

tory of Canada, as distinguished from its external relations, there are few means beyond those above indicated of testing the correctness of the narrative of Charlevoix, which undoubtedly, however, bears the impress of truth, nor to supplement the information accessible to him at the period of his writing. It was, therefore, considered advisable to send to Paris Mr. Joseph Marmette, Assistant Archivist, to continue researches, begun in 1833, among the Archives of the various Departments of State, with instructions to ascertain as fully as possible the nature of the contents of the State papers, in order to have arrangements made for obtaining a complete collection, unaltered and unabridged, of the records relating to Canada to be found in Paris. Mr. Marmette's report of the work done is attached to this report, and will be read with interest, but there still remains a mass of documents to be examined before any systematic plan of copying can be adopted.

The Calendar of the Haldimand Collection, begun in the report of last year, is continued. An examination of the contents of the papers, as shown by the abstract, will, it is believed, prove the great value of the collection in elucidating the events of one of the most important periods of Canadian history, of which so little has hitherto been known. It is intended to continue the publication until the Calendar of the whole has been completed.

The abstract of the Fealty Rolls (*Actes de Foy et hommage*) is now completed and the concluding part of it will be found at the end of this report. The value of this abstract has been acknowledged, and its publication has led to correspondence from many who have an interest in tracing the succession of the Seigniories, of which the Fealty Rolls give the original title and transfers. Besides these, the four volumes of "*Cahiers d'Intendance titres présentés par les vassaux*," and the six volumes "*Aveus, denombrements et declarations*" also relating to property, have been received and indexed, so that information asked for in relation to these volumes can be at once supplied.

The correspondence on these and other subjects is steadily increasing; important questions being submitted by inquirers, which have been promptly answered. Many of the applicants are residents of the United States, who in some cases are desirous of obtaining information on the general history of the relations between the two countries, and in others seek to trace family connections. The number of those who make personal investigations is also increasing.

Having been requested to visit the different Provinces on a special mission relating to the Colonial Exhibition to be held in London, England, next May, I had an opportunity, of which full advantage was taken, to make personal arrangements with the Provincial Governments, to have copies of all their printed official records and other publications sent for deposit in the Archives Office. Imperfect sets of those previously obtained were completed, and all future issues will be sent as