INTRODUCTION

What follows is a selection only of the main categories of material. Always check the catalogues - for some of the titles mentioned, we have incomplete holdings.

Some other British Library holdings of government materials are recorded in Explore the British Library, our main catalogue [http://explore.bl.uk/].

However other material has to be traced through a range of manual records and published indexes. If you do not find what you are looking for in Explore the British Library, please contact the Enquiry Desk in the Social Sciences Reading Room, where expert staff will check further on your behalf.

Government publishing has now largely moved to the Internet, and we have included links to the websites where current material is found.

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1. PARLIAMENTARY PUBLICATIONS

Canada is a constitutional monarchy with HRH Queen Elizabeth II as its Head of State, represented by the Governor General. In addition, to being a sovereign democracy, Canada is also a federal State with ten self-governing provinces. This allows Federal Government to govern for general purposes and Provincial administrations to govern for local purposes. Canada’s Parliament, as conceived by the Fathers of Confederation in 1867, consists of an appointed upper chamber, the Senate, and an elected lower house, the House of Commons.

Canada’s House of Commons has 308 seats. Members are elected by universal suffrage by a first past the post system. Elections take place on the third Monday of October in the fourth calendar year following the previous general election.

Members of the Senate are appointed until age 75 by summons of the Governor General under the great seal of Canada. The Senate consists of 105 senators.

The following lists provide the British Library shelfmarks and date ranges for our print holdings for Canadian Parliamentary publications. In the case of publications which are available online via the Canadian Parliament website, links are given to the most recent sittings calendar. Earlier sittings are listed in the left column starting from the mid-1990s.

1.1 Official records

The Legislative Council of the Province of Canada was created in 1840 by the Act of Union. It acted as the Upper house of the Province of Canada between 1841-1867.

*Journals of the Legislative Council of the Province of Canada*
BL holdings: Vol. 12-14, 16-26, 1854-1866
BL shelfmark: CSE.40
BL holdings: 1841-1866 (microfilm)
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.A.114

*Journaux du Conseil legislatif de la Province du Canada*
BL holdings: vol. 15, 1857
BL shelfmark: CSE.40/4

*Sessional indexes to the Journals of the Legislative Council of the Province of Canada*
[Reprint edition 13 volumes.]
BL holdings: 1841-1866.
BL shelfmark: CSE.40/5.

1.2 Provincial Parliament of Canada

*Parliamentary Debates on the Subject of the Confederation of the British North American Provinces*
BL holdings: 3rd Session 8th Provincial Parliament of Canada, 1847-1867
BL shelfmark: CSE.10
1.3 Legislative Assembly

The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada was created in 1840 by the Act of Union. It acted as the lower house of the legislature of the Province of Canada between 1841 and 1867.

Debates of the Legislative Assembly of United Canada
BL holdings: 1841-1867
BL shelfmark: CSE.10/11

Journals of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada
BL holdings: vol.1, 12-26
BL shelfmark: CSE.42
BL holdings: 1841-1866 (microfilm)
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.A.115

Appendix to the 13th-17th volume of the Journals
BL holdings: Sessional papers, 3rd session of the 6th Parliament-5th session of the 8th Parliament
BL shelfmark: CSE.42

General index of the Journals of the Legislative Assembly of Canada
BL holdings: 1841-1851
BL shelfmark: CSE.42/2 and reprint at CSE.42/19
BL holdings: 1852-1866
BL shelfmark: CSE.42/19(2)

1.4 Parliament of Canada

Sessional Papers of the Dominion of Canada.
BL Holdings 1867-1925
BL shelfmark: CSE.46.

