

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.

Recently a microfilm reader was acquired. Microfilm holdings are being increased. The New Brunswick Provincial Archives is presenting a microfilm copy of each set of United Church records filmed. Many fresh items of United Church History have been accessioned.

The Wesleyan, 1885-1925, a valuable reference stored in the Archives, has been microfilmed by the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, as have other records.

The Archivist, the Rev. E. Arthur Betts, was released from other duties in mid-1969 to devote more time and energy to this work. The room is open five mornings each week, and all scholars are made welcome.

#### ONTARIO

PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF CANADA: During 1969 there were significant developments in the entire range of the functions of PAC. A program for the systematic searching for private papers of national importance was established; a national film collection acquired several million feet of motion picture film within the year; the oral history unit circulated a questionnaire to obtain information concerning the holdings of tapes in Canadian repositories and commenced a project for recording debates of the House of Commons; the Map Division coordinated the compilation of a Union List of maps in Canadian collections and arrangements were made for completing the coverage of foreign maps; procedures for a national architectural collection were developed in cooperation with the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. The effectiveness of the records management program was increased by the May 1, 1969, deadline for scheduling public records. The new government policy on access provided for transfer of and access to a vast quantity of public records to which access had been restricted. The Technical Division increased the scope of courses and was involved in developments in regard to microfiche and computer output on microfilm. Mr. Wheeler was appointed program chairman for the International Micro-graphic Congress. An increased number of foreign archivists spent periods of from one to four months in "instructional visits". Mr. Gordon and Mr. Atherton participated in the World Genealogical Congress at Salt Lake City. Dr. Smith was appointed member of the Permanent Board on Geographic Names, the Historic Sites Board and Chairman of the S.A.A. Committee on International Archival Affairs. Mrs. White, from the London Office, paid a useful visit to Ottawa. The exhibition program was expanded considerably and Laurier House acquired significant items relating to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Ownership of the papers of Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent and Rt. Hon. Lester Pearson was vested in the Public Archives. A report on the Public Archives for the period 1959-1969 is being prepared for publication in 1970.

Manuscript Division, Staff: The head of the pre-Confederation Section, Mr. Roger Comeau, is attending the three-month "Stage Technique International d'Archives" in Paris, January to March, 1970. Mr. Warren Mizener is the new head of the Auxiliary Services Section. His responsibilities include the various public service functions such as registration of researchers, reference, interlibrary loans and photoduplication.

New archivists to join the Division in 1969 were Robert Watt, Gerald Cumming, Charles McKinnon, Walter Neutel, Alan Boyd and Carl Vincent.