

records relating to Canada and now held in France, England and other countries. The holdings of the Public Records Division consist of selected records of all departments and agencies of the Government of Canada. The Picture Division has charge of documentary paintings, water colours, engravings, heraldry and medals. The Photography Division is responsible for the national collection of historical photographs. The National Film Archives has an extensive collection of films and sound recordings. The Map Division has custody of thousands of maps and plans pertaining to the discovery, exploration and settlement of this country and its topography, as well as a large collection of current topographical maps of foreign countries. The Library contains more than 80,000 volumes on Canadian history, including numerous pamphlets, periodicals and government publications. The Machine-Readable Archives Division holds selected automated public records and machine-readable archives of permanent value from the private sector.

Although documents in the Public Archives of Canada may not be taken out on loan, they may be consulted in the building, and a 24-hour-a-day service is provided for accredited research workers. Reproductions of available material may be obtained for a moderate fee and many documents on microfilm may be obtained on interlibrary loan. A diffusion program to make archival material more available to the public includes deposits of microfilm in provincial archives, travelling exhibitions, sets of slides and microfiche and popular publications.

The Records Management Branch assists departments and agencies in setting up and operating their records management programs. Its service includes recommendations and advice on scheduling and disposal of records. At the Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Halifax records centres, it provides storage, reference service and planned and economical disposal of dormant records. Other regional centres are being established in major cities across Canada.

The Administration and Technical Services Branch, in addition to an extensive conservation and restoration program, provides a technical and advisory service on microfilming to government departments and agencies. Microfilm work is done for departments at cost. It also provides a full range of services to the National Library.

Branch offices of the Public Archives are located in London, England and Paris, France. The Public Archives also administers Laurier House in Ottawa as an historical museum.

The National Library of Canada

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The National Library was formally established on January 1, 1953 by Act of Parliament. On the same date it absorbed the Canadian Bibliographic Centre which had been engaged in preliminary work and planning since 1950. The library is now governed by the National Library Act, 1969 which broadened the powers of the National Librarian and established a National Library Advisory Board consisting of 15 members. Under the act, the National Librarian has responsibility for making the facilities of the library available to the government and people of Canada and for coordinating federal government library services. He also administers the Legal Deposit regulations, which require two copies of current Canada publications to be deposited with the library.

The library's collection consists of more than 720,000 volumes of monographs, supplemented by microcopies of about 700,000 additional titles and over 9 000 metres of periodicals. Newspaper files formerly in several locations have been brought together and now form the largest collection of Canadian newspapers in Canada. The library has important holdings of Canadian, foreign, and international official publications, and an extensive collection of Canadian music scores, recordings, and manuscripts.

The library compiles and publishes the national bibliography, *Canadiana*, which is available in tape and printed editions; the possibility of a microfilm edition is being investigated. *Canadiana* lists new publications relating to Canada, and includes bibliographic descriptions of Canadian trade publications, official publications of the federal government and the 10 provinces, theses, films and phonograph records