



# **PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA**

Annual Report of  
the Board of Trustees  
for the year 1979

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE  
PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA**

For the Year 1979

To His Honour

The Honourable John E. Shaffner  
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 1979, together with a statement of receipts and disbursements for the period April 1, 1979 to March 31, 1980.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John M. Buchanan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

John M. Buchanan  
Premier

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## PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA

## ANNUAL REPORT

1979

Several major events have caused our final year in the old building to be particularly active and productive.

**The Gathering of the Clans**

We expected a sharp increase in the number of postal enquiries and visitors this year and we were not disappointed. The public service statistics (see page 20) tell their own story but it is difficult to estimate the impact of the Gathering on these figures. By way of preparation, we circulated details of sources for Scottish families available in the Public Archives which were included in tourist packages and our most distant visitor came from New Zealand. Two additional microfilm readers were placed in the search room and extra help provided for the staff there. In this way we were able to deal with the increase to the satisfaction of our users but it must be stressed that time spent on individual enquiries has had to be reduced.

Staff members attended several of the functions and made useful contacts. The records of the event are assured of permanent preservation and are already being used in connection with the next Nova Scotia Gathering in 1983.

**The National Archival Survey**

During the summer, a national survey of archives was made possible through federal-provincial co-operation designed to provide student employment. The provinces set local priorities, helped to identify the sources and supervised the project leaders; the Public Archives of Canada prepared the forms, trained the project leaders and, generally, supervised standards of quality; the Department of Employment and Immigration covered the salary and administration cost; general administration was assigned to the Secretary of State.

The project is part of a larger programme to identify and record the national heritage at the local level by seeking out those collections not in the custody of an archivist. The intent is not to remove archival material to repositories (though this might sometimes follow) but to record and, on a selective basis, to microfilm for the benefit of the public at large. To this end, the Public Archives is purchasing a portable microfilm camera for use next summer. Local societies are increasingly making use of microfilm readers and copies of film will be provided locally by the Public Archives to the limit of available funds.



Two teams of six, each under a team leader, were recruited and operated in the Sydney/Glace Bay and Digby/Yarmouth areas. Both surveys were a great success, and our thanks are especially due to Dr. Robert Morgan, of the Beaton Institute, who trained and supervised one of the teams.

Municipalities, school boards and churches were our top priority in the survey (see appendices) and the total number of collections identified and listed ran to about 135 as follows:

Municipal and school boards	40
Churches	42
Museums and archives	12
Businesses	10
Associations and families	31
Total	<u>135</u>

This table cannot be used as a measure of output by the teams since the size of the collections varied considerably and there was some difficulty in defining a "collection." We were well satisfied with the results and look forward to a possible continuation of the programme next year.

### Film and Sound Archives

Early in the year, the Provincial Archives called a meeting attended by representatives from the CBC, ATV, the Canadian Association of Broadcasters, the Canadian Oral History Association and the National Film Archives (a division of the PAC in Ottawa) to discuss ways and means by which all could co-operate in the establishment of a Film and Sound archives within the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

The Provincial Archivist described the services he hoped to be able to offer over a period of time and indicated space and equipment which would be immediately available in the new building. Subsequently, CBC Halifax agreed to transfer to us 10,000 cans of archival film, hundreds of hours of sound tape and a selection from 6,000 videotapes. Conditional on a formal agreement, the CBC is prepared to recognize us as an official repository for the region.

At the same time, the National Film Archives in Ottawa made us a grant of \$10,000 for a preliminary inventory of the material, and work has already begun on the project.

Surely a wonderful beginning to a new programme, but it becomes imperative that the Public Archives be in a position to engage a Film/Sound Archivist in April, 1980 to follow through and provide service. In addition, there are the other agencies already mentioned with whom similar agreements should be sought if the film and sound heritage of this province is to be secured.

## International Archives Week

The International Council on Archives, realising that the popular image of archives and archivists left much to be desired, agreed that each participating country should set aside a week in the fall of 1979 to improve this image. Celebrations were to point up the relevance of archives to cultural life in general and, in particular, the manner in which they provide information about heritage in its broadest sense through the record.

Canada chose the first week in November. The Public Archives of Canada contributed a very appropriate national poster, a logo and a conference on records management. For the rest, each province and community was left to its own devices. In Nova Scotia we had hoped that the opening of the new Public Archives in Halifax, and the Beaton Institute Archives in Sydney, would have provided the centerpiece but it was not to be. The staff of the Public Archives, by now almost drowned in packing cases, emerged to hold an "Archives from your Attic" in the Nova Scotia Museum. Here, the public was invited to meet us and share the pleasure of family records as we explained their significance and put them in context. No attempt was made to acquire them, but we microfilmed in some cases. Over 40 persons took advantage of the occasion to meet us and we felt that under the circumstances the response was quite satisfactory.

During the week, the Public Archives also published *Census of Nova Scotia 1827* and *Pictou 1817*, edited by Allan Dunlop, an alphabetized format of particular value to genealogists. One thousand copies were printed and are selling well.

For the rest, several societies and institutions publicized appropriate regular programmes under the umbrella of International Archives Week, which amply demonstrated the impact of archives on their activities. Halifax was able to show with eight well-attended events and some useful media coverage. At least two successful "Attics" were also held at Pictou and Pugwash.

## Provincial Employment Programme

Through the good offices of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness, we were very pleased to avail ourselves of this programme sponsored by the Department of Development. Seven students were employed to sort, discard, retain, list and pack several tons of Clairtone records and arrange three other major collections, Clarke Bros. Bear River business archives, Wolfville municipal records and some Halifax Public Library papers. They also did additional packing in preparation for the move and we are most grateful for this programme which enabled us to clear backlogs of long standing.

