

# REPORT

of the

## Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia

For the Year 1969



HALIFAX, N. S.

# Report of the Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia

For the year 1969

To His Honour

The Honourable Victor deB. Oland, V.D.,

Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia

May it please Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit the report of the Provincial Archivist to the Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year 1969, together with a statement of receipts and disbursements for the period April 1st, 1969, to March 31st, 1970.

Respectfully submitted,

G. I. SMITH

Premier

# Board of Trustees

## Public Archives of Nova Scotia

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Provincial Archivist

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# Report of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia

For the Year 1969

The Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia  
Gentlemen:

I have the honour to present the annual report of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year 1969.

Precisely thirty-nine years ago — on January 14, 1931 — the Archives Building was officially opened. During the next thirty years the three storeys above ground were put into the most effective use and the space allocated for records and books was almost crammed to capacity. At a time when additional space was urgently required, the basement of the building was finished in 1961-62. The bindery was moved into it. Newspapers, books, maps, and records are stored in it. Pictures are mounted or framed in it; quarterlies are bound and books are repaired in it; and new accessions of archival materials are cleaned and sorted there.

Manuscripts are now being stored not only in the Manuscript Room on the third floor, but also on the ground floor, and in the basement. The Manuscript Room, having a floor-space of 1,540 square feet, is filled; the area on the ground floor now being used for manuscripts, having a floor-space of 1,345 square feet, is about three-fifths filled; and the area in the basement for manuscripts which is about 1,440 square feet is almost entirely filled. The total area now reserved for manuscripts is about 4,325 square feet.

Books are now deposited not only in the Library on the third floor, but also in the basement. The Library, with an area of 1,540 square feet, has little available unused space, and there is no room for further expansion in the basement.

Newspapers are stored on the ground floor and in the basement in approximately equal areas totalling 2,000 square feet. Only about 50 square feet in each area is still unfilled. The Newspaper Room on the ground floor, in which visitors may read newspapers, has an area of about 350 square feet, with desks for fourteen persons.

The Reading Room on the third floor for persons using manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and maps has an area of 1,696 square feet. It now has desks for twenty persons.

Consideration should be given to the question of extra space for archival materials and steps should be taken to provide additional



chairs and desks for researchers. As the materials increase in volume the researchers increase in number.

Several articles of furnishing and equipment were purchased in the year 1969. These include steel shelves for the basement and the ground floor, four cabinets for microfilm, an adding machine, a typewriter, and a case for maps.

At the end of the year Mrs. W. A. Bernard resigned from the position of Research Assistant and Mr. Allan Dunlop was assigned to employment in a similar capacity.

During the year Municipal Financial Statements for 1954-1962 were transferred from the Department of Municipal Affairs to the Archives Building. Correspondence of the Department of Agriculture for 1963 was obtained, and Volume RE 43, the correspondence of the Commanding Royal Engineer in Nova Scotia for 1853-1856, was received from the Nova Scotia Museum.

A considerable volume of other manuscripts was collected from other places. One interesting acquisition is the Riddell Manuscript, which is a set of three volumes entitled "The Baronetage of Nova Scotia and of Scotlant". It was presented by Mrs. W. G. Constable of Perthshire, Scotland. Correspondence and other papers of the Miller family of Bridgewater were obtained from Mr. McGrigor Miller, of Bridgewater, and his sister, Mrs. Gordon McKee. The literary manuscripts of the late Miss Norma Smith, of Halifax, were received from the estate of Miss Lillie Mitchell, of Halifax. The Minutes of the Meetings of the Directors of the Halifax Boys' Club for 1902-1908 were procured from Misses Agnes and Mary Hattie of Halifax. Papers of the late Hon. Michael Dwyer were obtained from Mrs. Dwyer, of New Glasgow. Other accessions include an account book of Edward DeWolf of Horton for the years 1794-1802, account books and ledgers of J. W. Hadley, of Guysborough, for the years 1848-1855, account books and ledgers of A. J. O. Maguire, of Guysborough, for the years 1883-1890, and records of the Guysborough Packet Service for 1850-52, 1855-68, and 1877-83. Genealogical charts of the Churchill, Creaser, Langille, MacPherson, McQuarrie, and Ross families were also received. In addition two volumes of handwritten copies of the letters of Bishop John Inglis to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel for the years 1808 to 1849 were presented by Mr. C. E. Thomas, of Halifax, N. S.

A variety of printed matter was also acquired by donation or purchase. Included were The Bulletins of the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union for the years 1927 to 1945, *The Academy* of Pictou Academy for 1924-25 and 1928-29, the Year Books of St. Paul's Parish, Halifax, N. S., for 1898, 1899, and 1900, and material relating to the Canada Summer Games which were held in Halifax in 1969.

During the year the library received 328 books, 107 pamphlets, 225 periodicals, including annual reports of municipalities, and 32 miscellaneous items. It now contains approximately 30,000 volumes.

