

MICROFILMING THE RECORDS OF THE LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL OF N.S.W.

A major microfilming project has been undertaken by the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales. By arrangement with the Legislative Council of New South Wales the Trustees are now having microfilmed in the Photographic Section of the Library the archival records of the Legislative Council. The project which is financed from the William Dixon Foundation commenced in September with the microfilming of the In Letters and Documents Tabled series, beginning with the year 1856.

The photographing is done two folios per frame. A reference slip is photographed with each frame and each reel is provided with a title page. The reels contain approximately 700 frames each.

The first few reels are already available for students in the Mitchell Library.

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NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH CONFERENCE

A general Conference of the New South Wales Branch of the Library Association was held at the University of Technology in Kensington from 19th to 20th October. The Archives Section held three sessions during this period.

The afternoon of 19th was devoted to a symposium on the use of Records in local history. As the conference was late in starting this session was seriously curtailed but short papers were read by Dr. Kunz on cartographic records and by Miss Mander Jones on the Mitchell Library.

On the morning of 20th, Mr. F.H. Rogers, the Librarian of the New England University read a paper on archival developments in New Zealand. It is hoped to publish the text of this paper in the next issue of Archives and Manuscripts. The paper was followed by a keen discussion of archival legislation and of the techniques for surveying private archives which had been described by Mr. Rogers. Following the session, Mr. Rogers met the committee of the Section at lunch for a discussion of ways and means for a survey of local government records in New South Wales.

The third session which was held on the afternoon of 20th was devoted to a paper by Mr..T.H. Sparrow on the Archives of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. It is hoped that Mr. Sparrow's paper will be published also.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED BY SYDNEY
UNIVERSITY

In connection with the forthcoming Summer School in Archives to be held in the University of Sydney early in March next year, approaches have been made to Records Offices abroad with a view to obtaining material for exhibition, including publications which will eventually be incorporated into a library of archival literature which is being built up in the University of Sydney. The response has been very good and several of the publications received are especially worthy of mention. These include:-

1. "The Coming of Age of the Central African Archives", folio 40 pages, published by the Central African Archives, printed by the Glasgow University Press, 1956. This beautifully produced publication contains three chapters; the first dealing with the development of archives organisation in Central Africa, the second relating to archives achievements to date and the third "Our Creed", containing a short but excellent statement of the essential importance of the Archivist's function. The full and informative lists of previous publications, general and technical, are appended.
2. "Die Schriftlichen Nachlasse in den zentralen deutschen und preussischen Archiven" by Wolfgang Mommsen, quarto 139 pages, published by Bundesarchiv Koblenz in 1955. This contains a complete survey of manuscript material relating to persons, arranged alphabetically by the subjects, with an excellent introduction outlining the work already done in gathering such material together.
3. "Erhvervshistorisk Arbog", quarto 96 pages, published by the Danish Archives in 1949. This publication contains a number of articles on technical and historical matters by a number of Danish Archivists and Historians, including an interesting outline of Danish principles of arrangement.