### **The New Building and the Move**

Construction of the new building has proceeded well and is likely to be completed early in January, only three months after the original deadline. Dr. Brian Cuthbertson is supervising the move, which is being carried out as much as possible with student help. In this way, we are able to maintain full control of the materials at all times, an essential condition for reshelving and retrieval. Whenever possible the removal "unit" is a six-cubic-foot box into which newspapers, the existing manuscript boxes, the smaller pictures and museum objects are packed. This reduces much of the removal work to a "container port" operation.

It was fortunate that, during the summer, the contents of our warehouse had been packed into 800 boxes and all the shelving dismantled, as the building is to be demolished at short notice. Fortunately, space is now available (just in time) in the basement of the new building.

Within the old building, 3,000 glass negatives have been placed in acid-free envelopes and packed. Over 1,000 framed watercolors, prints and photographs have been listed and packed. All records on the first floor are packed in 600 boxes and ready to go. The school register, map, newspaper and micro-film collections, together with the large oil paintings, will probably be moved next. This leaves the library and manuscripts on the third floor to be moved with a minimum of "down time." The furniture will be left to the last.

### **The United Appeal**

The Public Archives was the first of the small departments and agencies to complete and greatly exceed its quota, thanks to the initiative of the Executive Secretary, Marjorie McElmon.

### **Angus L. Macdonald Papers**

After preparing the five steel cabinets of Angus L. Macdonald papers given to us by the family, it was obvious that most of his personal correspondence for the years 1932-1937 was missing. These cabinets were completed by the summer of 1977 and Mr. Justice Macdonald of the Supreme Court was consulted as to whether he knew of any further papers of his father that were still in existence.

A search in the attic of "Winwick," the home of the late Premier Macdonald's widow, in October, 1977 produced several cartons containing additional Macdonald letters. After the death of Mrs. Angus L. Macdonald, "Winwick" was sold in July, 1979. While Miss Macdonald was clearing out the house prior to its sale, one very large wooden box and several smaller ones were discovered containing additional Macdonald correspondence. These boxes, together with a quantity of books from the Macdonald library, were given to the Archives by Miss Macdonald.



One interesting fact is that the large wooden box contained the missing Macdonald letters for 1932-1937. All this added material, received in 1977 and 1979, has now been added to our Angus L. Macdonald collection of papers, and our inventory of the entire collection was completed in November, 1979 by Dr. Thomas, who also tracked down the missing papers.

### **C. Bruce Fergusson Papers**

These papers have been examined and roughly sorted in accordance with their subject matter. There are around 70 cartons in all, and a list has been made of the contents of each carton. When we move into the new building, a final examination of the cartons will be made and a master index of the papers will be drawn up in accordance with the subject matters dealt with.

In examining the cartons, a substantial number of the papers of the late D.C. Harvey were found, and these will eventually have to be sorted into the existing D.C. Harvey papers in the Archives. The cartons contain quite a comprehensive account of Dr. Fergusson's activities, not only as Provincial Archivist but also of his work with the Historic Sites and Monuments Board, the Canadian Authors Association, various academic and learned societies and many other organizations he was interested in.

We also have the proof texts of various books he had published, together with rough copies of his articles, pamphlets, booklets, etc., dealing with Nova Scotia history in particular. These papers should be of great value to the Archives since they were written by an expert on Nova Scotia history who truly loved his subject.

### **Bliss Family Papers**

The Bliss collection, which has been loaned by Mr. Timothy Bliss of London, England, for microfilming, is the most important family group to come to the Archives in recent years. The bulk of the collection is the correspondence of the three sons of Jonathan Bliss, the Loyalist Chief Justice of New Brunswick, Lewis, William and Henry, for the first half of the 19th century. Lewis became a prominent Halifax merchant, William an assistant judge of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, while Henry went to live in England. Their letters begin when they are at King's College, Windsor, and continue almost to their deaths. Other correspondence includes that of Jonathan Bliss, his wife, S.S. Blowers, and a number of prominent New Brunswickers such as William Botsford, Ward Chipman and Jonathan Odell. Historians of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will find this collection a fruitful source for the period 1790-1850.

### **The Archibald MacMechan Collection**

All the ship models from this collection have now been placed on deposit with the Nova Scotia Museum and many of them will be displayed in the new Maritime Museum.

**Textual Public Records** (Dr. Brian Cuthbertson and Wendy Thorpe)

The following public records were transferred to the Public Archives:

- RG 2       Papers of Lieutenant Governors Allistair Fraser, Major General E.C. Plow and H.P. McKeen while holding that office.
- RG 3       Records of the office of the Executive Council 1925-1952.
- RG 8       Minutes of the Malagash-Wallace District Federation of Agriculture 1958-1965, the Pugwash District Federation of Agriculture 1963-1967, Remsheg Federation of Agriculture 1967-1970, and report of the 41st Annual Convention of the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association 1937.
- RG 14      Records of the following schools, school districts, etc: Shubenacadie and Upper Kennetcook 1934-1959; South Rawdon and Brooklyn 1903-1959; Harrietsfield Schools 1957-1967; East Hants-Noel Shore 1888-1958; Head Harbour and Upper Tantallon 1946-1969; Shelburne County 1893-1956; Jollimore 1963-1964; Spryfield 1932-1961; Pembroke and Walton 1970-1976; Pictou Academy 1920's; and Colchester County 1939-1970; Proceedings of the Pugwash International Conference on Continuing Education 1960; Records of the Total Education Programme Development System for Nova Scotia Schools 1974-1978.
- RG 14      **School for the Blind**
- Preliminary listing has begun on these papers, which appear to have been in the Public Archives for at least five years. The collection extends over 20 linear feet and covers most phases of the operation of the School.
- RG 25      Records of the Provincial Medical Board 1868-1931; records of the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax, including a diary of 1903 and by-laws, 1894-1940; the constitution of the Board of Directors, St. Joseph's Hospital, Saint John, New Brunswick. Registers of the Nova Scotia Medical Society and other papers.
- RGs 34, 38, 39, 41, 42, and 60. Municipal and Court records of the County of Shelburne, including those for the district of Barrington, a great many are pre-1800.
- RG 35-237 Records of the Town of Wolfville 1901-1966.

