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MATHESON INDEX CARDS

The Matheson Index Cards duplicate, in part, information found in other of the Matheson indices. They provide references to a wide variety of published and unpublished sources, not all of which can be identified and located. Information is arranged alphabetically, by subject, with the reference source indicated at the top of the index card; cross-references and additional citations are sometimes provided.

Matheson created a "Key" to this card index which is found within the cards, under "K". These thirteen cards explain the sources used as references, sometimes referring the researcher to other of Matheson's indices.

The cards bring together on one, or several cards, references on a subject which are found individually in the various Matheson ledgers. As well, Matheson occasionally suggests in his various ledgers that additional references to a subject will be found in the card index.

As mentioned, both published and unpublished sources are cited as references in the card index. It has not been possible to identify all these sources; however, those which have been located are listed below. Most of the published sources are available at the National Library in either microform or original format.

Published sources include:

1. Hodge, Frederick Webb. The Handbook of Indians of Canada. Ottawa: Parmelee, 1913.
2. National Archives Annual Reports
3. Statutes of Canada
4. Department of Indian Affairs Annual Reports
5. MacInnes, T.R.L. The History of Indian Administration in Canada
6. Smith, Samuel. Colonial History of New York. Burlington, N.J.: N.S. Sharp, 1890.
7. O'Callaghan, E.B. Documentary History of the State of New York. Albany <N.Y.>: Weed Parsons & Co., public printers, 1849-51.
8. 1838, Report of Commissioner J.B. Macaulay
9. 1844, Report of Commissioners Rawson, Davidson & Hepburn
10. 1858, Report of Commissioners Pennefather, Talfourd & Worthington
11. Taylor, James P., fl. The Cardinal Facts of Canadian History; carefully gathered, 1899. Toronto: Hunter, Rose, 1899.
12. Boam, Henry, J. The Prairie Provinces of Canada: their history, people, commerce, industries, and resources. London: Sells, 1914.
13. Encyclopaedia Americana
14. LaCombe, Father Albert. Dictionnaire et grammaire de la langue crise. Montréal: C.-O. Beauchemin & Valois, 1872.
15. Stone, William L. Life of Joseph Brant-Thayendanege. New York: A.V. Blake, 1838.
16. Kirby, William. Annals of Niagara. Lundy's Lane Historical Society. Tribune, Welland, Ontario, 1896.
17. Denny, Sir Cecil E. The Law Marches West. London: J.M. Dent, 1939.

18. Plain, Nicholas. The History of Chippewas of Sarnia and the History of Sarnia Reserve. 1951.
19. Moore, P.E.; H.D. Kruse, F.F. Tisdall, R.S.C. Corrigan. Medical Survey of Nutrition Among the Northern Manitoba Indians. Canada: s.n., 1946? Reprinted from Canadian Medical Association Journal, 54, 1946.
20. Bradley, J.D., "A Short History Relating to Indian Reserves in British Columbia with Special Reference to the Plans of the Reserves." Appended to the Indian Affairs Annual Report, 1944.
21. Hamilton, Douglas Ewart. The Maritime Provinces. Toronto: W.J. Gage, 1927.

References to Records at the National Archives include:

1. Black and Red Series files
2. Files pre-dating the Red and Black Series
3. Colonial Office (C.O.) 5, Despatches
4. Archives Series, "A": Bouquet papers, now MG 21, G 1
Archives Series, "B": Haldimand papers, now MG 21, G 2
Archives Series, "C": British Military Records, now RG 8
Archives Series, "S": Provincial & Civil Secretaries, now RG 4, A 1
Archives Series, "G": Governors' records, now RG 7
Archives Series, "Q": Colonial Office records, Quebec to Canada (CO 42) now ^MRG 11, CO 42
Archives Series, "M": Manuscripts, private, see finding aid 97
5. Scrap Books,
6. Reports on Petitions
7. Letter Books
8. Indian Papers
9. Indian Papers, Toronto Office
10. S. Stewart, Historical Notes, RG 10 Volume 11192.