Substantial additions have been made to the collection of microfilms. The largest number of rolls so far obtained in one year was acquired in 1969. It includes 1,566 rolls of positive microfilm and 199 rolls of negative microfilm.

1,250 of these 1,765 rolls of microfilm are photographs of records in the registries of deeds and probate in Halifax, Hants, Kings, and Lunenburg Counties. 54 are records of churches, including St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat, St. John's Anglican Church, Baddeck, Anglican Parish Records of Bedford, St. George's Anglican Church, Cape La Ronde, St. John's Anglican Church, Cornwallis, Fort Massey Church, Halifax, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Basilica, Halifax, St. Jame's Anglican Church, Kentville, Zion United Church, Lunenburg, Trinity United Church, Oxford, St. John's Anglican Church, Sackville, St. Andrew's United Church, Sydney, and Trinity Anglican Church, Sydney Mines, as well as early records of Beaubassin, Records of Camp Hill Cemetery, Anglican Records of Kennetcook and New Ross, and United Church Records of North East Harbour, Clyde, and Port La Tour. Other rolls contain biographical or miscellaneous information.

Two hundred sixty-eight rolls, comprising of 166 rolls of positive microfilm and 102 rolls of negative microfilms, contain reproductions of newspapers. These include *The Acadian Recorder* for 1837-38, 1869-70, 1872-79, 1895, 1899, and 1911; *The British Colonist*, 1848-59; *Cape Breton Post*, January-December, 1968; *The Chronicle-Herald*, October-December, 1968, and January-October, 1969; *The Daily Echo*, January-May, 1893; *The Free Lance*, 1906-08, 1910-24, and 1927; *The Guysborough Times*, April 20-June 22, 1911; *The Halifax Herald*, October 1-December 6, 1901, July 3-October 6 and December 6-December 31, 1909, January 1-December 31, 1928, and April 1-September 30, 1929; *The Halifax Journal*, 1788-1817; *The Liverpool Advance*, January-April, 1905; *The Mail-Star*, November-December, 1968 and January-November, 1969; *The Middleton Outlook*, 1904-1920; *The Morning Chronicle*, August 16-December 30, 1905; *The Presbyterian Witness*, 1848-1925; *The Register*, 1904-16, 1918, 1922, 1924-33, 1935-37, January 3, 1963-December 31, 1964; and *The Shelburne Coast Guard*, 1918-53, November-December, 1958, 1962-67, and February-December, 1968.

Records of the Maritime School of Social Work for 1941-62 were also photographed in 1969. Other materials which were similarly reproduced include the diary of Melvin S. Huntington of Louisbourg, 1905-61; Minutes of the Council of Public Instruction, 1864-1949; Minutes of the Halifax Board of School Commissioners, 1865-1969; and Shipping Registers of Maitland, Hants County, 1874-1923.

Additions continue to be made to the collection of newspapers. Current issues were received of *The Advance*, *The Advertiser*, *The Bridgewater Bulletin*, *The Canso Breeze*, *The Cape Breton Highlander*, *Cape Breton Post*, *The Casket*, *The Coast Guard*, *Cornwallis Ensign*, *The Dartmouth Free Press*, *Dialogue*, *The Greenwood Argus*,



*Halifax Suburban Mirror*, *The Hants Journal*, *The Light Herald*, *The Maritime Co-operator*, *The Monitor*, *The Petit Courrier*, *The Pictou Advocate*, *Progress Enterprise*, *The Register*, *The Spectator*, *The Truro Weekly News*, *Twin Cities Review*, *The Vanguard* and the *Valley Outlook*. Also received during the year were *The Truro Daily News* for 1945, 1950-51, and 1955 and 38 issues of *The Yarmouth Telegram*.

One hundred and forty maps were acquired during the year. These include a number of geological and topographical maps of the Province and the Counties of Nova Scotia, James Cook's Plan of Halifax and Vicinity, 1758-59, and a map of the Mira River and Louisbourg areas, 1738.

Three hundred and ninety pictures were obtained in the year 1969. Among these pictures are two landscapes of the Ellerhouse area by Lewis E. Smith, a painting of the Barque *Lalia*, a crayon sketch of Cape Porcupine, photographs of the Round House and of the Docks at Point Tupper about the time of World War 1, and a collection of photographs of Nova Scotian scenes. A miniature of Maria Morris was also received.

A number of topical and special displays were exhibited. One illustrated Nova Scotia's Micmac tradition. Others depicted the *Bluenose* and the *Titanic*, Oak Island, Springhill, and Stage Coach Days. Cameos of the Gilpin family and sketches by Wendell Lawson were also shown.

Several meetings were held in the Archives Building during the year. Members of the executive of the Nova Scotia Branch of the Canadian Authors Association met in it on January 6th, members of the executive of the Nova Scotia Historical Society met in it on February 14th and October 21st, and members of the executive of the Canadian Club of Halifax met in it on February 19th. Meetings of the Nova Scotia Historical Society were held in the building on February 14th and March 20th, and the Nova Scotia Branch of the Canadian Authors Association held a meeting in it on March 29th.

