

The volume for 1804 was already in the office. The analysis made by Dr. Brymner of the volumes relating to the maritime provinces terminates on the 31st December, 1801.

3. We have received twenty-four logs of British ships before Louisbourg in 1756, 1757, 1758, namely, logs of the *Oxford*, *Somerset*, *Northumberland*, *Lancaster*, *Terrible*, *Pr. Frederick*, *Nottingham*, *Shannon*, *Bedford*, *Devonshire*, *Vanguard*, *Success*, *Centurion*, *Fougereux*, *Jamaica*, *Norwich*, *Grafton*, *Litchfield*, *Pembroke*.

4. From the General Post Office in England we have received three volumes of copies of correspondence relating to the Canadian Post Office for the years 1841, 1842, 1843. The volumes contain a table of contents. The collection now comprises 17 volumes from 1792 to 1843.

5. The account of George Thew Burke, as secretary, Superintending the Richmond Settlement, Upper Canada, from the 25th December, 1820, to the 24th March, 1823. (Copied from the Audit Office—Declared accounts, settlers—Roll. C., Bundle 2131.)

6. From the Record Office, London, 'A nominal list of the American Loyalists.'

7. The Journal of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada from 1st February to 12th March, 1810. (Copied in Colonial Office—45—vol, 138.)

Fisheries and Boundaries.

The questions which are now raised between Canada, the United States and Newfoundland respecting fisheries, the boundaries of Labrador and the Bay of Fundy have made it necessary to carry on research in the Archives of France and England. During the course of the year we have received five large portfolios of documents copied at the Department of Foreign Affairs, France, relating to England and the United States in 1782-1783. We have also received from England several thousand folios concerning the Labrador fisheries taken from the colonial correspondence and the Oswald, Shelburne and Lansdowne collections for the years 1712-1715, 1772, 1782, 1783, 1819-1832, 1841-1850.

The value of these documents which contain the political correspondence exchanged at such an important period of our history is obvious. Further details concerning these papers cannot be given, but they will be of great service in the preparation of memoirs in cases of arbitration or of international conventions. These documents form a special class and for the present are available only for administrative purposes.

It would appear advisable to have copies made of all documents deposited in European Archives bearing on Canada, especially those relating to boundaries, commerce or navigation. We should also possess copies of all preliminary proceedings respecting treaties or conventions between England and other countries which may in any way affect Canada.

The documents copied in Europe are compared before they are sent to the Archives and the place where the original is deposited is marked on each paper. The portfolios are analysed and chronological tables prepared to facilitate search.

RESEARCH AND TRANSCRIPTION OF DOCUMENTS IN CANADA.

QUEBEC.

1. During the past year the Abbé O'Leary has continued his work in the province of Quebec, and has made an examination of the documents deposited in public offices and in various private collections.