

INDEX TO THE PUBLICATIONS
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FOREWORD

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The Ontario Historical Society has long been one of the most active bodies in the country in the encouragement of authors and the publication of both original documents and new research. The journal of the Society, Ontario History, or as it was formerly called, the Papers & Records of the Ontario Historical Society, which has appeared continuously since 1899, is generally recognized as both one of the most important sources for the history of the province and a quarterly with a scholarly level that has long equalled that of most national reviews. In addition, the Society has frequently published special works: document collections, theses, and local histories. These provide valuable source material on specific areas, individuals and historical problems.

Naturally, as the bulk of material has grown, the difficulty of finding what data are available has increased proportionally. Although certain older indexes exist and there is a chronological list available of articles in the journal, the attempt to provide an overall index, which is properly subdivided for the modern researcher while at the same time not of unworkable length, is one which has long been under consideration. Now, coincident with the eighty-fifth birthday of the Society and the seventy-fifth anniversary of its incorporation, we are fortunate in being able to present such a complete index to the members of the Society.

This work, which has been in preparation for three years, originated in discussions between Hilary Bates and Robert Sherman,

both then of the Library of The University of Western Ontario, and the writer about what could be done to provide some more useful research tools in Ontario history. Hilary Bates, who was formerly Collections Librarian: History at Western, and is now Humanities Librarian at Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland, is a native of Ontario, who lived for some years in London and is a graduate of Western's History Department and School of Library and Information Science. Already familiar to students of Ontario History for her "Book Notes" and for her excellent bibliography of Fred Landon's works, which appeared in 1969, she also prepared the bibliography of James J. Talman, which recently appeared in his Festschrift, Aspects of Nineteenth Century Ontario, and is currently working on further bibliographies of Brigadier-General E. A. Cruikshank and Justice William Renwick Riddell. Robert Sherman worked with the Special Collections and the Rare Books sections of the Western Library and has just completed his B. A. at the University of Ottawa. He is planning to take a degree in library science at Western.

The Society owes a debt of gratitude to them for their preparation of this Index, which will make the contents of its many publications so much more readily available to students of the history of the province.

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Introduction

After nearly seventy-five years of publishing it is fitting that the Ontario Historical Society should produce an index to its corpus of publications. These include not only the Papers & Records, first appearing in 1899, and Ontario History, which that annual was renamed in 1947, becoming a quarterly in 1949, but also those monographic publications for which the Society is well known, most prominent among these are the Simcoe correspondence, the Russell correspondence, Zaslów's The Defended Border, Spragge's The John Strachan Letter Book, and Cruikshank's The Settlement of the United Empire Loyalists.

This is a three part index. The first is a chronological list of the articles in the Papers & Records, and Ontario History (including Profiles of a Province which replaced the December, 1967, and March, 1968, issues): this part provides complete bibliographical data-- volume number, date of publication, title, author and full pagination. The second index is by author and includes entries for editors or writers of introductions. The Strachan Letter Book entry, for example, will be found under Strachan (author), and Spragge (editor). In this index entries are arranged under the author alphabetically by title, giving volume number and the number of the first page of the article.

The subject index is by far the largest of the three. On average there are three or four entries per title, with some articles generating a dozen subject headings, and a very few generating none at all. Entries under subject headings are listed alphabetically by author or editor (or by the first word in the title if no author exists). When more than one article of a particular author is included under the

same subject heading these are arranged alphabetically by title. As with the author index, only the volume number and the number of the first page of the article are given. In both the author and subject indexes full publishing data is given for the monographs listed.

It should be pointed out that this is not the only index produced by the Society. If one turned to the heading Ontario Historical Society--Index in the subject index, one would find a goodly number of entries. Volumes 28 to 33 contain their own annual indexes and Volume 33 contains a cumulative index to Volumes 1 to 32. Most of the monographs listed contain very detailed indexes of their own, as do a few of the longer articles, for example, W. R. Riddell's on Robert Fleming Gourlay in Volume 14. In recent years annual indexes have been issued separately. Some of these indexes are more specific in their coverage of the material indexed than was possible for this particular publication. For that very reason users are encouraged to supplement this index, when applicable, with those mentioned above.

The degree of specificity of this index was determined by factors of time and space: thus not all proper names in articles were listed, because of the abundance, and often abandon, with which they occur. E. A. Cruikshank's articles, for example, are rife with prominent names: to list them all would be beyond the powers of these indexers. Users seeking biographical information, therefore, are encouraged to search not only under the name in question, but also under the locale(s) in which the person in question lived, the prime events in which he took part, and the groups with which he was associated.

Those seeking material on local history should search not only under specific place-names, for instance Fort Erie, but also under encompassing place-names such as, for Fort Erie, Bertie (Township), Welland (County), and Niagara. Histories of churches are entered under the name of the place in which the church is located. Users searching the index under Pioneers should check also under United Empire Loyalists, as the early volumes of the Papers & Records were full of the reminiscences and histories of these founding groups. Indeed the evolution of the historiography of the Province of Ontario can be seen by surveying the publications of the Ontario Historical Society.

The first decades of the Papers & Records recorded the exploration and settlement of Upper Canada, much of it through first-hand accounts, with an emphasis on personalities, the romance of early military struggles, and a local rather than regional or provincial point-of-view. More recently, the predominant themes of the Society's publications have come to be political, cultural, social and urban history. Also, there has been more emphasis on the modern period. The recording and interpreting of Ontario's history has become more scholarly and sophisticated and the point-of-view of historians has broadened. Yet the same historical people, places and events still command their share of attention today, as they did in earlier years: the United Empire Loyalists, the War of 1812, the Rebellion of 1837, the evolution of Toronto and Kingston. Nevertheless, regrettable gaps remain in Ontario's recorded history as evidenced at least from this index.

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preparation of this index, and Miss Jean Aitkins for her patience and skill in typing and retyping the manuscript from over three shoe-boxes of cards. We hope that a minimum of errors are left after careful proofing and bear full responsibility for such tenacious laggards as do remain: we would appreciate their being brought to our attention.

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