

NEWS NOTES FROM THE COMMONWEALTH ARCHIVES OFFICE

The decision has now been taken to abandon the use of mill boards and straps for the packing of holdings and to replace them by cardboard boxes. Three standard boxes have been devised for foolscap files and two sizes for cards, and the replacement is well under way. There appears to be some loss of space in the process, but this is counter-balanced by cheaper costs and more efficient operation.

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Mr H.S. Broadhead has accepted a position as Senior Lecturer in the History Department of Monash University, Melbourne.

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Mr Bruce Burne of the Melbourne Office has been promoted to Archivist, Grade 1. He recently resumed duty after a trip overseas during which he visited English and many European archives institutions.

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The construction of new branch repository buildings is authorised for Adelaide and Brisbane. The Adelaide Repository is to be at Medindie Gardens and the Brisbane Repository at Cannon Hill. The Adelaide building is now under construction and the contract has been let in Brisbane.

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The Central Repository in Canberra is rapidly nearing saturation point. It is expected that the Archives Office will take over the Government Printing Office on Wentworth Avenue, Kingston, when the Government Printer moves to new premises about June 1963.

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Mr Ian Diamond of the Central Archives in Fiji paid a brief visit to the office in July.

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A survey was carried out in Hobart in August to assess the need for a branch repository in that City. It was decided that a repository was not yet warranted, but that a further survey should be carried out in 1965.

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