

RG 14

B 3 ACTS, Upper Canada, 1792-1840

Volumes 1-25

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The Acts passed by the House of Assembly and Legislative Council of Upper Canada were engrossed on parchment, to provide the copy of record for these statutes. Certain Bills which did not receive Royal Assent were nonetheless engrossed and the parchments are included in this series as Reserved Bills. Many of the Acts bear notations regarding the submission of the text to the King's Printer, who produced the printed Statutes following each Session of the Legislature.

The series appears to be complete, covering all the Sessions held between 1792 and 1840, inclusive. Certain sets are accompanied by a schedule of the Acts passed in that Session, but the numerical references in the schedules do not always correspond to the numbers which appear on the individual parchments, nor do they necessarily correspond to the chapter designation of the statute. Reserved Bills may bear similar, different, or no designations.

The shelf list which follows serves as the finding aid, but is best used in conjunction with the Journals of the Assembly and Legislative Council, and/or the printed Statutes, both of which contain indexes and tables of contents. The tables of dates for the Sessions of the Legislature in Fred Armstrong's UPPER CANADIAN CHRONOLOGY (pages 26-29) are also useful, particularly for the statistics on statutes passed and reserved, and a copy is included here as a supplement to the shelf list.

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revised 12-2-75; volumes 1, 1A, 2, 3, 3A, 4, 4A, 5, 5A noted missing; volumes located September 1977 and contents reintegrated into the series; series reboxed & relabelled, shelf list revised 29-30/9/77

ACTS, Upper Canada, 1792-1840

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year of Reign</u>
1	Acts, 1st Session, 1st Parliament (2 sets)	1792	32 Geo. III
	" 2nd " 1st " (duplicates)	1793	33 Geo. III
2	Acts, 2nd " 1st " (with schedule)	1793	33 Geo. III
	" 3rd " 1st "	1794	34 Geo. III
	" 4th " 1st "	1795	35 Geo. III
3	Acts, 5th " 1st "	1796	36 Geo. III
	" 1st Session, 2nd Parliament (with schedule)	1797	37 Geo. III
	" 2nd " 2nd "	1798	38 Geo. III
	" 3rd " 2nd "	1799	39 Geo. III
	" 4th " 2nd "	1800	40 Geo. III
4	Acts, 1st Session, 3rd Parliament	1801	41 Geo. III
	" 2nd " 3rd "	1802	42 Geo. III
	" 3rd " 3rd "	1803	43 Geo. III
	" 4th " 3rd "	1804	44 Geo. III
5	Acts, 1st Session, 4th Parliament	1805	45 Geo. III
	" 2nd " 4th "	1806	46 Geo. III
	" 3rd " 4th "	1807	47 Geo. III
	" 4th " 4th "	1808	48 Geo. III
6	Acts, 1st Session, 5th Parliament	1809	49 Geo. III
	" 2nd " 5th "	1810	50 Geo. III
	" 3rd " 5th "	1811	51 Geo. III
7	Acts, 4th Session, 5th Parliament	1812 (March)	52 Geo. III
	Acts, 1st Session, 6th Parliament	1812 (July-August)	52 Geo. III
	2nd " 6th "	1813	53 Geo. III
	3rd " 6th "	1814	54 Geo. III

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<u>Volume</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year of Reign</u>
8	Acts, 4th Session, 6th Parliament	1815	55 Geo. III
	" 5th " 6th "	1816	56 Geo. III
9	Acts, 1st Session, 7th Parliament	1817	57 Geo. III
	" 2nd " 7th "	1818 (April)	58 Geo. III
	" 3rd " 7th "	1818 (October-November)	59 Geo. III
	" 4th " 7th "	1819	59 Geo. III
10	Acts, 5th " 7th "	1820	60 Geo. III (sometimes called 1 Geo. IV)
	Acts, 1st Session, 8th Parliament	1821	2 Geo. IV
11	Acts, 2nd " 8th "	1822	2 Geo. IV
	" 3rd " 8th " (with schedule)	1823	4 Geo. IV
12	Acts, 4th " 8th "	1824	4 Geo. IV
13	Acts, 1st Session, 9th Parliament	1825	6 Geo. IV
	" 2nd " 9th "	1826	7 Geo. IV
	" 3rd " 9th "	1827	8 Geo. IV
14	Acts, 4th " 9th "	1828	9 Geo. IV
	Acts, 1st Session, 10th Parliament	1829	10 Geo. IV
15	Acts, 2nd " 10th "	1830	11 Geo. IV
16	Acts, 1st Session, 11th Parliament (with schedule)	1831	1 Wm. IV
17	Acts, 2nd " 11th "	1832	2 Wm. IV
	" 3rd " 11th "	1833	3 Wm. IV
18	Acts, 4th " 11th " (ch. 23 on loan to Toronto Archives; copy shelved)	1834	4 Wm. IV
19	Acts, 1st Session, 12th Parliament (schedule)	1835	5 Wm. IV
20	Acts, 2nd " 12th " (schedule)	1836	6 Wm. IV

