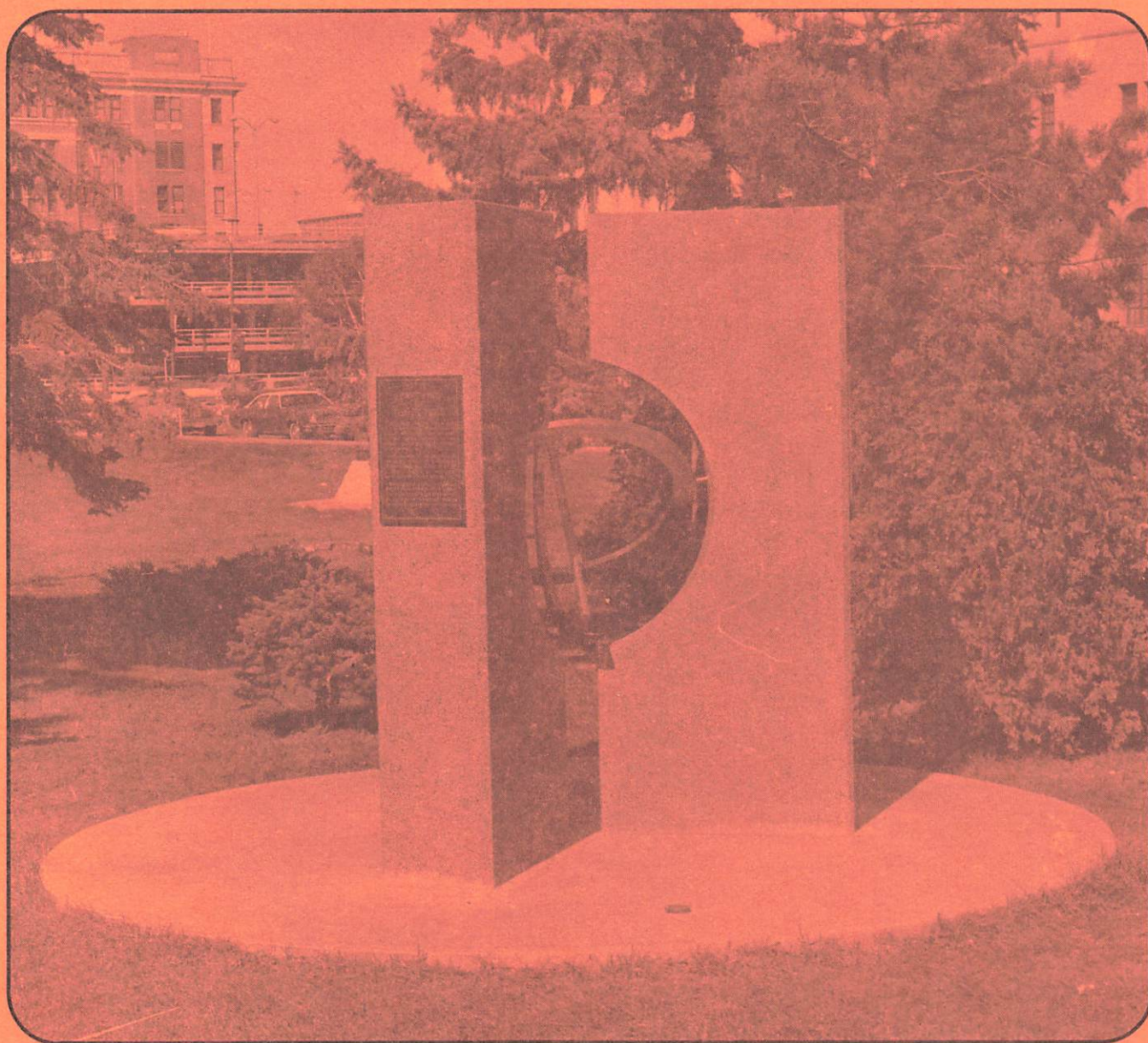


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COVER: 1980 is the centennial year of the Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors, the first society of its kind in Canada. It is often said that the laying of the familiar grid system of land surveys led, in part, to the rapid settlement of western Canada that followed its completion. This monument to surveying in the future stands in Memorial Park, Winnipeg. Photograph courtesy of Eric Jonasson.

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Guide to the Holdings of the Public Records Division, Public Archives of Canada

Part 1

The Public Records Division has custody of the historical public records created by the various departments and agencies of the government of Canada and of its direct predecessors. It should be noted, however, that the following pre-Confederation records are in the custody of the Manuscript Division:

- Executive Council of Upper, Lower and United Canada (RG 1);
- Provincial Secretaries of Canada East and Canada West (RG 4 and RG 5);
- Pre-Confederation records from the Governor General's Office (part of RG 7);
- British military records (RG 8);
- Legislative records of Upper and Lower Canada (part of RG 14).

Historical public records normally come to the Public Archives through the operation of the records management program in each department. The Division's holdings now fill about sixty thousand linear feet of shelf space.

Registration/Search Rooms

Persons wishing to consult the holdings of the Division must register first at the registration desk on the third floor. Those who have a valid registration card issued by either the Manuscript Division or the Archives Library are automatically registered with the Public Records Division. The finding aids to our holdings are in our office area on the seventh floor (room 701), where they may be consulted during office hours. Archival specialists are available to assist researchers in obtaining their references.

