

Canadian First World War Poetry Monographs, 1914-1918: A Bibliography

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Overview

Purpose: to provide a resource to researchers interested in Canadian First World War poetry

Design: searches were carried out in NEOS and WorldCat catalogues, and in Canadian poetry anthologies for records related to both Canadian poetry and World War I poetry published between 1914 and 1918

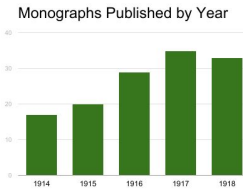
Findings: 140 books of poetry were published by 98 Canadian poets between 1914 and 1918

Limitations: focuses on published books within a specific time period; poets who published after the war or in magazines, newspapers, etc. are not represented

Practical Implications: facilitate the discovery and improve the findability of Canadian poets

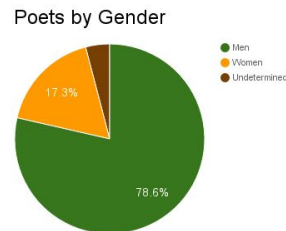
Originality: this is the first bibliography written about Canadian First World War poetry

Findings



Publication Locations (# of books published)

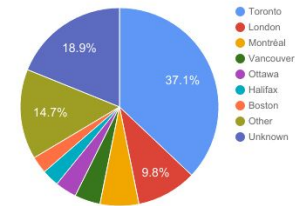
Toronto: 53
London, UK: 14
Montréal: 9
Vancouver: 6
Ottawa: 5
Halifax: 4
Boston, US: 4



Publication Dates (# of books published)

1914: 17
1915: 20
1916: 29
1917: 35
1918: 33

Location of Publication



Poet Demographics (# of poets)

Men: 77
Women: 17
Undetermined: 4

Served in WWI: 21
Wrote in English: 94
Wrote in French: 3

Alberta's Own

Harwood Elmes Robert Steele

Captain, 2nd Division, Canadian Infantry
Son of Major-General, Sir Samuel Steele
Born in [Fort] McLeod, AB

"Poet of the Laurentians"

Frederick George Scott

Hon. Lieutenant-Colonel
Canadian Chaplain Service
1st Division
Published 8 books of
Poetry from 1914-1918



L.Col. Frederick George Scott
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Women's Writing

Katherine Hale (pseudonym)

Amelia Beers Garvin, wife of John W. Garvin
Her poem, "Grey Knitting" was widely copied and
included in many poetry anthologies

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