No further initiatives for the increased transfer of public records have been possible this year. A meeting on file classification was arranged with the Department of Education in which Mr. William Shea, of the Public Archives of Canada, kindly assisted.

**MANUSCRIPTS** (Allan Dunlop and Wendy Thorpe)**MG 1 – Family Papers**

**Andrew Hill Clark** – Notes, draft manuscript and some research papers for his authoritative work *Acadia the geography of early Nova Scotia to 1760*. P.A.N.S., MG 1 Vol. 1507-1637. 10 feet.

**Inez Morehouse** – Mrs. Frederick (Inez Manser) Morehouse, noted Annapolis Valley genealogist, died January 25, 1979. The papers, scrap books and correspondence in this collection were the basis for her publication, *330 Years of Morehouse Genealogy*. P.A.N.S., CS90/M838. Nine feet.

**Rev. Joseph Annand** – Diaries kept while this Nova Scotian was a missionary to the New Hebrides, 1871-1903. P.A.N.S., MG 1, Vol. 1588. Three inches.

**Bliss Family Papers** – 1790-1850 (See page 000), on loan.

**J.J. Audubon** – We are most grateful to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness, for enabling us to acquire a letter from J.J. Audubon to Thomas McCulloch dated 25 August, 1833, describing his travels in Nova Scotia.

**MG 2 – Political Papers**

Angus L. Macdonald – additional papers 1932-37 (See page 000)

**MG 3 – Business Papers**

**Clarke Bros.** Bear River, papers detailing the operations of Clarke Brothers, Commission Merchants, General Merchandizers, Lumber and Insurance Brokers, 1879-1925. Most of the business correspondence, as well as day books and ledgers. P.A.N.S., MG 3, Vol. 3100-3865, 765 Volumes, 200 feet.

**Clairtone:**

The records of the Clairtone Corporation, 1962-70, which, upon delivery, weighed nearly six tons, were sorted and boxed by students enrolled in the Provincial Employment Programme during last summer. The same students also sorted the records of Donato Fani and Faigli (Canada) Ltd. The Public Archives is grateful for the assistance of Professor John Barnett, of the Dalhousie School for International Business, during the selection and retention of the above records. Also included with these records were the Donato papers 1959-72.

**MG 3 – Records of the Maritime Power, Coal and Rail Company.**



MG 3 – Records of the medical practices of Doctors C.A. Webster and Thomas Geddes of Yarmouth, 1834-1901.

The diaries of Professor Daniel Alexander Murray, 1862-1934, Nova Scotia mathematician, author and teacher have been filmed. The diaries begin in 1883 during his third year at Dalhousie, cover his time at American and European Universities from 1888 to 1899, his seven years, 1900-1907, at Dalhousie, and his period at McGill which lasted until his death.

#### **MG 4 – Churches and Communities**

Proprietors of the Township of Falmouth, Meeting-book, some vital statistics, 1760-1769.

#### **MG 9: Scrapbook Collection**

Four Scrapbooks on such topics as the Royal Family (i.e. King Edward VII, Queen Alexandra, and their children, King George V and Queen Mary; George VI and the Anglican Church in Nova Scotia).

A scrapbook filled with greeting cards, advertisements, calling cards and magazine pictures, c. 1902-1920's.

A scrapbook of the Delta Gamma Fraternity, with newspaper clippings on various aspects of campus life, Dalhousie, 1952-1953.

#### **MG 20: Societies and Special Collections**

An account book of the Metropolitan Summer Theatre, Nova Scotia, from June to September, 1909.

Material from the Gilbert and Sullivan Society, 1977-1979, including scrapbooks, newsletters, minutes of meetings, programmes, posters.

Microfilmed copies of five volumes of minutes of the Nova Scotia Pharmaceutical Society, 1928-1950.

Miscellaneous material from Pier One Theatre, Halifax, from 1971 to 1974. Minutes of meetings, programmes, news releases.

Material from the Halifax Business and Professional Women's Club for the period 1936 to 1978, including minutes of meetings, financial statements, annual reports, correspondence, scrapbooks, publications, and miscellaneous items.

Documents of the Bengalettes (Halifax Bengal Lancers) from 1965 to 1970, and the Light Horse and Pony Association of Nova Scotia, 1968 to 1971.



Papers from the Nova Scotia Designer Craftmen, including minutes of meetings and conferences, brochures and press releases, correspondence, financial statements and miscellaneous items from 1973 to 1977.

### Finding Aids

An addendum to the Inventory of Manuscripts in the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, 1976, for all additions to the public records collections or record groups is now available in the Reading Room.

A finding aid has been completed for the City of Halifax records, excluding the city works department, 1841-1965, and a detailed content report (470 pages) is now available for submissions to city council, 1906-1927.

A list of civil and criminal cases (434 pages) heard at the sitting of the Supreme Court in Halifax, 1750-1879, has been arranged alphabetically and by year.

In preparation for our move to the new building, Dr. Brian Cuthbertson and Julie Morris have been annotating the Card Catalogue in the Reading Room since summer, 1978. To date, all of the Communities and half of the Biography Catalogues have been completed. This annotation included the revision of numerical references and placement of material at our new location.

### MAPS AND PLANS (Garry Shutlak)

#### Acquisitions

Cabot Engineering and Management Company Limited (L. Fairn, D. Chard), having acquired the copyright of the firm of L.R. Fairn and Associates, architects, have turned over a part of their collection to us. To date, we have received some 7,000 plans and drawings of all types of buildings produced by this firm, one of the oldest in Eastern Canada. Along with Mr. Fairn, some 43 other architects and draughtmen are represented in this collection. We have a verbal agreement with the firm to acquire the rest of the collection, including business papers and other related material. Another 7,000 plans and drawings will be transferred when we are housed in our new quarters.

