William Cameron Chewett
and W.C. Chewett & Company of Toronto,
Printers and Publishers

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William Cameron Chewett played a relatively brief, but important role in the history of Canadian printing and publishing. A man of many talents, he was virtually forgotten when he died in 1897. Little has been written about him or W.C. Chewett and Company, and much of the published information concerning Chewett, scattered throughout various sources, is either confused or erroneous. This paper proposes to remove some of this confusion and obscurity by examining Chewett’s career and the contribution made by Chewett and Company to Canadian printing and publishing between 1861 and 1869.

W.C. Chewett was the scion of one of Toronto’s most prominent and influential families. His grandfather, William Chewett, came to Canada in 1771 and served as an engineer in the defence of Quebec in 1775-76. In 1791 he was appointed deputy surveyor-general of Upper Canada. Much of what is now the province of Ontario was first surveyed by William Chewett, who, with Thomas Ridout, later became joint surveyor-general. Chewett and his family were early pioneers of ‘Muddy York,’ where, as an honorary Colonel in the Militia, Chewett played an important role in the defence of the town during the American invasion of 1813. In his later years, he held the position of registrar of the Surrogate Court. William Chewett retired from public service in 1832 and died in 1849.1

His son, James Grant Chewett, had no less an illustrious career. Born in 1793, he followed in his father’s footsteps as a surveyor and became the principal surveyor and draftsman in the surveyor-general’s office.2 He was also a builder and designed a number of structures in Toronto including the third Provincial Parliament buildings. J.G. Chewett was a city alderman in 1838-39 and Vice-President of the Bank of Upper Canada for several years. Later, he became the first President of the Bank of Toronto, a position he held until his death in 1862.3

When we consider the distinguished careers of his father and grandfather, it is not surprising that William Cameron Chewett was once called ‘a Canadian of Canadians.’4 He was born in York, U.C., on 16 August 1828 and received a fine education, first at Upper Canada College and later at King’s College and
the University of Toronto. Chewett was a matriculated student at King's
College, Toronto, in 1845, and he went on to study medicine there. He was a
keen student and was awarded first prize in 'Anatomy and Physiology' (1848),
in 'Medicine' (1848), in 'Surgery' (1849), and in 'Medical Jurisprudence' (1849). Chewett completed his studies in medicine at the University of Toronto in 1851, the year after its incorporation. His was indeed the first graduated medical class at the University of Toronto, but the claim that he was the first medical graduate at this university was not entirely true, as the honour was shared with another student, C.S. Eastwood.

How did a medical doctor become involved in Toronto's early printing and publishing trade? Although he was often referred to as Dr. Chewett, W.C. Chewett never practised as a medical doctor, preferring instead, in the words of William Canniff, to find 'more congenial occupation.' David Sinclair, in his paper 'The First Pirated Edition of Tennyson's Poems,' claimed that Chewett was a man with literary inclinations and that he became involved with the Anglo-American Magazine between 1852 and 1855. An examination of the first five volumes (1852-1854) of this magazine, however, throws no light on this claim; there are no works signed by Chewett. A connection between Chewett and this publication would be very interesting, as it was published by Thomas Maclear.

Maclear's printing, publishing, and bookselling business originated in 1838, when it was established by Hugh Scobie. When Scobie died in 1853, Maclear purchased part of the business from his widow. During the 1850s Maclear's firm was an important printing and publishing concern, which turned out a variety of works including the Canadian Almanac and the Upper Canada Law Journal. There is some confusion as to when W.C. Chewett joined Maclear's firm. H. Pearson Gundy has claimed that Chewett was taken into partnership by Maclear in about 1856, while Elizabeth Hulse has simply stated that he was working at Maclear and Company in 1859. The City of Toronto Tax Assessment Rolls for the Ward of St. Lawrence are not much help in this matter either. The yearly tax assessment was conducted in the autumn, usually in September. Up to the assessment for 1858, only the name of the company occupying a certain address (in this case 17 and 19 King Street East) was listed. The assessment rolls after this time listed the company's name as well as employee names and their positions at the firm. For the assessment of 1858, W.C. Chewett's name was listed. Perhaps the most important source regarding the date of Chewett's first employment at Maclear and Company is a short biographical portrait of William W. Copp that appeared in the July 1891 issue of Books and Notions. This article stated that 'in 1854 Mr. Copp formed a partnership with Thomas Maclear and W.C. Chewett.' As this was written when all three men were still alive, there is some reason to believe that this information may be correct and that Chewett was working at Maclear and Company by at least 1854.
Chewett undoubtedly spent his first years at Maclear and Company learning the intricacies of printing, publishing, and the retail trade. It was not long, however, before he took a more active role in the business. The *Books and Notions* portrait of Copp also stated that Maclear retired in 1857. This did not mean retirement in a permanent sense. Maclear became active in the wholesale book trade and continued publishing well into the 1880s, although not at 17 and 19 King Street East, as Gundy suggested, but at the old Manson firm at 17 King Street West. It is clear, in any case, that by the autumn of 1858 Maclear was no longer associated with his old partners, Chewett, Copp, and George E. Thomas. This is substantiated by the City of Toronto Tax Assessment Roll for 1858, which lists the occupants of 17 and 19 King Street East as 'Wm. C. Chewitt [sic] Wm. W. Copp – Stationers' and 'Thomas Co., G.E. Thomas – Publishers.' There is no mention of Maclear.

