

Government Information in Canada: Update 2014

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What is government information?

Information produced by government agencies.

democracy (noun)

Government by the people; *esp.* a system of government in which all the people of a state or polity are involved in making decisions about its affairs, typically by voting to elect representatives to a parliament or similar assembly [OED]

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Committees



Senate Committees

- No committee meetings scheduled today
- Previous Meetings

House of Commons Committees

- No committee meetings scheduled today
- Previous Meetings

Joint Committees

- No committee meetings scheduled today
- Previous Meetings

The following information is available

Bills



Bills Before Parliament

Legislation at a Glance

Bills on Today's Agenda in the Senate and in the House of Commons

LEGISinfo provides current and historical data on legislation dating back to the 37th Parliament in 2001.

Reference Material



[Procedural Reference Material](#)

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Government Publications

Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada

BUILD on THE FUTURE

State of the Nation 2012

Canada's Science, Technology and Innovation System: Aspiring to Global Leadership

Science, Technology and Innovation Council

Advisory Council to the Government of Canada

Economic Insights, n° 125, November 2012 | Statistique Canada, Canada | n° 125-12 | Inter-provincial employees in Canada

Inter-provincial Employees in Canada

by Christine Laporte and Tzipora Lu

This article in the *Economic Insights* series presents some evidence on inter-provincial paid employment in Canada. It provides detailed information by province of residence and province of work. This article supplements the research paper *Inter-provincial employee mobility*, by Christine Laporte, Tzipora Lu and Grant MacDonald.

Every year, workers leave their employers in search of better job opportunities, and employers adjust the size of their workforce in response to numerous economic factors. As part of this labour adjustment process, some individuals and their families move to a different location within the same province/territory.

A third group—inter-provincials—moves in a given province/territory. Although inter-provincial migration in Canada in recent years, descriptive data, new information, origin, and destination of the 2000s.

Economic Insights, n° 125, November 2012 | Statistique Canada, Canada | n° 125-12 | Inter-provincial employees in Canada

Chart 1

Level of inter-provincial migration

Chart 2

Level of inter-provincial migration

THE FUTURE OF CANADA'S COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

A Discussion Document

National Aboriginal Day / Journée nationale des Autochtones

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Today's Talk

- Major Changes and Challenges
 - support for information policies and procedures
 - stewardship for born digital content
- Moving Forward
 - virtual libraries (proposed)
 - digital preservation network (e.g., CGI-PLN)
 - digitization and web harvesting projects (UofA)

Changes and Challenges

- budget cuts, consolidation of govt libraries: loss of referral system and services for public and librarians outside governments
- transition to digital publishing without comprehensive acquisitions, access, or preservation strategies

Result: less government information distributed and curated in more precarious formats with lower levels of support by government agencies.

Consolidation of Govt Libraries

Government of Canada Libraries

Consolidated: Canada Revenue Agency (9 into 1), Parks Canada (5 into 1), Fisheries & Oceans (2 principal and 2 subsidiary locations, closing seven libraries), Natural Resources (14 into 7)

Closed: Public Service Commission, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Human Resources & Skills Development (2 libraries closed), Transportation Safety Board, Transport Canada, Public Works & Government Services

Source: section 4.2 in Jordan, Isla and Ulla de Stricker. *Information Management in the Canadian Federal Government: Principles, Practices and the Role of Information Professionals*. April 2013. <http://curve.carleton.ca/facultyresearch/27422>

Government of Alberta Libraries

Consolidated: 7 into 1 (Capital Blvd Site, Edmonton) as part of Library Transformation Project

Depository Services Programs

Government of Canada Depository Services Program:

- cessation of print distribution as of April 2014
- collecting pdfs only as listed on weekly checklist, searchable via catalogue with stable urls for most titles
- supplemental checklists include digitized content
- DSP Library Advisory Committee

DSP Subject to Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS) Procedures for Publishing, revised June 2013: <http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/pol/doc-eng.aspx?section=text&id=27167>

Web Renewal Action Plan

The screenshot shows the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text 'Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat' and the 'Canada' logo. Below this is a search bar and a menu with options like 'Departmental Activities', 'Policy Suite', 'Information for', and 'Resource Centre'. The main content area is titled 'Reduce Redundant, Outdated and Trivial Content' under the 'Web Standards' section. The page includes a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > TB Policy Suite > Web Standards > Web Usability > Reduce Redundant, Outdated and Trivial Content'. The main text explains that government websites should deliver easy-to-find, clear, accurate, up-to-date information. It states that the key steps in managing an effective content lifecycle are outlined below. The benefits of removing Web content that has become redundant, outdated or trivial (ROT) include:

- Increased ease of finding and using Web content
- A better experience for visitors
- Decreased website maintenance costs
- Enhanced ability to deliver services online

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THE WORLD

Michael Petrou writes
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VIEW IN CLEAN READING MOD

Liberal Party leader Justin Trudeau has re Society of North America, an organization leading Islamist group.”

