

## 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.

THE MARITIME CONFERENCE ARCHIVES OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA: A good number of records from Maritime congregations have come in during the year. Mention might be made of old books and papers, some dated well over a century ago, from the former Cornwallis Congregationalist, Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. Copies of theses and papers, research for which was done here, have been very valuable additions to our holdings.

The building up of finding aids is one of our projects this year. In addition to the main card catalogue for books and pamphlets, we have an index of congregations indicating where pertinent historical material may be found; an index of church courts according to denomination; an index of ministers showing where their biographies, and in some cases their pictures, are located; and indexes to collections of letters and pamphlets. We are fortunate in possessing indexes to many of our religious periodicals prepared by the Rev. Charles H. Johnson, D.D., now living in retirement in Kamloops, British Columbia.

#### ONTARIO

PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF CANADA: The post of Dominion Archivist was filled by the appointment of Dr. Wilfred I. Smith, effective December 23, 1970. Mr. Bernard Weillbrenner was appointed Assistant Dominion Archivist, effective January 15, 1971.

A report on the Public Archives for the Years 1959-1969 will be issued shortly. The last report was for the years 1955-1958. Starting in 1971, an annual report, covering the fiscal year, will be published in May or June.

Manuscript Division, Personnel: New archivists to join the Division in 1970 were Marcel Caya, Carol Couture, Peter Gillis, André Guay, Harold Naugler and Robert Taylor. There were three resignations: David Rudkin went to the University of Western Ontario and Allan Boyd to McMaster University, both to continue their studies, and Robert Watt accepted a new position in Vancouver.

Manuscript Division, Services: In recent years there has been a general steady increase in the amount of work done, and 1970 was no exception. The number of inquiries increased to 6,611 (from 5,909 in 1969); the number of researchers rose to 2,612 (from 2,501 in 1969); the number of consultations was 10,614 (up from 10,073 in 1969); the number of reels of microfilm circulated on interlibrary loan was 2,655 (down from 3,112 in 1969); the number of feet of manuscripts and records accessioned rose to 6,553 (from 4,961 in 1969); the number of reels of microfilmed accessioned was 2,262 (down from 4,053 in 1969); the number of feet of records and manuscripts circulated was 43,735 (down from 45,209 last year), and the number of reels of microfilm circulated was 19,285 (up from 16,184 last year).

Manuscript Division, Accessions: Significant accessions of public records received during 1970 included: transcripts of hearings, briefs, studies, reports of regional conferences, and other papers of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism, 1963-1970; Department of Trade and Commerce Registry Files, c. 1900-1965, dealing with trade missions, trade commissioner service, world fairs, imports and exports, and conferences; Department of Labour, "Lacelle files", covering all aspects of the work of the department; initial transfer of registry files of the Department of External Affairs, including the office files of the Under