

## NOVA SCOTIA

Following action by the Maritime Conference of The United Church of Canada last May, the records and books stored at Mount Allison University belonging to the Conference, amounting to nearly 3½ tons, were moved in August to Halifax and put in with those at Pine Hill Divinity Hall.

The combined collection is a moderately large one and comprises records of the various courts of the Methodist, Presbyterian (before 1925), and United Churches in the Maritime Provinces; files of the Wesleyan Guardian, Presbyterian Witness, and United Churchman; books and periodicals on local and world Methodism and Presbyterianism, and some Congregationalist material. It is housed in a fireproof room 45 feet in length in the new Pine Hill Residence with facilities for reading, and is open to all undertaking research.

In charge is the Maritime Conference Archivist, Dr. E. Arthur Betts. Inquiries should be addressed to him at Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Franklyn Street, Halifax, N.S.

## ONTARIO

PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF CANADA: 1968 was an active and productive year for the Public Archives despite the "freeze" on staff and budget. We were actively involved in the course on Archival Principles and Administration at Carleton University in July; we were hosts of the Society of American Archivists at their annual meeting Sept. 20 - Oct. 2 (Dr. Lamb, Dr. Smith, Bernard Weillbrenner, R.S. Gordon and J.J. Atherton participated in various sessions); a two week seminar on Archives Administration was held at the Public Archives in November for senior archivists from Latin American countries; members of the staff continued to play an active part in the Council of the C.H.A., as well as the Archives Section, the Society of American Archivists, the International Council on Archives and the Canadian Association of Map Librarians; a record number of publications were issued; an active programme of exhibitions was carried out (topics included Images of a Century, Henri Bourassa, Gallery of Canadian History, W.D. Wilson's drawings of Canadian architecture); new laminating equipment was acquired and new techniques in regard to microfiche were developed; progress was made in the establishment of a comprehensive foreign map collection; equipment was installed for the archives of recorded sound; a national film archives was founded; accessions, student registration and circulation continued to increase; for example, registered visits by researchers shows an increase of 25% over 1967, from 25,000 to 28,000. The most important event, however, which both staff and many friends everywhere

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