FINDING GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS for HIST 3160: Canadian Political History
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• Additional resources
• Strategies for finding a known government resource
• Getting Help
Your Course Guide: http://guides.lib.uoguelph.ca/HIST3160
Newspapers on Microfilm

30 Canadian Newspapers (major + minor)

Many go back to the late 19th / early 20th century
Newspapers on Microfilm
Where are they?

Finding Newspaper Content – 2\textsuperscript{nd} Floor
Finding Newspaper Content

Make a timeline that identifies the date of key events
• Date of election, date legislation passed

Search within small time frames
• Week before election

Identify key sections
• Front pages, Canada section, politics section

Tips
Finding Known Government Docs

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What era are we talking about?

Trudeau Government

What date are we talking about?

1970

What department are we talking about? What was it called in 1970?

Currently Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development; in 1970, was Department of External Affairs
How to Track Down the Document

1. Googled foreign policy department Canada
   - Source: Wikipedia entry “Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development,” cross-checked with multiple other sites

2. Established “Department of External Affairs” as 1970 name of relevant department
   - Source: Wikipedia entry “Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development,” cross-checked with multiple other sites

   - Source: The Canadian Encyclopedia entry “External Relations,” cross-checked with multiple other sites

Established Foreign Policy for Canadians as (likely) title of document needed

Getting some help from Google
Searching the Library Catalogue (PRIMO):

Search by title and author
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Search by title and author: Primo results
Other options:

1. Search for department documents produced in time period
2. Search only by title of document
3. Re-check your identifying information

When you can’t find it
Key Takeaways:

Break the process into steps:
• *Step One*: Find extra information about the document(s)
• *Step Two*: Use information to find document itself

Pay special attention to “author:”
• Author = Level of Government + Relevant department or commission name
  • Canada. Department of National Defence.
• Account for department/ministry name changes … so pay attention to date too!

Also make note of any other identifying characteristics of document
• Associated officials, key events, etc.
Activity:

Work with the person next to you to list the steps you would take to track down this document.

**Scenario:**

You are interested in Canadian immigration policy, and particularly issues related to racism. You know that in 1923, Canada passed legislation to exclude Chinese-origin immigrants from Canada. How do you find the actual document?

- What information do you know already?
- What would you try to find out first? What next?
- What sources and/or search tools would you use?
Activity:

Work with the person next to you to list the steps you would take to track down this document.

**Scenario:**
You are interested in Canada’s drug policy. Having read Marcel Martel’s book, you know that there was a royal commission called the “LeDain Commission” on this issue in the 1960s and 1970s. How might you find both the original document, and find out if the library has additional materials related to the commission?

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What do you think? Scenario 3
Help at the library

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Ask
Chat with a librarian

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More help at the library

RESEARCH

WRITING

LEARNING

Get more help.
• Questions?

What do you need to know more about?
How did we do?

• Survey

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