There were 80 conducted tours of the building in 1969. In addition to more than three thousand four hundred registered visitors, 5,212 persons were assisted in the use of 9,361 books, 6,371 manuscripts, 2,404 newspapers, 3,899 microfilms, 1,448 maps, and 1,600 pictures.

During the year I attended a number of meetings and gave a number of addresses. I read two papers at meetings of the Nova Scotia Historical Society, one entitled "Ambrose F. Church and His Maps" on February 14th and the other entitled "Pre-Revolutionary Settlements in Nova Scotia" on December 5th. I dealt with notable Nova Scotians at a meeting of the Halifax Gyro Club on April 21st, with historic buildings on May 10th, with names, nicknames, symbols, and ceremonies at a meeting of the Canadian Association of Social and Preventive Medicine in Hubbards on May 24th with early settlements in Nova Scotia at a meeting of the Dartmouth Museum Society

on October 9th, and with the World Conference on Records in 1969 at a meeting held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Dartmouth on December 12th. I also gave several talks on television — one in Halifax on April 1st on the subject of place-names of Nova Scotia, another in Halifax on September 4th on the World Conference on Records, another in Halifax on October 7th on the Baronets of Nova Scotia, and another in Sydney on October 10th on the Public Archives of Nova Scotia. To the members of a class concerned with fundamentals in writing, which was held in Halifax under the auspices of the division of Adult Education, I gave an address on the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

On the occasion of the opening of York Redoubt National Historic Site on June 7th, I delivered an address on the significance of the site. Two days later I gave an address on museums at the opening of the new Yarmouth Historical Society building. I was present at the opening of the Governor's Wing of the Chateau St. Louis, Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Park, on September 8th and I unveiled the Boularderie memorial at Alder Point on September 20th.

At the World Conference on Records in Salt Lake City, August 5-8, 1969, I gave a lecture on Pre-Revolutionary Settlements in Nova Scotia and I participated in two panel discussions, one on archives, the other on genealogy. Under the auspices of The Association of Canadian Clubs, moreover, I discussed the topic of Maritime Union at meetings of the Canadian Clubs in St. Stephen, St. Andrews, and Fredericton, on October 27th, 28th, and 29th, respectively.

My article entitled "The Status of Sable Island" appeared in *Journal of Education*, Volume 18, Number 2, May-June 1969. Another article of mine, dealing with the origin of ice hockey, was printed in *The Chronicle-Herald*, of August 2, 1969. Moreover, five biographies, written by me, were included in *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, Volume II, which was published in 1969.

Appendix A is a list of donors for the year 1969.

Appendix B is a description of Nova Scotia which was written in 1782.

Appendix C comprises two Letters Patent of Prince Edward Island of 1851 for Abraham Gesner in connection with illuminating gas or kerosene.

A statement of the receipts and disbursements for the financial period to the end of December, 1969, with a statement of estimated revenue and expenditure from January 1st, 1970, to March 31st, 1970, will be found below.

Respectfully submitted,

C. BRUCE FERGUSON  
Provincial Archivist



## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year ended March 31, 1970

## RECEIPTS

Balance on hand April 1, 1969 .....		\$ 1,253.64
Government of Nova Scotia .....	\$ 95,000.00	
Sales of publications, etc .....	3,959.54	98,959.54

## DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries .....	\$ 81,635.25	
Printing .....	253.05	
Furnishing and Equipment .....	1,938.77	
Microfilming .....	3,876.81	
Maintenance & Expenses of Building ....	1,014.65	
Office Supplies .....	1,743.95	
Library & Manuscript Room .....	1,613.12	
Bindery .....	556.41	
Purchases, Archival Material .....	1,028.56	
Transfer & Express .....	155.39	
Sundry Expenses .....	497.37	
	<u>\$ 94,313.33</u>	
Balance on hand, March 31, 1970 .....	5,899.85	
	<u><u>\$100,213.18</u></u>	<u><u>\$100,213.18</u></u>

For and on behalf of

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF  
NOVA SCOTIA.

C. Bruce Fergusson, Provincial Archivist

Winifred McFatridge, Secretary

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the records of Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year ended March 31, 1970, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we required.

We hereby certify that the above statement is a true and correct summary of the receipts and disbursements for the said year, and that the balance shown as on hand and in the bank has been verified.

H. H. Veno & Company  
Chartered Accountants.

Halifax, N. S.  
April 10, 1970.