As it happens, former citizenship and inm development minister) Jason Kenney also

Oddly, his speaking notes for the breakfast meeting seem to have been erased from Kenney's website, and from the online archives of Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

LOST DOCS

<http://agiig.wordpress.com/>

Lost Documents

Please use the form below to share information about government web content that is being removed without archiving, whether documents or complete websites.

For now, due to the federal government's web site renewal plan and ROT guidelines, the priority for this list is Canadian federal government information. If the information can be identified early enough, we may be able to preserve it through the libraries in Canada that are able to harvest and archive web content.

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Depository Services Programs

Government of Alberta Depository Library Program (ADLP):

- distributes publications produced in physical format to six full depository libraries: U of Calgary, U of Alberta, Calgary Public Library, Provincial Archives of Alberta, Alberta Legislature Library, Alberta Government Library
- physical and born digital publications are listed in files available via Open Data Portal (quarterly, xls, links to author agencies):
<http://data.alberta.ca/data/government-alberta-publications-10>
- GOA Publications Search (QP) <http://www.qp.alberta.ca/511.cfm>,
Legislative Library Catalogue (select epubs) <http://elibrary.assembly.ab.ca>

“Virtual Libraries” *(proposed)*

Treasury Board Secretariat, Government of Canada

- Canada’s Action Plan on Open Government included a Virtual Library (2011); no timeline available (DSP Advisory Cmte mtg, March 2014)

Open Government Program, Service Alberta

- Pillars: Open Data, Open Information (AGL lead), Open Engagement
- Open Information Portal or “virtual library” will be developed and launched in the next fiscal year; AGL will work to determine scope and develop policy, processes and standards necessary to create and manage the virtual library (Gary Weber, April 2014)

Digital Preservation: Lots of Copies Keeps Stuff Safe <http://www.lockss.org/>

LOCKSS = Lots of Copies Keeps Stuff Safe

Tamper evident, distributed preservation system based at Stanford.

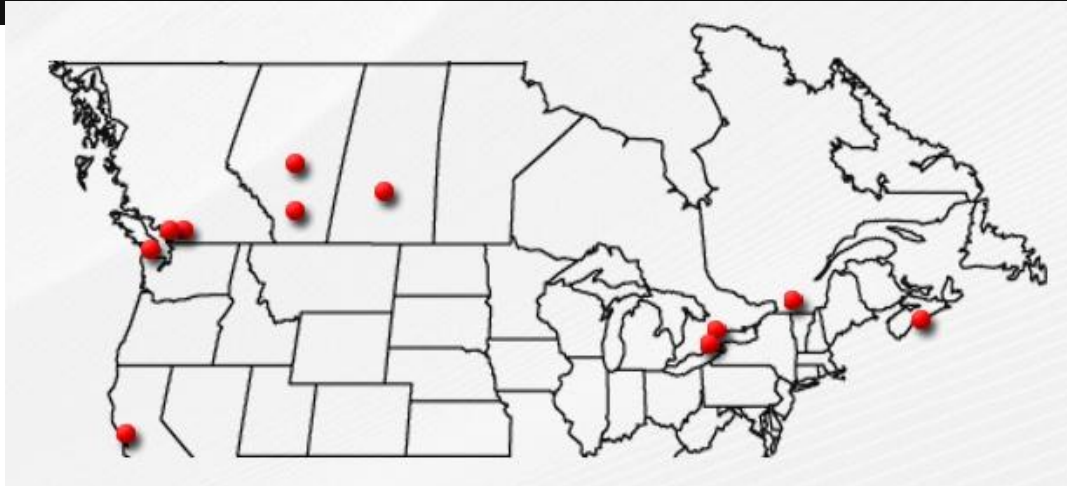
Five Principles

1. libraries have local control of assets
2. perpetual access is guaranteed
3. preserve original version
4. decentralized, distributed preservation
5. affordable

LOCKSS for US Documents

- replicates Federal Depository Library Program in the digital environment
- 36 libraries and GPO participating (at least two Canadian partners)