<u>Volume</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year of Reign</u>
21	Acts, 1st Session, 13th Parliament (with schedule) (chs. 1-50, including reserved bills)	1836-37	6-7 Wm. IV
22	Acts, 1st " 13th " (chs. 1-118)	Nov. 1836- Mar. 1837	6-7 Wm. IV
	" 2nd " 13th "	1837 (June-July)	7 Wm. IV
23	Acts, 3rd " 13th " (with schedule)	1838	1 Victoria
24	Acts, 4th " 13th "	1839 (February-May)	2 Victoria
25	Acts, 5th " 13th " (with schedule)	Dec. 1839- Feb. 1840	3 Victoria

THE PARLIAMENTS, 1792-1840A. STATISTICSa. Duration of Parliaments and Sessions1st Parliament

1st Session	17 Sept. - 15 Oct. 1792	(Newark)
2nd "	31 May - 9 July 1793	"
3rd "	2 June - 9 July 1794	"
4th "	6 July - 10 Aug. 1795	"
5th "	16 May - 3 June 1796	"
Dissolved	1 July, 1796	

2nd Parliament

1st Session	1 June - 3 July 1797	(York)
2nd "	5 June - 5 July 1798	"
3rd "	12 June - 29 June 1799	(Newark)
4th "	2 June - 4 July 1800	(York)
Dissolved	7 July, 1800	

3rd Parliament

1st Session	28 May - 9 July 1801	"
2nd "	25 " - 7 July 1802	"
3rd "	24 Jan. - 5 Mar. 1803	"
4th "	1 Feb. - 9 Mar. 1804	"
Dissolved	14 May, 1804	

4th Parliament

1st Session	1 Feb. - 2 Mar. 1805	"
2nd "	4 " - 3 Mar. 1806	"
3rd "	2 " - 10 Mar. 1807	"
4th "	20 Jan. - 16 Mar. 1808	"
Dissolved	21 May, 1808	

5th Parliament

1st Session	2 Feb. - 9 Mar. 1809	"
2nd "	1 Feb. - 12 Mar. 1810	"
3rd "	1 " - 13 Mar. 1811	"
4th "	3 " - 6 Mar. 1812	"
Dissolved	1 May, 1812	

6th Parliament

1st Session	27 July - 5 Aug. 1812	"
2nd "	25 Feb. - 13 Mar. 1813	"
3rd "	15 Feb. - 14 " 1814	"
4th "	1 " - 14 " 1815	"
5th "	6 " - 1 Apr. 1816	"
Dissolved	18 Apr., 1816	

7th Parliament

1st Session	4 Feb. - 7 Apr. 1817	
2nd "	15 " - 1 Apr. 1818	(York)
3rd "	12 Oct. - 27 Nov. 1818	"
4th "	7 June - 12 July 1819	"
5th "	21 Feb. - 7 Mar. 1820	"
Dissolved	By death of George III which was proclaimed in Upper Canada 3 May	

8th Parliament

1st Session	31 Jan. - 14 Feb. 1821	"
2nd "	21 Nov. 1821 - 17 Jan. 1822	"
3rd "	15 Jan. - 19 Mar. 1823	"
4th "	11 Nov. 1823 - 19 Jan. 1824	"
Dissolved	22 June, 1824	

9th Parliament

1st Session	13 Jan. - 13 Apr. 1825	"
2nd "	7 Nov. 1825 - 13 Jan. 1826	"
3rd "	5 Dec. 1826 - 17 Feb. 1827	"
4th "	15 Jan. - 25 Mar. 1828	"
Dissolved	24 June, 1828	

10th Parliament

1st Session	8 Jan. - 20 Mar. 1829	"
2nd "	8 " - 6 " 1830	"
Dissolved	By death of 'George' IV which was proclaimed in Upper Canada 8 Sept.	

11th Parliament

1st Session	7 Jan. - 16 Mar. 1831	"
2nd "	13 Nov. 1831 - 28 Jan. 1832	"
3rd "	31 Oct. 1832 - 13 Feb. 1833	"
4th "	19 Nov. 1833 - 6 Mar. 1834	"
Dissolved	1 Sept., 1834	(Toronto)

12th Parliament

1st Session	15 Jan. - 16 Apr. 1835	"
2nd "	14 Jan. - 20 Apr. 1836	"
Dissolved	28 May, 1836	

13th Parliament

1st Session	8 Nov. 1836 - 4 Mar. 1837	"
2nd "	19 June - 11 July 1837	"
3rd "	28 Dec. 1837 - 6 Mar. 1838	"
4th "	27 Feb. - 11 May 1839	"
5th "	3 Dec. 1839 - 10 Feb. 1840	"
Dissolved	10 Feb., 1840 ^G	

Statistics on Statutes Passed

Parliament	Session	Year	Regnal Year	Passed	Reserved & Approved	To
George III						
1	1	1792	32	8	-----	
	2	1793	33	13	-----	1
	3	1794	34	12	-----	1
	4	1795	35	5	-----	
	5	1796	36	7	-----	
2	1	1797	37	16	-----	1
	2	1798	38	7	-----	
	3	1799	39	5	-----	
	4	1800	40	6	-----	
3	1	1801	41	12	-----	1
	2	1802	42	5	-----	
	3	1803	43	12	-----	1
	4	1804	44	11	-----	1
4	1	1805	45	10	-----	1
	2	1806	46	7	-----	
	3	1807	47	12	-----	1
	4	1808	48	16	-----	1
5	1	1809	49	9	-----	
	2	1810	50	13	-----	1
	3	1811	51	9	-----	
	4	1812	52	11	-----	1
6	1	1812	52	5	-----	
	2	1813	53	11	-----	1
	3	1814	54	19	-----	1
	4	1815	55	18	-----	1
	5	1816	56	39	-----	3
7	1	1817	57	9	-----	
	2	1818	58	13	-----	1
	3	1818	59	19	-----	1
	4	1819	59	23	2	2
	5	1820	60	7	-----	

