

burden has been put on us, but already the photographic facilities of the Hall of Records are being taxed to keep up with this new work. The law permitting destruction under certain circumstances is good; however there is no room at the Hall of Records for most of the records of modern agencies which should be preserved and we have already had to ask the Board of Public Works to provide space elsewhere for storage purposes. The request has been granted, but this is not a satisfactory arrangement in all respects for it becomes increasingly costly to administer records outside the building and the responsibility of absentee guardianship is great.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

An extraordinary sum of \$15,000 for the purchase of equipment was made available to the Hall of Records from the General Bond Issue of 1939. Of this sum \$9,538.04 was expended during the fiscal year 1939-1940 (for an itemized account of this expenditure see the Archivist's report for 1939-1940) leaving a balance of \$5,461.96 which the Board of Public Works was kind enough to carry forward to the new year. During the fiscal year an additional \$5,418.16 was spent as follows:

Barrow Laminator .....	\$3,500.00	
Snead Open-Bar Adjustable Shelves.....	1,450.00	
2-Cell Syphon Print Washer.....	153.62	
Recordak Film File Cabinet.....	87.50	
Recordak Enlarger .....	227.04	
		\$5,418.16
Balance.....		\$43.80

Of this balance approximately \$30.00 has been set aside for a paper cutter for the photoduplication department which has been ordered but not delivered.