arrivé à bon port. La route est maintenant ouverte pour ceux qui ont le goût de l'aventure.

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A Guide to the Identification and Acquisition of Canadian Provincial Government Publications. [By] Catherine A. Pross [and] A. Paul Pross. Occasional Paper, 16. Halifax: Dalhousie University Libraries and School of Library Service, 1977. 69 l., card covers, \$3.00 ISBN 0-7703-0153-3

Librarians and research workers welcome the writings of Catherine A. and A. Paul Pross on provincial government publications. Their previous *Government Publishing in the Canadian Provinces* (1972) described 'the chaos that exists'; this *Guide* shows much improved situations and 'is intended to assist both the librarian and the user to find out what publications have been issued by specific governments and to obtain access to them'.

It is arranged alphabetically according to the ten provinces. For each, following a general statement, the material is organized by the following sections: 'Government Structure', 'Legislative Documents and Statutes', 'Finding Aids', 'Location and Acquisition', 'Microforms', and 'Library Holdings'. Following this last heading a table has been provided, showing where the collections of university libraries are strong or weak in legislative papers and departmental annual reports. One large public library collection has been included, the one in Toronto which since 1968 has belonged to the Metropolitan Toronto Library and is now housed in the new Reference Library building.

The aim of the publication is that it should be a working guide for researchers. Therefore, the bibliographies for each province are not comprehensive, but present rather the most useful finding aids, both retrospective and current, and selected specialized bibliographies for the reader with specific interests. Following the Introduction, a separate bibliography with twenty-five items lists 'General References and Bibliographies Reporting All Provinces'.

In a field where acquisition and identification of publications are difficult, we are indebted to the authors for giving such clear and concise assistance. They seem to have been successful in selecting materials of greatest use to historical workers. Two omissions however might be noted: *Commissions et comités d'enquêtes au Québec depuis 1967*, published by the Bibliothèque de la Législature in 1972; and the fact that information on changes in government organization in Ontario since 1972 is to be found in the annual catalogues.

Since the publication of this *Guide* there have been a number of important changes and additions. Prince Edward Island now has a Hansard. Manitoba has issued *Looking for Manitoba Government Publications* (1978), a 267-page bibliography of in-print publications. With so much activity in government bibliography and publishing, it is hoped that Dalhousie University will arrange for revised and updated editions of this work.

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