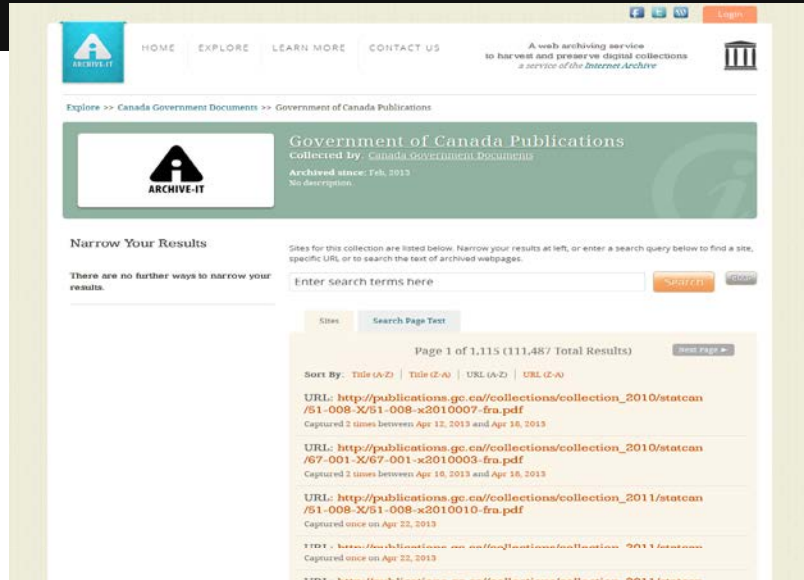
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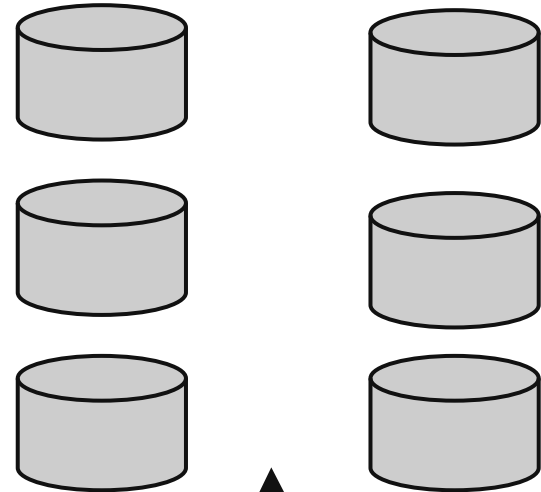
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Wakaruk, Amanda. "Introducing the CGI-PLN: Using the LOCKSS Program to Preserve DSP Content in a Changing Environment." Toronto, Ontario. Government Information Day, November 1, 2013. <http://hdl.handle.net/10402/era.38184>

Archive-It Plug-In



LOCKSS PLN



WARCs

University of Alberta Libraries Web Harvesting: <https://archive-it.org/collections/2901>

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Publisher: Government of Alberta

Coverage: Canada–Alberta

Language: English, French

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The information contained in this publication is of an explanatory nature, and is intended to provide an overview of Alberta's petroleum and natural gas land tenure system. [April 2003]

[Alberta's Energy Industry Overview](#)

Oil Sands and Conventional Oil, Natural Gas, Petrochemicals, Minerals, Electricity, Energy Sector Highlights and Economic Impact and Hydrocarbon Resources. [2012]

GOA Publications Collection Digitization Project: <https://archive>

Library Funding

In April 1980, the Minister of Culture announced substantial improvements in programmes of assistance to Alberta's public libraries. Per capita grants were more than doubled, a new direct grant eligibility for municipal libraries within regional library systems was established, establishment grants to regional libraries were increased, and a number of levels of service were strengthened. While these announcements were welcomed enthusiastically, the Board will continue to review the level of financial support to libraries in the Province lest services wither through adequate funding.

Resource Sharing

Schick Information Systems Ltd. was selected as the research firm to carry out the Alberta Library Network Research Project, a study which has as its intended goal the outlining of a choice of system models which will facilitate library resource sharing. Once that decision was made, the Board hosted a public forum in the Jubilee Auditorium, Edmonton, in August 1980, to introduce the Project. At that meeting, the background to the Project was given, the Director of the Project, Ian MacLean, outlined the proposed study itself, and a panel of representatives of the Alberta library community made presentations on concerns about resource sharing in the Province. The meeting, which was attended by participants from academic, school, public, government and special libraries, concluded with a general discussion and question period. Both the project team and the participants indicated their satisfaction with the meeting. The Board expects to have the results of the study in the near future and looks forward to presenting them to the library community for its consideration.

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Further Reading: "What the Heck is Happening Up North? Canadian Government Information Circa 2014." *Documents to the People (DTTP)*, Spring 2014. [to be available at http://wikis.ala.org/godort/index.php/DttP_Full_Text]