferrania film process. To date some 25,000 photographs have been copied. This year a Historical Sound Recordings Unit has been established under Leo Leclair, who transferred from the Montreal Records Centre. It is hoped that one of the continuing programmes of the unit will be the acquisition of selected sound recordings of the debates of Parliament.

The Map Division now has custody of 442,661 sheet maps and 1,845 atlases. The collection constitutes an almost complete cartographical record of Canada from 1500 and includes rare 16th and 17th century atlases and many variant issues of the magnificent 18th century charts made by Frederick DesBarres for his series of Atlantic Neptunes. From a nucleus of 150,000 current foreign topographical maps the Division plans during the next three years to increase its holdings several-fold to provide complete world coverage. The Map Division is now in effect the central map library of Canada and will include among its new functions the direction of a union list of maps. Two senior professional appointments were made in January, 1968. Major C. C. J. Bond, historical cartographer and former historian of the National Capital Commission, is now head of the Canadian Section, and Miss Karen Edwards, formerly with the Atlas of Canada project of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources is head of the Foreign Section. Centennial year was marked by several notable accessions. In July a signed manuscript chart of the St-Lawrence drawn by James Cook c.1760 was purchased in England for \$115,000 by Mr. H. R. Macmillan of Vancouver and presented to the Public Archives. The first large scale map of Canada, a large manuscript map 8 by 18 feet, drawn in 1791 by John Holland, eldest son of Major Samuel Holland, first Surveyor General of Canada was acquired. The Division also shared in the splendid Centennial presentation to the Public Archives and National Library by the British Government. Among the treasures received were a fine copy of Christopher Saxton's "Atlas of the Counties of England Wales," in its definitive state, probably published c.1590; a manuscript atlas of seven maps "Cartes de la Nouvelle-France ou Canada," 1752 by the noted French hydrographer Nicolas Bellin (1703-1777); a Georgius Bvelling edition of Ptolemy's "Geographia" published at Strassburg 1520 (and a copy of the more famous 1508 Rome edition containing the Ruysch maps on its way); and a 1547 edition of Bordones "Island Book" so popular in

16th-century Europe. From other sources were obtained a 1716 edition of Johann Homann's beautiful atlas published at Nuremburg in two volumes and many more valuable accessions.

The Library of the Public Archives has been retained as a valuable reference library, specializing in printed sources of Canadian history. Although its newspaper collection was transferred to the National Library, the number of registered researchers continues to increase.

The Public Archives Records Centre is now the Records Management Branch of which David Shadd is the director. It has three Divisions: Accessions and Reference (Chief: Henry Logan), Advisory Services (Chief and Assistant Director of the Branch: Bill Bilsland) and Regional Records Centres (Chief: Lionel Croteau).

In August, 1967 a Records Improvement Programme (War on Paper) was introduced in an attempt to ensure the proper use of records centres and disposal of accumulations of unused records. It includes a partial moratorium on the purchase of conventional filing cabinets and the encouragement of the use of open steel shelving.

The Branch has been engaged in the compilation of an inventory of records holdings and related equipment and staff of the government of Canada, at home and abroad. The first annual report of the Dominion Archivist to the Treasury Board on the state of records management has been presented. A revised edition of the "General Records Disposal Schedules of the Government of Canada" has been approved and will be published soon, as will two new guides, "Government of Canada Disposal Arrangements for Business Records" and the "Subject Classification Guide for Housekeeping Records". The Department is indebted to Alf Brown for a great deal of the work on these publications. The number of applications for the annual Records Management Course has been so great that three courses will be given in 1968 under the direction of Bill Potter.

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**Provincial Archives:** One of the most significant acquisitions by the Archives was the Jarvis-Powell Papers (1767 - 1919) comprising some 1,100 letters and other manuscripts. Members of the two families concerned held high administrative and legal positions in the province and their correspondence throws much light on the contemporary, political, economic and social life of Upper Canada and Canada West. Another very important collection of original documents, the John Macdonnell (Le Pretre) Papers contains the correspondence of prominent employees of the North West Company and their relations and friends (1773 - 1847), as well as an autobiographical narrative by "Spanish" John Macdonnell. Letters from Miles Macdonnell, Lord Selkirk's agent at the Red River, are of particular significance, although excerpts from them had been previously published. Among other acquisitions relating to the fur trade were journals of the Michipicoten Hudson's Bay Company post, 1858 - 1859, and miscellaneous documents relating to other Company posts.

