Overview of the Canadiiana collections

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History

- **1978**: CIHM is formed
- **1996**: Introducing CRKN - CIHM signs its first agreement with CRKN
- **2006**: Héritage - Héritage project begins in partnership with Library and Archives Canada
- **2008**: Canadiana.org - CIHM merges with AlouetteCanada to form Canadiana.org
- **2013**: Merger - Canadiana.org merges with CRKN
- **2018**: Access at no charge - Canadiana collections become accessible at no charge
- **2019**: Pilot - Pilot digital project begins
April 2018: Merger with CRKN
  • Extensive consultation process
  • Business Plan

2019: Launch of the Heritage Content Access and Preservation (HCAP) Fund

January 1st: Access at no charge available for all
Canadiana Online

- Canadian material
- Published in Canada
- Written by a Canadian
- About Canada

- 19 million pages

- Monographs, serials, and government publications until 1920s

Receuil de recettes et le médecin à la maison
http://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.32274/5
Canadiana Online

- Periodicals and Government Publications projects informed by the community

- Ongoing work
  - Newspapers
  - Annuals collection

- Discoverability
  - Optical Character Recognition (OCR)
  - Improving metadata

The Maritime Agriculturist : [Vol. 2, no. 10 (July 1, 1890)]
http://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.8_04577_34
Papers relative to the Hudson's Bay Company's charter and licence of trade

http://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.9_01009

Recensement des Canadas, 1860-61
http://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.9_07157
Histoire complète des naufrages
http://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.50059
Le Pirate du St. Laurent
http://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.56435
Canadiana Online
Maps and Advertisements

Le Parfait bouvier, trésor du laboureur
http://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.49346
Le Manitoba
http://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.30016
La bibliothèque à cinq cents (periodical)
• Began in 2013 as an initiative to digitize the most important and popular microfilmed fonds at LAC
• Funded by CRKN members
• 41 million pages in 900 collections
• Covers 17th to 20th centuries

Newton McFaul MacTavish Fonds H-109
http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_reel_h1019
Héritage

• Archival records
  • Census data, church records, government records, personal papers, and much more

• Ongoing work
  • Growing by 100 reels per year (100,000 images)

• Discoverability
  • Working with handwritten text

Seaside House Guest Register C-3015
http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_mikan_100078
Montreal, 11th Oct. 1779.

Sir:

The St. Regis and Lake of Two Mountain Indians, descendants of the Onondago Nation, who joined the Mohawks upon the late scout to the Mohawk River arrived here last Saturday and came to me with their prisoners, not having passed the Mohawk Village to receive my directions to repair to Campbell. I acquainted him of it and he sent for them and settled matters with them except a young Onondago chief who came this summer from his Nation and joined the party—being an acquaintance of mine stayed with me and delivered one of the prisoners, which he took, and I shall send him to the rest of Col Campbell’s prisoners as they would choose to keep together being neighbors. I can’t give any farther intelligence than what I gave Your Excellency in my last.

Herewith I have enclosed my acct current since my return from Fort Schuyler in autumn 1777, & 24 June last which acct I have likewise transmitted to Col Johnson to insert them in his Genl acct agreeable to Yr. Excellency’s orders to me.

I have the honour to be,

Yrs very tr. Excellency’s Ser.

(Sgt) D. Claus.

His Excellency,

Gen Haldimand.

Quebec.

http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_reel_c1485
Héritage

C.I.9 Records

Chinese Immigration Records, T-6038 [http://heritage.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.lac_reel_t6038]
Héritage

Gaspard-Joseph Chaussegros de Léry fonds.
Digitization Services

“CRKN is an essential not-for-profit partner for documentary heritage projects of national and historical significance.”

—Joseph Hafner, McGill University Library

The first Arts University Buildings erected 1843. Occupied by the Medical Faculty 1845-1851.

The Building of 1872, situated in the University Grounds.

An historical sketch of the Medical Faculty of McGill University http://www.canadiana.ca/view/oocihm.97328/
Digitization Services

“We had the pleasure of working with CRKN to digitize a number of local newspapers […] which allowed us to make these local newspapers readily available to the public.”

— Liz McQuaig, Central Library, Mississauga Library System

Trustworthy Digital Repository

- CRL certification
- Digital preservation system
  - Identification
  - Collection
  - Management
  - Security
- Enduring access
Canadian National Digital Heritage Index

1,500+ collections

• Textual documents
• Maps
• Photographs
• Audiovisual materials

www.cndhi-ipnpc.ca
Preservation and Access Committee

• Review and make recommendations regarding the development and management of the Canadiana and TDR platform

• Supported by two task groups

  • Heritage Content Priorities Task Group (HCPTG)
    • Develop principles and criteria for evaluation and prioritization of heritage content for the Canadiana collections

  • Platform Technical Task Group (PTTG)
    • Advise on the development of the Canadiana access and preservation platforms (TDR)
Looking ahead

• Decolonize our metadata
• Improve our users’ experiences and access to content
• Expand our stakeholder community
  • Connect directly with archivists, researchers, and historians

We are committed to transparency throughout this process and welcome questions and feedback.
Thank you!

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