The material is actually requested at the circulation desk in the main search room on the third floor. This search room is used by the clientele of the Manuscript Division and the Archives Library, as well as the Public Records Division.

The Organization of Our Holdings

The holdings of the Division are organized into a number of "record groups". A "Record Group" (usually abbreviated as "RG"), can most easily be defined as any body of records of the federal government or its predecessors that are organizational or functionally related by administrative continuity. In practical terms this usually means that a separate record group is created for each department, branch, or agency which maintained a separate and self-contained registry system. The records in each group are organized in a manner that most nearly reflects the evolving administrative structure of the creating department, branch, or agency.

Inventories

The contents of our record groups are described in inventories, each of which contains a summary description of the various series that together make up the groups. The Division is in the process of revising and publishing its inventories. A list of those currently available in printed form appears in appendix 4.

Finding Aids

The inventory will refer the researcher to more detailed finding aids, which are:

1. Contemporary finding aids, produced at the time the records were created. These exist for older series and are usually in the form of detailed registers and indexes to the registers. They are located either in the Divisional reference area or in the stacks, alongside the documents themselves. In the latter case, the finding aids must be requested at the circulation desk on the third floor.
2. Shelflists or other detailed list, which may be found either on the shelf with the inventory or in filing cabinets in the Division's office area.
3. Card indexes to registry files, located in the card drawers along the wall inside the entrance to the Division.
4. Computer-produced keyword indexes, located on the shelves with the other finding aids in the Division reference area.

How to Request Records

Researchers wishing to consult records should complete a request slip indicating the record group (RG) number, the series (if necessary), and the volume number. In the case of one group (RG 24), the actual file number must also be indicated. Specific instructions as to how each group should be ordered will be found at the front of each inventory, together with information as to the location of the records (i.e. whether they are in the main Archives Building or in a satellite location). Archivists in the Division are available to assist researchers in completing request slips.

Access to Records

Access to most records in our custody is governed by the government access policy, which means that access to most records less than thirty years old is subject to the prior permission of the transferring department. Our staff will assist researchers with problems concerning access. Specific information concerning access restrictions will also be found at the front of each inventory.

Catalogue of Record Groups

A list of the Division's record groups appears below. For each group the inclusive dates of the records and the linear extent are given, together with a brief indication of the contents of the group, a statement concerning access, a summary of the available finding aids, and the name of the specialist responsible for each group.

RG 2 PRIVY COUNCIL, 1846-1971, 525 m. 244 reels.

Orders-in-Council and supporting documents, 1867-1965; Colonial Office despatches, referred to the Privy Council by the Governor General, 1867-1909; minutes of the Cabinet War Committee and its predecessors, 1938-1945; Cabinet conclusions, 1944-1945; reference appeals from decisions of the Board of Railway Commissioners, 1912-1936; records of the Task Force on Labour Relations, 1966-1971; Oath books, 1846-1866; code book, 1922; records of civil service examinations, 1882-1895.

Access: Open, except for the records of the Task Force on Labour Relations.

Finding Aids: Registers and Indexes are available for the Minutes and Orders-in-Council. For further information, see the Inventory.

Consult: Barbara Wilson, David Smith.

RG 3 POST OFFICE, 1807-1962, 122.4 m., 10 reels

Correspondence of the Deputy Postmaster General Thomas A. Stayner, 1841-1851; international correspondence, 1851-1902; general correspondence, 1851-1902; the chief Inspector, 1873-1898; Divisional Inspectors, 1851-1902; mail tender registers, 1839-1951; central registry files, 1917-1956; Impression books of stamps and seals, 1908-1956; and other correspondence, account books, returns etc. not properly belonging to the above series.

Access: Open except that impression books have been withdrawn from public handling. These are available on microfilm.

Finding Aids: see inventory.

Consult: Tom Hillman.

RG 6 SECRETARY OF STATE, 1857-1973, 96 m.

Records of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, 1867-1917; the Secretary of the State for the Provinces, 1867-1873; the Custodian of Enemy Property, 1914-1920; the Chief Press Censor, 1915-1920; the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation, 1927; the flag committee, 1904-1964; the Imperial Service Medal, 1907-1939; royal visits, 1939-1973; naturalization, 1886-1970; the War Charity Act, 1917; the High Commissioner in London, 1880-1885; honour and awards, 1883-1969; the printing bureau, 1890-1912; the Canada Temperance Act, 1878; returns to orders and addresses of Parliament, 1857-1970; petitions to the Governor General, 1868-1889; central registry and subject files, 1867-1969; files of World War I and II concerning enemy aliens, 1914-1942; and records relating to the installation and deaths of Royal Personages, Governor Generals, and Heads of State, 1901-1973.

Access: 30 year rule.

Finding Aids: Lists of files available; for further information, see the Inventory.

Consult: Jim Whalen, Joanne Poulin

RG 7 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, 1771-1966, 222 m.

Includes correspondence with the Colonial Office, 1771-1913, British minister in Washington, 1804-1909; and lieutenant-governors, 1771-1873; records of the Military Secretary, 1842-1907, and the Civil Secretary, 1841-1909; numbered subject files, 1884-1955; records relating to royal visits and vice-regal tours, 1860-1939; administrative and housekeeping records, 1876-1964; registry files, 1859-1966.