Alphabetical index and numerical list of the Sessional Papers of the Parliament of Canada 1867-1925.
BL shelfmark: OPL971.0043

1.5 House of Commons

1.5.1 Proceedings

Debates of the House of Commons. Bound set
BL holdings: 1867-1993 (Lacking: 1871;1872;1873;1874;1964 (vol 6 & 7); 1969 (volume 1))
BL shelfmark: CSE.44
Online: Debates of the House of Commons, 1867

Debates of the House of Commons. Unrevised
BL holdings: Vol. 72, 1936- 2012
BL shelfmark: CSE.44(2)

Indexes of House of Commons Debates
BL holdings: 1905-1916
BL shelfmark: CSE.44/2

Journals of the House of Commons
BL holdings: 1867- 2012
BL shelfmark: CSE.43
Online: Journals House of Commons, 1994-
Note :Early Volumes include Committee Reports in Appendices
1877-1892

General index of Journals and Sessional Papers
BL holdings: 1867-1930
BL shelfmark: OPL971.0043

1.5.2 Bills

House of Commons Government Bills
BL holdings: 1950-2012
BL shelfmark: CSE48/8

LEGISinfo is a collaboration between the Senate, the House of Commons and the Library of Parliament. It is an essential research tool for finding information on bills brought before Parliament from the 35th Parliament, 1994-. It provides electronic access to a wide range of information about each bill, such as:

- details on the passage of the bill through the Senate and House of Commons
- the text of the bill as introduced at First Reading and its most recent version if it is amended during the legislative process
- votes
- major speeches at second reading;
- coming into force data;
- legislative summaries from the Parliamentary Information and Research Service of the Library of Parliament; and
- government press releases and backgrounders (for government bills)

1.5.3 House of Commons Committees

As with other large deliberative assemblies, the House of Commons has taken advantage of the greater flexibility available in committees to carry out functions that can be better performed in smaller groups, including the examination of witnesses and detailed consideration of legislation, estimates and technical matters. Committees are extensions of the House, created by either standing or special orders, and are limited in their powers by the authority delegated to them. The main types of Committees are as follows:
Standing committees are permanent committees which are established by the Standing Orders of the House. The majority of standing committees are established to oversee a government department or departments. These committees are charged with the review of the relevant statute law, departmental operations and expenditures, and the effectiveness of the policies and programmes of the department. Some standing committees have mandates to examine government-wide policies.

Legislative committees are created from time to time, to study a bill in detail either before or after second reading. Unlike standing committees, the only mandate of a legislative committee is to study the bill referred to it, and to report it to the House with or without amendment. A legislative committee cannot examine any issue beyond the provisions of the bill and is not empowered to present a report containing substantive recommendations related to it. Once it has made its final report, the committee ceases to exist.

Special committees: consist of a group of Members, or of Members and Senators, appointed to study a particular matter. Special committees are established by a House of Commons motion which also can outline the special committee’s mandate, powers and often the membership. Once it has made its final report, the committee ceases to exist.

Subcommittees are generally composed of fewer members than the main committee and their members are chosen from the list of members and associate members of the main committee. They are a committee within a larger committee to which the latter may delegate its powers, except the power to report to the House.

The following selective list is of House of Commons of Canada Standing Committees which were sitting in 2014 and where available the corresponding record for the British Library’s print holdings of minutes of proceedings and evidence prior to 2014. It is not a complete list of all library holdings, but it offers a representative sample. Furthermore, House of Commons Committees which sat between 1994 and 2014 can be located by searching by session in the House of Commons Committees or the Senate Committees homepages.

Standing, Special and Legislative Committee reports and reviews are individually catalogued by title and can be found via Explore the British Library. Minutes of proceedings and evidence can be found under the name of the appropriate committee. There is a selective collection of parliamentary committee minutes of proceedings and evidence available on microfilm. These holdings may be traced via the microform collections index cards located in the Social Sciences Reading Room has well as via Explore the British Library.

**Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development**

Minutes of proceedings and evidence

BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3792
BL holdings: 1995-2001
BL Shelfmark: CSE.81/3467
BL holdings: 2001-2005
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.803
BL holdings: 2006
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.946
Online: Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANO)

Subcommittee on Aboriginal Education
Minutes of proceedings and evidence  
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/1615  
BL holdings: 1995

Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI)  
Minutes of proceedings and evidence  
BL holdings: 2004-  
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.921  
Online: Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI)

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics  
Minutes of proceedings and evidence  
BL holdings: 2006  
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.928

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food  
Minutes of proceedings and evidence  
BL holdings: 1994-2007  
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3457  
Minutes of proceedings  
BL holdings: 1994- 2000  
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.804  
Evidence  
BL holdings: 1995-2000  
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.804  
Reports  
BL holdings: 1997-2012  
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/4479  
Earlier Committee reports and reviews are individually catalogued by title and can be found via Explore the British Library  
Online: Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food (AGRI).

