

From 1935 to 1946, the Hall of Records completed the work of transferring the remaining volume indexes to cards, making many corrections. In addition, the *Testamentary Papers* were arranged and indexed on cards.

The indexes are based on the name of the decedent except the card index to *Accounts*, which includes the name of the administrator or executor as well, and the index to *Testamentary Proceedings*, which is an all-name index. The card indexes are filed under two headings: *Testamentary Proceedings*, which contains only the cards referring to the *Testamentary Proceedings* series and *Testamentary References*, which includes all the other cards referring to Prerogative Court Records.

Index to Testamentary Proceedings, 1657-1777, 19 volumes and card index.

Index to Wills, 1635-1777, 4 volumes (2 sets of 2 volumes each, one set handwritten and the other typed) and card index.

Index to Inventories and Accounts, 1674-1718, 2 volumes and card index.

Index to Inventories, 1718-1777, 3 volumes and card index.

Index to Accounts, 1718-1777, 2 volumes and card index.

Index to Balance Books, 1751-1776, 1 volume and card index.

Index to Original Wills, 1666-1777, 1 volume and card index.

Index to Testamentary Papers, 1659-1777, card index.

LIST OF COLONIAL PROBATE OFFICERS

A list of the colonial probate judges and their clerks or registers has been included here, because they are frequently mentioned in the records and it is interesting and useful to know who was serving at a given date and how long he served, especially since the initials of the judges or the registers were often used in the original liber lettering of the individual volumes. As has already been indicated, the officers who had jurisdiction over probate matters during the colonial period were the Secretaries of the Province up to 1673 and the Commissaries General afterwards. Their commissions were consistently recorded: the Secretaries in the proceedings of the Governor and Council and the Commissaries in the proceedings of the Prerogative Court. Occasionally, the Governor assumed the duties of probate judge himself. Whenever this hap-