Miscellaneous drawings and plans of Herbert E. Gates, architect, were presented to us by Allan Duffus, senior partner in Duffus, Romans, Kundzins and Rounsefell. This is the only material we have of H.E. Gates, who designed the present College of Architecture, N.S. Technical College, the Children's Hospital, since demolished, and the Provincial Building, Hollis Street.

Miscellaneous architectural plans were received from Furber Marshall, archivist, Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company Limited. The collections cover 63 projects scattered around Nova Scotia and the other Maritime provinces.

The Provincial Archives of British Columbia sent us 129 sheets of the National Topographical Survey.

The Public Archives of Canada provided us with some 700 maps, plans and charts of Nova Scotia from their Redistribution Program.

Portfolio of miscellaneous maps of Nova Scotia containing manuscript maps covering the period 1798-1853. These 43 plans are of roads in Nova Scotia.

Other acquisitions include: Miscellaneous Hydrographic Charts of Nova Scotia, presented to us by the Map Librarian, University of Toronto, (454 charts); miscellaneous Hydrographic Charts of Nova Scotia and the World, collected by the late Archibald MacMechan (these charts cover the area of the world over which Nova Scotians and Nova Scotian vessels travelled and traded).

Architectural plan of John Oland's Brewery, Halifax, by Charles F. Fairbanks, 1843, (the earliest architectural plan of an industrial building in our collection); proposed Workingmen's Tenements for Brunswick and Albermarle Streets by Harris and Horton, c. 1904; map of the City of Halifax, 1851, by James Irons, published by E.G. Fuller. (An excellent map of Halifax filling a void in detailed maps of the city between 1841-1865.)

In total, some 11,800 maps and plans were added to the collection in 1979.

### **Arrangement and Description**

During the year, some 343 new map cards were processed. The map archivist ceased processing and cataloguing new acquisitions in July, when the move to the new quarters was projected for October. Since that time, lists have been made of new material which was then boxed for the move to the new building.

The map archivist has adopted a standardized format for the description of plans, and for a separate architectural filing system where all architectural plans will be recorded by community and by building type i.e. Halifax: churches, houses, etc.

The L.R. Fair collection has been inventoried using this new method, a separate card file has been created for the collection and already some 630 cards have been arranged by place. Since this collection represents the work of many architects, it will also be necessary in the coming year to create an architectural card file for this collection and for all other architects represented in our collections.

**Preliminary Finding Aids have been made for:**

H.E. Gates Collection, architect.

Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co. Collection.

Archibald MacMechan Collection, miscellaneous Hydrographic Charts.

Miscellaneous Hydrographic Charts received from the University of Toronto, Map Library.

Miscellaneous Topographical Sheets 1:50,000 of Nova Scotia received from Provincial Archives of British Columbia.

**Reference Service**

During the year, the map archivist answered some 300 letters dealing specifically with maps and architectural plans, together with 445 queries in reference to registration of birth (a special assignment).

The map archivist was invited to the Learned Societies Conference by the Society of Architecture in Canada, and gave a paper on Architectural Archives in Nova Scotia.

**PICTURES AND PHOTOGRAPHS (Margaret Campbell)****Acquisitions: Statistics**

	1979	1978
Photographs	c. 2350	1500
Tintypes	1	2
Postcards	c.300	50
Watercolours	36	—
Oil Paintings	3	1
Prints (engravings and woodcuts)	10	—

Principal acquisitions include:

**Andrew King Collection**

Of particular interest are seven photographs of the encampment of the Princess Louise Fusiliers at Medicine Hat, Alberta, when, as members of the Halifax Provisional Battalion, they participated in the expedition to quell the Northwest Rebellion of 1885. The photographs originally belonged, with four others donated to P.A.N.S. in 1977, to Andrew M. King, who in 1885 was a sergeant with the Princess Louise Fusiliers and a member of No. 4 Co., Halifax Provisional Battalion. He later became Colonel of the Princess Louise Fusiliers. The photographs are accompanied by notes made by King in later years.

**Charles MacDonald Collection**

We were able to purchase a sketchbook with 36 watercolours by Charles MacDonald (b. 1874), seaman, carpenter, owner of concrete construction firm

and longtime resident of Centreville, King's County, N.S., of Nova Scotia scenes, mainly in Cape Breton, 1953-59.

#### **W.R. MacAskill Collection**

This group includes 13 photographs, most of which are prints made by the photographer himself, of MacAskill, his wife Elva, their yacht "Highlander," an unidentified portrait, and various Nova Scotian scenes, dated approximately 1920 to 1930.

#### **Lola Henry Collection**

There are two photographs of the interior of the Halifax, N.S., Y.M.C.A. emergency relief hospital after the explosion of 1917 and six photographs on linen by the donor's father, William Alexander Henry II, dated approximately 1895 to 1900, of scenes in Nova Scotia, including Halifax and vicinity and Victoria Park, Truro.

#### **Charles Good Collection**

The collection contains four photographs which belonged to Charles Good of provincial entomological laboratories in which he worked as Assistant Provincial Entomologist for Nova Scotia, 1914-16. Three are of the laboratory at Smith's Cove, Digby Co., which was a converted log cabin, two of these interior views showing the work area with equipment, drawings and specimens.

#### **Doris Stringer Collection**

Tintype (8" x 10") of the donor's grandmother, Leonora Janet Scott, daughter of William and Martha Scott, born Guyboro, N.S., 1885, died Nappan, N.S., 1921. A school teacher at Guyboro before her marriage to George W. Ripley of Nappan in 1884, she was photographed at Nappan by an itinerant photographer shortly after her marriage.

**From St. Andrew's Lodge, Halifax,** Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia portraits in oils on canvas, c. 1820-25, by William Valentine of John Albro 1764-1839, MLA for Halifax Township, 1818-26, and Grand Master of Masons, Nova Scotia 1820-39.

#### **From Moirs Ltd.**

Oil painting on canvas of Bedford, N.S., by P.H. Ellis, probably during the 1880's showing Moirs Ltd. water-powdered shook mill and box factory.

