

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

### Public Archives of Canada: Annual Reports on Microfiche

Over the years since its founding in 1872 until 1949, the Public Archives of Canada published in the Annual Reports a continuing series of Calendars and Notes on the documents in its possession. In preparing these, the respective Dominion Archivists attempted to serve two purposes. The first, to compile for scholars a survey of important holdings of the Archives. The second, to put before the public a representative sampling of individual documents chosen for their significance or intrinsic interest. As such, the Annual Reports from 1872 to 1949 constitute a key for both specialists and general students to one of the best collections of historical manuscripts to be found in North America.

Now in the centennial year of the Archives, this important research tool has been reprinted in its entirety in a convenient format. Most of the original editions of the Reports have long been out of print, and complete sets are difficult to obtain. Microfiche has been chosen as the publishing medium for several reasons. It permits production of a lengthy series as an economical, compact entity. Because the Reports are often used as a quick reference source, the extra retrieval devices made possible by microfiche considerably shorten research time. And because replacement cards are readily available, the collections need not be reserved for restricted use but may be placed in the open reference section, encouraging patrons to take a first-hand look at Canadian history. Thus, even libraries possessing complete bound sets of the Reports should consider purchase of the microfiche edition.

Now, for the first time, a comprehensive, systematic table of contents is available for the entire series of Reports. The microfiche edition coincides with the publication by the Archives of A Guide to the Annual Reports of the Public Archives of Canada. This detailed list of the contents of each Report provides researchers with a long-needed finding aid. The Guide will also rekindle public interest in the Reports. A copy of the Guide is supplied with each order of the microfiche edition, and quantities are available through Information Canada. This microfiche edition is published by MicroMedia and inquiries should be addressed to:

MicroMedia, Box 34, Station S, Toronto 20, Ontario, Canada.

### Guide to Archival Materials Relating to French-Canada

This Guide is being prepared in accordance with the terms of a cultural agreement between France and Canada and concerns material from these two countries only.

The French contribution, an inventory of Canadian sources in France, will be prepared by the National Archives of France. The Canadian contribution, involving both the Public Archives of Canada and the National Archives of Quebec, will be an inventory of Canadian repositories which have in their

possession manuscripts, photographs and sound recordings relating to French Canada. The National Archives of Quebec is responsible for the inventory of all of Quebec's public records, including the records of the courts, registry offices, municipalities, hospitals and public schools as well as those of departments and agencies of the provincial government. The Public Archives of Canada has undertaken to deal with the records created by Quebec universities and research centres, colleges, churches, religious orders, cultural organizations, historical societies and business firms. It will also make an inventory of relevant federal government records and of repositories in all provinces which have sources pertaining to French Canada.

This Guide is to be published in 1973.

#### Guide des archives relatives au Canada Français

C'est dans le cadre de l'accord culturel entre la France et le Canada que s'insère la préparation d'un Guide des archives relatives au Canada Français.

Du côté français, la section portant sur les sources canadiennes en France est préparée sous la direction des Archives Nationales de France. Du côté canadien, les Archives publiques du Canada en collaboration avec les Archives Nationales du Québec font l'inventaire des dépôts d'archives qui possèdent des documents manuscrits, photographiques et sonores relatifs au Canada Français. Les Archives Nationales du Québec sont responsables de l'inventaire de toutes les archives officielles: archives gouvernementales, judiciaires, bureaux d'enregistrement, archives paroissiales, hospitalières et scolaires publiques. Les Archives publiques du Canada s'occupent de l'inventaire des dépôts d'archives du gouvernement du Canada et au Québec des universités et centres de recherche, des collèges et séminaires, des diocèses, des communautés religieuses, des sociétés historiques et culturelles, des compagnies et finalement des dépôts d'archives au Nouveau-Brunswick, au Manitoba, en Ontario et ailleurs au Canada qui possèdent des documents concernant les Canadiens Français. On s'est limité aux sources existantes en France et au Canada.

