

APPENDIX No. 21.

CANADIAN ARCHIVES—REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE BRANCH FOR: THE YEAR 1908.

(Extract from the Report of the Minister of Agriculture.)

To the Hon. S. A. FISHER,
Minister of Agriculture,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you a report of the work of the Archives Branch for the year 1908.

On the 9th of June, 1907 (report of the Department of Agriculture for 1908, p. 54) the Archives Branch had received from France copies of Série B., 'Despatches and Orders of the King concerning the Colonies,' analysed by the late M. Richard as far as volume 23 inclusive. Up to the month of May, 1909, further copies of this series have been received as follows:—

- B. 25 (1704) analysed by M. Richard, supplementary report, 1899 (pp. 356-366).
- B. 27 (1705-1706) analysed by M. Richard, supplementary report, 1899 (pp. 366-382).
- B. 29 1707-1708) analysed by M. Richard, supplementary report, 1899 (pp. 383-408).
- B. 30 (1708-1709) analysed by M. Richard, supplementary report, 1899 (pp. 409-420).
- B. 32 (1710) analysed by M. Richard, supplementary report, 1899 (pp. 420-429).
- B. 33 (1711) analysed by M. Richard, supplementary report, 1899 (pp. 429-437).
- B. 34 (1712) analysed by M. Richard, supplementary report, 1889 (pp. 437-452).

The six volumes represent 4,000 pages of manuscript. Volumes 24, 26, 28 and 31 of series B relate only to the West Indies, and according to M. Richard's report, it is unnecessary to copy them.

In series C 11 of the Colonial Archives, M. Marmette in his report for 1885 (p. xxvi of English version, p. xxvii, French text) mentions under the title 'Continuation of the same series,' sixteen volumes of 'Correspondance Générale.' In his calendar for 1887 (p. ccclxv) he says that he has omitted for the present vols. 1-7, inclusive, of this collection as they relate solely to Newfoundland.

These volumes have not been analysed, and as they contain all the correspondence of the Governors of Plaisance from 1661 to 1714, or one year after the Treaty of Utrecht, we have considered it advisable to have them copied immediately, in order that the Archives may possess the most important documents concerning the early administration of Newfoundland.

There has been an addition this year to the série B of seven volumes—

Vol. 1.	North America, Newfoundland, Ile Saint Pierre, Ile Saint Jean, the Magdalen Islands and Ile aux Oiseaux...	(1661-1693)
Vol. 2.	" " " (1694-1699)
Vol. 3.	" " " (1700-1702)
Vol. 4.	" " " (1703-1705)
Vol. 5.	" " " (1706-1707)
Vol. 6.	" " " (1708-1709)
Vol. 7.	" " " (1709-1714)