#### **Nova Scotia Communications and Information Centre**

Approximately 2,000 photographs, including negatives and slides, from their back files, 1950's to 1970's.



### **Principal Finding Aids Prepared**

The Halifax Chronicle-Herald-Mail Star negatives have been put in chronological order and a handwritten list prepared. As we receive a number of requests from individuals who usually know the approximate date of the photos in which they are interested, this has proved useful. The part-time staff have listed about 3,000 previously unsorted Nova Scotia Communications and Information Centre slides. However, additions to this collection come in so frequently and in such poor order that an enormous amount of time would be required to identify and list them properly.

### **Public Service Statistics**

Approximately 7,300 pictures were viewed by the public during the year. Eighty written, and approximately 200 telephone, inquiries concerning pictures were dealt with during the year. In addition, several letters in French, or requiring research into French documents, were received. Letters in French were replied to in that language.

### **Research Projects**

In addition to sorting, enveloping and boxing much of our glass negative collection, and helping to select photographs for the exhibit which will mark the opening of our new building, the summer student hired to assist with the photograph collection compiled a list of names and addresses of photographers from 40 Halifax-Dartmouth city directories for the period between 1869 and 1924.

### **Tours**

No special tours were given, only the usual tours explaining the use of our research facilities to high school students.

### **Conferences Attended**

The picture archivist attended a one-day workshop co-sponsored by the National Museums of Canada and organized by the Art Gallery, Mount St. Vincent University, entitled "Challenges in the New Decade." It was designed to promote collaboration among art galleries and museums in Nova Scotia. The discussion included ideas for making museums and art galleries more appealing to the visiting public, and various ways, including the use of nonprint media, to better publicize their work. The archivist also visited the Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, for four days where the staff of the National Photography Collection and Picture Division gave her a personalized short course on the care and cataloguing of materials in their collection. On the following day she visited the Notman Photographic Archives, McCord Museum, Montreal, to learn about the storage and cataloguing of their collection of original Notman glass negatives and photographs. A brief article on the orga-

nizing of the photograph collection at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, in the light of information gained at the National Photography Collection and the Notman Archives, was subsequently written.

### Conservation

The large oil painting of the “W.D. Lawrence” has been repaired and we are most grateful to Mrs. Florence Mans, a descendant of James Ellis, for a substantial contribution towards the cost.

### The Library (Marcia Aronson)

Acquisitions:	Monographs	756	Books:	
	Periodical issues	955	Catalogued:	2,278 (1978, 2,157)
	Vertical files	224	Volumes bound:	263 (1978, 215)
	Annuals	258		
	Microfilm reels	70		
	Microfiche	24		
	Town Council minutes	168		
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		2,455	(1978, 2,096)	

Catalogue cards are now being reproduced at Saint Mary’s University, and save a great deal of typing.

Approximately 750 textbooks were catalogued and added to the library collection. The principal acquisition was a collection of books from the estate of Mrs. Angus L. Macdonald.

The librarian attended the Canadian Library and Nova Scotia Library Association conferences and meetings of the Nova Scotia Government Libraries Council.

Professor Fred Mathews, of the Dalhousie School of Library Service, spent some time with our book binder, Mr. Lewis Sawler, who greatly appreciated the learning experience provided.

### The Newspaper Room (Inglis Wainwright)

The following provincial newspapers have been received:

Daily newspapers – outside of Halifax	3	
Weekly newspapers – outside of Halifax	26	
Bi-monthly newspapers – outside of Halifax	2	
Monthly newspapers – outside of Halifax	2	
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	33	(1978, 34)

The following provincial newspapers have been microfilmed:

Daily newspapers — Halifax	31 reels
Weekly newspapers — outside of Halifax	46 reels
Weekly newspapers — (other sources)	40 reels
Total	117 reels (1978, 88)

The number of researchers for the year totalled 4,459, an increase of 238 or 10½ per cent over the previous year. Researchers from various locations in the province are using the facilities of the Newspaper Room in an increasing number.

### Microfilm (Philip Hartling)

#### Microfilm of manuscripts processed by the Public Archives of Nova Scotia during the year ending 31 December 1979.

	Positives	Negatives
Churches	26	26
Miscellaneous	5	5
Places	23	23
Biography	10	10
M.G.'s and R.G.'s	4	4
Microfilms received through P.A.C.'s Diffusion Programme	177	—
Microfilms from other sources	3	—
TOTAL	248	68

Because of the backlog of material still to be microfilmed, it is impossible to estimate the number of reels it will take to film the various collections. Therefore, that material will be added to next year's Annual Report. The acquisitions for 1979 included, among other items, seven reels of Pictou Town Council Minutes, seven reels of Pictou County genealogies, and seven reels of Professor Daniel Alexander Murray's diaries. During the year, three collections of microfilms were received through the Diffusion Programme of the Public Archives of Canada. They consisted of 13 reels of the Census of 1881 for Nova Scotia, 141 reels of Loyalists' Claims, and 23 reels of Colonial Office Papers (C.O. 218, 219, 220, 221 and 383).

As well as cataloguing, the microfilm archivist conducted the research for 144 letters, most of which were enquiries of a genealogical nature. Also, 1,935 index cards were typed for insertion into the Biography, Genealogy, Places, Halifax, and Miscellaneous cardex cabinets.