Most references to unpublished material can be found with a bit of work. "Files" may be traced using the Department of Indian Affairs history cards (consult archivist for finding aid 10-96); "Red Files" and "Black Files" refer to files within the Red and Black series and may be found using the box list indices for those series (finding aids 10-10 and 10-13); the various "Archives Series" may be found predominantly in the Manuscript Division.

The most difficult of Matheson's categories to locate is the "Indian Papers". These were loose documents stored for years in blue boxes and a black trunk in Matheson's office at the Department of Indian Affairs. In 1907, possibly 1913, and twice in 1914, records were transferred to the National Archives from D.I.A.; among those records were the Indian Papers. Various references to these Papers can be found in the front of Matheson's ledger, "Key to the Old Records" (RG 10, vol. 11191); in his card index "Key"; and, in RG 37, vol. 36, file 60-3, "Records Received at National Archives from D.I.A.".

yes, there was a transfer in 1913.
See RG-10, Acc. 2003-00021-6, Box 7, f. 11-6-10
and RG 37, vol. 36, f. 60-3-Indian Affairs.

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From the "Memo re: Indian Papers" found in RG 37, vol. 36, it is evident that the National Archives attempted to sort into series the documents which made up the Indian Papers. It was apparently not an easy task and some packages of "sundry" documents remained at the end. Unfortunately, in sorting the documents into logical archival groupings, the National Archives disturbed the system that Mr. Matheson had been employing. A note in the front of Matheson's "Index to Correspondence, pre-1872" indicates that in 1917 Matheson was unable to find Indian Papers within the Indian Affairs documents.

Attempts to trace the Indian Papers within RG10 have met with very limited success. A determined researcher may be able to locate particular documents by taking the date of the document sought and figuring out where it should logically be within the RG 10 Inventory entries. A few suggestions include:

1. "Civil Control" portfolios: A(2)
2. Superintendent General- 14 portfolios: A(2)(c)
3. Chief Superintendent Office - 4 portfolios: A(2)(f)
4. "Sundries" - 3 portfolios: A(6)(k)
5. Deputy Superintendent General, 1797-1830 - 21 portfolios A(2)(e)
6. Chief Superintendent, 1829-30 - 1 portfolio: A(4)
7. Chief Superintendent, U.C.: A(4)
Montreal Office, L.C.: A(3)(e)
8. Accounts: A(3)(e)(iii)
9. Grand River Papers: A(4)(d), A(6)(h), D(3)
10. L.C. Papers, 1831-41, 1842-57: A(3)(e)
11. L.C. and U.C. Accounts, kept together: A(6)(c)
12. Commissions of Enquiry: A(6)(a)
13. Papers re: Organization of the Dept.: A(6)(b)
14. Orders in Council: B(8)(a)
15. Petitions, 1839-44: A(1)(c)
16. Petitions & letters, pre-1842: A(1)(c), A(6)(k)
17. Papers for Registers; 1844-47, 1852-56, 1856-60, 1860-61 ?
18. Miscellaneous, 1845-61: A(5)(d)
19. Registers; 1862-65, 1865-69, 1869-72: (B)(2)(a)
20. Toronto Office Papers, misc., 1842-44: C(I)(2)(a-c)
21. Sarnia Office Papers, no registers: C(I)(4)(a-e)
22. Papers after 1872 - one register, 1873-79: RG10, vol. 745
23. Newspapers
24. Maps and Plans
25. Pamphlets: B(8)(b)

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Title: Matheson Index
Content: Aa-Costume (Indian)

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Title: Matheson Index
Content: Council-Justice of the Peace

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Title: Matheson Index
Content: Ka-Powers of Supt. Gen.

FA 10-179 Box 4 of 5
Title: Matheson Index
Content: Order in Council-Townsite

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Title: Matheson Index
Content: Tr-Yukon