

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.