Standing Committee on Agriculture  
Minutes of proceedings and evidence  
1947-1993  
BL Shelfmark: CSE.49/2

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food  
Minutes of proceedings and evidence  
BL holdings: 2006-2007  
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.957

Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce  
Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence  
1947-1975  
BL shelfmark CSE. 49/3

Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage  
Minutes of proceedings and evidence  
BL holdings: 1994-2007  
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3463
Reports
BL holdings: 2004-2011
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/5188
Online: Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage
Earlier Committee reports and reviews are individually catalogued by title and can be found via Explore the British Library.

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage
Online: Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage

Subcommittee on the Study of Sport in Canada of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage
Evidence
BL holdings: 1997-2000
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.807

Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 1994-2007
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3476
BL holdings: 2006-2007
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.805
Online: Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration

Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 1994-2007
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3456
Minutes of proceedings
BL holdings: 1995
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.833
Online: Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development

Standing Committee on Finance
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 1986-2006
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/1625
BL holdings: 2001-2007
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.214
Online: Standing Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Fiscal Imbalance of the Standing Committee on Finance
Minutes of proceedings
BL holdings: 2005
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.918

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Finance
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 2006-2007
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.948
Online: Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure
Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans
*Minutes of proceedings and evidence*
BL holdings: 1986-1993
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/1624
*Reports*
BL holdings: 1999-2011
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/5199
Online: [Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans](#)
Earlier Committee reports and reviews are individually catalogued by title and can be found via Explore the British Library

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans
*Minutes of proceedings and evidence*
BL holdings: 2006-2007
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.950
Online: [Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure](#)

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development
*Minutes of proceedings*
BL holdings: 2006-2008
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.236
BL holdings: 2006-2007
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.935
Online: [Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development](#)

Subcommittee on Agenda and procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development
Online: [Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure](#)

Subcommittee on International Human Rights
*Minutes of proceedings and evidence*
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/2904
BL holdings: 1996-1997
BL shelfmark: Mic.F.810
Online: [Subcommittee on International Human Rights](#)

Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates
*Minutes of proceedings and evidence*
BL holdings: 1997-2005
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.208
BL holdings: 1995-2007
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.830
Online: [Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates](#)

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates
Online: [Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure](#)

Subcommittee on Matters Related to the Review of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner.
Minutes of proceedings
BL holdings: 2003-2013
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.211

Standing Committee on Health
Minutes of proceedings
BL holdings: 1994-2008
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3571
Evidence
BL holdings: 1995-2006
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.835
Online: Standing Committee on Health

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Health
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 2006-2007
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.949
Online: Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities
Minutes of proceedings
BL holdings: 2005-2006
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.205
BL holdings: 2004-2005
British Library Shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.859
Online: Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities
Online: Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure

Subcommittee on the Employment Insurance Funds
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 2004
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.918

Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities
Minutes of proceedings
BL holdings: 1998-2005
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.874

Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 2003-2007
British Library Shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.904
BL holdings: 2005-2007
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3453
Online: Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 2006-2007
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.944
Online: Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure

Standing Committee on International Trade
Minutes of proceedings
BL holdings: 1995-2005
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3936
BL holdings: 2007
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.235
Online: Standing Committee on International Trade

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on International Trade
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 2006
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.958
Online: Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure

Sub-Committee on Sustainable Human Development
Minutes of proceedings
BL holdings: 1996-1997
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/4106

Earlier committees:

Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 1986-1993
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/1619

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 1994-1995
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3454

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade
Evidence
BL holdings: 1997
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.234

Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights
Minutes of proceedings
BL holdings: 2001-2007
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.207
Report
BL holdings: 1997
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/4926
Online: Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights
Standing Committee on Justice, Human Rights, Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness
Minutes of proceedings
BL holdings: 2005
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.79

