

pursue that endeavor. The major item on the committee's agenda was the proposed ALA/SAA, "Joint Statement on Access to Original Source Materials in Libraries, Archives, and Manuscript Repositories." After considerable discussion a version of such a joint statement prepared by the committee chairman was approved. Subsequently, that statement was approved by the counterpart committee of ALA/ACRL and by the Board of Directors of ACRL. The "Joint Statement" will be presented to the SAA Council for approval. [JAMES E. O'NEILL]

The ad hoc **Committee on Micrographics** completed work on a questionnaire designed to obtain a reading on the current use of microfilm and quick copy equipment in archives, manuscript repositories, and research libraries. Work, also, was completed on a fairly comprehensive listing of reprographic equipment essential for establishing or improving a laboratory. This listing is now ready for publication.

Work was also completed on a draft of guidelines to assist repositories in their dealings with micropublishers. This will be reviewed and refined during the next few months.

Work is still pending on papers dealing with the use of microfilm in preventing theft and in preserving the informational content of records.

The committee believes that it will be essential to develop an independent testing facility for research into problems of archival permanence. Work on this will be given priority. [ALBERT H. LEISINGER, JR.]

The **Joint National Micrographics Association/Society of American Archivists Committee on Standards for Public Records** has developed and the NMA has published a Recommended Practice for Microform Identification, which is now before the American National Standards Committee on Micrographic Reproduction, PH5, for approval. Another recommended practice for the titling of microfiche and roll film of archives and manuscripts was approved and is now awaiting the approval of the NMA's Committee of Microfiche. In process is a recommended practice for a model regulation for the filming of public records. [ALBERT H. LEISINGER, JR.] [See Technical Notes, p. 85. ED.]

Recent Death

CHARLES BRUCE FERGUSSON, 1911–1978. The death of C. Bruce Fergusson so soon after his retirement last December will come as a shock to those who knew him as a colleague, for his career as an archivist spanned thirty years and he served as Provincial Archivist of Nova Scotia between 1956 and 1977.

His distinguished academic record at school and at Dalhousie University (he was also a Rhodes Scholar and took his D. Phil. at the University of Oxford) equipped him for a lifetime of scholarship in the field of Nova Scotia history, to which his contribution was considerable.

The Public Archives developed steadily under his direction and the resources and reference tools which he greatly expanded are well suited to users, especially in the fields of genealogy and local studies. He pressed hard for a new Public

Archives building and saw it through the early design stages. It is particularly sad that he did not live to see its completion.

He served at various times as chairman of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, national president of the Canadian Authors Association, and president of the Archival Association of Atlantic Canada.

He was recently awarded the medal of the Order of Canada for his services to the nation. Less known, perhaps, was Bruce's reputation as a good all-round athlete. He gained his half Blue for ice hockey while at Oxford.

He will be greatly missed as an outstanding Nova Scotian and his fine record of public service will be an example to us all.

HUGH A. TAYLOR, *Public Archives of Nova Scotia*



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