Access: Open; some numbered and registry files are restricted

Finding Aids: Shelf lists; file lists; card indexes; Indexes

Consult: Barbara Wilson, David Smith

RG 9 MILITIA AND DEFENCE, 1776-1960, 1515 m.

Records of the Adjutants General of Lower Canada, 1776-1850, Upper Canada, 1794-1852, and of United Canada, 1846-1869; Minister's Office correspondence, 1862-1868. Post-Confederation sources consist of a wide variety of documents and records from the Deputy Minister's Office 1847-1960; Adjutant General's Office, 1867-1922; military intelligence, 1895-1913; contracts branch, 1896-1912; Engineer Branch, 1880-1903; Accounts and Pay Branch, 1855-1915; Stores Branch, 1864-1903; Quartermaster General, 1893-1898; Chief Inspector of Arms and Ammunition, 1906-1922; Royal Canadian Artillery, 1871-1922; Schools of Military Instruction, 1864-1932; and the records of the Overseas Military Forces of Canada (C.E.F.), 1914-1920.

Access: Open

Finding Aids: Lists of files; Registers; Indexes.

Consult: Barbara Wilson, Dave Smith.

RG 10 INDIAN AFFAIRS, 1677-1971, 1500 m., 264 reels.

Records of Indian Affairs in the Dominion of Canada and its predecessors of the Province of Canada, Upper Canada, Lower Canada and Quebec. Included is material related to the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, 1755-1782; the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, 1782-1936; the Director of the Indian Affairs Branch 1936-1963; Assistant Deputy Minister (Indian Affairs Branch) 1964-1971, plus Field Office records. Series also contains central registry files for eastern ("red" series) and western ("black" series) Canadian Indian Administration, as well as departmental letterbooks, financial and census data, and material relating to treaties and land surrenders.

Access: See archivists in charge of this record group concerning access.

Finding Aids: Numerous file and shelf lists; Treaties and surrenders index, 1725-1956; microfilm accession lists; "Black" and "red" series subject indexes, 1890-1920, with conversion lists for file and volume numbers.

Consult: Dave Hume, Jean-Pierre Luckowycz, Bob Armstrong.

RG 11 PUBLIC WORKS, 1765-1970, 411.6 m., 2 reels.

Records of the Department of Public Works and its predecessors consisting of correspondence and registry files, 1827-1970; records of several separate and independent boards and commissions, 1819-1879; reference and subject files, 1765-1840; departmental estimates, 1877-1949; records and correspondence of the chief engineer, 1862-1948; records relating to arbitration, 1821-1888; chief architect's records, 1871-1920; correspondence and documents of the Government Telegraph Service, 1910-1948; London and Vancouver Regional Offices, 1888-1967.

Access: Restricted files in Series IX and X are identified. Check with archivist.

Finding Aids: Card indices for registry files, shelf and file lists, and registers and indices for numbered correspondence.

Consult: Brian Hallett, Ghislain Malette.

RG 12 TRANSPORT, c.1840-1970, 333.3 m., 7 reels.

Records of the Department and its predecessors relating to all aspects of Canadian air, water, and canal transportation, telecommunications, and all supporting facilities and services. Special war-time functions controlled by the Department are also documented.

Access: Restricted material is identified in individual volumes. Consult specialist in Public Records Division.

Finding Aids: Card indexes to Registry Files with shelf and file lists for remainder.

Consult: Ghislain Malette, Brian Hallett, and Carl Vincent

RG 13 JUSTICE, 1838-1967, 285 m., 120 reels.

Central registry files, 1859-1934; letterbooks, 1867-1934; records of the Attorney General, Canada West, 1838-1866; the Northwest Rebellion, 1873-1886; the North Atlantic Fisheries and Arbitrations of the Hague Tribunal, 1910; the Labrador Boundary Dispute, 1889-1926; Seigniorial Indemnities, 1874-1905; the Technical Advisor to the Minister, 1921-1928; the Remissions Branch, 1888-1954; the Penitentiary Branch, 1834-1935; the Bankruptcy Branch, 1932-1955; capital case files, 1867-1967; extradition files, 1863-1934; civil litigation files, 1875-1934; and arbitration proceedings initiated under 54 Victoria, chapter 54-55, 1867-1901.

Access: Open, except capital case files which are restricted.

Finding Aid: Indexes, registrars, lists of files are available

Consult: Jim Whalen.

RG 14 PARLIAMENT. 1775-1971, 330 m. 16 reels.

Consists of newspaper accounts of the debates of the House of Commons, 1869-1874; minutes of the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament, 1850-1956; minutes of proceedings and evidence of the House of Commons Special Committee on Broadcasting, 1932-1959; Sessional papers of the House of Commons, 1867-1965, and the Senate, 1867-1915; various Senate Committee records, 1895-1971.

Access: open

Finding Aids: Lists of files are available.

Consult: Jim Whalen

RG 15 INTERIOR, 1821-1947, 467.1 m., 828 reels.

Records of the Office of Deputy Minister, 1873-1936; North West Territories and Yukon Branch, 1873-1898; Dominion Lands Branch, 1871-1946; Timber mines and Grazing Branch, 1874-1947; School Lands Branch, 1904-1934; Ordnance and Admiralty Branch, 1821-1927; Accounts Branch, 1906-1930; Land Patents Branch (homestead and soldier grant registers), 1872-1936; and National Development Bureau, 1927-1932. While the above records reflect the activities of all aspects of the Dept., the records of other branches of the Dept. of the Interior have been transferred, in large part, to other record groups. These concern immigration, water resources and irrigation, surveys and mapping, northern administration, national parks, minerals and mines, forestry, the N.W.M.P., Indian Affairs, and the Dominion Observatories.