Liaison Committee
Minutes of proceedings
BL holdings: 2004-2007
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.216
BL holdings: 2003-2005
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.905
Online: Liaison Committee

Subcommittee on Committee Budgets
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 1986-1988
BL shelfmark: CSE.49/61
BL holdings: 2004-2007
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.916
Online: Subcommittee on Committee Budgets

Standing Committee on National Defence
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 1986-1988
BL shelfmark: CSE.49/61
BL holdings: 2006-2007
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.953
BL holdings: 2007-2014
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.231
Online: Standing Committee on National Defence

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on National Defence
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 2006-2007
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.953
Online: Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure

Veterans Affairs Sub-Committee
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 2003-2006
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.925

Earlier Committees

Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings 1947-1986
BL shelfmark: CSE 49/7

Special Committee on Veterans Affairs
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 1989-1995
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/2849
BL holdings: 1989-1995
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.808
Online: Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs

Standing Committee on Natural Resources
Minutes of proceedings
BL holdings: 1994-2007
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3455
BL holdings: 2006-2007
British Library Shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.806
Online: Standing Committee on Natural Resources,

Standing Committee on Official Languages
Evidence
BL holdings: 1996-2007
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.809
Online: Standing Committee on Official Languages,

Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs
Minutes of proceedings
BL holdings: 1995-2007
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3459
BL holdings: 1995-1997
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.827
Online: Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs,

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 1996-1997
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.947
Online: Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure,

Subcommittee on Private Members’ Business
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 1991-1993
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3069
Minutes of proceedings
BL holdings: 2004-2007
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.255
Online: Subcommittee on Private Members’ Business,

Subcommittee on Disclosure Forms under the Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons
Minutes of proceedings and evidence
BL holdings: 2006-2007
Sub-Committee on Members' Services
*Minutes of proceedings*
BL holdings: 1997-CLOSE
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/4369

Standing Committee on Public Accounts
*Minutes of proceedings and evidence*
BL holdings: 1947-2008
BL shelfmark: CSE.49/6
BL holdings: 1994-2007
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.828
Online: [Standing Committee on Public Accounts](#),

Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security
*Minutes of proceedings*
BL holdings: 2006-CLOSE
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.192
Online: [Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security](#),

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security
Online: [Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure](#),

Standing Committee on the Status of Women
*Evidence*
BL holdings: 2004-2007
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.934
*Minutes of proceedings*
BL holdings: 2004-2006
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.206
Online: [Standing Committee on the Status of Women](#),

Special Committee on Violence Against Indigenous Women
Online: [Special Committee on Violence Against Indigenous Women](#),

Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities
*Minutes of proceedings*
BL holdings: 2006-2007
BL shelfmark: CSE.49/56
*Minutes of proceedings and evidence*
BL holdings: 2006-2007
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.915
Online: [Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities](#),

Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs
*Minutes of proceedings*
BL holdings: 2006-2007
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.232
Online: [Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs](#),
1.6 Senate

The Senate consists of 105 members, with a provision to raise the number to up by a further eight. Senators are appointed by the Governor General on recommendation of the Prime Minister. They are representatives from the Provinces and must reside and own property in the Province they represent. As the Legislative revising chamber, no bill may become law until the Senate passes it. The Senate also has the ability to amended or reject any bill. It may also initiate bills that do not relate to tax raising powers or involve expenditure of public funds. The main publications of the Senate are the Journals and the Debates.

1.6.2 Proceedings

*Debates of the Senate of Canada (Hansard)*
BL holdings: 1867/68 -1871; 1875-1988
BL shelfmark:CSE.41/2
Online: [Debates of the Senate of Canada](https://www.senate.ca/) of Canada, 1867-

*Debates of the Senate of Canada (Hansard) (Unrevised)*
BL holdings: 1919; 1936; 1949-1953; 1956- 2012
BL shelfmark: CSE.41/2(2)

*Senate Journals*
BL holdings: Vol.1 1867/68-2012
BL shelfmark: CSE.41
Online: [Senate Journals](https://www.senate.ca/)
Note: Includes Committee reports & proceedings as some not printed date

*Senate Minutes of Proceedings*
BL shelfmark: CSE.41/9

1.6.3 Bills

*Senate of Canada Bills*
BL holdings: 1949- 2012
BL shelfmark: CSE. 41/8
Online: [Senate of Canada Bills](https://www.senate.ca/) from: 36th Parliament, 1st Session (September 22, 1997 - September 18, 1999)- are available via Legisinfo.

