

prises 132 volumes, and contains the documentary history of the years from 1758 to 1787, inclusive. The office has now besides, in hand, 364 volumes, copied from the State papers of the Colonial Record Office, London, containing the correspondence between the English authorities and the Governors and other official personages of Canada, from 1760 to 1831. The copying of these interesting documents is now being continued in London under the direction of Mr. Brymner, the chief archivist, who is about to complete a series of valuable researches which will serve as a guide for the staff of copyists engaged in the completion of this, in America, unique historical collection.

1504. The copying at the same time is continued in London, of the War Office papers, of which at present 15 volumes have been received, and those of the Board of Trade, of which the office is in possession at present of 29 volumes. Apart from this collection, so rich in new revelations relative to the history of the continent during the English dominion, the branch has the advantage of possessing 1,063 manuscript volumes of military documents—all originals—concerning the events of the military operations during the occupation of Canada by the English troops from 1760 to 1867.

1505. The French part of this historical collection, which is at the present moment a little ~~in arrears~~ in consequence of uncontrollable circumstances, comprises about 100 volumes of manuscript concerning *le papier-terrier, les arrêts des intendants* under the French regime, as well as the commencement of the correspondence between the Court of France and the French Governors and Intendants in Canada. A continuation is being made in copying, at Paris, the numerous state papers relative to Canadian history, which are found very largely in the archives of the new Ministry of the Colonies (formerly the Ministry of Marine and Colonies), selected by Mr. Marmette, the assistant archivist, and catalogued by him a few years ago.

1506. Besides the rich collection of manuscript archives above referred to there is in the Historical Archives Division a very valuable collection, consisting of several thousands of volumes of printed works having relation to the history of Canada.

1507. A comparison of the figures published in 1892 and 1893 will disclose an apparent decrease in Canada's Indian population, amounting to 9,488 souls. Closer examination will show that