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The Seventh Parliament was automatically dissolved by the death of George III, 29 Jan., 1820, but news of that event did not reach Upper Canada until after the statutes passed in the fifth session received Royal Assent on 7 Mar. These statutes are sometimes cited as 60 George III, and sometimes as I George IV.

Parliament	Session	Year	Regnal Year George IV	Passed	Reserved & Approved	Total
(7	5	1820	I	7	-----	7)
8	1	1821	2	31	1	32
	2	1822	2	27	-----	27
	3	1823	4	38	-----	38
	4	1824	4	37	-----	37
9	1	1825	6	6	1	7
	2	1826	7	31	-----	31
	3	1827	8	25	-----	25
	4	1828	9	20	1	21
10	1	1829	10	23	-----	23
	2	1830	11	35	1	36
William IV						
11	1	1831	1	26	-----	26
	2	1831-2	2	35	-----	35
	3	1833	3	59	1	60
	4	1834	4	53	3	56
12	1	1835	5	47	-----	47
	2	1836	6	32	16	48
13	1	1837	7	113	5	118
Victoria						
	2	1838	7Wm. IV & 1 Vic.	4	-----	4
	3	1838	1	62	-----	62
	4	1839	2	71	1	72
	5	1840	3	71	5	76

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Province of Canada: Sessional Records, 1841-1866

Volumes 1-232

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Finding Aid no. 683

The Sessional Records consist of petitions, draft and fair copies of Minutes, Bills and amendments, Committee reports, Returns, addresses and returns of addresses, etc. accumulated by the Legislative Council, 1841-1866, although virtually nothing survives for the period prior to 1854.

The records are arranged by Session and are grouped within that according to type of document. Petitions, Bills and certain other documents bear identifying numbers or letters, which can be correlated to the mention of them in the Journals for that Session in which they were tabled. As a result, the Journals and their indexes can be used as a means of access to these sessional papers. Finding Aid 683 provides merely a detailed shelf list of contents, with which it is possible to locate items which have been identified through consultation of the Journals. Volume 192A is an exception, containing copies of the Oath of Allegiance signed by members of the fourth through eighth Parliaments.

Old shelf lists converted to Finding Aid 683 in September 1977;
boxing and labelling considered satisfactory

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1st Session, 5th Parliament		Volume
1854-1855	Miscellaneous documents 1841-1853	1
	Petitions	1-9
	Bills	9-13
	Amendments	14
	Reports and returns	14-16
	Communications with the Assembly	17
	County and municipal returns	18, 21
	Public works report	19
	Draft minutes	19
	Accusations against the late government	20
2nd Session, 5th Parliament		
1856	Petitions	22-34
	Municipal returns	35
	Reports and returns	36-37
	Bills	37
	Reports of Select Committees	38
	Minutes	38-39
	Motions and resolutions	39
	Communications with Governor General, Committee reports, miscellaneous	39
3rd Session, 5th Parliament		
1857	Municipal returns	40
	Members' oaths	40
	Minutes	40-41
	Petitions	42-65
	Geological Survey, 1854-1857	66
	Committee reports	67, 69
	Communications with the Assembly and Governor General	67
	Reports and returns	67-68
	Motions	68
	Bills	69

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1st Session, 6th Parliament

1858	Petitions	70-86
	Minutes	87
	Bills	88
	Committee reports	88-89
	Motions	89
	Communications with the Assembly and Governor General	89
	Reports and returns	90-93 - 94
	<i>Municipal Returns</i>	<i>21</i>

2nd Session, 6th Parliament

1859	Returns	94, 108-109
	Petitions	94-104
	Contested election records	105-106
	Bills and committee reports	107
	Minutes	107
	Communications with the Assembly and Governor General	107
	Municipal Returns	108

3rd Session, 6th Parliament

1860	Petitions	109-122
	Minutes	123
	Committee reports on bills	124
	Reports and returns	125-127
	Bills	128
	Communications with the Assembly and Governor General	128
	Committee Reports	128
	Miscellaneous	128
	Contested election records	129
	Municipal returns	129

4th Session, 6th Parliament

1861	Petitions	130-142
	Minutes	143
	Committee reports on bills	144
	Contested elections	145
	Committee returns	145
	Communications with the Assembly and Governor General	145
	Miscellaneous, returns and oaths	145-146
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1st Session, 7th Parliament

1862	Petitions	147-161
	Minutes	162
	Contested elections	163
	Communications with the Assembly and Governor General	163
	Miscellaneous	163
	Committee reports	163-164
	Returns of vital statistics, 1861	164
	Montreal Steamship Company	164
	Reports and returns	165-167