## APPENDIX A

Aikens, Mr. H. E., New Glasgow, N. S.  
Ambrose, Mrs. C. M., Halifax, N. S.  
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass.  
Appleton, Mrs. E. V., Ottawa, Ontario.  
Archives of Quebec, Quebec  
Armstrong, Mr. David M., Halifax, N. S.  
Arnell, Mr. J. C., Ottawa.  
Arsenault, Mr. F. J., Fredericton, N. B.  
Association of Nova Scotia Land Surveyors, Halifax, N. S.  
Aston, Mrs. Edgar K., Dartmouth, N. S.  
Atlantic Development Board, Ottawa.  
Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, Halifax, N. S.  
Atlantic Provinces Numismatic Association, Halifax, N. S.  
Backman, Advertising Ltd., Halifax, N. S.  
Baker, Mr. James, R., Rockingham, N. S.  
Barret, Mr. M., Truro, N. S.  
Barry, Mr. D. A., Antigonish, N. S.  
Bates, Mr. George T., Halifax, N. S.  
Bearisto, Mr. H. K., Vernon, B. C.  
Blakeley, Miss Phyllis, Halifax, N. S.  
Blakeley, Miss Shirley, Halifax, N. S.  
Blakeney, Mr. Ronald G., Purcell's Cove Road, Armdale, N. S.  
Bonar, Mr. James C., Montreal  
Boswell, Mrs. M. L., Halifax, N. S.  
Boucher, Prof. M., Pretoria, South Africa  
Boyd, Mr. D., Halifax, N. S.  
Bridgetown Town Council, Bridgetown, N. S.  
Bridgewater Town Clerk, Bridgewater, N. S.  
British Town Council, Ottawa  
Burgess, Mr. Ross, Middleton, N. S.  
The Canada Council, Ottawa  
Canadian Red Cross Society, Halifax, N. S.  
Catholic Information Centre, Yarmouth, N. S.  
Chard, Mr. E. J., Toronto  
Christie, Miss Janet S., Amherst, N. S.  
Christie, Mrs. R. T., Windsor, N. S.  
City Hall, Halifax, N. S.  
Clark, Mr. F. C., Westminster, B. C.  
Confederation Art Gallery, Charlottetown, P. E. I.  
Cossette, Mrs. E. Putnam, New Jersey, U.S.A.  
Creaser, Mr. Borden, Bridgewater, N. S.  
Creighton, G. W. I., Halifax, N. S.  
Crockett, Miss Helen, Hopewell, N. S.  
Crowe, Mrs. J., Truro, N. S.  
Crowell, Dr. Harvey E., Halifax, N. S.  
Culture, Quebec  
Dartmouth Boys Club, Dartmouth, N. S.  
Dartmouth City Council, Dartmouth, N. S.  
Dartmouth Heritage Museum, Dartmouth, N. S.



Department of Education, Halifax, N. S.  
Department of Energy, Mines & Resources, Ottawa  
Department of Fisheries, Halifax, N. S.  
Department of Indian Affairs & Northern Development, Ottawa  
Department of Labour, Halifax, N. S.  
Department of Lands & Forests, Truro, N. S.  
Department of Mines & Resources, Halifax, N. S.  
Department of National Defense, Halifax, N. S.  
Department of Provincial Secretary, Halifax, N. S.  
Department of Public Welfare, Halifax, N. S.  
Department of Trade & Industry, Halifax, N. S.  
d'Entremont, Father C. J., Fairhaven, Mass., U.S.A.  
Dickie, Rev. G. M., Oregon, U.S.A.  
Digby Town Council, Digby, N. S.  
Dudka, Mr. Wm., Stellarton, N. S.  
Durrant, Mr. S. G., Moncton, N. B.  
Eaton, Mr. E. L., Upper Canard, N. S.  
Embree, Mr. J. L., Armdale, N. S.  
Emergency Measures Organization, Halifax, N. S.  
Estate of Mrs. A. Ells, Halifax, N. S.  
Estate of Daniel M. Owen, Lunenburg, N. S.  
Family & Children's Services of Hants Co., Windsor, N. S.  
Fancy, Mrs. Lillian P., Elderbank, N. S.  
Fergusson, Dr. C. Bruce, Halifax, N. S.  
Fisheries Training Centre, Pictou, N. S.  
Fralic, Mrs. Blanche, Western Shore, Lunenburg County, N. S.  
Fraser, Professor Duncan, Wolfville, N. S.  
Gates, Mrs. C. E., Hubbards, N. S.  
Genealogical Society, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.  
Gesner, Mrs. W. H., Sydney, N. S.  
Gibson, Mrs. Stewart L., Halifax, N. S.  
Gillis, Mr. L. S., Town Clerk, New Waterford, N. S.  
Goddard, Mrs. H. F., Dartmouth, N. S.  
Gordon, Mrs. R. G., Halifax, N. S.  
Government of Canada, Ottawa  
Graves, Mr. Ross, Upper Stewiacke, N. S.  
Halifax Coin Club, Halifax, N. S.  
Halifax Herald and Mail Star, Halifax, N. S.  
Harriet Irving Library, Fredericton, N. B.  
Hartling, Mr. A. E. J., Toronto, Ontario  
Hattie, Misses Agnes and Mary, Halifax, N. S.  
Hays, Miss Ina, Wolfville, N. S.  
Hebb, Mr. W. E., Middleton, N. S.  
Henderson, Mr. T. G., Stellarton, N. S.  
H. M. C. Dockyard, Halifax, N. S.  
Holloway, Miss Rose M., Toronto, Ontario  
Hubley, Mr. Otto R., Halifax, N. S.  
Huguenot Society of Canada, Brantford, Ontario  
Industrial Estates Limited, Halifax, N. S.  
Inglis, Judge R. E., Halifax, N. S.  
Institute of Historical Research, London, England

