

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES: F. Burnham Gill was appointed first Administrator and then Provincial Archivist, assisted by John P. Greene, M.A., as Cataloguer-Indexer and David J. Davis as Research Officer. A monthly newsletter gives very full details of developments, including the appointment of an Advisory Committee to the Archives. In the words of the newsletter, "The appointment of this Committee, which is entirely voluntary, was suggested by the Administrator and approved by the Department of Provincial Affairs and Lord Taylor, the President of the University.

"The personnel of the Committee are members of the History Department of Memorial University, and amongst them there is a trained archivist. The professional staff of the Archives are members, with the Administrator holding the ex-officio membership.

"This knowledgeable Committee will be available at all times to assist in the general program of development of the Archives. This will include the cataloguing and indexing of records, which is now getting underway.

"At the suggestion of the Administrator, the Committee is also studying legislation on Archives in other provinces and in the United Kingdom and the United States with the view of submitting recommendations for legislation to govern the operations of the new Archives. They have been requested to consider closely the changing times and in particular, the role of the Archives in the computer-electronic age which is upon us. This, of course, will include recommendations as to what could be done about current records which are now being held on electronic tape and video-tape, and which replace the manuscript of "old times", one day to become historical records."

Principal accessions include Records: Office of Lieutenant Governor: dispatches and correspondence, 1902-1940; Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit, papers, 1939-1946; Colonial Secretary's Office (Nomenclature Board, Post Office, Marconi Wireless Stations, Meteorological Service, etc.), c. 1890-1934.

Manuscripts: Sir Thomas Duckworth papers, 1810-1813; Rev. Henry Lind, Anglican clergyman, diary, 1857-1864; St. Paul's Anglican Church, records (copies), 1753-1867; T. and M. Winter Ltd., 1891-1965; Dryer and Greene, commission merchants, correspondence, c. 1840-1906.

Publications: Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador: Preliminary Inventory, John P. Greene, comp. 106 pp., 1970; St. John's and the Commissariat by David J. Davis, 33 pp., 1970; Newfoundland, 1825: Some Historical Notes, 1971; We Have News For You, published monthly.

NOVA SCOTIA

PUBLIC ARCHIVES: Two papers by the Provincial Archivist entitled "Pre-Revolutionary Settlements in Nova Scotia" and "Ambrose F. Church and his Maps" appeared in volume 37 of the Collections of the Nova Scotia Historical Society which was published in 1970. At present a catalogue of manuscripts is being prepared. It is hoped that it will be published in 1971. As usual, collections are being calendared as time and limitations of staff permit. The calendaring of two sizable collections is well advanced.