Access: Open

Finding Aids: Shelf list, card index

Consult: Bryan Corbett, Yvan Goudreau, Terry Cook

RG 16 NATIONAL REVENUE, 1790-1968, 49.5 m.

Consists of Customs correspondence and returns for Upper Canada, 1790-1841, and United Canada, 1845-1866, and Canada, 1867-1881; central registry files of the Customs and Excise Branch, 1898-1959; port records for over seventy locations, 1795-1956; reports and sub-missions to Council, 1888-1921; samples of income tax 1917-1965; registers of Seizures, 1932-1948; correspondence relating to the Business Profits War Tax, 1915-1921; Deputy Minister's correspondence, 1924-1955; minutes of the Board of Customs, 1895-1933; acts and regulations, 1877-1957; minute book of the Specification Board, 1959-1966; appraisers bulletins, 1881-1940; customs memoranda, 1893-1922; Parliamentary returns; 1924-1953; Laboratory notebooks and analyst's letterbooks, 1896-1949; and files relating to the Glassco Commission on Government Organization, 1968.

Access: 30 year rule

Finding Aids: Lists of files; see Inventory.

Consult: Marcel Caya, Glenn T. Wright.

RG 17 AGRICULTURE, 1842-1968, 525.2 m.

Records of the Dept. and its predecessors: the Upper and Lower Canada Agriculture Societies, the Boards of Agriculture of Canada East and West, and the Boards of Arts and Manufactures of Canada East and West. Series include the records of the Minister, Deputy Minister, and Secretary, 1852-1920; Arts and Agriculture Branch, 1888-1967 (including records of the Central Experimental Farm, Dominion Chemist, International Exhibitions, Agricultural Institute, Chief Veterinary Officer, Arboretum, and Dominion Entomologist and Botanist); Immigration Branch, 1842-1893; Census and Statistics Branch, 1842-1893; Quarantine and Public Health Branch, 1854-1912; Food Controller, 1917-1918; Office of the Hon. James G. Gardiner, 1936-1952; Deputy Minister's Office, 1920-1959; Production and Marketing Branch, 1904-1960; Economics Branch, 1940-1955; Personnel Branch, 1968; Health of Animals Branch, 1918-1966; and material concerning various food and agriculture regulatory boards, 1939-1955.

Access: 30 year rule

Finding Aids: Shelf lists, letterbook indexes, conversion lists for file and volume members, inventory.

Consult: Bryan Corbett, Bill Oppen, and Terry Cook

RG 18 ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE, 1868-1965, 300 m.

Records of the R.C.M.P. and its predecessors consisting of Comptroller's Office correspondence, 1874-1920, letterbooks, 1883-1919, accounts and contracts, 1886-1894; records created by the Commissioner's Office including correspondence and subject files, 1876-1920, letterbooks, 1873-1904, orders and regulations, 1873-1954, crime reports, 1880-1938, finance and supply records, 1868-1939, personnel records, 1873-1921, horses records, 1877-1950; letterbooks, local orders, daily journals and diaries from various Divisions and Detachments, 1874-1965; Yukon records, 1897-1951; Dominion Police records, 1872-1919; Headquarters files relating to policy and administration, 1902-1923; and material from the Criminal Investigation Branch relating to the Winnipeg General Strike, 1919-1921.

Access: Open

Finding Aids: Indexes, registers, shelf lists, lists of files

Consult: Joanne Poulin.

RG 19 FINANCE, 1784-1971, 555 m.

Consists of accounts, warrant books, and correspondence from the office of the Receiver General, 1784-1878; records relating to various agencies and acts administered by the Department, 1839-1955; accounting ledgers and journals related to appropriations, general control; establishment, debentures, stocks and loans, returns, supporting documents and reference records, 1795-1967; correspondence from the Minister's office, 1840-1962; Deputy Minister's office and departmental correspondence and central registry files, 1840-1964; records and letterbooks created by various senior officials including W. MacIntosh, W.C. Clark, and R.B. Bryce, 1867-1961; special subject files, 1822-1960; correspondence, minutes, commissions, 1813-1968; correspondence and ledgers of financial agents, 1855-1920; copies of press releases from Department of Finance, Treasury Board, Prime Minister's Office, 1940-1971; files relating to the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations and on Canada's economic prospects, 1937-1955; central registry files, 1940-1964.

Access: 30 years rule

Finding Aids: Computer Print Out Index; lists of files

Consult: Marcel Caya & Glenn Wright

RG 20 TRADE AND COMMERCE, 1880-1969, 284.4 m., 139 reels.

Consists of central registry files, 1880-1959; miscellaneous records of the Economic Research and Development branch, 1949-1950; Treasury Board files, 1942-1959; files relating to the United Kingdom Token Import Scheme and British West Indies Trade Liberalization Plan, 1946-1959; records and correspondence of the following branches: National Design, 1948-1964; Fairs and Missions, 1919-1966; Industrial Development, 1946-1964; records and annual reports of the Trade Commissioner Service, 1926-1966; microfilm records concerning the General Agreement and Trade and Tariffs (GATT), c.1930-1969; Minister's files, R.H. Winters, 1964-1968; Mitchell Sharp, 1963-1965; Deputy Minister's files, M.W. MacKenzie, 1948-1950.