**Public Service**

Statistics	1979	1978
Day researchers (Reading Room)	6,177	
Evening and weekend researchers (Reading Room)	5,203	
Day researchers (Newspaper Room)	2,748	
Evening and weekend researchers (Newspaper Room)	1,676	
TOTAL	15,804	13,020
Tours	40	96
Number in tours	552	1,082
Books used (day)	8,191	
Books used (evening and weekend)	5,959	
TOTAL	14,150	11,877
Manuscripts used (day)	10,234	
Manuscripts used (evening and weekend)	7,591	
TOTAL	17,825	12,909
Photos used (day)	5,066	
Photos used (evening and weekend)	3,490	
TOTAL	8,556	5,456
Maps used (day)	1,234	
Maps used (evening and weekend)	613	
TOTAL	1,847	1,574
Microfilms used (Reading Room – day)	6,615	
Microfilms used (Reading Room – evening and weekend)	5,596	
Microfilms used (Newspaper Room – day)	6,106	
Microfilms used (Newspaper Room – evening and weekend)	6,539	
TOTAL	24,855	17,702
Newspapers used (day)	1,319	
Newspapers used (evening and weekends)	773	
TOTAL	2,092	2,628
Days open (weekdays)	249	
Evenings open (weekdays)	243	
Weekends open	45	
Photocopies	39,741	36,004
Microfilm copies	8,235	5,482
Out Letters	3,768	2,600

The above figures indicate an over-all increase of 20 per cent over 1978 in the use of the Public Archives by the public.

### Genealogy (Julie Morris)

Between April and November, 1979, about 250 families have been researched, and approximately 750 to 800 letters answered. The majority of requests were for photocopies of marriage certificates and vital statistics from census records and church registers. In preparation for the Gathering of the Clans, a letter was composed which indicated which genealogical sources were suitable for Scottish genealogy. As a result of good media coverage, the response has been, and continues to be, worldwide.

### Research Projects

Dr. Phyllis Blakeley supervised a short summer research project at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the Shelburne Branch of the United Empire Loyalists.

### Tours

Tours have been curtailed since August because of packing in preparation for the move. However, during the first part of the year there were tours for university students at Acadia, Dalhousie School of Library Science, Mount St. Vincent, St. Francis Xavier and St. Mary's, for high school students from Cumberland, Halifax, Hants, Lunenburg and Pictou Counties, and genealogical tours for various groups. Tours for North Cumberland County Library and the South Shore Genealogical Society were oriented genealogically.

### Exhibitions

No exhibits were prepared in the Public Archives, small loans were made to the Nova Scotia Museum and Dartmouth Regional Vocational School (old office equipment).

### Workshop

An orientation workshop for part-time casual employees will be given every year at the beginning of the academic term. Its purpose is to describe their job, the institution and the operation of the Archives. It also provides a medium for good working relations, and an opportunity to become acquainted with good work habits. The first such workshop was very successful.

### Talks and Papers

**Hugh Taylor** talked on the new Public Archives building to: the Colchester Historical Society; the Canadian Authors Association, Halifax; the Rotary Club, Halifax; the Association of Canadian Archivists annual meeting in Saskatoon; the North Cumberland Historical Society; the Union of Nova Scotia municipalities. He also delivered his presidential address to the Society of American Archivists in Chicago on "Documentary Art and The Role of

the Archivist", and read papers on "Arrangement and Description" at an advanced seminar in Atlanta, Georgia; "The Archival Experience in England and Canada" to the Midwest Archivist Association in Chicago; "Machine Readable Archives" at a PAC Conference in Ottawa; "Paper Archaeology" at a genealogical workshop in Pictou.

He also took part in a symposium of archivists and historians in Toronto during International Archives Week, and a conference on oral history at Truro. While on holiday with his family during the summer, he visited most of the museums and archives in Cape Breton and spoke with the staff there.

**Dr. Phyllis Blakeley** was invited to take part in a Symposium on Canadian Inventors and Innovators held at the Ontario Science Centre to mark the tenth anniversary of the Centre. Dr. Blakeley gave an illustrated lecture on "The Steamship *Royal William* and Samuel Cunard," and was the only participant from the Maritime Provinces. She also spoke to the Bedford Basin University Women's Club on "Women in Nova Scotia." On April 5, Dr. Blakeley opened the Provincial Philatelic Exhibit of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club at the Dalhousie Art Gallery and, on May 18, she was the keynote speaker at the opening of the exhibit at the Dalhousie Art Gallery to honour "Dr. Helen Creighton — A Life in Folklore," sponsored for the Fifth National Conference of Music for Children by Carl Orff Canada.

Dr. Blakeley also attended the annual conference of the Association of Canadian Archivists at the University of Saskatchewan and the Society for the Study of Architecture. She accepted an invitation to be an observer at the International Symposium on "Baptists in Canada 1760-1980" at Acadia University which was also attended by **Dr. Brian Cuthbertson**.

**Allan Dunlop** made a number of radio broadcasts on the tracing of Scottish genealogies; attended the geographers' conference, Mount Allison, and the Association of Atlantic Historians Conference, U.N.B., Saint John; presided at a seminar, "Beyond the Family Tree," at Pictou; gave in-service talks to teachers on archives and local history, Sackville High School and Birch Cove (Grovenor Wentworth Elementary School).

**Allan Dunlop**, with **Philip Hartling**, conducted a seminar on local history which was sponsored by the Federation of Museums, Heritage and Historical Societies of Nova Scotia and held in Amherst, N.S.

**Philip Hartling** was invited by the Dartmouth Heritage Museum Society to speak on "The Domestic Architecture of Halifax County's Eastern Shore," accompanied by slides.

### **Publications**

An official publication of the Public Archives has been *Census of Nova Scotia 1927; Census of District of Pictou 1817*. Compiled by Allan Dunlop, all entries have been alphabetized and tabulated for easy reference under personal names.

In addition, members of staff have, in their own time, published or will be publishing in the fields of archives and history as follows:

**Hugh A. Taylor:**

“The Archival experience in England and Canada” in *The Midwestern Archivist*, vol. IV, November 1, 1979.

**Dr. Phyllis R. Blakeley:**

An article on Francis Green, “A suffering Loyalist and Friend to the British Government” in the *Nova Scotia Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 9, No. 1, March 1979.

Four articles completed for Volume VIII of the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography* – Hugh Bell (1780-1860), brewer and politician; Rev. Richard McLearn (1804-1860), pioneer Baptist minister; Henry J. Philips (1811-?), piano manufacturer, and Temple F. Piers (1783-1860), Halifax merchant.

