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owners wish to retain them, are urged to contact the Archives in Ottawa. The Archives are also interested in receiving suggestions from working historians of Canadian science, engineering and medicine regarding individuals, companies or groups whose papers they think should be searched for even if they are not aware of anything that has survived.

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#### SOURCES IN THE HISTORY OF CANADIAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING: #1

One of the reasons for founding this bulletin was the conviction that there was far more activity than any of us dared suspect, but that it was fragmented. The same might be said about sourced in the history of engineering and science in Canada. There is a great deal to be done, both in terms of the work of archivists as well as historians, but at the same time much has been written and preserved. Much is being done right now but few are aware of it. Hence the start of what will be a regular column in this newsletter devoted less to listing discrete articles than to discussion of general sources. It is proposed to deal with published sources which seem to be both rich and neglected as well as archival collections. Comments and information are solicited and should help to improve it.

Although the National Museum of Science and Technology is not exactly known for its research in the history of the fields that it covers, some of the publications coming from the National Museum of Man are of considerable interest to historians of technology and science. One of their most recent ventures is the founding and publication of the twice yearly Material History Bulletin. The first two issues appeared as History Division Papers, numbers 15 and 21 in the National Museum of Man Mercury Series. The latter is still available free of charge from the History Division. Subsequent issues will be by subscription, \$3.00 per year.

The Material History Bulletin will be published twice yearly and is designed to meet the need for a publication to encourage and disseminate research on Canada's material history through the publication of short articles, research notes and comments, reviews of both books and exhibits and other material related to material culture. The editors' interpretation of the term material history

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