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lesson, to know whether anyone apart from the federal government would have both the necessary money and necessary influence to bring such a project to a successful conclusion. [John H. Taylor, Carleton University].

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In June 1975 the Toronto Area Archivists Group issued its first publication. The Guide to Archives in the Toronto Area provides details of sixty-five archives and manuscript repositories in the Toronto area, many of which are identified for researchers for the first time. At the date of compilation forty of these were sufficiently well organized and staffed to warrant full page entries. Each entry consists of the name of the repository, date of establishment, address, telephone number and name of the head of the institution, opening hours, restrictions (if any), facilities and a summary of the nature and the extent of the holdings. An appendix lists twenty-five others which were either insufficiently organized or of such recent establishment as to be only able to provide repository name, address, contact person and telephone number.

The Guide has been extremely well received by researchers and institutions across North America (and even as far afield as Italy), selling out the first printing of 500 copies within nine months. Demand, however, has remained constant and TAAG is presently considering reissuing the Guide in a revised and expanded form, taking account of the many changes and developments in the Toronto archival community which have taken place in the two years since the original data were collected.

Founded in 1973, TAAG is an association open to all individuals and institutions interested in archives and related fields. The Group holds 10 general meetings each year, produces a newsletter, maintains an Advisory service on archives-related problems, runs educational courses

(e.g. in Conservation) and has a publications programme. Active membership stands at about 150 and the total mailing list at about 250. Annual membership fee is \$5.00. Any enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, Linda Price, at the City of Toronto Archives, City Hall, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2. [R. Scott James, City Archivist, Toronto].

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Osborne, Brian S., ed. The Settlement of Canada: Origins and Transfer - Proceedings of the 1975 British-Canadian Symposium on Historical Geography. Kingston: Queen's University, 1976. Pp. xii, 239. \$5.00.

The British-Canadian Symposium on Historical Geography was held at Queen's University in September 1975. It was attended by some seventy delegates from the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada. The conference was organized into four sections dealing with the themes of migration, rural settlement, urban studies and methodology. The papers presented in each of these four sessions, together with discussants' comments and summaries of the general discussion from the floor, are reported in the Proceedings. The volume also contains abstracts of twenty-five other papers that were available at the conference for the purpose of reference and discussion.

The two papers presented in the urban session were:

R. I. Dennis (University College, London), "Community Structure in Victorian Cities"; and D. A. Norris (McMaster), "The Micro-Geography of Micro Places: Late Nineteenth Century Business Activity and Rural Society". The following papers, for which abstracts are printed, will be of interest to Canadian urban specialists: D. W. Holdsworth (University of British Columbia), "House and Home in Vancouver"; G. Levine (Queen's), "Residential Mobility in Kingston"; J. P. Radford (York), "Human Ecology and Nineteenth Century Toronto"; and O.F.G. Stilwell (University of Alberta), "Pioneer Attitudes as Revealed by the Townscape of Strathcona, Alberta". Finally, this well organized and useful volume contains summaries of the three "after dinner" speeches