

umes in hand ranging over a variety of subjects, which will appear in due course.

The archives department of British Columbia has several bulletins now in the printer's hands, and others in the course of preparation. These include a series of letters by Sir James Douglas; papers relating to the convening of the first house of assembly in 1856; the journal of the trading ship *Ruby*, Captain Charles Bishop (1794-96); and the journal of Dr. Archibald Menzies, surgeon and naturalist to Captain George Vancouver's expedition of 1792-95 and one of the first trained observers to report upon the fauna and flora of the northwest coast.

A certain amount of source material has been published in the transactions of various Canadian historical societies. Among others may be noted a reprint of "The constitutional debate in the legislative assembly (Upper Canada) of 1836," with an introduction by William Renwick Riddell in the *Papers and records* of the Lennox and Addington historical society, volumes VII and VIII; "Gleanings from the sheriff's records" in the *Transactions* of the London and Middlesex historical society; a collection of documents published under the general title "Family history and reminiscences of early settlers" in the *Publications* of the Niagara historical society; and two documentary articles in the *Annual report* of the Thunder Bay historical society, "Fort William's early newspapers," and "Fort William in the middle of the XIX century." A good deal of valuable material relating to the early history of Canada is also contained in the first three numbers of the *Manuscripts from the Burton historical collection*, collected and published by C. M. Burton of Detroit and edited by his daughter, M. Agnes Burton.

#### MEETINGS AND PUBLISHED TRANSACTIONS

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Royal society of Canada was held in Ottawa May 22, 23, and 24, 1917. Special attention was given to the subject of confederation, the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Canadian dominion falling on the first of July of this year. The Royal society and the Universities' association of Canada, which was meeting in Ottawa at the same time, joined in a confederation dinner, at which addresses were given by the governor-general, the Duke of Devon-