

particular stress on the scientific aspect of archival studies as the basis of professional training and general archival education for research. The only way to work profitably as a professional archivist or other user of archives is by being conscious of the peculiarity of every group of archival records. Each body of records was created by a particular institution and organized according to the needs of bureaucratic memory. Each forms an organic whole of documents to be preserved in original order so as to maintain the exact historical significance and function of every document. The school at Rome has four chairs in the field of archival science:

- 1) Prof. Dr. Elio Zodolini: General archival theory, archives law and organization.
- 2) Prof. Dr. Donato Tamblé: History of archives since the ancient civilizations to modern times.
- 3) Dr. Maria Grazia Ruggiero: Archives and institutions of the Papal State.
- 4) Dr. Paola Carucci: Archives and institutions of the Italian State.

There are two chairs in complementary fields:

- 1) Prof. Maria Luisa Lombardo: Palaeography (documental Latin handwriting).
- 2) Dr. Enzo Franco: Diplomatics (with special reference to Papal records).

The school also offers instruction in heraldry, chronology, numismatics, information science, restoration, and bibliography. Teachers are members of the staff of the state archives; some of them are also university professors. Younger archivists are assistants in the school.

The School of Archival Science of Rome has been in operation for 106 years. The average total attendance in the last few years has exceeded one hundred students (in 1983-84 there were seventy students in the first year and thirty-eight in the second). The importance of the school is widely acknowledged in Italy. The academic year — which is always inaugurated by a lecture by a distinguished scholar — was opened by the Prime Minister of Italy in 1981 and the Minister for Cultural Property in 1983.

Applicants Sought for Position of Archivist of Nova Scotia

The Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia announce with regret the resignation of the Archivist, Dr. Phyllis Blakeley, effective 1 April 1985.

Applications are invited for the position. They should be accompanied by a *curriculum vitae* and the names of at least two referees and should reach Halifax by 30 June 1985. They can be addressed
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The appointment would be effective as of 1 January 1986. Salary will be commensurate with age and experience.