1.6.4 Senate Standing Committees

The Senate uses committees for a number of reasons including to take an in depth look at amendments or other changes to bills. Additionally, Committees or Subcommittees can be established on an ad hoc basis should they be required to examine a specific subject or area of legislation.
Print versions of standing committee proceedings consist of minutes evidence (verbatim) and reports. The latter can be traced in Explore the British Library by searching under the Committee name. Senate Standing Committee materials from: 35th Parliament, 2nd Session, 1996 to date are also available online via the Senate website.

**Aboriginal Peoples**
- BL holdings: 1990-2010
- BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3050
- Online: [Aboriginal Peoples](#)

Subcommittee on Aboriginal Economic Development in relation to Northern National Parks
- BL holdings: 2000-2014
- BL shelfmark: CSE.81/5605
- Online: [Subcommittee on Aboriginal Economic Development in relation to Northern National Parks](#)

**Agriculture and Forestry**
- BL holdings: 1972-2007
- BL shelfmark: CSE.41/42
- Online: [Agriculture and Forestry](#)

**Banking, Trade and Commerce**
- BL holdings: 1949-2011
- BL shelfmark: CSE.41/10
- Online: [Banking, Trade and Commerce](#)

**Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources**
- BL holdings: 1984-2010
- BL shelfmark: CSE.81/1621
- Online: [Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources](#)

**Fisheries and Oceans**
- BL shelfmark: CSE.81/1656
- Online: [Fisheries and Oceans](#)

**Foreign Affairs and International Trade**
- BL holdings: 1969-2011
- BL shelfmark: CSE.41/33
- Online: [Foreign Affairs and International Trade](#)

**Human Rights**
- BL holdings: 2001-2007
- BL shelfmark: CSE.81/5861
- Online: [Human Rights](#)

**Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration**
- BL holdings: 1991-2005
- BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3085
- Online: [Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration](#)

**Legal and Constitutional Affairs**
BL holdings: 1969-2001
BL shelfmark: CSE. 41/35
Online: Legal and Constitutional Affairs

National Finance
BL holdings: 1999-2010
BL shelfmark: CSE. 81/5403
Online: National Finance

National Security and Defence
BL holdings: 2001-2007
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/5955
Online: National Security and Defence

Subcommittee Veterans Affairs
BL shelfmark: CSE. 81/1447
BL holdings: 2001-2014
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/6134
Online: Subcommittee Veterans Affairs

Rules, Proceedings and the Rights of Parliament
BL holdings: 2001-2012
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/4893
Online: Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament

Privileges, Standing Rules and Orders
BL holdings: 1991-2000
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/4893

Social Affairs, Science and Technology
BL holdings: 1984-2010
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/1458
Online: Social Affairs, Science and Technology

Subcommittee on the Preservation and Promotion of a Sense of Canadian Community
Online: Subcommittee on the Preservation and Promotion of a Sense of Canadian Community

The Special Committee on Illegal Drugs
BL holdings: 2000-2007
BL shelfmark: CSE. 81/5823
Online: The Special Committee on Illegal Drugs

Transport and Communications
BL holdings: 1951- 1995
BL shelfmark: CSE.41/17
Online: Transport and Communications

1.7 Joint committees
Joint committees are composed of a proportionate number of members of both the House of Commons and the Senate. They may be established by the procedural rules of both Houses for standing joint committees or by a motion adopted by both Houses in the case of a special joint committee.

**Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons on the Constitution of Canada**
*Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence*
BL holdings: 1978-2012
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/502

**Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament**
*Minutes of proceedings and evidence*
BL holdings: 1994-1995; 1997-2010
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/4921
Online: [Standing Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament](#)

**Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations**
*Minutes of proceedings*
BL holdings: 1988-1995
BL shelfmark: CSE. 49/88
*Proceedings*
BL holdings: 1999-2000
BL shelfmark: SPR.Mic.E.922
Online: [Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations](#)

**Standing Joint Committee on Official Languages**
*Minutes of proceedings and evidence*
BL holdings: 1986-1996
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3189

**Special Joint Committee on Child Custody and Access**
BL holdings: 1997-1998
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/4945
Online: [Special Joint Committee on Child Custody and Access](#)

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2. CONSTITUTION

The Constitution of Canada is one of the oldest working constitutions in the world, with a basis in the The Magna Carta. It outlines Canada’s system of government, as well as the civil rights of Canadian citizens and those in Canada.

*Constitution of Canada: The British North America Act, 1867; its interpretation to which is added the Quebec Resolutions of 1864, and the Constitution of the United States.*
1880
BL shelfmark: 6605.ff.6.

*A consolidation of the constitution acts 1867 to 1982*
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/1742
Online: [A consolidation of the constitution acts 1867 to 1982](#)

BL shelfmark: CSE.81/1190

### 3. LEGISLATION

#### 3.1 Official Gazette

The Canada Gazette is the official newspaper of the Government of Canada and has been published regularly by the Queen’s Printer since 1841. Published within the Canada Gazette are new statutes and regulations, proposed regulations, decisions of administrative boards and an assortment of government notices. Private sector notices which are required by statute to be published to inform the public also appear in the Canada Gazette.

*Canada Gazette*
BL holdings: 1876/877-1946
BL shelfmark: OGC. 50
Wanting the issues for 1882 and 1887 to 1894

*Part 1*
BL holdings: 1947-2014
BL shelfmark: OGC. 50
Contains government notices, official proclamations, certain orders in council

*Part II. Statutory instruments (formerly Statutory orders and regulations)*
BL holdings: 1947-2014
BL shelfmark: CSE. 48/13

*Part III. Statutes of Canada*
BL holdings: 1975-2013
BL shelfmark: CSE. 47/18

Print publication of the Canada Gazette ceased on April 1st 2014. It is now available online from 1841 at [http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/publications-eng.html](http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/publications-eng.html)

#### 3.2 Laws and Regulations

The Library has a significant collection of historic Canadian federal government legislation.

*Acts (Canada)*
BL holdings: 1841-1851
BL shelfmark:CSE. 47/17

*Statutes of the Province of Canada*
BL holdings: 1852-1865 (incomplete)
BL shelfmark: CSE. 47/9
Statutes of Canada [Bound volumes]
BL holdings: 1867-2012
BL shelfmark: CSE.48

Statutes of Canada [Unbound]
BL holdings: 1964-2012
BL shelfmark: CSE 48/12

Acts of the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada
BL holdings: 1873-1951
BL shelfmark: 0676.702600

Consolidated compilations of historic statutes are recorded individually; please consult the catalogue

Statutory orders and regulations consolidation
BL holdings: 1949-1955
BL shelfmark: CSE 48/9

Consolidated regulations of Canada
BL holdings: 1978
13 volumes and a table of contents at the end.
BL shelfmark: CSE. 81/384

Online versions of the consolidated Acts and regulations of Canada are available on the Justice Laws Website. The consolidations are generally updated every two weeks. •As of 2009-06-01, all consolidated Acts and regulations are “official”, i.e. valid in court.

4. BUDGET

The Budget speech is published in the Debates of the House of Commons. Budget documents from 1995 onwards are available online at http://www.budget.gc.ca/pdfarch/index-eng.html

Estimates - Treasury Board Canada
BL holdings: 1938-1997
BL shelfmark: CSE.417/3.