Institute of Public Affairs, Dalhousie University, Halifax, N. S.  
Jackson, Mr. H. P., New Jersey, U.S.A.  
Janson, Dr. Sara A., Chicago, U.S.A.  
Kelly, Miss Kathleen, California, U.S.A.  
Kendall, Mr. R., Sydney, N. S.  
Kirkconnell, Dr. Watson, Wolfville, N. S.  
Knockwood, Mr. Stephen, Micmac, Hants Co., N. S.  
Langford, Mr. E. L., Vancouver, B. C.  
Langley, Dr. G. R., Halifax, N. S.  
Lawson Memorial Library, London, Ontario  
Layton, Mr. M. F., Vancouver, B. C.  
Leavitt, Mrs. F., Armdale, N. S.  
Leger, Mr. P. A., Halifax, N. S.  
Legislative Library, Fredericton, N. B.  
Local Council of Women, Halifax, N. S.  
Long Island Historical Society, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Lunenburg Town Council, Lunenburg, N. S.  
MacDonald, Mr. Finlay E., Halifax, N. S.  
McDormand, Dr. Thomas B., Saint John, N. B.  
McFarlane, Mrs. A. S., Halifax, N. S.  
McGivern, Rev. James S., Willowdale, Ontario  
MacLellan, Mr. S. L., Amherst, N. S.  
MacLeod, Mr. Albert M., Sydney, N. S.  
MacLeod, Mr. Allister, Mahone Bay, N. S.  
MacNeil, Mr. L. C., Town Clerk, Antigonish, N. S.  
MacQuarrie, Mr. John R., Pugwash, N. S.  
Maine Historical Society, Portland, Maine, U.S.A.  
Maritime Union Study, Fredericton, N. B.  
Martin, Mr. J. Lynton, Halifax, N. S.  
Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, U.S.A.  
Medical Society of Nova Scotia, Halifax, N. S.  
Middleton Town Council, Middleton, N. S.  
Mingo, Mrs. W. E., Halifax, N. S.  
Mitchell, Mr. Ian M., Chester, N. S.  
Mitchell, Mrs. N. C., Halifax, N. S.  
Mitchell, Capt. R. B., Halifax, N. S.  
Morwick, Miss M. B., Town Clerk, Parrsboro, N. S.  
Mullock, Mr. V., Halifax, N. S.  
Municipal Clerk & Treasurer, Kentville, N. S.  
Municipal Clerk, Truro, N. S.  
Municipal Town Clerk, Annapolis Royal, N. S.  
Municipal Town Clerk, Barrington, N. S.  
Municipality of the County of Cape Breton, Sydney, N. S.  
Municipality of the County of Halifax, Halifax, N. S.  
Municipality of the County of Pictou, Pictou, N. S.  
Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, Lunenburg, N. S.  
Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, Yarmouth, N. S.  
Municipality of East Hants, Shubenacadie, N. S.  
New Brunswick Museum, Fredericton, N. B.  
Newfoundland Archives, St. John's, Newfoundland  
New Glasgow Town Clerk, New Glasgow, N. S.