This juggling of the partnership invites confusion. By 1858, however, there is little doubt that Chewett had become the senior partner in the firm, even though the ‘W.C. Chewett and Co.’ imprint was not used until at least 1861. Chewett's dominance at this time may seem odd when we consider that W.W. Copp had much more experience in the business; he had started work at Hugh Scobie's in 1842. The fact that Chewett became the senior partner likely reflects the relative size of his investment in the company.

By 1859 George Thomas had left 17 and 19 King Street East. Chewett and Copp continued alone in partnership until 1862, when Henry J. Clark became a partner in W.C. Chewett and Company. Clark had worked as a clerk at Maclear and Company from the mid-1850s. There is some confusion as to when he joined the partnership with Chewett and Copp, and this arises principally from Copp and Clark's registration of partnership in 1870, which stated that their partnership had existed since 1 April 1863. This has been interpreted as a reference to their partnership with Chewett, but both the 1891 *Books and Notions* article regarding W.W. Copp and the city tax assessment rolls clearly show that the three became partners in 1862. In the tax assessments for 1859 and 1860, Clark was listed as being on 'income,' while in the assessment for 1861 he was listed simply as a 'clerk.' The assessment for 1862, on the other hand, clearly grouped him as being in a partnership with Chewett and Copp.

Chewett and Company was a fairly large business concern housed in a three-storey brick building, with the retail outlet on the ground floor and the factory on the upper stories. As early as 1861, the company's advertisements stressed the variety of goods and services offered; they were stationers and paper dealers, general booksellers, printers, lithographers, and bookbinders. W.C. Chewett and Company would publish works as well as print them. An emphasis was placed on the modernity of equipment used by the firm, particularly the steam-powered printing press. Special pride was taken in announcing the lithographic capabilities of the company. Their considerable
skill in executing '... in the best style, on the most reasonable terms and with dispatch every description of Lithography, and Steel and Copper Plate Printing ...' was best demonstrated in the company's own Christmas Catalogue for 1865, which contained a number of handsome illustrations.

Between the years 1862 and 1867, the lithographic work of Chewett and Company made a very favorable impression at the annual Upper Canada Provincial Exhibition; in each of these years they won first prize for the 'Best Lithographic Drawing, Plain,' and from 1863 to 1867 they also won for 'Best Lithographic Drawing, Coloured.' In addition, the company received numerous other awards for 'Specimens of Commercial Lithography,' 'Best Frame of Lithographed Cheques,' and other categories. Many of these successes may have been due to the skill of Charles Fuller. Fuller had been a partner in Fuller and Bencke, a major lithographic firm in Toronto between 1858 and 1862, and was the force behind several of their creditable productions, including a chromolithograph of one of Paul Kane's Indian scenes. About 1862, Fuller and Bencke was purchased by Chewett and Company, and Fuller became manager of Chewett's lithographic department.

The retail branch of W.C. Chewett and Company did a very large volume of business, as there were still relatively few large firms engaged in the retail book trade in Toronto in the 1860s. Chewett's became one of the best-known businesses in Canada; 'the firm's store was a meeting place, a sort of rendezvous where people from all parts of the country would make engagements by letter to meet each other and would turn up there in crowds.'