2nd Session, 7th Parliament

1863	Petitions	168-180
	Minutes	180-181
	Reports and Returns	181-186
	Vital statistics, 1862	184
	Municipal returns	185
	Controverted elections	185
	Communications with the Assembly and Governor General	185

1st Session, 8th Parliament

1863	Minutes	187
	Reports and returns	188-190
	Vital statistics	190

2nd Session, 8th Parliament

1864	Petitions	191-201
	Committee reports	202-203
	Minutes	204
	Bills	205
	Public Works returns	205

3rd Session, 8th Parliament

1865	Petitions	205-212
	Minutes	213
	Reports and returns, resolutions	214-215
	Vital Statistics; Printing	214
	Communications with the Assembly and Governor General	214
	Municipal returns	216

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4th Session, 8th Parliament

1865	Petitions	217-219
	Committee reports	220
	Communications with the Assembly and Governor General	220
	Reports and returns	221

5th Session, 8th Parliament

1866	Petitions	221-228
	Committee reports	229-230
	Communications with the Assembly and Governor General	230
	Reports and returns	230-232

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Province of Canada: Minutes, 1841, 1843, 1857.

Volumes 1-3 - 1 foot / 30 cm.

Loose copies of the Legislative Council Minutes, 1841, 1843 and 1857. Minutes are also to be found in series C 1, and printed copies are available in the Library.

SHELF LIST

Volume 1	Minutes	June-August 1841
2	ditto	September 1841, 1843
3	ditto	1843, 1857

** consider reintegration with Minutes in C 1, as complete and separate series; review arrangement; prepare detailed list ?

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RG 14, C 2 A

CANADA, Province of: Legislative Council, Clerk of the, 1859-1863

An account book kept by the Clerk of the Legislative Council to record matters relating to contested elections, 1859-1863, was until October 1988 identified as the sole volume in this series. It is now found as volume 17 in RG 14, C 7.

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RG 14, C 3

CANADA, Province of: Legislative Assembly, Sessional Records, 1841-1864

Volumes 1-7

45 cm

Few records of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada have survived; many are known to have been lost in fires and other disasters over the years. Only a few Addresses, Motions, Minutes, Bills, Reports, Resolutions, and other documents for the period 1841-1864, including some correspondence of the Speaker and the Clerk, have been found. To them have been added certain records of the Standing Committee on Emigration and Colonization which contain documents relating to policy and practice in Upper and Lower Canada for 1792-1864 (transferred from MG 24, I 50).

The **arrangement** of the series has been reviewed, to incorporate a number of documents found astray in series C 1 and elsewhere in RG 14. The order is basically chronological, with separation of documents by type where their number justifies such treatment. The previous location of items transferred from series C 1 and C 2 has been recorded. The draft indexes to the Journals found in RG 14, A 4, volume 3 were transferred in October 1988 to form volume 7 of this series.

Many of the records of the Assembly were published in the **Journals** and their Appendices (the Sessional Papers), notably the Addresses, Resolutions and Returns. Whether the whole text of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the causes and circumstances of the fire in the Parliament Buildings on 1 February 1854 (volume 3) was published in 1855 remains to be investigated; the detailed evidence submitted as an Appendix to the Report may not have been published with it.

The **shelf list** which follows is the sole finding aid for the series.

Shelf List

Répertoire

**RG 14, C 3: CANADA, Province of: Legislative Assembly,
Sessional Records, 1841-1864**Datesvolumes

n.d., 1841	Lists of members elected, bills, messages, resolutions, etc.	1
1842	messages and resolutions (some formerly in RG 14, C 2, vol. 2)	1
1843	Bills, messages, printed Orders of the day, resolutions, notices, committee reports, minutes (some formerly in RG 14, C 2, vol. 3)	2
1844-1862	Bills, messages, minutes, motions, notices, resolutions, etc. (most formerly in RG 14, C 1)	3
1854	Report of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the cause of the fire at the Parliament House ... 1 February 1854 (with Appendices A, B, C, E, F)	3
(1792-1863)	Notes relative to immigration, compiled for the Standing Committee on Emigration and Colonization	4
1863-1864	Newspaper clippings compiled for the Standing Committee on Emigration and Colonization	5
1863-1866	Minutes, resolutions, etc. (some formerly in RG 14, C 1 and C 2)	6
1844-1851	Draft indexes to the Journals (formerly in RG 14, A 4, vol. 3)	7

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, Province of Canada: Sessional Indemnity
Receipts, 1849-1866

Volumes 1-6 - 1 foot 9 inches / 53 cm.

Declarations and receipts of members of the Legislative Assembly
acknowledging their claims and payments for sessional indemnities.

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VOLUME	1	Receipts	1847-1849, 1851-1853
2			1854-1857
3			1856-1859
4			1860-1863
5			1863-1865
6			1866

** check order in volumes; note overlap of 2 and 3; listing needed ?

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, Province of Canada; Vouchers, 184~~6~~-1866

Volumes 1-16 - c. 5 feet 4 inches *c. 163 cm.*

Vouchers for expenditures made on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, including salaries of staff, 184~~6~~-1866. Volume 1 contains accounts of the Consolidated Revenue fund, 1853.

