

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ALBERTA

Provincial Archives: 1969 was an active and productive year for the Provincial Archives. The year saw a marked growth in the quantity of records received and in the number of users consulting our reference services.

Mrs. E. Kreisel was appointed Reference Archivist replacing Mr. G. Brandak, who is taking post graduate courses at the University of Saskatchewan. Mr. D. Leonard was appointed Archivist I with special responsibilities for maps and government records. Two clerical staff members were also appointed. These appointments brought the complement of four archivists, two technicians, two secretaries, one photograph clerk and one stores clerk up to full strength.

The archives staff has noted a considerable increase in the number of researchers during the past year; over 850 visits were made by researchers.

Accessions to the Archives collection through private donations or purchase or transfer from government departments totalled 361 deposits, which is an increase over 1968.

The Public Documents Committee has been very active during the year. Thirty-seven recommendations for the disposition of records of departments were made, including 24 recommendations for transfer to the Archives. Among government deposits, the following is of special interest:

Files of former premiers, 1921-1959. These consist of some 220 linear feet of files. The files for period 1921-1945 number around 1200 and are open for study by bona fide research workers. Approximately another 1000 cover the years 1946-1959, and they will not be available for research until later in the 1970's.

Microfilming of the records of the Dioceses of Athabasca and MacKenzie River was completed. The material was temporarily transferred from the keeping of the Bishop of Athabasca at Peace River to the Provincial Museum and Archives of Alberta in 1967, scrutinized and arranged under broad headings and then microfilmed on 31 reels. Covering dates are 1873-1948, but the bulk of the Athabasca material relates to episcopate of Bishop Young (1884-1903). A few items only have survived from the episcopates of Bishop Bompas (1874-1884) or Bishop Robins (1912-1930). The bulk material of the Diocese of MacKenzie River relates to the episcopate of Bishop Lucas (1913-1926).

The collection of recorded interviews with old-timers, provincial politicians and others is growing steadily, and in special cases, these records have been supplemented by photographs.

During the year, the staff prepared 87 inventories. A programme of indexing, printing and arranging by subject sets of prints from photographs collections was commenced, and over 2250 negatives were renumbered, printed in duplicate and indexed.

The outstanding event of the year was the preparation and the

official opening of the Archives Gallery display, which was entitled "The Development of Alberta, 1900 - 1925 (selected aspects)".

Glenbow Archives: During the year, Glenbow's regular staff remained at seven; however, an additional person was engaged for six months to process a large collection of C.P.R. papers, acquired some years ago. In addition, three university students were hired to assist with the work load during the summer.

The fourth publication in the Archives Series has been produced; namely, the George G. Coote Papers, 1907-1956, an inventory which gives information regarding the personal and political papers of a U.F.A. member of parliament. All four of the Archives Series publications may be obtained without cost from the Archives, Glenbow-Alberta Institute, 902 - 11th Avenue, S.W., Calgary 3, Alberta.

Acquisitions include: Papers of the Canada North-West Land Company, consisting of land records and registers of townsite sales dating from 1881; Calgary Brewing and Malting Company papers, 1892-1939 - a collection which also contains information regarding the general development of Calgary and area; Records of various Alberta unions of the United Mine-workers of America, 1903-1960; Papers of the United Farmers of Alberta, 1905 to 1965; Minutes of the Council, City of Calgary, 1884-1941.

Miss Sheilagh Jameson submitted the paper on ranching which she gave at the Canadian Historical Association meeting in 1968, to the Alberta Historical Review for publication, Winter, 1970.

Another project of interest in which archives has been involved is the production of teachers' kits for loan to Calgary schools. One, prepared in conjunction with the Ethnological Department, deals with Plains Indians' life and crafts; another, using photographs and documents, concerns Calgary's origin as a police post.

The year showed an increase in the number of students and others using archives research facilities. There was also an increased use of photographic and manuscript material for exhibition purposes, the main outlets being: the Glenbow Museum; the Glenbow Museumobile - a caravan featuring the opening of the West which is touring southern Alberta schools; two travelling exhibits - the works of photographers J. H. Gano and T. J. Hileman; loans to the Alberta Provincial Museum; loans to schools, small museums, etc. It might be of interest to mention also that "Okan", Glenbow's film on the Blackfoot sun dance, is in constant demand for rental by universities, anthropological groups and others across the continent and in Europe. **Two prints are now in use and a third is being made for this purpose.**

## MANITOBA

Provincial Archives: The approach and the arrival of the year 1970 have kept the Provincial Archives more than fully occupied with the work generated by Manitoba's Centennial Celebrations. For example, correspondence has increased over 40%, and use of the photograph collection has