

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS PROJECT

Fiscal year 1952 was the third since we began to collect the publications of Maryland State agencies. By the end of last year we had complete sets of annual or biennial reports for forty-seven agencies, many of them still in existence, others long since defunct. We are glad to report that complete series for an additional thirteen agencies are now available. Altogether, we received 601 reports in printed form and 362 on microfilm. We were especially enriched by the Maryland State Library where many duplicates were found in the course of a cataloguing project which was completed during the year. We were also permitted by the same institution to microfilm other reports of which we had no copies and it had only single copies. We have now exhausted this possibility in Annapolis, and during the next fiscal year we shall shift our microfilming operations to Baltimore. When we began this project we were well aware that it would be tedious and expensive. Nor have we been disappointed. We are confident, however, that the results will justify the necessary expenditure of time and money.

SERIES COMPLETED — FISCAL YEAR 1952

| | Inclusive Dates of Agency | Total Number of Reports Issued |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| State Bank Commissioner | 1910- | 41 |
| Conservation Department | 1922-1941 | 18 |
| Board of Forestry ¹ | 1906-1941 | 16 |
| Maryland State Library ² | 1827- | 36 |
| State Library Commission | 1902-1910 | 7 |
| Administrator of Loan Laws | 1941- | 10 |
| Bureau of Mines | 1922- | 28 |
| Commissioner of Mines | 1878-1879 | 1 |
| Division of Parole and Probation | 1939- | 2 |
| Maryland Roadside Council | 1943-1947 | 1 |
| Susquehanna and Potomac River Bridges — Annual Report | 1941- | 11 |
| State Tax Commission | 1914- | 18 |
| State Tax Commissioner ³ | 1878-1914 | 20 |

¹Separate reports were issued 1906-1932; from 1932-1941 reports were published with the biennial reports of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland. Since 1941 the reports of the Department of Forests and Parks have been included in the annual report of the Board of Natural Resources.