The shelf list is the sole finding aid currently available.

** To be reviewed: papers to be unfolded, boxing revised and arrangement verified; type of finding aid to be decided
transfer vol. 1 to public accounts?

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Legislative Assembly vouchers, 1848-1853

Volume 1	Accounts of the Consolidated Revenue fund	1853 *	(to be moved ?)
2	Vouchers	1846-1850	
3	ditto	1851-1852	
4	ditto	1852-1853	
5	ditto	1854	
6	ditto	1854-1855	
7	ditto	1856	
8	ditto	1857	
9	ditto	1857-1858	
10	ditto	1858	
11	ditto	1859	
12	ditto	1860	
13	ditto	1860-1861	
14	ditto	1862-1863	
15	ditto	1864-1865	
16	ditto	1865-1866	

ACTS of the Province of Canada, 1852, 1855-1857

Volumes 1-21 - 7 feet *2/3 cm.*

Parchment copies of acts passed by the Legislature of the Province of Canada, 1852, 1855-1857. Printed copies of all statutes, 1841-1867, are available in the Library.

** Review boxing - check for lacunae

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Acts

Volume 1	Acts, 15 & 16 Victoria, cap. 1-38	1852	
2	ditto	39-73	"
3	ditto	74-103	"
4	ditto	104-133	"
5	ditto	134-153	"
6	ditto	154-176	"
7	ditto	177-181	"
8	ditto	182-190	"
9	Acts, 18 Victoria	cap. 68-100	1855
10	ditto	101-163	"
11	ditto	164-199	"
12	ditto	200-251	"
13	Acts, 19 Victoria	cap. 1-79	1856-1857
14	ditto	80-140	"
15	Acts, 20 Victoria	cap. 48-128	1857 * French
16	ditto	129-159	" "
17	ditto	160-226	" "
18	ditto	1-44	"
19	ditto	45-120	"
20	ditto	121-160	"
21	ditto	161-226	"

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**CANADA, Province of: Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council,
Accounts, 1841-1874**

Volumes 1-17

86 cm

Ledgers, journals, cash books and other account books kept by officers of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, 1841-1867, have been formed into a series. Volume 5 was continued after Confederation.

Vouchers for the sessional indemnity of members are found in series C 4, with a few exceptions in C 5. Vouchers for other expenditures, detailing the nature of the service performed or goods supplied, are found in series C 5.

The arrangement of the series is outlined in the shelf list which follows. There is no more detailed finding aid available.

Volume 17, an account book of the Committee on Contested Elections for the Legislative Council, was transferred from RG 14, C 2 A in October 1988.

Volume 16 has been identified as belonging with post-Confederation records but its transfer to the D series has yet to be arranged.

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**RG 14, C 7: CANADA, Province of: Legislative Assembly
and Legislative Council, Account books, 1741-1874.**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>House</u>		<u>Volume</u>
1841-1854	Legislative Assembly	ledger	1
1855-1857	"	ledger	2
1855-1857	"	journal	3
1858-1867	"	ledger	4
1858-1867	"	journal	5
1867-1874	House of Commons	journal	5
1855-1856	Legislative Assembly	cash book	6
1857	"	"	7
1858-1861	"	"	8
1861-1864	"	"	9
1855-1856	"	petty cash book	10
1859-1860	"	"	11
1860-1862	"	"	12
1861-1866	Legislative Council	journal	13
1860-1864	"	day book	14
1850-1864	"	ledger	15
1867-1872	House of Commons	receipt book for allowances to extra writers	16
1859-1863	Legislative Council Committee on Contested Elections	account book	17

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, Province of Canada: Minutes of the Standing
Committee on Contingent Accounts, 1859-1867

Volume 1 - 3 inches / 7.5 cm.

Minute book of the Standing Committee on Contingent Accounts,
1859-1867. Filed with it are minutes of the same committee of
the House of Commons, 1867-1868.

SHELF LIST

Volume 1	Minute book	1867-1868	*	(to be transferred)
2	ditto	1859-1867		

*** Transfer volume 1 (1867-68) to a D series and volume 2 to C 3 ?

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, Province of Canada: Debates, 1846, 1854-1867

Microfilm, reels P-54 to P-57 (4 reels)

Scrap book collection of newspaper accounts of Legislative Assembly debates, 1854-1867, and Samuel Thompson's 'Mirror of Parliament', 1846, 1859-1860. Microfilmed by the Canadian Library Association.

Record Group 14
RECORDS OF PARLIAMENT, 1791-1867

Lower Canada, 1791-1841

- Series A 1 Legislative Council - records of the Clerk of the
 A 2 Legislative Council - Journals
 A 3 Legislative Assembly - Journals
 A 4 Legislative Assembly - Minutes and Addresses
 A 5 Legislative Assembly - Bill Registers
 A 6 Special Council - Ordinances

Upper Canada, 1791-1841

- Series B 1 Legislative Council - Journals
 B 2 Legislative Assembly - miscellaneous sessional records
 B 3 Acts

Canada, 1841-1867

- Series C 1 Legislative Council - Sessional Records
 C 2 Legislative Council - Minutes
 C 2A Legislative Council - election accounts
 C 3 Legislative Assembly - Sessional Records
 C 4 Legislative Assembly - Sessional Indemnity records
 C 5 Legislative Assembly - Vouchers
 C 6 Acts
 C 7 Legislative Council and Assembly - accounts
 C 8 Legislative Assembly - Contingent Accounts
 C 9 Legislative Assembly - Debates

(Note: Series A 1 presently includes some pre-1791 records of the "Legislative Council" of Quebec. These should in the near future be transferred to RG 1, where other records of the appointive Councils are to be found.)