BL holdings: 1984-2014
CSE.81/1530

5. NATIONAL BANK

The Bank of Canada opened its doors in March 1935, operating from rented premises in the Victoria Building on Ottawa’s Wellington Street. . Its principal role is “to promote the economic and financial welfare of Canada,” Its website at http://www.bankofcanada.ca/ gives access to its annual report from 1996, along with
the a selection on PDF versions of souvenir books, monographs in addition to the following periodical titles:

*Annual Reports and Quarterly Financial Reports* 1997-
*Bank of Canada Review* 1994-
*Banking and Financial Statistics* 2012-
*Business Outlook Survey* 2004-
*Financial System Reviews* 2002-
*Monetary Policy Report* 1995-
*Senior Loan Officer Survey* 2008-
*Summary of Government of Canada Direct Securities and Loans* 2000-
*Weekly Financial Statistics* 2012-

Annual report (formerly Annual report and statement of accounts)
BL holdings: 1947-2009
BL shelfmark: CSE. 4/8

6. GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Canadian Government Departments and Agencies have their own individual websites which contain links to their most recent publications. An alphabetical listing of departments and agencies can be found at: [http://www.canada.ca/en/gov/dept/index.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/gov/dept/index.html) For older publications dating back to 1995 electronic versions may be freely accessible via the [Government of Canada Catalogue](http://www.canada.ca) which lists 250,000 Government of Canada publications. Over 130,000 titles are freely available in the [E-Collection](http://www.canada.ca). Historically the British Library holds an in-depth but selective collections of Canadian departmental publications which can be traced via the main catalogue at [http://explore.bl.uk/](http://explore.bl.uk/). In addition, the supplementary catalogue of official publication acquisitions 1965-1975 contains a range of wide range of publications by Canadian government departments and agencies. These items can be traced via the index alphabetic index card collection in the Social Sciences Reading Room.

7. STATISTICS

7.1 Statistics Canada

Statistics Canada [http://www.statcan.gc.ca/start-debut-eng.html](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/start-debut-eng.html) is the federal agency responsible for collecting and keeping statistics on and about Canada. All aspects of Canadian life are covered. Statistical information from 1996 is available on line via the [Statistics Canada A-Z index pages](http://www.statcan.gc.ca/start-debut-eng.html), which can be browsed by subject. Selective print and CD format Statistics Canada publications can be located in the main BL Catalogue. A selective list of print holdings is given below:

*Adult criminal court caseload trends. Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, The Yukon and the Northwest Territories*
BL holdings: 1992-1995
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3949
BL holdings: 1996
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3950
Agricultural financial Statistics  
BL holdings: 1990-1995  
BL shelfmark: CSE81/3248

Annual demographic statistics  
BL holdings: 1994-2005  
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3730  
BL holdings: 1998- (CD-ROM)  
BL shelfmark: ED.9.x.19

Annual review of science statistics  
BL holdings: 1977  
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/438

Births shelf tables  
BL holdings: 1998  
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/5775

Canada: a portrait  
BL holdings: 1991-2014  
BL shelfmark: PP.2538.hc Earlier issues  
BL Shelfmark: OPL 971.0025 Latest issue

Canada at a glance  
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/4634

Canada food stats  
BL holdings: 2001  
BL shelfmark: CD-Rom SPR.CD.75

Canada's balance of international payments  
BL holdings: 1953-2003  
BL shelfmark: CSE.9/131

Canada's international trade in services  
BL holdings: 2001  
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.7

Canada's culture, heritage and identity : a statistical perspective  
BL holdings: 1995-1997  
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/3899

Canada's men: a profile of their ... labour market experience  
BL holdings: 1986  
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/2601

Canada's women: a profile of their ... labour market experience  
BL holdings: 1986  
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/2600

Canada social trends  
BL holdings: 1986
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/1644

*Canadian travel survey*
BL holdings: 1978
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/959
BL holdings: 1998-2000
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/4649

*Capital expenditure price statistics.*
BL holdings: 2001
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/6112

*Consumer price index*
BL holdings: 1976
BL shelfmark: CSE.9/617(3.)