New Waterford Town Council, New Waterford, N. S.  
New Writing Club, Dartmouth, N. S.  
New York Historical Society, New York, U.S.A.  
North Sydney Town Clerk, North Sydney, N. S.  
Nova Scotia Government, Halifax, N. S.  
Nova Scotia Eastern Institute of Technology, Sydney, N. S.  
Nova Scotia Land Survey Institute, Lawrencetown, Annapolis, Co.,  
N.S.  
Nova Scotia Legislative Library, Halifax, N. S.  
Nova Scotia Liberal Association, Halifax, N. S.  
Nova Scotia Museum, Halifax, N. S.  
Nova Scotia Research Foundation, Dartmouth, N. S.  
Nova Scotia Technical College, Halifax, N. S.  
O'Brien, Mr. James E., Windsor, N. S.  
Oliver, Rev. W. P., Halifax, N. S.  
Ontario Historical Society, Waterloo, Ontario  
Ontario Land Reform Commission, Toronto, Ontario  
Parker, Mrs. Helen, Dartmouth, N. S.  
Parker, Mr. S. M., Truro, N. S.  
Pictou Town Council, Pictou, N. S.  
Provincial Museum & Archives, Edmonton, Alberta  
Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa  
Public Service Commission, Halifax, N. S.  
Punch, Mr. Terrence M., Halifax, N. S.  
Purdy, Capt. B. E., Halifax, N. S.  
Ralston, Mrs. Stuart B., Montreal  
Rowlings, Mrs. P. A., Boulderwood, N. S.  
Sargent, Mr. Charles H., Jr., Greenwood, Mass., U.S.A.  
Saskatchewan Archives Board, Regina, Sask.  
Scotian Railroad Society, Armdale, N. S.  
Scott, Mr. S. Morley, Vancouver, B. C.  
Shand, Miss G. V., Windsor, N. S.  
Shelburne Town Council, Shelburne, N. S.  
Sinclair, Dr. D. M., Halifax, N. S.  
Skinner, Miss K. W., Halifax, N. S.  
Smiley, Mrs. B. G., Beaverbank, N. S.  
Smith, Miss Edna, Rockingham, N. S.  
Smith, Premier G. I., Halifax, N. S.  
Snook, Mr. D. M., Amherst, N. S.  
Soulsby, Mrs. H. W. S., Victoria, B. C.  
Stanford, Mrs. J. A., Pentz, Lunenburg, N. S.  
State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.A.  
Stellarton Town Council, Stellarton, N. S.  
Sutherland, Mr. J. R. H., New Glasgow, N. S.  
Swetman, Mr. Ralph V., Halifax, N. S.  
Sydney City Council, Sydney, N. S.  
Tallman, Mr. R. S., Canning, N. S.  
Thibeau, Rev. J. C., Yarmouth, N. S.  
Thierman, Miss Lois Mary, Swift Current, Saskatchewan  
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Thomson, Mr. A. B., Bridgewater, N. S.

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United Baptist Convention of the Atlantic Provinces, Saint John, N. B.  
University Grants Committee, Halifax, N. S.  
University of London, England  
University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario  
Van Burk, Mrs. John D., Cambridge, N. S.  
Voluntary Planning Board, Halifax, N. S.  
Wainwright, Rev. K., Porter's Lake, Halifax Co., N. S.  
Warner, Mr. C. W., Halifax, N. S.  
Watson, Mr. Henry, Wolfville, N. S.  
The Welfare Council, Halifax-Dartmouth Area, Halifax, N. S.  
Wilson, Lieut. Commander, D. K., U.S.N., Halifax, N. S.  
Windsor Town Council, Windsor, N. S.  
Women's Institute, Five Islands, N. S.  
Woodbury, Mrs. Wm. W., Halifax, N. S.  
Wright, Mrs. Edward P., Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, U.S.A.



## APPENDIX B

A Description of the nature and Kind of the Lands &es in Nova Scotia, with a brief account of its Produce and advantages and Number of Inhabitants &e &e &e —

The Province is Surrounded with a great Number of Bays Harbours — and Rivers — the greater part of which are capable of receiving Ships of any Burthen and Several considerable Rivers — which are navigable for vessells of one hundred tons — and upwards discharge themselves into the Bay of Fundy —

The Banks of which Rivers in many places consist of low, flat lands, formed by a rich Oze or mud brought on by the Tides and which becomes soon firm and hard, So as to produce a flat Grass which grows to the height of five feet.

These flat lands are called marshes — and are overflowed at Spring Tides only, which sometimes happen at the Change and sometimes at the full moon, by two feet and two feet and half of water — The Grass, which grows on these Marshes, if mowed and Saved in proper time makes very good fodder for all sorts of Cattle, and yields from one and a half to two Tons of Hay per acre —

Sea Banks or dykes render these lands very profitable, the grass changes naturally and yields the best of Hay — The greatest dimensions of these Sea Banks — when raised on the lowest land — is nine feet base and about five feet high — The drains required are of about two and a half feet in depth, and at about four or five rods distance —

These lands will in two years after they are inclosed and drained be fit for ploughing and produce. Wheat - Barley - Rye - oats - Peas - Beans - Flax and all kinds of Grains —

White Clover is natural to these lands — when drained, also yaws — Vetches or any other English Grass —

Amazing great Crops — have been raised on these Marshes — but the common produce is from twenty to twenty five brushels of wheat pr acre, and in proportion of other Grain — and will without, allowing manure they never require, yield at that rate for four or five years Successively by changing the Crop, and if at any time the owner chuses to sow red clover, with the grain, it will yield considerably the ensuing year — and so continue for several years without any other or further trouble —

The Oze, or mud being Either dug, on the banks of these Rivers, or in these Marshes and carried on the Upland will answer the end of Marle, of which Experiments have been made, and in such Cases no other manure is required for the raising either grain or grass —

The upland is in general very good, and better than in the Neighbouring Provinces, they Naturally produce White Clover, as soon as cleared, and with proper tillage will produce, Wheat, Barley,

Oats, Rye, Peas, Buck wheat Beans, hemp — and Flax, besides all manner of Roots, and Vegetables, in the greatest perfection and also fruit of many kinds such as apples, pears, plumbs, of which there are abundance of Orchards in every part in great perfection.