**Dr. Brian C. Cuthbertson:**

Articles for the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography* submitted on the Rev. John Payzant (1749-1834), Richard John Uniacke (1753-1834) and Richard John Uniacke the younger (1789-1834).

“The Old Attorney General: Richard John Uniacke”, a biography, is to be published by Nimbus Press of Halifax in September, 1980.

“The Rev. John Payzant: Henry Alline’s Successor” an article in Volume 40 of the *Collections of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society*.

**Philip L. Hartling:**

*Where Broad Atlantic Surges Roll* appeared in the Nova Scotia book stores on June 1, 1979 and by mid-November the first edition was out of print.

In December, 1979 the Publication Committee of Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia published a book on old houses of Dartmouth and the Eastern Shore of Halifax County entitled *Lakes, Salt Marshes, and the Narrow Green Strip*. Philip Hartling conducted the research for 17 houses and photographed them.

**Honours and Appointments**

Dr. Phyllis Blakeley attended an investiture at Rideau Hall on April 25 to become a member of the Order of Canada, and was made a Fellow of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society at a meeting of the Society at Province



House on September 28. She continues as a member of the Halifax Landmarks Commission and the Records Committee of the Baptists of Atlantic Canada, on the editorial boards of the *Dalhousie Review* and the *Nova Scotia Historical Quarterly* and as Honorary Vice-President of the United Empire Loyalist Association.

**Hugh Taylor** is a member of the National Film Archives Advisory Committee and the Atlantic Provinces Conservation Advisory Committee; he has also been appointed to the Board of Governors of the Nova Scotia Museum and serves on the Joint Medical Archives. He is also Chairman of the Professional Standards Committee, Society of American Archivists.

**Dr. Brian Cuthbertson** is Chairman of the editorial committee of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society for the publication of Volume 40 of its Collections and has been made an Honorary Research Associate of the Department of Political Science, Acadia University. He remains editor of the *Newsletter* of the Archival Association of Atlantic Canada.

**Garry Shutlak** is a member of the Landmarks Commission, City of Halifax. This body meet regularly on a bi-monthly basis and terms of reference by Ordinance gives it the mandate to view proposals which would affect the heritage resources of the City of Halifax. He is also the chairman of the Commission's Committee on Brunswick Street and a member of the Historic Resources Committee.

He also acts as information officer supplying news items to the *Canadian Historical Review*, the *American Archivist*, *Archivaria*, *Archives Bulletin*, the *A.C.M.L. Newsletter*.

This year he was selected Chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee of the Association of Canadian Map Libraries.

### **Christmas Thomas**

**The University** of Kings College awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law to Dr. Thomas for his contribution to church history over many years, and other services.

**AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Trustees of  
The Public Archives of Nova Scotia

We have examined the statement of receipts and disbursements of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year ended March 31, 1980 and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required as auditors. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, and according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Archives, this financial statement is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the receipts and disbursements of the Archives for the year ended March 31, 1980 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Barrow, Nicoll & Company  
Chartered Accountants

Halifax, Canada  
July 29, 1980

**THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

For the year ended March 31, 1980

**RECEIPTS**

	1980	1979
Balance on hand — April 1, 1979 . . . . .	\$ 25,811	\$ 7,921
Government of Nova Scotia. . . . .	80,446	51,824
Government of Nova Scotia — purchase of document . . . . .	1,239	
Government of Canada. . . . .		3,150
Government of Nova Scotia (salaries and benefits). . . . .	380,054	313,776
Sales, publications, etc. . . . .	13,309	9,737
	<u>\$500,859</u>	<u>\$386,408</u>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Salaries and benefits. . . . .	\$380,054	\$313,776
Furnishing and equipment. . . . .	2,462	867
Microfilming. . . . .	13,578	8,937
Maintenance and expense of building . . . . .	13,664	5,656
Office supplies . . . . .	18,425	14,125
Library . . . . .	5,873	4,781
Bindery . . . . .	290	622
Purchase of Archival Material. . . . .	2,574	4,638
Transfer and express . . . . .	717	343
Sundry expenses . . . . .	17,516	6,582
Conservation . . . . .	1,785	270
Printing. . . . .	3,700	
	<u>460,638</u>	<u>360,597</u>
Balance on hand (inc. petty cash) March 31, 1980. . . . .	40,221	25,811
	<u>\$500,859</u>	<u>\$386,408</u>

Approved on behalf of the  
Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia

Hugh A. Taylor, Provincial Archivist  
Marjorie McElmon, Secretary



**APPENDIX A****National Archival Survey  
Digby County****Municipalities**

County of Digby	Digby
Town of Little Brook	Little Brook
Town of Digby	Town Hall

**Court Houses**

Digby County Court	Digby
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**Churches**

Presbytery of St. Mary's Parish	Church Point
Roman Catholic Presbytery	Concession
United Baptist Church	Freeport
Presbytery of Meteghan Parish	Meteghan
Baptist Parsonage	Digby
United Church Parsonage	Digby
Trinity Anglican Church	Digby
St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church	Digby
Office of Father Claude Côté Catholic Church	Saulnierville

**Universities**

Université Ste-Anne	Church Point
Centre Acadien Université Ste-Anne	Church Point

**Schools**

Digby Regional High School	Digby
Island Consolidated School	Freeport

**Homes**

Arthur McKay	Acadiaville
Milton Morgan	Bear River
Beverly Thomas	Digby
Mrs. Majorie Tupper	Digby
Mrs. Louise Daily	Digby
Mrs. Sue Winchester	Smith's Cove
Harold Sulis	Smith's Cove
William Ganong	Digby
Sydney Morehouse	Westport
Mary R. Shields	Weymouth North

**Museums**

Admiral Digby Museum  
United Church Museum

Digby  
Smith's Cove

**APPENDIX B**

**National Archival Survey**  
**Shelburne County**

**Municipalities**

Barrington, Municipal Office  
Town Office, Clark's Harbour  
Town Office, Lockeport  
Municipal Office Shelburne  
Shelburne Town Clerk's Office

