

- Collection St-Denys-Carneau, 2 bobines, 1927-1939
- Collection St-Sulpice, 7 bobines.

D'un Service qui n'avait à s'occuper que des archives du Secretariat général, il doit maintenant prendre en charge la documentation produite ou accumulée par tous les services, facultés ou départements existant à l'Université de Montréal.

Cet élargissement du rôle de notre service nous a obligé à mettre sur pied un cadre de classement sachant s'adapter à ces nouveaux besoins. Nous classons la documentation que nous recevons sous une cote propre à chaque unité qui a produit ou accumulé ces documents. La totalité de ces unités sont réparties selon trois (3) secteurs fonctionnels: 1° administration; 2° direction; 3° éducation.

Notre travail est encadré par un organisme dont le travail a commencé l'automne dernier, la Commission des archives qui détient son pouvoirs du Comité exécutif de l'Université. Cette commission fait de nos projets des politiques générales de l'Université ou des directives administratives spéciales. L'Archiviste de l'Université est secrétaire ex-officio de la Commission. Une telle disposition ne peut qu'assurer une efficacité plus grande de l'organisme.

Le Comité exécutif de l'Université a adopté quatre (4) règlements concernant les archives de l'Université. Nous considérons que ce début de réglementation est très important et que de telles décisions ne peuvent qu'aider la cause des archives de l'Université de Montréal.

Notre service qui a présentement ses locaux dans le pavillon de l'administration, déménagera en juillet prochain à l'immeuble principal. Nous y gagnerons tant au point de vue espace qu'au point de vue situation, car nous serons plus près de notre dépôt qui est déjà dans cet immeuble.

MARITIME REGION

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES. Recent accessions included a microfilm copy of the papers of Nathan Cohen, a Mount Allison graduate, prepared from the original papers in the Public Archives of Canada. Videotapes of selected "Fighting Words" telecasts were also obtained. The papers of W.T.R. Flemington, (1897-1971), President of Mount Allison University and Ombudsman for New Brunswick were acquired. Both sets of papers may only be used with permission of the families.

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES OF NEWFOUNDLAND. On May 16, 1972 the Government announced its approval in principle of a Provincial Archives plan to install a Records Management Program for the province. On December 13, 1972 a Minute of Council directed all departments of Government to turn over all inactive files to the Provincial Archives. Plans are now underway for the acquisition of the space and personnel necessary for the implementation and operation of this program.

On December 1, 1972 Premier Moores made public a White Paper on the organization of the Public Service of Newfoundland. As a result the Provincial Archives was moved from the Department of Provincial Affairs to a new Department of Tourism. These Archives form a section of the Historic Resources Division which also includes Historic Sites and Monuments, and Museums.

In 1972 the Provincial Archives began to apply the record group system to the arrangement of its holdings. All of the private groups and most of the government groups were organized on paper and their physical re-organization began in early 1973. The records which were originated by private sources have been arranged in eight groups (P1-P8) while, to date, thirty-three government groups have been created. The task to assemble the government groups is continuing.

During 1972, the first year for which statistics have been kept, 1600 research visits to the Archives were recorded.

PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Activity during the past calendar year has primarily been concerned with the organizational structure of the archives and the provision of a reference and research service.

Sixty accessions were received during the past year comprising a total of 250 linear feet. Government records have come from the Departments of Justice and the Attorney-General, Education, Health and the Provincial Secretary. The holdings of the Public Archives at the year's end totalled some 1500 linear feet.

Future programs call for the establishment of a small microfilm unit, upgraded storage facilities and the provision of a contact print and copy negative file. An expansion of the reference and research area is also anticipated.

The demand upon the archives research facilities increased consistently throughout 1972. A total of 562 registered research visits were recorded.

NEW BRUNSWICK PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES:

The Provincial Archives of New Brunswick has had a particularly busy year for the period 1972-1973 because of the increased demands placed upon its resources by the consequences of extensive spring flooding in the St. John River valley. The entire summer period was occupied in the restoration of millions of water-damaged records, while at the same time an attempt was made to continue the regular archival programs and service to the public. The crisis is now past, and the Archives has resumed its normal activities.

The consolidation of a growing number of holdings, and the refinement of existing classification systems have been staff objectives over the past year. The most important record group to receive attention has been the Legislative Assembly Papers, 1786-1900. The work on these papers, which will extend over several years, is aimed at creating a definitive classification of all items in the collection, in a manner which reflects their actual creation, rather than later storage systems which were found inadequate to the needs of historians and other researchers.

Recent acquisitions include:

Orders-In-Council, 1900-1963. The operational orders of the New Brunswick executive cabinet and one of the more important tools of government. Fully indexed, and unrestricted.

N.B. Cabinet Papers, 1882-1963. Includes supporting papers relative to decisions made and expressed in the Orders-In-Council. Due to the sensitive nature of many documents in the collection, it is restricted to all but those having written permission from the Clerk of the Executive Council.

Teachers' Training School and Teachers' College Papers, 1871-1969. Includes registers, example books, matriculation results, office files and photographs. Unrestricted.

I.O.D.E. Papers, 1900-1971. Includes minutes of Provincial and local bodies, membership lists, financial papers and papers relating to educational interests. Unrestricted.

The Provincial Archives issued several publications in the past year: The New Brunswick Census of 1851: Carleton County, New Brunswick, Canada (Fredericton, 1972). The second in a continuing series of genealogical aids being edited by the Archives staff. The text contains the names of all family members, ages, occupations and dates of arrival in New Brunswick. Eleven thousand entries, with appendices providing an historical outline of the county.

The Map Section of the Provincial Archives has now completed and distributed a folio entitled New Brunswick In Maps, 1742-1936. The folio contains ten maps and an information and question sheet for the maps designed to stimulate discussion in the classroom.

Work is now underway for publication of a report on map classification at the Provincial Archives, as well as a second folio dealing with "birds-eye views" of New Brunswick towns and cities.

WORTH REMEMBERING

Draft of a letter from A.G. Doughty, Dominion Archivist to his deputy minister, George F. O'Halloran in the Department of Agriculture. 30 December, 1908.

Dear Mr. O'Halloran,

Since the houses were removed in front of the Archives this building became overrun with mice, and often in the morning we found that the books and edges of papers had been destroyed. As this appeared to be a very serious matter and I had asked for some cats, but did not get them, I got the boy to bring three to the Archives. We seemed to be getting rid of the mice in this way, but it was necessary to feed the cats, and I have been obliged to take a pint of milk each morning for some time past. The man brought me the enclosed account to-day which I have paid, and I suppose we must continue to take milk for some time to come until we are sure that there are no more mice. I have no doubt that an account like this would cause a great deal of comment, and I do not care whether I am repaid or not. Anyhow I think I have simply done my duty in getting rid of the mice.

Yours faithfully,

A.G. Doughty,
Dominion Archivist.

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