Access: 30 year rule

Finding Aids: Computer Print Out Index; shelf lists;
file lists.

Consult: Sandra Bell

RG 21 ENERGY MINES & RESOURCES, 1927-1969, 4.8 m.

Records concern the Public Projects Branch, 1939-49; Deputy Minister's Office, 1933-1968; Office of the Director of Mines and Geology Branch, 1927-1959, and relate also to matters aside from direct Dept. responsibilities such as the Dominion Forest Service, Petroleum Planning Committee of NATO, canal and highway construction, the Colombo Plan, and the Arctic Institute of North America.

Access: 30 year rule

Finding Aids: Shelf lists, card indexes, conversion lists of volumes in RG's 86, 88, and 89 that were formerly RG 21.

Consult: Bill Oppen

RG 22 NORTHERN AFFAIRS & NATURAL RESOURCES, 1867-1970, 63 m.

Records of the Department and its predecessors covering roads, conservation, National Forestry Programme, mining, establishment of historic sites, liquor policy, proceedings of the Yukon and Northwest Territorial Councils, tourism, pipelines, wildlife surveys, migratory birds, industry, Eskimo affairs, National Parks, and the National Battlefields Commission.

Access: 30 year rule. Legal files require permission of Dept.

Finding Aids: Index cards, shelf & file lists.

Consult: Peter Gillis and Bill Oppen

RG 23 FISHERIES, 1883-1970, 90.9 m. 116 reels.

Records concern general policy and administration, protection of Canadian fisheries from foreign intrusion, and scientific research into the fishing industry. Microfilm relates mainly to the British Columbia Salmon fisheries and the Bering Sea seal population, 1892-1914.

Access: 30 year rule. Correspondence less than 30 years old requires authorization of the Department of the Environment. All files relating to the international aspects of fisheries less than 50 years old are closed.

Finding Aids: Bound index registers, file lists.

Consult: Peter Gillis

RG 24 NATIONAL DEFENCE, 1870-1968, 2062.8 m.

Records of the Army, 1870-1967, Royal Canadian Navy, 1903-1965. Royal Canadian Air Force, 1919-1965. Defence Research Board, 1943-1966, the unified Canadian Forces, 1964-1968, as well as a few records from the Minister's Office, 1917-1920, 1947-1953: and records of the Director of Internment Operations, 1939-1946.

Access: 30 year rule

Finding Aids: Computer Print Out Index; lists of files

Consult: Barbara Wilson, David Smith

RG 25 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, 1876-1965, 416 m., 16 reels.

Canada House correspondence with Canadian and British Government departments, 1880-1945; local correspondence 1904-1925; commercial correspondence, 1907-1921; subject files, 1933-1945; various administrative and miscellaneous subject files, 1876-1953; records of related offices, 1914-1939; secret and confidential files, 1936-1955; records relating to the personnel division, 1912-1955; operational files of the Washington Embassy, 1927-1955; files created in the office of the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, 1908-1952; administration files, 1909-1950; clippings, 1882-1920; records pertaining to several international conferences, 1911-1964; minutes, files and documents relating to various commissions and agencies, 1922-1951; proceedings of war crimes tribunals, 1945-1948; negotiations and agreements regarding commerce, fisheries, immigration and boundaries, 1883-1951; League of Nations reports, 1922-1936; files of the Canadian mission to St. John's, Newfoundland, 1941-1945; working files of the Canadian delegation to the U.N., 1945-1949; U.K. intelligence documents, 1915-1919; daily war telegrams, 1939-1945; records of the Trail smelter arbitration case, 1928-1940; central registry files, 1909-1963; files pertaining to the U.N. food conference and the Food and Agriculture organization, 1943-1963; records related to Canada's participation at intergovernmental conferences and meetings, 1909-1959; and copies of bilateral and multilateral Treaties to which Canada was a signatory, 1919-1965.

Access: 30 year rule; some additional files are restricted, see Inventory.

Finding Aids: Shelf lists; file lists.

Consult: J. O'Brien

RG 26 CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION, 1880-1966, 25.8 m.

Records of the Editorial Division, 1940-1947; Nationalities Branch of the Dept. of National War Services, 1944; Deputy Minister's Office, 1945-1966; Immigration Statistics, 1880-1964; central Registry series, 1924-1965; and miscellaneous records re: Communist movement and grants to Indian, Métis, and Immigrant groups.

Access: 30 year rule. Files relating to individual cases must be used with discretion.

Finding Aids: Card index, shelf list.

Consult: Bryan Corbett, Terry Cook

RG 27 LABOUR, 1890-1973, 840 m., 3 reels.