In addition to being a social attraction, W.C. Chewett and Company was one of Canada's most important printing and publishing firms during the 1860s. The company's output was quite large and varied (see Appendix One), but included few 'literary' works. One important exception to this was their printing in 1862 of the first pirated edition of Tennyson's early poems. Most of the firm's imprints, however, were of a 'practical' nature, and included railway gazetteers, works on religious topics, geological studies, and educational textbooks. Chewett and Company published several local directories and continued publication of the Canadian Almanac, which had been established by Chewett's predecessors, Hugh Scobie and Maclear and Company. The company also printed several periodicals, including the Canadian Independent and the Journal of the Board of Arts and Manufactures of Upper Canada.

Law and medical books appear to have been a specialty of W.C. Chewett and Company. They published a number of important books dealing with the law, including John McNab's The Magistrate's Manual ... (1865), Robert Sullivan's A Handy Book of Commercial Law, for Upper Canada (1866), and Samuel George Wood's The Registry Act of 1865 (1866). Such works were important in a city that had long been the centre for the provincial law courts. In addition, Chewett's own medical background may have secured the publication of a
few important titles in the field of medicine, including *The Medical Register for Upper Canada, 1867*.

W.C. Chewett and Company also published a number of works of general interest, including at least one volume that would be known today as an 'instant book.' In order to take advantage of recent events, Chewett's issued *The Fenian Raid at Fort Erie, June the First and Second, 1866 ...*, which was simply a compilation of material from newspaper reports in the *Globe*, *Leader*, and *Telegraph*, with additional notes and remarks from eyewitnesses.\(^3\)

David Sinclair was correct when he stated in his article on the Tennyson forgery that the 'backwoods' Canadian printers and publishers of this time were capable of producing items of creditable workmanship.\(^4\) Most of the Chewett and Company imprints that survive contain little decorative printing. As Sinclair pointed out, many of the monographs they printed had only a relatively simple ornamental frame on the cover, and even this decoration was not present on all of their works.\(^4\) The absence of surviving examples of fancy printing, however, does not mean that they never existed. Indeed, we have already noted that Chewett and Company were capable of producing fine lithographic and engraving work.

W.C. Chewett and Company's successful retail business inevitably led to a rapid rise in the value of the company itself. This is documented in the City of Toronto Tax Assessment Rolls. The assessment for 1858, when the business was still officially known as Maclear and Company, stated that the total value of the personal property of the business was $10,000.\(^6\) After George Thomas' departure, the value of the personal property dropped to $4,000 in the assessment for 1859.\(^7\) The firm retained this $4,000 total from 1859 to 1863. By 1864, however, the prosperity of the business had become evident, and the total value of the company's personal property was set at $10,000.\(^8\) Only four years later, in 1868, the total reached $20,000.\(^9\) By 1868 the business had become so successful that the partners could afford to build an addition to their shop and to buy a new lithographic press.\(^4\)

The financial stability and steady growth of W.C. Chewett and Company ensured a respectable credit rating. Beginning in 1864, *The Mercantile Agency Reference Book ...*, compiled by R.J. Dun and Company, listed credit ratings for the principal merchants in Canada. In the volumes for 1864 to 1869, Chewett and Company maintained a consistently high rating. In all of these years the company's 'general credit' was listed at level one, 'high.' This rating was at the second highest level, below the 'A1, unlimited credit' rating, but it was above the 'good credit' rating. More importantly, the company's credit rating was consistently higher than the ratings for all of the other major Toronto booksellers, printers, and publishers listed, including Brown Brothers, Rollo and Adam, and Henry Rowsell.\(^4\)

A fairly large staff was required to operate such a successful and diverse
business. The Toronto tax assessment rolls are useful in providing information about the staff of W.C. Chewett and Company (see Appendix Two). The tax rolls prior to 1863 gave only basic information about the major employees, and only four to six people were listed each year from 1859 through 1862. Beginning in 1863, however, the assessment was much more detailed and listed a larger number of employees as well as each employee's age and position at the firm. Were the twenty-four persons listed in the 1863 assessment, the eighteen persons listed in the 1864 assessment, and so on, all the employees working at W.C. Chewett and Company at the time of assessment? We may conclude that even if the lists were not exhaustive, they certainly contained the majority of workers there, certainly those with taxable incomes.

