

PRESERVATION AND REPAIR

One volume of Provincial Court Judgments which had been begun during the preceding year was crepelled this year, all the other preservation and repair work was done with the Barrow Laminator which had recently been installed at the Hall of Records. This process has thus far proved to be very satisfactory. The question of its permanency cannot be answered finally except with the passage of considerably more time, but the Archivist has no doubt of the validity of laboratory aging tests which indicate very long life expectancy. In addition to the satisfaction which the appearance of the laminated materials has given us, we were especially happy to have installed this machine as it made it possible to continue our repair work after the stocks of chiffon used this year in the crepeline process had been exhausted. While the amount of our production also increased the percentage of increase was not so large as we had hoped it would be. This minor disappointment was due to three causes over which we had no control; there was first the need to finish crepeling materials which had been begun earlier, a certain amount of time was required for our workers to achieve the maximum production rate with the new process, and there was an unusual amount of illness in the department. The total number of pages crepelled was 1,128. The number of pages laminated was 19,692, for a total of 20,822 pages as compared with 13,512 pages for the fiscal year 1940-1941. The materials which were entirely rehabilitated either by crepeling or lamination are the following:

Accounts Nos. 7, 18, 28, 54.

Anne Arundel County Deeds R. D. No. 1.

Anne Arundel County Wills J. G. No. 2.

Baltimore County Deeds T. R. No. D. S., T. B. No. 2, A. L. No. C.

Charles County Wills Liber J.

Convention Journal July 1775, December 1775. June 1776.

Convention Papers.

Convention Proceedings.

Council of Safety Correspondence and Accounts.

Executive Papers.

Inventories 58.

Provincial Court Judgments H. W. No. 3. T. B. No. 2, I. O. No. 1, P. L. No. 1, S. S. 3 A, D. D. 17.

Somerset County Deeds, Liber B, Liber G.

Upper House Journal, June 15-July 3. 1773.