Records consist of administrative material (The Lacelle Files), 1902-1945, and general departmental administration and correspondence, 1936-1972. Specific groups of records include Labour Gazette reports on employment, 1914-1916; Retail Prices of Staple Commodities, 1910-1940; Wages and Hours of Work, 1890-1941; Collective Bargaining Surveys Section, 1900-1934; Cost of Living Surveys, 1903-1938; Strikes and Lockouts, 1900-1966; Collective Agreements, 1919-1962; Conciliation and Arbitration, 1944-1970; Hiring and Separating Surveys, 1947-1965; Fair Employment Practices Branch, 1955-1972; Technical and Vocational Training, 1937-1967; National Labour Supply Council, 1919-1951; Gov't Employees Compensation Branch, 1949-1955; Economics and Research Branch, 1932-1969; Employment Service Branch, 1942-1968; Public Relations files, 1933-1962; National Advisory Council on Manpower, 1951-1957; Provincial Compensation legislation, 1919-1964; Women's Bureau, 1951-1972; Unemployment Relief Branch, 1931-1936; Unemployment Assistance and Relief Measures, 1931-1953; Unemployment Insurance files, c.1940-1965; Labour Legislation Branch, 1953-1968; Conferences, Committees, and Meetings, 1920-1966; German Prisoners of War, 1943-1947; Japanese Division, 1940-1965; Polish Veterans Movement, 1946-1962; Immigration and Labour files, 1943-1965; Scrapbook of clippings on the Winnipeg General Strike and following sedition trials, 1919-1920 (on microfilm as well); National Selective Service, 1939-1950; Emergency Manpower Organization and National Registration Branch, 1940-1964; Dept. despatches through External Affairs, 1941-1967; International Labour Organization files of the International Labour Affairs Branch, 1924-1972; League of Nations files, 1920-1946; United Nations files, 1945-1970; Government Winter Construction Programme, 1964-1967; Winter House Building Incentive Plan, 1963-1968; Local Initiatives Programme, 1972-1973; Movement of Workers files, 1955-1972; Hon. Humphrey Mitchell Files, 1921-1947; and subject files of press clippings, 1900-1967.

Access: The records are open up to the end of 1945, except for "those the release of which might adversely affect Canada's external relations, violate the right of privacy of individuals, or adversely affect the national security."

Finding Aids: Shelf lists, inventory, card index to Lacelle Files, file lists.

Consult: John Smart

RG 28 MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY, 1939-1950, 118 m.

Consists of: material accumulated by J. de N. Kennedy, 1940-1945, for a departmental history; central registry files, 1940-1946; Economics and Statistics branch summaries of industrial capacity, and statistical reports, 1939-1950; files assembled by H.R. Kotlarsky relating to organization and personnel, 1939-1953; special records 1940-1948; records of the Wartime Industries Control Board, 1939-1948; Deputy Minister's Office reference files, 1943-1948; central registry files of companies renegotiating wartime contracts, 1942-1945; financial records, 1947-1949; minutes of staff meetings, 1944-1945; special reports on employment, 1944; reports on the transformation of the Canadian economy from a peacetime to a wartime basis, and on Canada's industrial war effort; a ship cost report from Wartime Shipbuilding Ltd., 1948.

Access: 30 year rule.

Finding Aids: Lists of files

Consult: Marcel Caya / Glenn Wright

RG 29 NATIONAL HEALTH & WELFARE, 1815-1974, 159.6 m., 8 reels.

Former Dept. of Agriculture files re: communicable diseases, 1815-1939; Central Registry series, 1902-1963; Civil Defence files, 1948-1959; Quarantine, Immigration, Medical and Sick Marine's Services, 1867-1957; Nursing Consultant Services, 1947-1966; Fitness and Amateur Sport Directorate, 1940-1970; National Council on Physical Fitness, 1930-1962; Associations, Committees, & Conferences, 1889-1967; Mental Health Division, 1922-1974; Dental Health Division, 1930-1968; Medical Rehabilitation and Disability Advisory Service, 1937-1969; Blindness Control Division, 1917-1967; Unemployment Assistance Division, 1932-1967; Nutrition Division, 1921-1971; Child and Maternal Health Division 1920-1970; World Health Organization, 1931-1970; Colombo Plan, 1951-1969; Emergency Welfare Services, 1939-1971; Health Insurance Division, 1928-1971; United Nations material, 1946-1971; and the Dominion Council of Health, 1919-1962.

Access: 30 year rule. Material on lepers is closed.

Finding Aids: shelf & file lists, inventory.

Consult: Peter Gillis & John Smart

RG 30 CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS (C.N.R.), 1834-1975, 1350 m.

Records consist of journals, minute books, ledgers, capital stock reports, letterbooks, correspondence, schedules, etc. of over 500 railway companies eventually absorbed in, first, the the Grand Trunk Railway and, later, the C.N.R.

Access: 30 year rule.

Finding Aid: Inventory describes each railway of each major corporate group eventually controlled by the Grand Trunk Railway. A multi-volume deposit list is available as well, outlining the contents of each volume held on deposit by PAC for CNR.

Consult: Lloyd Chisamore

RG 31 STATISTICS CANADA, 1825-1971, 98.1 m.

Census records, 1825-1871; census returns and statistical registers 1851-1951; administration files, 1945-1963; forms and instructions, 1847-1971.

Access: 30 year rule

Finding Aids: See Inventory for further information

Consult: Tom Hillman

RG 32 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, 1868-1970, 165 m.

Competition files, 1921-1970; historical personnel files 1885-1965; subject files, 1918-1960, central registry files, 1918-1960; organizational charts of government departments, 1935-60; examination papers, lists of civil servants and correspondence, 1868-1922; public service commission, 1882-1892; Management Analysis Division research studies, 1946-1967.

