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NEWS ON THE ASSOCIATES ~~~~~

The annual general meeting of the Associates of the Provincial Archives will be held:
at the Moncton Public Library,
644 Main Street, Suite 101, Moncton,
Tuesday 12 June 2001, at 5 :00 p.m.

The launching of the video *Time and the River Flowing* will be featured at the meeting. A reception will follow.

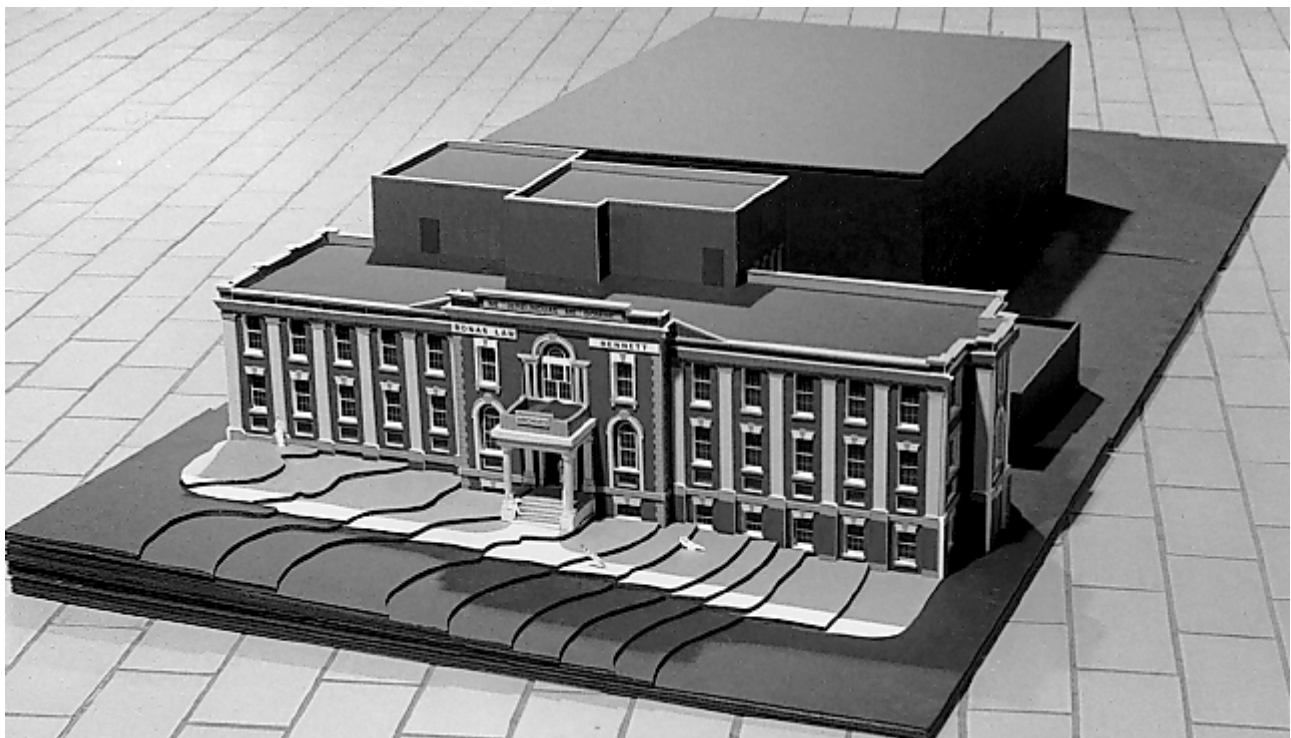
NEWS FROM THE PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES ~~~~~

NEW ARCHIVES REPOSITORY ! ~~~~~ !

Of all national assets Archives are the most precious ... they are the gift of one generation to another and the extent of our care of them marks the extent of our civilization.

Dr. Arthur G. Doughty

Historian, Journalist, Archivist of Canada, 1904 - 1935



Above is a photo of the scale model of the current Provincial Archives building on the University of New Brunswick campus. The planned repository is shown at the back. This model is meant to represent its size and approximate shape but does not show any of the architectural details.

The best news of the year is the government's announcement that \$5 million has been approved for the construction of a repository for the preservation of the province's documentary heritage. The repository will be situated at the rear of the current Archives on the UNB Campus and will be connected by a walk-way for delivery of records for research use.

The new repository will accommodate all archival records, including those that have been stored off-site in space designated for the semi active records of government, and will allow for 15 years of growth. It will feature floor to ceiling high-density shelving. Stringent environmental controls ensuring cool conditions and appropriate levels of humidity year-round will provide optimum storage that will significantly extend the life of paper records. A separate cold storage vault will provide the conditions to meet the specialized needs of master microfilms and moving images which have not been achievable in the current facility. The high efficiency in records handling, and

minimized need for expensive restoration that the facility will afford, make this a good investment for the province.

