

multiplied 300% while the size of the staff has remained constant and, fortunately, without any change in personnel.

At the beginning of March, 1970, responsibility for the Provincial Library and Archives was transferred from the Minister of Youth and Education to the Minister of Cultural Affairs, a portfolio only created in 1969.

Acquisitions worthy of note have included the papers of the Hon. Colin H. Campbell, 1859-1914, Attorney General of Manitoba, 1900-1911, and those of his wife, Mrs. Minnie B. Campbell, active for over fifty years in the public life of Manitoba and Canada; papers relating to the Manitoba career of the Hon. John Bracken, Premier of the province from 1922 to 1943; papers and correspondence of the Manitoba C.C.F.-New Democratic Party, 1936-1968; papers of the Hon. Gurney Evans, 1953-1969, Minister of Industry and Commerce and subsequently Minister of Finance; Records of the Civil Service Commissioner, 1900-1958; and transfers from the records of the Departments of Agriculture, Attorney General, Health and Welfare, Mines and Natural Resources, Public Works and the Highways Branch of the Department of Transportation. A microfilm of Orders-in-Council and Executive Council Minutes, 1870-1882 was obtained from the records of the Executive Council Office.

Important additions were made to the Picture Collection of particular significance being two volumes of Boundary Survey photographs, 1873-1876, originally the property of H. M. British North America Boundary Commissioner, Major General D. R. Cameron, and a large number of Highways' photographs transferred from the Department of Transportation.

The Architectural Survey of Manitoba again operated out of the Provincial Archives during the summer of 1969. Two senior architectural students were employed to photograph buildings of architectural merit and/or historical significance within the boundaries of Metropolitan Winnipeg, for the rest of the province has been covered in the four preceeding summer surveys.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Provincial Archives: This has been a year of consolidation following the official opening. Casual help has been greatly reduced, and the staff now consists of Provincial Archivist, assistant archivist, curator of photographs, archives assistant, document repairer and secretary, with the equivalent of one student full time.

All the Supreme Court records to about 1920 have been received and inventoried; about three quarters of the county records have been sorted and inventoried; a calendar of the Executive Council papers returned by the P.A.C. is being prepared in conjunction with the Provincial Secretary's papers of which they once formed a part (although the two series will now remain physically separate); all Department of Education records from 1816 to about 1940 have been sorted and listed and are very complete; the Crown Land petitions, already indexed, have been received from the Lands Branch, and over 5,000 additional petitions have been sorted and indexed to 1845.

Manuscript accessions already inventoried include: the City Council records of Fredericton and Moncton; Todd (St. Stephen) MSS, lumber and politics, 1870-1935; R. G. Hanson MSS, local politics, 1918-1948 (his papers of national interest are in the P.A.C.); the York-Sunbury Historical Society MSS; Hill (St. Stephen) MSS, politics, 1785-1898.

The Beaverbrook photographic collection (over 5,000 prints) has been fully catalogued and indexed by subject.

Microfilm Service - As an additional project, the contents of all deed registries are being microfilmed, and it is likely that the original records will then be transferred to the Provincial Archives. The Service now has a staff of five operators and one supervisor. Records Centre - The Records Centre has a staff of one Records Officer, a clerk, a secretary and three storemen. All departments are using the Centre, and the records of some are fully scheduled.

NEWFOUNDLAND

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of the Provincial Archivist, Allan Macpherson Fraser, at the age of 63.

Allan Fraser was born at Inverness, Scotland on the 9th July, 1906. He came to Newfoundland in 1928 as Professor of History and Head of the Department of History and Economics, Memorial University of Newfoundland. On the 12th June, 1938, he was married to Kathleen Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Kennedy of St. John's.

In 1953 he resigned his position at the University to enter public life. On the 10th August, 1953, he was elected a Member of the House of Commons for the riding of St. John's East. In April, 1958, he was appointed Provincial Archivist, which position he held until the time of his death on the 16th November, 1969.

NOVA SCOTIA

Public Archives: Recent staff changes include the resignation of Mrs. W. A. Bernard and the reappointment of Mr. Allan Dunlop as a Research Assistant. The Provincial Archivist read two papers before the Nova Scotia Historical Society: "Ambrose F. Church and his Maps" and "Pre-Revolutionary Settlements in Nova Scotia"; an article by him entitled "The Status of Sable Island" appeared in the Nova Scotia Journal of Education, Volume 18, No. 2, May - June, 1969. The book, Place-Names and Places of Nova Scotia, although it bears the date of 1967, came off the press early in 1969. The supply of this volume, 751 pages, has already been exhausted.

Maritime Conference Archives: The large room at Pine Hill occupied by the Archives has been substantially improved this past year. New lighting has been installed, and there is more ventilation. A telephone has been put in.