Access: 30 year rule applies; 90 years from date of birth for historical personnel files

Finding Aids: Index cards; lists of files are available

Consult: Jim Whalen

RG 33 ROYAL COMMISSIONS, 1873-1974, 328 m.

The records of various Federal Royal Commissions, 1873-1974, including exhibits, submissions, hearing, correspondence, working papers, clipping and reports.

Access: 30 year rule.

Finding Aids: For a list of the Royal Commission available, refer to the Inventory.

Consult: Jim Whalen

RG 34 NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION, 1948-1966, .6 m.

"Biography" files of various Commissioners of the National Capital Commission and the Federal District Commission to 1959, plus some correspondence.

Access: Open

Finding Aids: File list, members lists of various commissions, cross reference cards in the card index of historical personnel files.

Consult: Bill Oppen

RG 35 INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES, 1897-1966, 4.5 m.

Includes the minutes, correspondence, memoranda and reports of several interdepartmental committees; the Commission on Public Records, 1897; Enquiry on Printing and Stationery, 1933; Commission on Statistics, 1912; Housing Committee, 1942-1946; Committee on the Book of Remembrance, 1931-1942; Veterans Affairs, 1945-1946; and the Public Records Committee, 1909-1966.

Access: Open, with the exception of the Public Records Committee

Finding Aid: Shelf lists; lists of files; refer to Inventory

Consult: Joanne Poulin, Jim Whalen

RG 36 BOARDS, OFFICES, and COMMISSIONS, 1896-1972, 153 m., 6 reels.

Consists of the records created by a wide variety of non-continuing boards, offices and commissions. Material available includes agendas, correspondence, proceedings, evidence, working papers, reports and clipping. For a list of those available, refer to the Inventory.

Access: Some restrictions, see the Inventory

Finding Aids: Shelf lists; lists of files; see Inventory

Consult: Joanne Poulin, Jim Whalen

RG 37 PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF CANADA, 1811-1972, 48 m.

Records consisting of correspondence, registers, letter-books, reports, and memoranda; files created by the office of the Dominion Archivist; acquisition files; records of the Canadian War Archives Survey 1917-1918, and War Trophies, 1916-1942; miscellaneous reports and surveys.

Access: Closed

Finding Aid: Lists of files available

Consult: Joanne Poulin

RG 38 VETERANS AFFAIRS, 1899-1972, 39 m.

Records of service for Canadian veterans of the South African War; minutes, memoranda and reports of the Military Hospitals Commission, 1915-1931; records of the Dept. of Pensions and National Health relating to the care and treatment of veterans, 1921-1936; records of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs and related offices, including the Veterans Land Administration. Canadian Pensions Commissions and the Canadian agency of the Imperial War Graves Commission, 1917-1970.

Access: 30 year rule.

Finding Aids: List of subject files available; for further description of these records, see Inventory.

Consult: Glenn Wright

RG 39 FORESTRY, 1894-1973, 61.2 m.

Records of the Forestry Branch and its predecessors in the Dept. of Interior, Mines and Resources, Resources and Development, and Northern Affairs and National Resources. These records relate to all aspects of forestry administration and operations, the Forest Insect Control Board (est. 1945), surveys, scientific experiments, reports, and transcripts of the oral history project of the Canadian Forestry Service, 1972-1973.

Access: 30 year rule.

Finding Aid: Shelf list

Consult: Peter Gillis

RG 40 INSURANCE, 1872-1968, 4.2 m.

Selected records relating to annual statements of Canadian, British and other insurance companies and central registry files relating to various insurance companies under the control of the Department (samples retained only). Also records relating to the preparation of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1934-1941.

Access: 30 year rule.

Finding Aids: File lists are available.

Consult: Tom Hillman

RG 41 CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION, 1933-1965, 8.7 m.

Includes the minutes of the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission, 1933-1936; selected briefs and submissions prepared for the Royal Commission on Broadcasting, 1955-1957; and typescript copies of CBC broadcasts, "In Flanders Fields", 1964-1965

Access: Open

Finding Aids: Lists of files.

Consult: Brian Hallett

RG 42 MARINE BRANCH, 1762-1966, 138 m. 142 reels.

Records of the Marine Branch from its formation as a Department in 1868 to the creation of the Department of Transport in 1936. Official correspondence before 1887 was destroyed. Records prior to 1868 relate to the ports of Montreal and Quebec, and to the quarantine station at Grosse Isle. Shipping registers for individual ports are available on microfilm. Other material relates to casualty investigations of the Dominion Wrecks Commissioners, 1901-1936; the Canadian Arctic Expedition led by Vilhjalmur Stefannson, 1913-1918, and early radio files, 1919-1936.

Access: Open except that Casualty Investigation correspondence requires the Department approval.

Finding Aids: See inventory. Card index for central registry files.

Consult: Brian Hallett and Ghislain Malette.

RG 43 RAILWAYS AND CANALS, 1824-1959, 212.4 m.

Consists of the records of the Railway Branch including central registry correspondence and files, 1879-1936; unnumbered correspondence and documents, 1875-1927; letterbooks and subject files of the Chief Engineer, 1879-1936. Records of the canal Branch include numbered and unnumbered registry correspondence and subject files, 1879-1936; letterbooks and accounting records, 1870-1899; correspondence, subject files and letterbooks of the Chief Engineer's branch, 1868-1906; special reference files, 1918-1927; field office records of the Welland and Rideau Canals, etc., 1824-1957; legal records, 1791-1900; and correspondence from the office of the Financial Comptroller, 1914-1918.