RECORDS OF THE PRE-CONFEDERATION GOVERNMENTS OF QUEBEC,
LOWER CANADA, UPPER CANADA AND THE PROVINCE OF CANADA,

1764-1867

The records arranged and described in RGs 1, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 14 may at first appear to be a maze of interrelated, fragmentary or overlapping series. This situation results from a number of factors:

- 1 record keeping systems were in a state of evolution during the British regime; officials often altered their systems in major and minor ways, frequently without beginning a new set of record books;
- 2 certain functions began as the responsibility of one official were transferred to other officials, or grew to be sufficiently important to have a specific office created to care for them (vide the administration of Indian Affairs);
- 3 some records began life as the working files of one official, were passed to a successor as reference files, spent time in several attics and/or basements and arrived at the archives barren of identification; it has not always been possible to reconstruct the original order accurately, nor to establish with certainty their proper context in the administrative structure of the time;
- 4 the relative absence of administrative histories which should serve researchers as a guide to the government structures which performed certain functions and created certain records also inhibits the work of archivists attempting to identify and describe those records
- 5 shortage of resources needed for the identification and description of records, including the reorganization and re-integration of series which have become fragmented.

Consequently, the inventories for the abovementioned RGs should not be seen as the ultimate guide. They merely represent the state of present knowledge in relation to those records. Supposition is not generally consigned to paper. The inventory entries describe the records according to their present order on the shelf, with references to the major known related series. To bring order out of apparent chaos, we are preparing a GUIDE TO THE PRE-CONFEDERATION PUBLIC RECORDS, which will describe the general structure of government and the functions performed by the various officials, then identify the nature and location of surviving records which resulted from performance of those functions.

P. Kennedy - Pre-Confederation Section - 28 February 1977

Sections A-C of RG 14 are devoted to the records accumulated by the House of Assembly and Legislative Council in Lower Canada (section A), Upper Canada (section B) and the Province of Canada (section C). Much had been lost by fire before the records were transferred to the archives after the 1916 disaster.

Surviving sessional papers most often appear as appendices to the printed journals (available in the Archives Library). Copies of other documents submitted to or produced by the Legislatures may be found among Colonial Office records (see MG 11, notably CO 44 and CO 45) and a few duplicate items in MG 9, D 3.

Where possible, the records were organized on a sessional basis. Therefore the published journals can be of some use in facilitating reference to the documents. Where such organization was not possible, the records have been placed in chronological order.

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RG 14, A 1

**LOWER CANADA: Legislative Council, records of the Clerk of the,
1775-1791, 1807-1837**

Volumes 1-18

1.8 m

The series presently contains seven volumes of records from the "Legislative Council" of Quebec, 1775-1791, which properly belong with records of the Executive Council in RG 1 and to which it is planned that they should shortly be transferred. (Another astray portion of the records is currently found in RG 4, B 6 under the title of Ordinances.) No evidence has been found that they were preserved by the Clerk of the Legislative Council for reference purposes, which might justify their retention in this series. In 1975 these reports, petitions, rough and draft minutes, records of votes and draft ordinances were identified as unrelated to Parliament, but the justification for and feasibility of transfers could not immediately be determined.

Volumes 8-18 contain Minutes of proceedings (which should be compared to series A 2), Addresses (which may contain items more appropriate to series A 4), resolutions, bills, reports, warrants, replies to addresses and a variety of other documents created by or submitted to the Legislative Council, 1807-1837.

Some related records being identified in RGs 1 and 4 may be transferred if such action is justified and feasible. Oaths of office have been identified in RG 1, E 11. Proclamations summoning and proroguing the Legislature are found in RG 4, B 7.

There is no **finding aid** for the series; the Shelf List which follows this inventory entry provides the only detailed description of the series, pending further identification of related material and transfers (specifically volumes 1-7 to RG 1) or rationalization (as for the Addresses in RG 14, A 4).

NOTE: Some speeches or Addresses of the Governor to the Parliament and from it to him may be found in the S Series (RG 4, A 1). Likewise, some drafts of Bills and opinions of the Law Officers of the Crown on Bills/Acts are found in the S Series.

Proclamations summoning, proroguing and dissolving Parliament are found in RG 4, B 7. Writs and Returns of elections are found in RG 4, B 72.