This spring, design work for the repository will begin, with construction slated for April 2002. While not part of the construction project, renovation of the public and administrative areas and laboratories of the current archives building is being planned. Improvements will focus on easier access to the building from the parking area, main floor washrooms, relocation of the map research area to the main floor, a separate room for microfilm research, and a redesigned room especially outfitted for public programmes for exhibits, lectures, film presentations and school visits.

When completed the project will incorporate archival operations in one location, ensure preservation of the province's priceless heritage, and facilitate better delivery of service to the public.

Diary Project ~~~~~

Diaries provide unique insight into the lives of individuals and communities and are frequently used by researchers for a variety of purposes. A valuable student project funded by the Provincial Government's EEO Program in the summer of 2000 was the Diary Project. One student, Grace Lee, in her third year of business studies at the University of New Brunswick, compiled a listing of the diaries, journals and personal letters in the holdings of the Provincial Archives. She included, when possible, background information, dates, format and notes on the content of each Manuscript Collection (MC). The Provincial Archives' listing of *MC Titles* leads researchers to a diary (or diaries), journal, or series of personal correspondence only when

it is the sole component of a collection. The new listing includes diaries and journals that may have been "buried" as part of collections, large or small. The citing of personal correspondence, which contains individual, community, and family information from the same personal vantage point as diaries and journals, will also help researchers zero in on these records, particularly where they are part of large collections.

The listing, titled *Guide to the Diaries, Journals and Personal Correspondence and Personal Correspondence at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick*, is now available in printed format.

Fredericton Police Force and the Archives ~~~~~

The holdings of the Provincial Archives are extensive, and therefore the uses of this

documentary heritage are wide and varied. Historical writing, genealogy, land dispute

resolution, re-investigation of past crimes, demographics, and environment investigations are only a few of these uses. Also of value is the use of the document as a three-dimensional object within a thematic display or exhibition. The Archives has mounted such displays. For example, the "Contribution of the Canadian Army to the Liberation of Holland" and "Women in New Brunswick History", both of which can be viewed on the Archives website. In special circumstances, the archives has loaned documents for short-term displays at other institutions, such as the Supreme Court of Canada.

Currently, the Archives has a document on display at the Fredericton City Police Department. Fredericton received its charter to become a city in 1848, and shortly thereafter, in 1851, "A Bill for Establishing and Maintaining a Police Force in the City of Fredericton in the County of York" was introduced in the Legislature. To celebrate its 150th anniversary,

the Fredericton Police Force has mounted an exhibit containing this 1851 document as well as ledgers and photographs, and various police paraphernalia including badges, crests, handcuffs, and batons. The document will be on public display in the lobby of the Police Station between 1 May and 30 December 2001.

The Archives recognizes its responsibility to preserve and protect the documentary heritage of New Brunswick, as well as its responsibility to contribute to the cultural understanding of the Province through the use of this heritage. Historical documents can be loaned and displayed only if conservation and security measures are in place and the borrower signs a formal agreement with the Archives guaranteeing that these measures will be met.

Documents and maps can add greatly to the total effect of an exhibit and are critical to telling the story.

International Year of the Volunteer ~~~~~

The Archives web site is receiving many commendations and compliments and much use. Particularly appreciated are the indexes and inter-active databases that enable genealogists to locate specific names and details for their family research. They can then be sure that a visit to the Archives will be fruitful.

The Provincial Archives of New Brunswick is a leader in making these types of findings aids available on the web and one of the main factors which has made this possible is the work of many volunteers over many years doing meticulous work in helping to prepare these indexes.

Indexing is only one of the types of work undertaken by the volunteers who have worked in all sections of the Provincial Archives on a variety of projects, ranging from arrangement and description of family and business papers to calendaring the early Cabinet records. Volunteers in the conservation section have included: Elizabeth Hamilton, Janet McNeil, and Judith Stanley. Dr. Katherine McNaughton,

retired high school principal, was an early volunteer who worked both in conservation and on an index of maps. Julia Walker and Lawrence McCutcheon, both retired teachers, worked tirelessly indexing the pre-1910 Chancery Court records. Anna Estey laboured for years on Supreme Court files. Pat MacLeod, a history graduate from UNB, and Sara Jacobson, a ten year volunteer, were feted in an earlier issue of *Extra Extra* for their work on a finding aid for the Fred Phillips Papers and a calendar of the records of the Executive Council respectively. Dorothy Wiggs has compiled marriage indexes for the years 1887-1919, an index to 1906 late registrations of birth, and is currently at work on an index to 1926 marriages.

Volunteers have included former staff members, Betty Sewell and Bob Fellows; archivists' family members, Margie Fellows, Rosalie Cogswell, Ruth Carr. Others are genealogists who have largely completed their own research, such as George Hayward; history students, and individuals with a passion for history; people who are contemplating a career change, who

have a strong community spirit, or who like the intellectual stimulation and social interchange of work at the Provincial Archives. Harvey Malmberg and Frank Morehouse both retired educators, have worked exclusively on the records of the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton. Others on the roster (which, unfortunately, may not be complete) are: Douglas Pond, Margaret Crawford, Elizabeth Diamond, Della Coombs, Lily Mooers, Margaret Duplessis, Kevin Corbett,

Lorna Marr, Carolyn Moss, Eliza Aitken, and Betty Saunders.