Access: Open

Finding Aids: Lists of files.

Consult: Brian Hallett (Canals), Lloyd Chisamore and Carl Vincent (railways).

RG 44 NATIONAL WAR SERVICES, 1939-1954, 7.5 m.

Records consisting of Minister's and Deputy Minister's files; files relating to War Charities, Voluntary War Relief, miscellaneous memoranda, registers of war charities organizations and government office economies control, 1939-1954.

Access: 30 year rule

Finding Aids: See Inventory entries and card indexes

Consult: Marcel Caya / Glenn Wright

RG 45 GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, 1842-1953, 48 m., 10 reels.

The records consist of letterbooks of official outgoing correspondence and registers of letters received and of instruments in use, 1865-1921; subject files documenting the various operations of the Geological Survey, 1890-1936; field notebooks kept by surveyors in the employ of the Survey, 1842-1925 (those of George Mercer Dawson being available on microfilm); and office files of two of the chief Geologists. G.A. Young and G.S. Hanson, 1935-1953.

Access: Open

Finding Aid: Shelf lists in inventory, nominal index for notebooks

Consult: Bill Oppen

RG 46 CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION, 1904-1971, 330 m.

Records of the C.T.C. and its various subsidiaries: the Air Transport Board (1944-1960) responsible for airline regulation and airports; the Canadian Maritime Commission (now the Water Transport Committee); and the Board of Railway Commissioners, 1904-1955. The latter contains five main groups of records; railway abandonment files; official transcripts of hearings and exhibits; annual reports from 1877 to date submitted by Steam and Electric railways; central registry files; and the records of its predecessor, the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, 1859-1904.

Access: 30 year rule. Classified files 2402.2, 2402.2.18, and 2408.0 are closed.

Finding Aids: See inventory. Card index for R.R. abandonment files. Index to transcripts of hearings and exhibits. Shelf list for central registry files.

Consult: Carl Vincent (Air Transport and Railway Commissioners), Brian Hallett (Maritime Commission).

Tiny Problems: Genealogical Sources in Monaco

by Stefan Jonasson

Mention the Principality of Monaco to most people, and the first thing that comes to mind are visions of Princess Grace, the Monte Carlo casino and gran prix auto racing. Indeed, in many respects, public awareness of this tiny principality far exceeds that which might be expected for a small nation of 30,000 inhabitants huddled on 465 acres of land. In terms of geographic area, Monaco would make a poor sized farm in many areas of Manitoba.

The history of the Monégasques extends back to ancient times when it was settled by Phoenician seamen. However, Monaco did not become an entity unto itself until the thirteenth century when it came under the authority of the famous Grimaldi family of Genoa. Prince Ranier III, Monaco's present ruler, is the thirtieth member of the Grimaldi family to rule this tiny oasis on the Riviera.

Monaco has alternated as a protectorate under France, Spain, and the now defunct kingdom of Sardinia. It has been completely independent since 1911, although, in the event of a vacancy in the crown, Monaco would become a part of France.

Undoubtly few Canadians trace their roots to Monaco. This article is for that small number of Canadians of Monégasque descent and for the many others who wish that they were.

ARCHIVES

The principal holdings of the national archives in Monaco date since its independence in 1911. These records, many of which are not yet available to the public, are held at:

Archives du Palais Princier de Monaco
Palais Princier
Monaco-Ville, Monaco.

For the years 1641 to 1815 and 1860 to 1911, and to a lesser extent from 1815 to 1860, many records can be located in local archives in and near Marseille, Beausoleil, Nice and Genoa, as well as:

Archives nationales de France
60 rue des Francs-Bourgeois
Paris 3, France.

Some records covering the period from 1542 to 1641 can be obtained from the local authorities in Barcelona, Spain, though these records are few in number.

VITAL RECORDS

Vital records, both civil and church, may be obtained from the Monégasque Interior department at:

Bureau de l'Etat-Civil
Mairie de Monaco
Monaco-Ville, Monaco.

This bureau maintains birth, marriage and death records, as well as records relating the regular Monégasque census, which is held every five years. Divorce records may be obtained by directing your request to the attention of the Clerk of the Court at the same bureau.

LIBRARIES

Published works on Monégasque history, as well as published genealogies may be located through Monaco's two major libraries:

Bibliothèque du Palais de Monaco
8 rue de la Poste
Monaco-Ville, Monaco,

and, Bibliothèque de Monaco
Monaco-Ville, Monaco.

CONSULAR CORPS IN CANADA

Monaco's external affairs are handled by the government of France, whose embassy may be contacted at:

Embassy of France
42 Sussex Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
K1M 2C9

Moreover, Monaco maintains two consular missions in Canada, namely,

Michel Pasquin, Consul-General
Suite 210, Tour de la Bourse
Place Victoria
Montréal, Québec

Fritz A.W. Ziegler, Consul
14th floor, 736 Granville St.
Vancouver, B.C.

GENERAL INFORMATION

General information, including genealogical inquiries, as well English-language inquiries (Monaco's official languages are French and Monégasque) may be directed to:

Office Nationale du Tourisme et de l'Information
2a boulevard des Moulins
Monte Carlo, Monaco.

