

## Addenda

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA LIBRARY, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DIVISION: The Library, Special Collections Division, appointed an historical manuscripts librarian, Mrs. Judy Combs, in September, 1970, and a university archivist, Mrs. Laurenda Daniells, in August, 1970. The Special Collections Division has held a substantial manuscripts collection and a collection of UBC archival materials for some years. The expansion of staff should allow for greater activity in appraising, transferring and inventorying of both the official records of the University and historical manuscripts material. Notable accessions: Manuscript Division: Amalgamated Transit Union, Vancouver and New Westminster, records; Rev. George Forbes, O.M.I., papers. University Archives: Rose, William John papers, 1893-1968; Senate meetings of the University of British Columbia are now being recorded on tape. These are being deposited in the Archives.

### MANITOBA

PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES: Manitoba's centennial celebrations made 1970 the busiest and most diversely eventful twelve months the Provincial Archives has ever experienced. Even in respect to governmental organization there was much action, for the year began with the Provincial Library and Archives a responsibility of the Minister of Youth and Education; in March, they were transferred to the Minister of Cultural Affairs; while in November, the Department of Cultural Affairs was incorporated into the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

Because of the Centennial reference demands on the Archives by correspondence, telephone call and personal visit reached an unequalled volume, particularly in respect to the photograph collection, use of which increased by over 40%. Also the Archives staff became involved in many of the conferences held in Winnipeg during the year, particularly the Annual Meetings of the Canadian Historical Association, the second North American Fur Trade Conference, and the Canadian Conference on Historical Resources. In addition, the Royal Tour, the Conference of Provincial Premiers, the Centennial Photograph Contest, The Farm of the Century Contest and research undertaken for the Historic Sites Advisory Board provided unusual and extraordinary work, the like of which will probably not occur until 2070.

A portable display of historical illustrations was loaned to twenty schools and church organizations.

Nevertheless, the finding aid to a manuscript collection of major significance, the papers of Premier Thomas Greenway (1888-1900) was completed by Miss E. A. Blight, Assistant Archivist, before the year ended.

Major accessions included the papers of Marc Amable Girard, the first premier of Manitoba within any meaningful interpretation of responsible government and the only franco-canadian premier in the province's history; and the opening of the long-sealed papers of Sir John Christian Schultz, which fortunately proved to contain materials of considerable value.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Eric Wells of Winnipeg, the Archives was permitted to microfilm a diary kept by Louis Riel from March to May, 1885, which apparently disappeared in the summer of 1885 until it was mysteriously rediscovered in April, 1970. Also the Rev. Fr. Leo Couture, rector of St. Norbert, kindly permitted the Archives to microfilm the original journal kept by the Rev. N. J. Ritchot during the negotiations at Ottawa in 1870 for Manitoba's entry into Confederation. For a number of years, the original journal was believed to have been destroyed when the St. Norbert rectory burnt some years ago. Fortunately this rumour proved to be untrue.

The Centennial Year concluded on an encouraging note for the future of the Provincial Archives in Manitoba's second century. The Provincial Government purchased the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium and announced its intention to remodel the structure as the Provincial Library and Archives Building. Pending the completion of this conversion, the Archives will remain in the Legislative Building, where they have always been located.

ARCHIVES OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND: Since 1959 the Archives of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land have been deposited in the Provincial Library and Archives of Manitoba. The collection includes a small manuscript collection, some photographic material and a library containing both general historical works on western Canada and a series of scarce and important periodicals and printed church reports.

Dr. T. C. B. Boon who had served as Archivist since 1947 resigned in 1970, and at the Synod of the Province of Rupert's Land meeting at Regina on December 1, 2 and 3, 1970, John A. Bovey, Provincial Archivist of Manitoba, was appointed Archivist of the Ecclesiastical Province, and the Very Reverend D. J. Carter, Dean of Calgary, was designated Assistant to the Archivist.

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#### ACADIENSIS

#### Journal of the History of the Atlantic Region

Acadiensis will be a scholarly journal designed to further the study and recover the past of the Atlantic Region, and will concentrate upon the geographical area roughly defined as "Old Acadia". The Journal will publish articles in English and French, and will be issued biannually by the University of New Brunswick. The first number will appear in Fall 1971.

The Journal hopes to run a series of articles on Atlantic Region archival resources and a regional checklist of publications.

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