Wheat and Rye, Sowed in the Fall of the year on lands, Sheltered, So as to retain the Snow, Yield Extrordinary good crops —

This Province is Exceedingly well timbered, both for Shipping and building.

The black birch, and maple, which grow in great plenty, and very large are deemed Equal to Oak for Ship building —

The advantageous, situation of these lands on navigable Rivers furnishes the means of carrying on a very profitable trade, which may be much improved, and Employ a number of people as well as Vessells —

The Woods abound in Game, there are a great number of Moose and Caribou Dear, &ea with a variety of the feather'd kind —

The Rivers also afford plenty of wild fowl Such as Geese, Brants, Ducks, and Teal —

As for Fish there is no part of the known world that affords a greater plenty. as well along the Coast from Cape Sable to the River Saint Lawrence as within the Bay of Fundy — and the Rivers which branch therefrom —

The cod and MacKarell fishery is carried on in time of peace — with great advantage all along the Coast on the Atlantic, and in Summer, many of the Harbours are full of Salmon —

In the Rivers within the Bay of Fundy are abundance of Salmon also, and Shad, Bass, Eels, Smelts, and alewives — and in the Spring and Fall cod also, So that an Industrious farmer may without much trouble or loss of time Supply his family with fish for the whole year and sell quantities —

The Shad in particular which is caught in wears, is in such abundance in June and July, that a person properly provided with Barrels and Salt, may catch as many as he pleases — with very little assistance, this fish is found so profitable and palatable withall that two Barrels of them are found to Exceed in a familly the meat in a Barrel of Pork —

The Several fine Streams of water, admit of Errecting both Grist and Saw Mills — and the timber is so handy that tis brought to the Mill with little trouble, and the Vessells take in the Bourds &ea in the same manner —

The River St. John Situated on the north side of the Bay of Fundy is settled near — a hundred miles up — instead of marshes — there are on this River great tracts of fine interval land — in which grow wheat, peas, Hemp, Indian Corn and plenty of Hay —



The lands on the River are in General good, and intermixed with the interval — Fine timber for masts &ea

Quantities of Lime Stone handy for Shipping, and of a very good Kind —

The Climate of this Province is very healthy — The spring Summer and Fall are very pleasant, and tho' the Winter's seem long — Yet they are advantagious to the husbandman, for hawling home on the Snow, Fire wood and Fencing poles — The Snow is Generally off the ground by the latter End of march — which gives a Sufficient time to Sowe the lands, which are commonly ploughed ready in the fall

The Winter Sets in December —

This Province produces, the best of Strong Servicable Horses — and quantities of Cattle — with — every other article for carrying on a trade to the West India Islands with great advantage — for which its Several Ports, Harbours and Rivers are most conveniently situated —

There are several Inhabitants settled in the road leading from Halifax to Windsor — and from Windsor to Annapolis Royal — which by clearing the Woods have very good farms —

The land from the distance of about Twelve Miles from Halifax is very fit for tillage, or grass land, there people raise Grains for their Subsistance, and of Turnips potatoes, and other roots, great quantities for Sale —

The Township of Windsor has men — women and Children about 600 — of which 130 are men Capable of bearing arms —

Newport has Inhabitants 900, of which men Capable to bear arms 150 — in Windsor they have cleared upland at least 2000 acres Marsh land dyked 2000 acres and Undyked 500 acres — Newport cleared upland 1500 — Marsh land dyked 700 acres, and undyked 500 acres —

Falmouth has Inhabitans 200, of which 60 capable to bear arms — cleared upland 2000 acres, marsh dyked 800 acres, undyked 400 acres —

Horton has 1000 Inhabitants of which 180 are men capable to bear arms — cleared upland 4000 acres, Marsh dyked 2000 — undyked 2000 acres —

Cornwallis has 1200 Inhabitants of which 250 are men Capable to bear arms — cleared upland 4000 acres — Marsh land dyked 1000. Undyked 600 acres —

The other districts of Cobiguit of Cumberland and Annapolis Royal are estimated as follows —

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2 townships Men 150 — cleared land 4000 acres, Marsh dyked 2000 acres — Undyked 1000 acres —

CUMBERLAND 2 townships — 300 Men — cleared land 6000  
— marsh dyked 3000 acres — Undyked  
5000 —

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL 2 townships — 200 — 4000 — 2000 —  
2000 — and Lunenburg — 400 Men —  
8000 —

The high price of Labour by the Scarcity of men for the purpose does not admit the raising of Wheat or Rye — more than is Sufficient in General for the use of the Inhabitants —