Barrington  
Cape Sable Island  
Lockeport  
Shelburne  
Shelburne

**Registries**

Registry of Deeds and Probate, Barrington  
Registry of Deeds and Probate, Shelburne

Barrington  
Shelburne

**Churches**

Centerville United Baptist Church  
Clark's Harbour United Baptist Stone Church  
St. Andrews United Church of Canada Manse  
Lockeport Anglican Church Rectory  
Newellton United Baptist Church  
Trinity United Church of Canada  
Shelburne Anglican Church Rectory

Cape Sable Island  
Clark's Harbour  
Lockeport  
Lockeport  
Cape Sable Island  
Shelburne  
Shelburne

**Schools**

Clark's Harbour Elementary School

Clark's Harbour

**Museums**

Lockeport Little School Museum  
Ross-Thomson House  
Shelburne County Museum

Lockeport  
Shelburne  
Shelburne

**Homes**

Mrs. Amy Smith	Allendale
Mrs. Nettie Robertson	Barrington
Genevieve Devine	Shelburne
Job Kenney	Cape Sable Island
Rilla Kenney	Clark's Harbour
Mr. & Mrs. Norman E. Phillips	Clark's Harbour
Gordon Patton	East Ragged Island
Mr. & Mrs. William Collishaw	Lockeport
Mrs. Helen Ghent	Lockeport
Mrs. Gurden MacKay	Lockeport
Mrs. Lillian Cameron	Lockeport
Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. McKay	Middle Ohio
Mrs. Dorothy Freeman	Roseway
Mrs. Grace Hemeon	Sandy Point
Mrs. Mary Archibald	Shelburne
Mrs. Isabel Baker	Shelburne
Mrs. Rita Bower	Shelburne
George Bruce	Shelburne
Miss Majorie Bruce	Shelburne
Evelyn Smith	Shelburne
Nathaniel White	Shelburne
Mrs. Barbara Bower	Upper Ohio
Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Bower	Upper Ohio
Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Jones	Upper Ohio
Mrs. Margaret Snow	Upper Ohio

**Other**

Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County	Barrington
Department of Social Services	
Laing's Store	Lockeport
Lockeport Library	Lockeport
Revenue Canada/Customs and Excise	Shelburne
Shelburne Office	
South Shore Gazette	Shelburne

**APPENDIX C****National Archival Survey  
Yarmouth County****Municipalities**

District of Argyle	Tusket
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**Court Houses**

District of Yarmouth	Yarmouth
Sheriff's Office	Yarmouth
Town of Yarmouth	Yarmouth
Court House	Tusket

**Registries**

Registrar	Yarmouth
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**Churches**

Ste-Famille Rectory	Amirault's Hill
Immaculate Conception Church	East Pubnico
St. Peter's Church and Rectory	Middle West Pubnico
Pleasant Lake United Baptist Church	Pleasant Lake
Plymouth United Baptist Church	Plymouth
Sandford Wesleyan Church	Sandford
Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau Rectory	Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau
St. Michael's Parish	Wedgeport
St. Ambrose Parish Rectory	Yarmouth

**Schools**

Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau High School	Eel Brook
West Pubnico Consolidated School	West Pubnico

**Museums**

Bishop's Residence	Yarmouth
Firefighters Museum	Yarmouth

**Homes**

Mrs. Barbara White	Arcadia
Mrs. Mary Allen	Arcadia
Mr. & Mrs. George Whitman	Arcadia
Mrs. Clarence Crowell	Kemptville
Frances M. d'Entremont	Lower West Pubnico
Mr. & Mrs. George Purdy	Plymouth
Mrs. Havelock Scott	Plymouth
Lloyd Scott	Plymouth
Thomas H. Doucette	Tusket
Mrs. J.K. Taylor	Yarmouth

**Other**

De la Tour Co-operative Society Limited	Lower West Pubnico
Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Library	Yarmouth
Hood's Jewellers Ltd.	Yarmouth
Pubnico West Historical Society	West Pubnico
West Pubnico Home and School	West Pubnico
Raymond H. Amirault General Store	West Pubnico

**APPENDIX D****National Archival Survey  
Cape Breton****Arichat**

Municipality of Richmond County

**Baddeck**

Municipality of the County of Victoria  
Baddeck Library

**Dominion**

Municipality of the Town of Dominion  
St. Eugene's Church  
St. Leo's Church

**Glace Bay**

Municipality of the Town of Glace Bay  
Miner's Museum  
Cape Breton Development Corporation, Coal Division  
St. Anne's Church

**Inverness**

Inverness Miners Museum

**Louisbourg**

Municipality of the Town of Louisbourg  
Louisbourg Railroad Museum  
Louisbourg Library

**Mabou**

Mabou Gaelic and Historical Society

**Neil's Harbour**

Cabot Archives

**New Victoria**

St. Joseph's Church

**New Waterford**

Municipality of the Town of New Waterford  
Mount Carmel Church

**North Sydney**

Municipality of the Town of North Sydney

**Port Hawkesbury**

Municipality of the Town of Port Hawkesbury

**Port Hood**

Municipality of the County of Inverness

**Reserve**

St. Joseph's Church

**Sydney**

College of Cape Breton:

Art Gallery: pictures

Beaton Institute: pictures, maps, plans, sound tapes.

St. Francis Xavier University Extension Dept.

Old Sydney Museum

Cossitt House

McConnell Library

Sydney City Hall

Municipality of the County of Cape Breton

Sydney Steel Plant

C.B.C. Sydney

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Faith Baptist Church

Holy Ghost Church

Holy Redeemer Church

Sacred Heart Church

St. Andrews United Church

St. Anthony Daniel Church

St. Augustine's Church

St. George's Church

St. Joseph's Church

St. Nicholas Church

St. Philip's Church

St. Theresa's Church

Trinity United Church



**Sydney Mines**

Municipality of the Town of Sydney Mines