During 1967, under an agreement with the Salt Lake City Genealogical Society and the Inspector of Legal Offices, over 200 microfilm reels of 19th century Surrogate Court Records were deposited in the Archives.

Original issues of 25 different newspapers were acquired by the Archives during the past year. Some of these acquisitions consisted of only one or two issues, but several encompassed several years. The Archives used its own cameras to microfilm runs (some of them very extensive) of eighteen newspapers held in newspaper offices or by various local institutions and individuals.

Accessions to the Archives' picture collection through donation or purchase totalled 1,087 items of which 867 were originals. Among them were some rare early examples of the photographers' art including two ambrotypes, two daguerreotypes, 31 early stereographs (c. 1860 - 1880) and 78 tintypes of the Confederation era.

The Archives Branch, in co-operation with the Historical Branch, prepared an exhibit at the C.N.E. in an effort to bring to public attention the functions of this department.

During 1967 a total of 4,110 visits for research purposes were made to the public reading room. Photocopies prepared for researchers included 760 photostats, 707 photographs, 8,600 Xerox prints and the equivalent of approximately 160 one hundred foot reels of microfilm.

During the past year the staff of the recently established Record Services Branch worked under the immediate supervision of consultants from a private firm employed under contract to train Civil Service personnel and assist in the inauguration of a comprehensive government records management programme. Three records analysts were added to the branch staff. As their own training progresses, these analysts will progressively take over the responsibilities of the consultants in training and advising departmental Records Officers.

The Records Centre in Cooksville, which plays a vital role in the programme, became operational in the past year and some 20,000 cubic feet of less active departmental records have been transferred to its custody. During the same period about 17,000 cubic feet of records, judged to possess no administrative, legal or archival value, were destroyed.

Regarding personnel changes, J. Mezaks has been appointed Senior Archivist of the Government Records Section and D. R. Reynolds Senior Archivist of the Private Manuscripts Section. Miss Sandra Guillaume, formerly Senior Archivist of the latter Section, resigned during the year to accept a position with the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. New Archivists added to our staff during the year included: Mrs. Carol Roy, Mrs. Marion Beyea, Miss Bernadine Beare, Robert Bowes, Albert Stray, Melvin Starkman and John Fortier.

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**Simcoe County Archives:** The latter is housed in a new building as a result of the county's Centennial programme and has started to build up collections of municipal and private material dealing with the history of its area.

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**Victoria University:** The Central Archives of the United Church now has a staff which consists of six full time and five part-time members.

One of the most significant acquisitions during 1967 was the 1925 Church Union collection (75 boxes). This consists of papers of the various Union Committees and their Sub-Committees; legal settlements with the non-concurrents; newspaper clippings and material relating to co-operation and local union churches prior to 1925. The collection has been processed and a detailed search guide prepared.

Other important collections received include the private papers of Dr. S. D. Chown (12 boxes) and Dr. Richard Roberts (3 boxes); correspondence files of the following Boards of the United Church of Canada: Overseas Missions, 1943 - 1953 (44 boxes); Home Missions, 1956 - 1960 (11 boxes); E. & S. S., 1931 - 1958 (37 boxes). The Chown and E. & S. S. collections have been processed and detailed search guides prepared.

The following existing manuscript collections have been processed and detailed search guides prepared during 1967: The Methodist Church, Canada: General Board of Missions (59 boxes, 115 letter books, 24 minute books); The Methodist Church, Canada: Army and Navy Board (29 boxes); Dr. Albert Carman Papers (24 boxes); Salem Bland Papers (10 boxes); H. F. Bland Papers (2 boxes). The F. C. Stephenson Collection (40 boxes) has been processed, but no search guide prepared.

