

What then should our goal be? The concept of "onward and upward" with mounting acquisitions endlessly chasing steel shelving and finding aids following (more or less) close behind is certainly inadequate. There is, of course, still much that we must save in an on-going program of permanent retention and acquisition but our final aim should be nothing less than the identification and availability for research of the entire Canadian documentary record wherever it may be. In this, the recognized repositories will be our partners as we share the physical custody and control, but we should take the lead in articulating finding aids, miniaturizing and distributing copies of our holdings and giving aid to small repositories lacking professional staff so that their collections can be examined and evaluated. We will have an increasing obligation to diffuse information through publications and exhibitions, videotape and televisual display, the cassette and the on-line terminal, to create a whole new inter-related environment - the retrievable past - which will not be just the historical past, as it was once understood.

THE 1972 ARCHIVES COURSE: Thirteen students were accepted and all completed the course which was held from 5 September to 6 October and was sponsored jointly by the PAC and the Archives Section of the Canadian Historical Association. The course was designed to assist those with at least one year's experience in the archival profession to obtain a broad training in archival principles and administrative practices.

The seminar approach was continued as before and the first six days given over to archival media "immersion" in the various divisions of the Public Archives. In this way the students were exposed to the contrasts and similarities in techniques and became aware of the interrelatedness of the various media when seen in terms of information. The course terminated with an examination. Michael Carroll was the co-ordinator.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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New accessions of note included New Democratic Party of British Columbia records, B.C. Federation of Labor records (addition), International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (Canada). Local 598 records, F. Henry Johnson papers, and Harry Hawthorn papers (addition).

The University of British Columbia Archives, in conjunction with Reynoldston Research and Studies is working on two Oral History programmes. The first, Early History of U.B.C., consists of interviews with former students and faculty of U.B.C.; the second, commissioned by the Combined Services Trust Committee of U.B.C., will be an Oral History of the C.O.T.C. and related bodies on the campus.

The University of British Columbia Library has recently published its first inventory of manuscripts: Malcolm Lowry, 1909 - 1957 an Inventory of His Papers in the Library of the University of British Columbia by Judith O. Combs.

VANCOUVER CITY ARCHIVES: Largely because of the move of the Vancouver City Archives from its old quarters in the Vancouver Public Library in the last quarter of 1972; the first quarter of 1973 has been devoted to acquisition of large quantities of civic and other records which were awaiting the opening of the new building in Vanier Park. Included in the City Hall transfers have been very significant quantities of records from the Mayor's Office, the Board of Administration (Mayor's Office now runs from 1901 to the present; Board of Administration runs from the beginning of the office in 1956 to the present), the City Clerk's Office (1886 to 1971), City Council Minutes (1886 to 1949), Voter's Lists (1888 to 1972), Department of Finance and predecessors (1893 to the present), City Engineer and Board of Works (1890's to 1949), Department of Permits and Licences (dates unknown as yet), Fire Department (1929 to 1965; pending transfer of 1887 to 1928), Police Department (1890's to 1956), Parks and Recreation (1888 to 1960), Department of Welfare and Rehabilitation (dates unknown), Juvenile Detention Home (dates unknown) and others.

Significant private collections of additional manuscript materials have also been acquired: Canadian Women's Press Club, Archibald business papers, Municipal Chapter of the IODE, United Sheet Metal Workers International Local 280, Centennial Committee Scrapbooks, Art, Scientific and Historical Society, Goad's Insurance Atlases to 1959 (3 volumes missing), Bell-Irving family additional, and others, including the Architectural Institute of B.C. and B.C. Library Association. On the civic records the standard 30 year rule applies with some exceptions; some private collections are completely restricted.

During the first quarter of this year (1973), more than 650 researchers and visitors visited the archives of which approximately 125 were issued with research passes for the first time. The balance were regular users and the curious who wanted a tour of the new facilities - these were nearly equally divided. Telephone requests numbered 528 for the first quarter.

Effective 16 January 1973, R. Lynn Ogden became the new City Archivist replacing Robert Watt who had resigned in September 1972. Lynn was formerly at the Public Archives in Ottawa working on the National Business Archives Program in the Historical Branch. Subsequent appointments of two archival assistants were made: Mrs. Sheelagh Draper, acting archival assistant since October, 1971, was confirmed in the position of archival assistant effective February, 1973; Mr. Wm. 'Bill' McKee was appointed an archival assistant effective April, 1973; and, Mr. Michael Halleran, formerly acting assistant archivist left the city service on 30 March, 1973. The position of Records Manager (Assistant City Archivist) as of May,

1973 was not yet filled. There were 16 other appointments; permanent, volunteer, and LIP during the first quarter of 1973.

Arrangements are being made with the Faculty of Continuing Education at UBC to cooperate with the City Archives in offering a layman's introduction to archives as a number of groups and individuals have expressed an interest in such a basic training course.

PRAIRIE REGION

GLENBOW-ALBERTA INSTITUTE ARCHIVES. The Archives staff still numbers eight. Again the assistance of Local Initiative Programme workers has proved very valuable. During the six-month period from December 1 to May 31, seven students were employed in contacting businesses in the City for papers and historical data, conducting an oral history programme, sorting and processing manuscript and photographic collections, preparing inventories for publication and typing catalogue cards.

Some acquisitions of note include the following: records of the Calgary School Board dating from 1892; a significant collection of papers of the Home Oil Company; business and political papers of William Norman Smith, editor of United Farmers of Alberta and Western Farm Leader, 1919-1964, 8 linear feet; minute books and correspondence of Alberta Women's Liberal Association, 1937-1970; two glass plate negative collections, 150 in number, on pioneer activities in east central Alberta, c. 1899-1906; a considerable amount of material relating to the Mounted Police, including several sets of diaries, three major collections of photographs and papers and manuscripts of Supt. Burton Deane.

Expansion of use of Archives' facilities continues. The ensuing three years, because of the centennial of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police this year, the anniversary of their arrival in the West next year and Calgary's one hundredth birthday in 1975, are important historically, and Glenbow is becoming increasingly involved. Individuals, societies and communities are receiving assistance in their research and by use of photographs, while some of our own staff members are actively participating in certain projects. In addition, the numbers of University students in our reading room continues to grow.

Glenbow's new building has commenced and we are still hopeful that it will be completed in the fall of 1975 or early in 1976.

In the field of publication, the papers of N.W.M.P. Inspector W. Parker are in the hands of M.G. Hurtig, Publishers, 225 Birks Building, Edmonton, Alberta, and scheduled to appear later this year. The Peter Erasmus manuscript which is being prepared for publication by Mrs. Irene Spry is also well underway.