Ce Guide devrait être publié en 1973.

#### U.S. Microfilm Publications Available on Loan in Canada

The National Archives is depositing in regional archives branches copies of its microfilm publications. The publications, on 35 or 16mm. microfilm, reproduce with introductions and annotations some of the most significant records in the National Archives. These microfilm publications contain basic documentation for the study of history, economics, public administration, political science, law, genealogy and other subjects. Included are records of U.S. diplomatic missions, large bodies of material relating to the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, German records, captured at the end of World War II, territorial papers, and census returns. Prologue: The Journal of the National Archives periodically lists the microfilm publications deposited in regional archives branches.

Microfilm publications in the regional archives branches are available

for use in the branches' research rooms and on interinstitutional loan. Individual users may borrow the microfilm through libraries and research institutions located within a particular region and in accordance with the "National Interlibrary Loan Code, 1968". Inquiries concerning microfilm publications should be directed to the appropriate branch.

No inquiries have so far been received from Canada although loan facilities for institutions are available as follows:

Provinces served in Canada by Regional Archives Branches (for each of the following address inquiries to: Chief, Archives Branch, Federal Records Center)

<u>Province</u>	<u>Branch</u>
New Brunswick Newfoundland Nova Scotia Prince Edward Island Quebec	380 Trapelo Road Waltham, Massachusetts 12154
Ontario	8201 South Leamington Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60638
Manitoba Northwest Territory Saskatchewan	Bldg. 48, Denver Federal Court Denver, Colorado 80225
Alberta British Columbia Yukon Territory	6125 Sand Point Way Seattle, Washington 98115

ADP Working Party in Spoleto, Italy:

On May 23-25, 1972, at Spoleto, Italy, the Working Party on Archival Implications of ADP met under the auspices of the International Council on Archives and the General Directorate of Italian Archives. This meeting was decided on at the Verona meeting of the Executive Committee, ICA, for the purposes of considering the implications to archival management of automatic data processing (chiefly, developing standards for the disposition of machine-language records and controlling archival holdings by automated systems) and to plan an organization which would coordinate the integration of ADP into various facets of the archival profession. Chairman of the Working Party was Meyer Fishbein (National Archives, U.S.A.), and accepting the chairman's invitation to serve as secretary was M. E. Carroll (Public Archives of Canada). Members of the Working Party were Arie Arad (State Archives, Israel), Lionel Bell (Public Record Office, United Kingdom), Heinz Boberach (Federal Archives, West Germany), Sven Haverling (National Archives, Sweden), Enrica Ormanni (Centre for Microreproduction, Rome, Italy), and Jean-Pierre Pieyns (State Archives, Belgium). Representing the ICA were Charles Kecskeméti and Morris Rieger, and present as an

observer was O. A. Milhailov of Unesco.

The Working Party adopted five principal resolutions: (1) a network be established within the ICA for the exchange and transmission of information, findings and experience on ADP matters, this network to be supervised by a coordinator selected by the president, ICA, and a bulletin to be published for the ICA membership. Michael Carroll was recommended as editor of the bulletin, with the first issue, scheduled for appearance in August, devoted to the minutes and resolutions of the Working Party; (2) it be proposed to the president of ICA that Meyer Fishbein be appointed coordinator of the activities of ICA in the field of automatic data processing; (3) the Executive Committee, ICA, propose to Unesco the preparation, on a contractual basis, of a curriculum for the training of archivists in automatic data processing; (4) the Executive Committee, ICA, propose to Unesco the organizing of a seminar during 1973 or 1974 on automatic data processing for archivists; and (5) the Executive Committee, ICA, should finance the publication of a study, to be written by Meyer Fishbein, on the archival management of machine-language records.

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Editorial Note:

The editor of the issue extends his warmest good wishes to his successor, Mr. Ian Wilson, University Archivist, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. All communications should be addressed to him in future.

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