

cations of the Archives the text is given of important documents, journals, or series of documents. In accordance with this policy a volume of documents relating to the constitutional history of Canada was published in 1907. A second volume, a continuation of the first, will be issued during the course of a few months. The Journal of Larocque, Murray's Journal of the Yukon, and documents relating to the pre-Cartier voyages have likewise been published in this series. In this manner it is hoped that in time the more important documents relating to Canadian history may be made accessible not only to students but to the general public throughout the Dominion.

The work of publication has acted as a powerful stimulant to the pursuit of historical research. Students and authors have realized that the history of Canada requires to be rewritten in the light of the original sources and in consequence have availed themselves of the records in the Archives. Every encouragement possible has been given to historical research at the Archives Building. The need has not arisen for the adoption of the stringent regulations regarding access to documents and hours for working which European Records' Offices have found necessary to enforce. The result has been that the Archives is developing into the Mecca of the students of Canadian History.

As much assistance as possible is rendered students who are unable to come to Ottawa to consult the original sources. Searches are made and, where conditions require it, photographic copies of documents are furnished to enquirers. In this respect photography has been of great value in combining expedition with accuracy of transcription.

For further encouragement of

historical research, an important departure was made during the past year. According to the division of jurisdiction between the federal and provincial governments, education falls within the sphere of the provinces and consequently the Dominion was unable to encourage historical education to the full extent which its possession of rich historical records would otherwise have permitted. Nevertheless a step was taken towards bringing into more intimate relation the study of history in the universities and original research in the Archives. The Dominion government established scholarships of the value of fifty dollars per month for students nominated by each of the Canadian Universities who should spend a part of the summer vacation in conducting historical studies at the Dominion Archives. In the selection of a subject the previous training of the students and the prospect of pursuing further research were important considerations. The character of the material relating to the subject was discussed with the student and directions were given regarding the use of the various classes of sources. The students were then left, as much as possible, to rely on their own resources. Seven men spent the summer at the Archives and the results of their research have amply justified the experiment. Through its publications, through its replies to enquiries, through its connection with authors and through its contact with the educational institutions of the Dominion, the Canadian Archives is endeavouring to disseminate the information which its records contain and, by turning a clearer light on the conflicts, the failures and the achievements of yesterday, to make some contribution to the solution of the national problems of to-day and to-morrow.