

REPORT ON CANADIAN ARCHIVES.

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SIR,—I have the honour to present the report on Archives for 1900.

The work is continued in the usual manner, so that little remark on that head is necessary. The copies of State papers for Upper and Lower Canada have been received down to 1840, shelf marked, and put in place. The minutes of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia were sent to the binder in November last, as were three volumes of correspondence of that province from 1741 to 1752; other work of the same province being in progress. Miscellaneous papers of Upper and Lower Canada not included in the general terms of "State papers" are in process of collection and copying, so as to have the collection made as complete as possible. The same care as has always been taken, is exercised in guarding against error and securing exact transcripts of the papers. Copies have been completed here of the Bougainville papers received from Quimper, France, and for the receipt of which an acknowledgment was made to Mdme. de Saint Sauveur Bougainville, and to M. de Kerallain, in the report for 1899.

Inquiries have been repeatedly made as to the reason of Lord Halifax signing himself "Dunk" Halifax, an answer to which is furnished by Hone, in the second volume of his "Every Day Book." He quotes the "Gentleman's Magazine" for 1741, which says:—"that on the 2nd of July of that year, Lord Halifax married Miss Dunk with a fortune of £100,000. According to the will of Mr. Dunk, the lady was to marry none but an honest tradesman, who was to take the name of Dunk, for which reason His Lordship took the freedom of the Saddler's Company, exercised the trade and added the name to his own."

The varying dates as to the creation of the peerage of Glenelg, led to some inquiries to ascertain the exact date. In the Century Cyclopædia, the date is given as 1828, a palpable error. In Burke's Peerage, letters patent are said to have issued on the 8th of May, 1836, creating the Peerage. When Mr. Grant (afterwards Lord Glenelg) was Colonial Secretary, Lord Aylmer on the 16th June, 1835, addressed him as Mr. Grant. A week later (23rd June) he was addressed as Lord Glenelg. The