*Consumption of purchased fuel and electricity*
BL holdings: 1975
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/332

*Current economic analysis*
BL holdings: 1981
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/1046

*Distribution of income and wealth in Canada*
BL holdings: 1977
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/733

*Economic overview of farm incomes*
BL holdings: 1988
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/5624

*Education indicators in Canada*
BL shelfmark:CSE.81/5204

*Family violence in Canada: A statistical profile*
BL holdings: 1998-2002
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/4931

*Financial statistics of education*
BL holdings: 1975/76
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/430
BL holdings: 1976/77
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/383

*General summary of vital statistics by local area*
BL holdings: 1997-2002
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/5364

*Homicide statistics*
BL holdings: 1976
BL shelfmark: CS:E.81/445
Income in Canada
BL holdings: 1998
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/5509

Incomes, assets and indebtedness of families in Canada
BL holdings: 1977
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/924

International and interprovincial migration in Canada
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/261

Life tables, Canada and provinces
BL holdings: 1975/1977
BL shelfmark: CSE.81/696

Mortality, summary list of causes
BL holdings: 2000
BL shelfmark: OPF.9.x.19

7.2 Census

The British Library has a strong collection of historic population censuses for Canada, starting with 1851/52

Census of the Canadas, 1851-2
2 vols. Quebec, 1853-55
Vol. I. Personal census
Vol. II. Agricultural produce, mills, etc.
BL shelfmark: CSE.7
(Another copy at CSE.7/3)

Census of the Canadas, 1860-61
2 vols. Quebec, 1863-64
Vol. I. Personal census
Vol. II. Agricultural produce, mills, etc.
BL shelfmark: CSE.7/2

Census of Canada, 1870-71
5 vols. Ottawa, 1873-78
BL shelfmark: CSE.8

Census of Canada, 1880-81
4 vols. Ottawa, 1882-85
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/2

Census of Canada, 1890-91
4 vols. Ottawa, 1893-97
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/3

Fourth census of Canada, 1901
4 vols. Ottawa, 1902-06
Vol. I. Population
Vol. II. Natural products
Vol. III. Manufactures
Vol. IV. Vital statistics [etc.]
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/4

Fifth census of Canada, 1911
6 vols. Ottawa, 1912-15
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/5

Sixth census of Canada, 1921
5 vols. Ottawa, 1924-29
Vols. I-III. Population
Vol. IV. Occupations
Vol. V. Agriculture
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/6

Seventh census of Canada, 1931
13 vols. Ottawa, 1933-42
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/11
(Set lacks vol. 14, Statistical atlas)

Census of the Prairie provinces, 1936
2 vols. Ottawa, 1938
Vol. I. Population and agriculture
Vol. II. Occupations, unemployment [etc.]
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/15

Eighth census of Canada, 1941
11 vols. Ottawa, 1944-50
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/13

Census of the Prairie provinces, 1946
4 vols. Ottawa, 1949-51
Vol. I. Population
Vol. II. Occupations, industries [etc.]
Vol. III. Housing and families
Vol. IV. Agriculture
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/16

Ninth census of Canada, 1951
11 vols. Ottawa, 1953-56
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/17

Census of Canada, 1956
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/19

Census of Canada, 1961
Advance series
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/25
[Vol.] I. Population
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/24
[Vol.] II. Households and families
BL shelfmark: CSE.9/695
[Vol.] III. Labour force [etc.]
BL shelfmark: CSE.9/696
[Vol.] IV. Population sample
BL shelfmark: CSE.9/755
[Vol.] V. Agriculture
BL shelfmark: CSE.9/710-CSE.9/712
[Vol.] VI. Merchandising
BL shelfmark: CSE.9/751 (pt.1); CSE.9/780 (pt.2)
[Vol.] VII. General review
BL shelfmark: CSE.9/705 (pt. 1); CSE.9/820 (pt.2)

1966 Census of Canada
8 vols. Ottawa, 1967-71
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/28
(Set lacks several parts)
Advance bulletin
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/20(1-5)

1971 Census of Canada
BL shelfmark: CSE.8/36
(Set lacks several parts)

Censuses for 1981-1996 are shelved at BL shelfmark: CSE.81/2442(catalogue number).
From 2001 census modules are catalogued individually; please consult Explore the British Library. Censuses from 1996 onwards are available online on the Statistics Canada website

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