
Historical Affairs

In the context of its historical publications program designed to aid scholarly research by making readily available Canada's basic foreign policy records, the Department in 1974 published Volume 7 in its series *Documents on Canadian External Relations*. This volume provides coverage of part of the cataclysmic events which shook the world during the 1939-41 period. Owing to the great increase in foreign policy records which began with the outset of the Second World War, it was decided to publish two volumes for this period. A companion volume covering the remaining events of the period is scheduled for publication during 1975. Progress continued on the volumes covering the period between 1942 and 1947.

To mark the 25th anniversary of Newfoundland's union with Canada in 1949 a special volume of *Documents on Relations Between Canada and Newfoundland* was published in 1974. It deals with the defence, civil aviation, and economic aspects of union between 1935 and 1949. This volume was presented to Premier Moores by Don Jamieson, Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, in the presence of H.R.H. Prince Philip during a ceremonial banquet at Gander on October 14 which brought the silver anniversary festivities to a close. A companion volume on the political aspects of union is in preparation.

A special booklet, *Newfoundland: the Road to Confederation*, was also published during the year for distribution throughout the province's school system.

Among the more unusual departmental books published in 1974 was *Seminar on Colonial Institutions in the Americas of the 18th Century*, edited by the Historical Division. It contains the proceedings of a seminar of experts on colonial institutions from Canada, the United States and Latin America which the Department sponsored at Laval University in 1972. Such seminars are organized at regular intervals by the Department as a part of Canada's

participation in the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History, a specialized agency of the Organization of American States.

Throughout the year the Historical Division maintained all its normal services to the research community, including controlled access whenever possible to departmental records since 1946, help with manuscripts for factual accuracy, oral history interviewing of Cabinet Ministers and senior officials who have dealt with Canadian foreign relations, and round-table discussions with departmental officers on current issues of interest. Major research assistance for books, articles and courses was extended to nearly 100 scholars during 1974 and it is hoped that this total will continue to expand in future.