Tho' the Townships of Windsor, Horton, and Cornwallis — were able to spare to Halifax the last Winter upwards of Sixty Tons Weight of flour — which was of great assistance in the Scarcity which then happened there — and they had Sufficient left for themselves — great quantities of Hay and Oats — were also brought to it on Sleys —

A peace would be of great advantage in this particular as the people dare not send Vessels to Sea — the Coasts swarming with American Privateers — an Ordinary labourer receives at present — wages at the rate of £30 to £35 a year besides his maintenance when hired by the day — 5 Shillings to 6 pr day —

The Wheat weight from 50 to 60 lb. pr. Bushel —

— Rye	"	50 --
— Oats	"	35 to 42 lb
— Barley	---	50 ----

The quantities sowed on marshland and their produce are as follows—

Wheat pr acre	$\frac{1}{2}$ Bushel	yeilds - 25 Bushels
Barly	- 2 ----	25
Oats	- 3	35 to 40 -
Pea	- $\frac{1}{2}$ Bushel	yields 12 to 15 Bushels
Rye	- - 2	25

Upland —

Wheat pr acre	2 Bushels -	16 to 20
Barley - -	2	20
Oats	3	25 to 30
Rye	2	15 to 20
Peas -	2	12 to 15 —

There are Forts at Windsor — Annapolis — Cumberland, and Saint John's River a Barrack Stockade at Cornwallis — a Block House at Lunenburg — and another at Chester — Fort Edward at Windsor, has Barracks — to contain 200 Men — Annapolis 100, Cumberland 300, including the Space which is now decayed — Saint Johns River 150 — and Cornwallis 50.

It would be inconvenient to Quarter troops — among the Inhabitants, unless in the Summer Season when they could lay in Barns, the Houses are Small, and the people in general have large families —

It is computed that in the different Settlements in the Province there about 2500 men Capable to bear arms — but they are much Scattered. Halifax has about 600 —

Halifax 20th June 1782 —

The preceeding Account of Nova Scotia is the best and most correct I have been able to procure —

“John Campbell”



## APPENDIX C

## I

## Prince Edward Island

By His Excellency Sir Alexander Bannerman Knight Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Island Prince Edward and the Territories thereunto belonging Chancellor Vice admiral and Ordinary of the same

A Bannerman

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Lt Governor

Whereas Abraham Gesner of Halifax in the Province of Nova Scotia hath under and by virtue of an act of The General assembly of the said Island made and passed in the seventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth intituled "an act for granting Patents for "useful Inventions" and also of an act passed by the said assembly in the fourteenth year of the Reign of Her present Majesty intituled "an act to enable Abraham Gesner "to obtain letters Patent for the "invention of a new and improved "mode of manufacturing ----- "Illuminating Gas" has ----- presented his Petition unto me and therein stated and set forth that he has discovered a new and useful art the ----- obtaining Illuminating Gas from compact and fluid bitumen asphaltum Chapapote or mineral pitch as found in mines quarries and springs in the earth by ----- which a new hydrocarbon and a new manufacture in Gas is produced — which discovery the said Abraham Gesner alleges in his said Petition to consist in his having obtained from compact and fluid bitumen ---- asphaltum Chapapote or mineral pitch a new illuminating gas which he denominates Kerosene Gas which gas differs from all other illuminating gases for as the bitumen contains no sulphur nor nitrogen it is free from ----- sulphureted hydrogen, sulphurous acid sulphy-cyanogen cyanogen ammoniacal gas and azote and its relative quantities of carbon and hydrogen differ from those of the gases heretofore used for the purposes of illumination — and his affidavit with his Petition and a written description of his said inventions and discoveries accompanied with drawings and written references attested by two Witnesses as required by the law have been delivered and filed in the office of the Secretary of the said Island — Now Know Ye that I the said Lieutenant Governor by virtue of the power and authority in me vested Do hereby grant unto the said Abraham Gesner his executors administrators and assigns for the term of Ten Years from the day of the date hereof the full and exclusive right to the use of compact and fluid bitumen asphaltum Chapapote or mineral pitch for the production --- of illuminating gas instead of Coal Oil rosin or any other substance heretofore used for that purpose — also the retort with its moveable case containing the material to be heated and volatilized in the production of Gas of any kind as intended for the general purposes of illumination as the same is described and specified in the said Petition and the full and exclusive -- right and



liberty of making -- constructing using and vending to others to be used the said new Inventions and Discoveries and everything relating thereto as particularly claimed and --- described in the said Petition Specifications Drawings and -- Descriptions of the same filed in the office of the Colonial Secretary as aforesaid --

In testimony whereof I have caused these Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of the said Island to be hereunto affixed at Charlotte Town in the said Island this Sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty one and in the ---- fifteenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria --

By His Excellency's Command

James Warburton

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I do hereby certify that I have examined these Letters Patent and that they are in Conformity with the Act of the General Assembly of this Island of the Seventh year of the late King William the Fourth intituled "an Act for granting Patents for useful Inventions --

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