

effects of the war upon Canada by Adam Shortt, published by the division of economics and history of the Carnegie endowment for international peace. Interesting also is another study of social and economic conditions, "Canada at war," by Thomas Forsyth Hunt, in the *University of California Chronicle*, volume xx, number 2. Nellie L. McClung's *Next of kin* is a picture of the life and work of Canadian women in war time. Of personal narratives recently published the following may be regarded as having considerable permanent historical value: *Captured*, by J. H. Douglas, the story of a Canadian war prisoner; *Winged warfare*, by W. A. Bishop, the famous Canadian aviator; *From Montreal to Vimy Ridge and beyond: letters to his Canadian mother by a graduate and fellow of Johns Hopkins university*.

ACQUISITION OF MATERIAL

The normal work of the public archives of Canada in acquiring, arranging, and publishing historical material has been much handicapped by the war duties which the department has undertaken and by the absence of members of the staff on active service. In Paris every effort is being made to press forward with the copying of the records of the French régime, but in London the archives staff has been rendering assistance to the war records office and the amount of copying has decreased. No transcripts from Europe, however, are now being sent to Canada. They will be retained in London until conditions of transportation are less disturbed. From sources on this side of the Atlantic a fairly large number of important documents have been added to the archives stores. Among these are various parish records, or copies thereof, from Quebec and the maritime provinces, private letters and diaries, including copies of letters of Ludger Duvernay, one of the leaders of the popular party in the troubles of 1837-1838, a letter book of the Hudson Bay company's post at Norway House, and transcripts from the papers of the *prévôté de Québec*, the *conseil supérieur*, and the courthouse of Montreal. The archives have acquired a volume containing the original observations drawn up by the judges of Quebec upon the evidence in the investigation respecting the administration of justice in the province in 1787. Students of the period have long been aware that these documents were miss-