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**RG 14, A 1: LOWER CANADA: Legislative Council
records of the Clerk of the, 1775-1791, 1807-1837**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents/contenu</u>	<u>Volume</u>
1775-1780	Rough and draft minutes of Council, drafts of Ordinances, reports, petitions and related documents	1
1781-1784	ditto	2
1785-1787	ditto	3
1787	ditto	4
1788-1789	ditto	5
1789-1790	ditto	6
1790-1791	ditto	7
1810-1821	Minutes of proceedings, Addresses and Replies thereto, reports, resolutions, bills and other records of the Sessions	8
1822-1833 ditto		9
Jan.-Feb. 1833	ditto	10
Mar.-Apr. 1833	ditto	11
January 1834	ditto	12
Feb.-Mar. 1834	ditto	13
1835-1837	ditto	14
1807-1837	Proclamations, Addresses, Oaths of office	15
---	Addresses, etc.	16
--	Addresses, etc.	17
---	Addresses, etc.	18

RG 14, A 2

LOWER CANADA: Legislative Council, Journals, 1809-1813

Volumes 1-5

15 cm

Bound manuscript journals of the Legislative Council minutes for Lower Canada, 1809-1813, form a very incomplete series. Loose minutes of proceedings, 1810-1837, are found in RG 14, A 1. Printed copies of the Journals are held by the Public Archives Library.

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RG 14, A 2: LOWER CANADA: Legislative Council, Journals, 1809-1813

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Parliament/Session</u>	<u>Volume</u>
1809-1810	First Session, Fifth Parliament	1
1810-1811	First Session, Seventh Parliament	2
1812	Second Session, Seventh Parliament	3
1812	Third Session, Seventh Parliament	4
1813	Fourth Session, Seventh Parliament	5

LOWER CANADA: Legislative Assembly, Journals, 1792-1837

Volumes 1-71

3 m

The French and English texts of proceedings for the Legislative Assembly of Lower Canada, 1792-1837, are bound in separate volumes. The printed version of these Journals can be consulted in the Archives Library and in other libraries. A substantial quantity of loose minutes (or Votes and Proceedings), Addresses, Messages and other documents the texts of which would subsequently be incorporated into the formal Journals are found in the series A 4.

The **arrangement** of the series is chronological.

The **shelf list** which follows was prepared in February-March 1975 to identify the date and the language of each volume. The possible existence of internal indexes was not investigated at that time.

Journals of the Legislative Assembly, Lower Canada .

Volume

1	Journal	December 1792-May 1793
1A		
2	Journaux	novembre 1793-mai 1794
3	Journal	November 1793-May 1794
4	Journaux	novembre 1793-mai 1794
5	Journaux	1795
5A	Journal	"
6	Journal	November 1795-May 1796
7	Journaux	novembre 1795-mai 1796
8	Journal	1797
9	Journaux	"
10	Journal	1798
11	Journaux	"
12	Journal	1799
13	Journaux	"
14	"	1800
15	Journal	"
16	"	1801
17	Journaux	"
18	"	1802
19	Journal	"
20	Journaux	1803
21	Journal	"
22	Journal/Journaux	August/Aout 1803
23	Journal	1804
24	Journaux	"
25	Journal	1805
26	Journaux	"
27	Journal	1806
28	Journaux	"
29	"	1807
30	"	1808
31	Journal	"
32	"	1809

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33	Journaux	1809
34	Journal	"
35	Journaux	1810
36	Journal	"
37	Journaux	1810-1811
38	Journal	"
39	"	1812
40	Journaux	"
41	Journal	1813
42	Journaux	"
43	"	1814
44	"	1815
45	Journal	"
46	Journaux	1816
47	Journal	1817
48	Journaux	"
49	"	1818
50	Journal	1819
51	Journaux	"
52	Journal	1821-1822
53	Journaux	1820-1821
54	"	1821-1822
55	"	1823
56	Journal	1823-1824
57	Journaux	"
58	"	1825
59	"	1826
60	"	1827
61	"	1828-1829
62	"	1830
63	"	1831
64	"	1831-1832
65	"	1832-1833
66	"	1834
67	"	1835
68	Journal	1835-1836
69	Journaux	"
70	"	1836
71	"	1837

LOWER CANADA: Legislative Assembly, Minutes and Addresses, 1808-1837

Volumes 1-14

1.4 m

The proceedings of the of the Legislative Assembly, sometimes referred to as minutes, and various produced by or presented to the Assembly were produced in several formats. The fair copies of the Votes and Proceedings, Addresses (both to the Governor and to the King or the Prince Regent) and Messages, form series A 4. These documents were incorporated into the Journals (see series A 3) and printed as such. The majority of the documents are in English, but some translations are included.

Related records are found in series A 1, Legislative Council minutes. A set of entrybooks for Speeches and Messages of the Governor to the Legislature, 1800-1837, is found in RG 7, G 14, volumes 37-45. Some drafts of Bills, opinions of the Law Officers of the Crown on proposed legislation, and Addresses to the Governor and his Speeches on opening and closing Sessions are to be found in the S Series (RG 4, A 1). Distinctive cover-sheets from the original S Series are found in this series and suggest the records came with the 1906 transfer rather than directly from Parliament in later years.

The **arrangement** of the series awaits review. The segregation of parchment copies of the Addresses in volumes 9-14 requires investigation, as does the placement of the undated Addresses. These can be identified chronologically by the Governor named in the salutation, and by comparison with the texts in the Journals. Whether or not some correspondence supplied to the Assembly by the Governor (such as that from the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick in volume 8) was published in the Journal or its Appendix as a sessional paper needs also to be investigated.