Whatever their motivation, volunteers have enhanced the Archives ability to serve researchers and to make archival records more accessible for research. Their contributions benefit all users of archives and will for centuries to come.

NEW ACQUISITIONS AND FINDING AIDS ~~~~~

Government Records ~~~~~

RS141A1c New Brunswick Vital Statistics Records: *Index to Late Registration of Births: County Series, 1869-1901*, 61 pages. These records are on 2 microfilms.

RS141A5 New Brunswick Vital Statistics Records: *Index to Provincial Registrations of Births, 1900-1902*, 257 pages. These records are on 10 microfilms.

RS141B6 New Brunswick Vital Statistics Records: *Card Index to New Brunswick Marriages, 1927-1945*, 62 microfilms. This is on microfilm only and consists of index cards prepared by Vital Statistics Branch and filmed by the Provincial Archives.

RS141C5 New Brunswick Vital Statistics Records: *Index to Provincial Death Certificates, 1950*, 82 pages. These records are on 5 microfilms.

RS141C5 New Brunswick Vital Statistics Records: *Index to Provincial Death Certificates, 1951*, 82 pages. These are on 5 microfilms.

RS158 **Victoria County Council Records, 1850-1966**, 6.3 metres. This is a revision of the Victoria County Council finding aid, and includes an index to the records. Like the other County Council series it includes material relating to the administration of taxation, health and welfare, justice, education, public works, and elections at the county level.

RS172 **Confederation Centennial Celebration Committee Records (1967), 1963-1968**, 2 metres. Includes minutes, reports and correspondence relating to the Canadian Centennial Celebration events held in New Brunswick.

RS1046 **Records of the Royal Commission Investigating Payrolls of Road Supervisors of Restigouche County and Other Counties (1931), 1931**, 2cm. Consists of Report issued by Commissioner Ralph Perley Hartley.

Private Records ~~~~~

MC223/S4 **Anglican Parish of St. George, Charlotte County, Records, 1868-1956**. Microfilm F21206.

MC928 **St. Peter's and Bethany Lutheran Church (New Denmark) Fonds, 1906-1998**, 9 cms.

MC2915 **Somerville Women's Institute Fonds, 1950-1971**, 4 cm. On microfilm F21207.

MC2916 **Knox Presbyterian Church Records, Harvey, 1856-2000**, 27 cm. On microfilms F65, F21300 and F21301. Restricted.

MC2918 **St. James Anglican Church, Saint John, Fonds, 1879-1999**, 25 cms.

MC2921 **Riverside Presbyterian Church Records, Prince William, 1926-1999**, 5 cm. Microfilm F21210

MC2922 **Nathaniel Hubbard Papers**, 1738-1881, 54 cms. On microfilms F21202, F21203

MC2929 **Otis Collection Women's Institute Fonds**, 1934-1996, 26 cms. On microfilms F21211, F21212

MC2932 **James W. Bridges Fonds**, 1896-1916, 5 cm. On microfilm F167, F447.

MC2951 **Welsford Lumber Company Fonds**, [1902]-1931; 1915-1979, 66 cms.

MC2950 **Springfield Agricultural Society No. 74 Fonds**, 1900-1990. Microfilm F21267.

MC2965 **Rexton Pastoral Charge United Church Records**, 1841-1994. On microfilm.

Also acquired in Private Records but for which finding aids are not yet available are the following fonds:

MC2943 **Jacobina Campbell Fonds**. (A notebook, 181? - 182?). It is a copybook/diary containing sermons and other religious writings of the time. Diary entries contain notes as to who preached where & when and

the scripture reference used. Photocopy of approx. 200 pages, 16 page index.

MC2964 **Blackville and Derby Presbyterian Church Fonds**. Session Book of the Presbyterian Church of Blackville and Derby, New Brunswick in connection with the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces of BNA, July 28, 1860 – 1899. It includes minutes of session, list of members on the communion roll, and baptisms, 1858-1899. Photocopy, 74 pages typed.

MC1233 **David Folster Accessions**. Ganong Research Files, related to *Ganong's* and Ganong family members; interview with Reg Tweeddale, head of NB Power regarding his career with the Power Commission, issues related to the construction of Mactaquac Dam; and interview with individuals involved with guiding hunters and fishers on the Tobique

MC2966 **Norman Dixon Fonds**. Alma, Albert County history & genealogy.

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ARCHIVES WEB SITE

The Archives Website URL is <http://www.gnb.ca/archives> It provides general information on the Archives, its holdings, hours of operation and its programs as well as information on the Associates of the Archives. Also available are some general guides to holdings and genealogical guides for each county. Individuals contacting the Archives via the internet are asked to provide their mailing address. *All* of the documents and *most* of the Archival finding aids are not available through WWW. Additional information continues to be added and existing information is up dated to reflect changes in publications dealing with records management and electronic records, information on exhibits and finding aids, and growing databases.