

of each series. This has required painstaking piecing together of materials copied at widely separated holdings over the nation in order to fill in missing pages and eliminate imperfections in volumes so that the entire body of statutory law might be presented for research use complete and perfect. Manuscript copies of the laws have been filmed when found, in order to reconstruct the record when printed copies could not be located. The materials of which Class B is formed lend themselves readily to a systematic arrangement, but the precision work necessary in preparing the reels with the textual exactness required in legal publication has been time consuming.

Location symbols in the table of contents serve two purposes. They give credit to holdings which have contributed materials to be copied for the collection and they indicate rarity of items. Symbols have not been indicated for late periods where the materials could have been copied in any one of a number of libraries. Because of the convenience and economy in time, the greatest part of the materials forming Class B was furnished by the Law Library of the Library of Congress, which holds the nation's largest single collection of statutory laws. Secondly, the Harvard Law School, the Charlemagne Tower Collection of colonial laws in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, in that order, have contributed the largest number of individual items to Class B. Each state law library has generally supplied missing volumes to complete the file of its particular state, and a great number of collections throughout the country have furnished rare items needed to fill gaps in various series.

Terminal extensions made to any of the parts of Class B in the future will continue the regular order of numbering the reels of the series involved. A collateral series added will be indicated in the identification symbol following the part number by lower case "s"; reels preliminary to the present beginning dates of series will be indicated by lower case "p". When both preliminary and collateral materials are arranged on the same reel, the identification symbol will contain lower case "p:s". In cases in which additions will fill gaps at present intervening within a series of consecutively numbered reels, lower case "a", "b", etc. will follow the reel number so that the material may be placed in its proper chronological progression. Following Part 2 in the symbol, in states where two or more companion series of session laws were published concurrently for a period of years, lower case "a" will indicate Public or General Laws, lower case "b" Private, Local or Special Laws, and lower case "c" Resolves. Following Part 3 lower case letters will also be assigned to the various types of special legislation. When duplicate records of materials of a similar kind are allocated to the same numbered part and appear on consecutively numbered reels within overlapping periods of years, ".1", ".2", etc. will follow the reel numbers in order to show date progression.

When materials are not sufficient in volume to make it feasible to arrange parts or classes serially on separate reels, a composite