In October 1988, two transfers were made from volume 3: a set of draft indexes to the Legislative Assembly journals for 1844-1851 was moved to RG 14, C 3, volume 7; and a number of petitions to the Legislative Council, 1854, were incorporated into RG 14, C 1, volume 1.

The **shelf list** which follows is the sole finding aid presently available. For research purposes, the published Journals are more complete and more convenient. Copying of the parchment Addresses may be prohibited as a conservation measure, since the physical format poses risks with certain reproduction methods.

Shelf List

Répertoire

**RG 14, A 4: LOWER CANADA: Legislative Assembly,
Minutes and Addresses, 1808-1837**

<u>Dates</u>		<u>Volume</u>
1808-1814	Minutes, addresses, etc.	1
1815-1819	"	2
1820-1821	"	3
1823-1832	"	4
1833	"	5
1833-1834	"	6
1834	"	7
1835-1837	"	8
n.d.	Addresses on parchment	9
n.d.	"	10
1809-1831	"	11
1831-1833	"	12
1834-1836	"	13
1835-1837	"	14

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LOWER CANADA: Legislative Assembly, Bill Registers, 1831-1836

Volumes 1-5

10 cm

Registers recording the progress of all bills introduced in the House of Assembly, 1831-1836, each contain an index. Volume 5 is not a bill register and the reasons for its placement in this series are not known.

Some Acts have been located in RG 4, B 5 and may be transferred to this series if such action is found to be justified and feasible. Bill registers are also to be found in RG 1, E 12 and amongst the private papers of Gustavus William Wicksteed, sometime Law Clerk to the House (MG 24, B 57).

For the opinions of the Law Officers of the Crown on proposed Bills, see the S Series (RG 4, A 1). Lists of the Acts -- both passed and reserved -- are found in the Blue Books of Statistics (for which see RG 1, E 13 and MG 11, Colonial Office 44).

No finding aid is planned for the series, in view of the internal indexes. The Shelf List which follows this inventory entry provides an over-view of the series.

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**RG 14, A 5: LOWER CANADA: Legislative Assembly,
Bill Registers, 1831-1836**

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents/contenu</u>	<u>Volume</u>
1831	Bill register, with index	1
1832-1833	Bill register, with index	2
1834	Bill register, with index	3
1835-1836	Bill register, with index	4
1835-1836	"Ordres du jour"	5

LOWER CANADA: Special Council, Ordinances, 1838-1841

Volumes 1-6

6l cm

Finding Aid 603

There are many gaps in the series of parchment copies, with seals, of the Ordinances passed by the Special Council of Lower Canada between 1838 and 1841. A few drafts of Ordinances for 1838, prepared by the Attorney General, are included in the series. A full listing of the Ordinances passed may be found in the printed statutes. Other copies are also to be found in Colonial Office 44, volumes 33-38 (described in MG II).

The **arrangement** of the records was reviewed in 1975 and is now numerical by Session and Chapter, as illustrated in the Shelf List which follows this inventory entry. A number of drafts and fair copies of the Ordinances passed in the First Session of 1838, found in RG 4, B 6, were transferred into this series in 1975. Should further items be found astray in RG 4, transfers will be made whenever feasible.

Finding Aid 603 provides a listing of titles for the Ordinances and the drafts found in this series, with particular notes for those items transferred in 1975. (An older listing under the designation Finding Aid 140 was eliminated at the same time.)

RG 14, A 6: LOWER CANADA: Special Council,
Ordinances, 1838-1841

<u>Year</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Volume</u>
1838	First	I-XXVI (parchment)	1
1838	First	I-XXVI (drafts, fair copies)	2
1838	Third	I-X (parchment)	2
1838	Third	XI-XV (parchment)	3
1839	Fourth	L, LXIV (printed)	3
		XLI, LXIV (drafts)	3
1840	Fifth	XX (parchment)	3
		XLIV (printed)	3
1840-1841	Sixth	I-IV (parchment)	3
1840-1841	Sixth	V-XV (parchment)	4
1840-1841	Sixth	XVI-XXII (parchment)	5
1840-1841	Sixth	XXIV-XXXIII (parchment)	6

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Upper Canada: JOURNALS, 1815-1816, 1825-1828, 1840

Volumes 1-9 - 10 inches / 25 cm.

Bound and loose copies of the Legislative Council minutes of proceedings in broken sequence, 1815-1840. Printed copies of the journals are available in the Library. A few copies of the appendices to the journals are included in this series, as are some resolutions, 1826-1827.

The shelf list serves as a finding aid pro tem.

SHELF LIST

Volume 1	Journal (bound)	1815
2	ditto	1816
3	ditto	1825
4	Appendixes A-L	1825-1826
5	Journal (bound)	1826-1827
6	Appendixes A-P	" "
7	Appendixes A-I	1828
8	Resolutions	1826-1827
9	Minutes and Appendix A	1840

** Improve description; check sorting and list volumes 8 and 9; *Box for journals*

RG 14

B 2

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, Upper Canada: Miscellaneous Records, 1806-1839

Volume 1 - 1 inch / 2.5 cm.

Newspaper clippings of dates and proceedings, resolutions, order papers and drafts of education bills.

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