

most valuable sets of documents in the collection. They have been supplemented with about 200 volumes of military correspondence dated from Halifax and centred about Halifax, but these latter, I understand, were sent by mistake to the Dominion Archives, Ottawa in 1903 or thereabouts, together with a similar quantity of like correspondence which related more particularly to Western Commands.

(44) Letter Books and memda of His Majesty's Naval Yard, 1783-1809.

The 5 volumes that comprise this set were all that could be obtained from a very large quantity which were displaced when the naval authorities turned over their property to the Canadian Government. All the others were sent to England by order of the Admiralty.

(45) Record Books of the early Fire Protection Companies of Halifax, 1813-1917. This, the most recent addition to the collection, is contained in 16 volumes.

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The above data and notes present a fair summary of the work performed in connection with the Public Records, progress made in putting them into orderly shape, and their present condition. As regards suggestion for their future usefulness;

(1) We would urge retention of all documents now in the Archives.

(2) That effort be made to secure additions to the collection, either by gifts or purchase; this to relate to documents, etc., dealing solely with Nova Scotia and generally of a purely local nature.

(3) That the Provincial Government should issue with least possible delay a complete catalogue and index of the volumes and documents, and of the boxes and papers.

(4) That the Government be asked to include in the annual volume of Appendices of the Journals of the House of Assembly a report of the Public Records of the Province, as was done for many years. This report should show progress and other details, and reproduce at least one document of historic value.