

assignments that are referred to him. In London, the branch office of the Archives has for many years been in the Public Record Office itself. The staff of three is headed by Miss Doris Eldred, whose family has been engaged in the art of manuscript copying for several generations.

In the old hand-copying days, staffs of this size did extremely well if they produced between 15,000 and 20,000 pages of transcript each year. Now that microfilm cameras are in use, our hope is that we may secure copies of at least 750,000 pages per annum. This has not yet been attained, but the prospect is that we shall not fall far short of it in 1952-53. This means that the principal collections of documents abroad, which are basic necessities to any historian or economist who seeks to study Canada's development seriously, should all be available in facsimile in Ottawa within a few years.