

Christie's South Kensington Album
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This album was purchased at the Christie's South Kensington sale, 30 April 1987, lot 303. The album was purchased without provenance, however the photographer has been established as Alexander Henderson.

Alexander Henderson, merchant and photographer, was born in the vicinity of Edinburgh, Scotland in 1831. He learned photography in Montreal about 1857 and quickly took it up as a serious amateur. In 1865, he published his first major collection of landscape photographs entitled: Canadian Views and Studies by an amateur. In 1866, he opened a photographic studio, advertising himself as a portrait and landscape photographer.

From about 1870 he dropped portraiture to specialize in landscape photography and other views. His photographs of city life revealed in street scenes, buildings, and markets are alive with human activity, and although his favourite subjects were landscapes he usually composed his scenes around such human pursuits as tilling the soil, cutting ice on the river, paddling a canoe, lumber trade activities, steamboats, railways and waterfalls.

Henderson travelled widely throughout Quebec, Ontario and Maritimes. Between 1892 and 1897, he worked for the CPR as manager of a photographic department. He retired completely from photography in 1897 and died in Montreal in 1913.

The title for the album was derived from the heading on the cover of the album. There are 51 albumen prints in this album, 16 of which are signed "A.H" and include title and series negative number. The unsigned photographs are also by Alexander Henderson unless indicated differently in the table below. Most photographs are also accompanied by a caption written in pencil under the photographs. The condition of the photographs is fairly uniform throughout the album.

There is also an oval loose albumen print depicting an Ottawa street scene showing the Post Office and Sparks Street by W. J. Topley.

The album contains:

Page	Description	Neg.No.	Photographer/Neg.No.
p.1	"The Falls, Niagara from Goat Island". The photo shows a wooden footbridge leading to a type of circular viewing tower on the edge of the Falls. Barely visible on the tower are three men and one woman.		
p.2	"Beneath the edge of the Horseshoe Falls, Niagara". Falls in background with large telescope tower with 6 people standing outside it.		
p.3	"The Horseshoe Falls from the Canadian Side"		
p.4	"The American Falls from Goat Island"		

p.5	"The American Falls from the Canadian Side." Four men in foreground sitting on bank looking at Falls.		
p.6	"Mt. Murray Bay, Eastern Townships, Canada". View of river with forest on each side and forested mountains in background.	3456	
	"From Dufferin Terrace, Quebec". View of tall ships, docks and riverside buildings.	424	
p.7	"Quebec". View showing 25 men on parade in a military type parade ground. This area is surrounded by buildings and the town of Quebec.		
	"Point Levi from Quebec. View of Tall ship tied up at quay, looking across the river to Point Levi.	25877	
p.8	"Ice Cone Falls of Montmorenci"		
	"View from Quebec – Winter". View showing the countryside beyond Quebec together with lots of snow"	25135	
p.9	"Falls of Montmorenci - Summer".		
	"River Steamer, St. Lawrence", showing paddle steamer docked by wooden buildings with potential passengers with horses and carts nearby.	M577E	
p.10	"Timber Raft, St Lawrence". View showing trees in foreground and a large timber raft with men with poles guiding the way. There is also a small makeshift building on the raft.		
	Montreal from the Mountains". View of water reservoir in foreground with bridge and river in background and town in the middle."	16524	Notman
p.11	"Montreal from the Island". View of small tents and trees with Montreal in the background.		
	"Montreal from Notre Dame	3423	
p.12	"The Quays, Montreal". View of boats, docks and large public buildings.		
	"Harbour – Montreal." View of tall ships in harbour, docked.	M4492	PA-149728
p.13	"Skating in the River – Montreal". Horse and cart in the snow with people skating on the river.	D5056	
	"Ice Block in the River in Spring". Large ice block with city buildings in the background.	5940M	
p.14	"Cutting Ice – Montreal". View showing nine men cutting a large section of the ice with saws, shovels, etc.	4721	

	"Relics of Winter". View of tall ships, paddle steamer and steam ship in background with ice in foreground with boy.	M5774	
p.15	"Street in Winter- Montreal". Man clearing snow from footpath with boy standing with him. Both the road and the garden of this [Edwardian]? street are covered with snow.		
	"Business Quarter – Montreal". View of main street with grocer, shoe and china shops.		
p.16	"Winter-Montreal". View showing a man in horse-drawn sleigh.		
	Old Y.M.C.A. Building at the Victoria Square	M5902	PA-149727
p.17	"Protestant Episcopal Cathedral, Montreal"		
p.18	"Chambly on River Richelieu". View of a river with small sailing boat and a castle with cows in the background		Notman
p.19	Rapids – St. Lawrence". View of a collapsed paddle steamer.		
p.20	"The Thousand Isles – St. Lawrence"		
p.21	"Parliament Building – Ottawa"	2732	
	"Rideau Falls – Winter – Ottawa"	3123	
p.22	View of rapids and small falls with a bridge across the river.		Topley?
p.23	"Timber slide, Ottawa"	074550	PA-149713
p.24	"University College, Toronto"		
p.25	"Winter Play". View showing children on toboggans.	M3030	
p.26	"Snowed Up". View of discarded tennis snow shoes and houses covered with snow, probably at Pt. Levis.	2?5737	
p.27	"Grand Trunk Railway". Engine and snowplough near Black River Station, Levis, Que.	2492	PA-149697
	View of a man with on a horse-drawn sleigh.	P237?	
p.28	Two men standing in the mountains covered with snow.	P3125	
	"Labourers Hut". View of a log cabin in snow.		
p.29	Saw mills in background with logs floating in a river.		
	"Timber Stacked – Gulf of St. Lawrence"		
p.30	"Sugar Shanty". View of men extracting syrup from trees.	4454	PA-149704
p.31	"Lumberers at Rest"		
p.32	"The First Clearing". View of men and women in a forest clearing outside of two dwellings.		

	"After a Snow Storm"		
p.33	Snow on trees surrounding a snow covered house.		
p.34	"American falls from Ice Bridge"		