The librarian has been cataloguing the Archives serials (guided by the Anglo-American cataloguing code) and building a standard library catalogue for the collection. Cards representing monographic works belonging to the Archives are also being added to this catalogue. An attempt is being made to fill in existing gaps in the Archives serial holdings by securing duplicates, or microfilm or xerox copies of missing issues.

The annual publication of the Archives, entitled "The Bulletin", appeared in November, 1967. It contained one paper (61 pp.) on the Canadian Methodist unions of 1874 and 1883 - 1884.

Plans for a copying program during 1968 of English and Scottish Missionary Society material relating to denominations now within the United Church of Canada are being formalized. A catalogue of Methodist Church Archives may also be published in 1968.

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**General Synod Archives of the Anglican Church of Canada:** Efforts made by the Archives Committee to effect the appointment of a full time archivist-historian have so far been unavailing, hence the services which G. S. A. can render the church, the academic community and the public continue to be curtailed. But hope springs eternal even in the breasts of committee members and prospects for such an appointment are brightening.

Among accessions made in the past year the following items, all closely linked with Canadian ecclesiastical history, are worthy of mention: Microfilm of the papers of Samuel Peters (1735 - 1826) now in the custody of the Church Historical Society, Austin, Texas; Microfilm of the diaries of George Hills (1816 - 1895), Bishop of Columbia, deposited in the archives of the Ecclesiastical Province of B.C. in Vancouver; Microfilm of the journals of Charles Inglis (1734 - 1816) and John Inglis (1777 - 1850), bishops of Nova Scotia, (originals are

preserved in the Inglis family); Xerox copies of letters deposited in the Ipswich Record Office, England, including correspondence of Mrs. Jacob Mountain (1758 - 1836), wife of the first Anglican Bishop of Quebec, with Mrs. G. P. Tomline, wife of the Bishop of Lincoln.

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**Eastern Canada Synod of the Lutheran Church in America:** The synod has completed the microfilming of the minutes of its predecessor bodies. This includes the Verhandlungen Der Canada Synode, minutes of the Central Canada Synod, minutes of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada (1861 - 1962) and the minutes of the Nova Scotia Synod (1903 - 1962).

This past year has seen the start of a project to microfilm the congregational records of those parishes which were organized prior to 1850. Attempts have also been made to complete files of journals published by Canadian Lutheran bodies in an on-going effort to become an archival centre for Canadian Lutheranism. Some papers and documents from Dr. Nils Willison, the first graduate of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and a former President of the Lutheran Seminary in Saskatoon, have been added to the collection.

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**University of Ottawa Archives:** M. Paul E. Dumas has been appointed Archivist of the University of Ottawa and now occupies a room 11' x 30' to serve as an office and repository, attached to the Cabinet of the Rector and the Secretary. He has received a few old records created by the previous Corporation, now known as St. Paul University, and by faculties.

Although the University of Ottawa dates back to 1848, its charter of July 1st, 1965 stipulates that, among other specific possessions, the archives in general, excepting student and administration records, belong to St-Paul University.

Since his appointment, M. Dumas has been busy organizing the archives created by the present administration: classification systems, inventories, archives statute and committee, budget, steel shelving, filing boxes and folders, forms, etc. He has visited several archives repositories and has received every cooperation. He hopes to have his small repository organized in time for the annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists this Fall.

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**Archives du Québec:** Au cours de l'année dernière, M. Bernard Weilbrenner a quitté son poste pour en accepter un aux Archives publiques du Canada; depuis, M. Roland J. Auger assure l'intérim. Deux nouveaux archivists font partie du personnel: M. Louis Garon et Mlle Lucile Labrecque. Le personnel actuel comprend donc 22 personnes, soit: 6 archivistes dont une représentante à Paris, 4 personnes affectées à la bibliothèque, 2 aux cartes et gravures, un généalogiste et des secrétaires.

Trois publications des Archives seront bientôt sur le marché: le rapport annuel; une brochure sur la correspondance de Vauban concernant le Canada; et l'Etat général des Archives: un inventaire