ship changes. This attempt to expand usefulness, therefore, could (as it has already for me) result in researcher frustration.

Each volume concludes with author and subject indexes, and also provided are lists of sources searched (three times as many in the earlier work as in the later) and, in the earlier work, an index to placenames. I thought it a pity this index could not have been continued in the latest volume. The 1971-73 Update suffers by one more comparison: it is a computer-assisted compilation, and the text is photographed from a computer print-out; while remaining usable enough, the typeface and general appearance of the pages are aesthetically displeasing, especially when contrasted with the neatness and legibility of the earlier volume. The glued spines and the card covers are the same for both volumes, however.

One certainly has the unmistakable impression, examining these volumes, that there is a great deal going on in the Yukon, not only in geographical, environmental, and wild life studies, but even in public health, recreation, and urban research - not to mention literary creation. It is comforting to know that these activities in Canada's vigorous frontier are being recorded with such thoroughness, and especially to learn that the expectation is for the bibliography to be updated in perpetuity.

Review Editor


This is the third and final volume in the magnificent Centennial project of the University of Victoria, begun in 1965. (The others are Laying the Foundations, 1849-1899, by Barbara Lowther, 1968, and Navigations, Traffiques and Discoveries, 1774-1848, by Gloria Strathern 1970.) The present volume was started by Mr. Lort, assisted by Margaret Edwards (who had helped Ms Strathern with her volume), but compilation of the publications relating to this rich period required double the time of either of the other two volumes, and when Mr. Lort retired Ms Edwards assumed the responsibility, with the help of Ms Wendy Carmichael. All are to be congratulated on their skill, and on their persistence in bringing together 4125 titles relating to British Columbia; and the Social Sciences Research Centre of the University of Victoria must also be applauded for its faith in supporting this great project over the ten-year period to its completion.

Because of the huge number of publications relating to the period of this volume, the criteria adopted for inclusion or exclusion had to be somewhat different from those used in the earlier volumes. In general, monographs in English published to 1974 are included; manuscripts, serials, directories, juvenile and technical books, government publications, maps and ephemera, are the main exclusions. Ms. Edwards' Introduction also states that the entries are designed to serve the two main types of intended user: the historical researcher and the librarian. For the first, a descriptive annotation is provided where titles are not sufficiently informative; and for the librarian, there is a sufficiently full bibliographic description of each work and any later editions.
to supply positive identification. The main description is of the first edition wherever possible; subsequent editions are described only in their differences. Further evidence that this is a bibliography and not a checklist rests in the principle adopted that only works actually examined are included (thus avoiding the possibility of perpetuating 'ghosts'); and the location of the copy examined is indicated. Shortcuts are a practical necessity in a work of this size, and they are used judiciously on the whole, though I would question one: the simplified paging, in which the last numbered page is given. It is difficult to see how editions may be distinguished without the aid of at least a simple collation - or even how differences may in all cases be determined as constituting editions, issues or variant states.

The arrangement is alphabetical by entry: author, or title when no author has been determined; and each entry is numbered, in a single sequence. Following the bibliography is a selected list of sources, and the locations of copies examined. The comprehensive index occupies over one hundred pages (almost a quarter of the entire volume), and embraces titles, subjects, added entries, and cross references, all in a single alphabet, titles in italics and subjects in capitals. It is the final polish to this splendid work of reference.

Review Editor

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This volume provides a readable and well thought-out thesis listing of some 1254 M.A.'s, 447 M.Eng.'s, 1738 M. Sc.'s, and 1833 Ph.d.'s, as well as other degrees awarded by McGill, such as the L.L.M., and M. Arch. There are 5977 entries in all, each entry showing the name of the author, title of the thesis, name of the department and supervisor, and year of completion of the degree. The name of the university granting the first degree is listed in parentheses after the author's name.

The directory has been produced with the help of computer programming and printing, a device that has enabled the editors to produce a series of four indices. The volume is divided into several sections, the first being the annual listing, containing theses in strict numerical order, divided by convocation and degree. Each section is separated from the others by sturdy red paper, which provides visual aid to the various parts of the work. The indices include alphabetical lists by author, by department, and by supervisor, and a list of theses by department in their numerical sequence.

A helpful preface and introduction, as well as sections describing how data is presented and explaining the use of indices, departmental and programme nomenclature, and notes on loan and duplication policies for theses, all provide the user with a most helpful background for use of the directory. Volume II is the first volume to be produced in this series — Volume I, covering the years