These lists of employees are very interesting. They chronicle the growth of the business; for example, in 1863 Chewett and Company had one clerk, while by 1866 they had enough business to employ three salesmen. The lists show that the company usually employed more printers than binders during the 1860s, and that as the business grew, tradesmen with particular skills, such as ruling, were employed. By 1867, Chewett and Company were able to take on an apprentice printer.42

There is considerable confusion about when W.C. Chewett left the firm of Chewett and Company. The Books and Notions article on W.W. Copp stated that Chewett retired in 1865, 'and Mr. Copp and Mr. Clark formed the firm Copp, Clark & Co.'43 This is obviously an oversimplification of the facts. Unfortunately, in this instance the assessment rolls are of little help. Chewett was listed with the company until 1868. In the entry for 1865, brackets were placed around the names of Copp and Clark, excluding Chewett, perhaps meaning that Chewett was no longer an active partner in the firm. This notation was continued in 1866, but in 1867 and 1868 Chewett's name was included within the brackets, along with Copp and Clark.44 The Toronto city directories are also of no help in this matter, as they listed Chewett as a member of the firm until 1868.45

Even if Chewett did retire in 1865, the firm remained 'W.C. Chewett and Company' until 1869, when Copp and Clark officially purchased control of the company and changed its name to Copp, Clark and Company.46 This move to control the firm and to buy out Chewett's interest placed quite a strain on the business, a fact that is documented in both the City of Toronto Tax Assessment Roll for 1869 and in the credit ratings listed in the 1871 volume of The Mercantile Agency Reference Book.... The assessment for 1868 listed twenty-eight employees at Chewett and Company, while that for 1869 listed only fourteen.47 The change in management had necessitated a cut in staff, which in turn may have made the firm less financially stable. In any case, in 1871 The Mercantile Agency Reference Book... cut the company's general credit rating from 'high' to 'good.'48
William C. Chewett had left the printing and publishing trade by at least 1869, but he was not inactive for long. By 1872, he had joined the A. and S. Nordheimer Company, a firm that was at the time 'the leading house in the Dominion engaged in the publishing of music....' Coincidentally, Nordheimer and Company was located at 15 King Street East, directly next door to Chewett's old firm.

It may seem strange that a man of Chewett's background should become the manager of a music publishing business. An examination of Chewett and Company's imprints suggests few musical leanings, although several lithographed sheet music covers were produced for the Nordheimer company. Chewett's competence in managing a publishing firm must, however, have been very familiar to Samuel Nordheimer, and this expertise was undoubtedly appreciated. Chewett's work at Nordheimer and Company was no doubt fairly demanding because of the company's size and reputation. Business Sketches, published about 1867, stated that Nordheimer's first flat was '...devoted to sheet and book music of all kinds, embracing all the popular music of the day, both European and American,' and that 'hardly a day passes but some new piece of music is issued by this house.' Chewett managed the Nordheimer firm from 1872 until 1880 or 1881; by September 1881 he had been replaced by Adolph Peterson.

What did William C. Chewett do during the few years between leaving Chewett and Company and joining Nordheimer's and in the sixteen years after leaving Nordheimer's until his death in 1897? Chewett was a man of many interests. In addition to his printing and publishing activities, he was also involved in an important hotel business. William Canniff, in The Medical Profession in Upper Canada, 1783-1850, stated that

In 1832, Mr. [J.G.] Chewett erected in York a block of buildings at the corner of King and York Streets, in which was established a commodious hotel, known as the British Coffee House, kept by a Mr. Keating. The present Rossin House occupies the same spot. This valuable piece of land was patented to Isabella, wife of Col. Chewett, and Dr. W.C. Chewett is the present owner.

The Rossin House Hotel, built in 1856, was one of the major hotels of Toronto for many years. It was patronized by many important people, and it accommodated the Prince of Wales [later Edward vii] during his visit to Toronto in 1860. When the hotel was destroyed by fire in 1864, many of Toronto's leading citizens, including Chewett, raised the necessary capital and formed a joint stock company to oversee the rebuilding of the Rossin House on an even more magnificent scale.

The Chewett family's involvement with the Rossin House did not necessarily mean that they were made very wealthy by it, a point that is demonstrated in William C. Chewett's will, dated 10 January 1894. It listed the value
of his property at $59,716, a considerable sum; but a closer examination
reveals that $57,500 of this was tied up in 250 shares of the Rossin House
Hotel Company. This interesting fact may suggest one reason why W.C.
Chewett worked for the Nordheimer company. Chewett may have been
financially well-off, but not to the extent that he did not have to work. Since
most of his wealth appears to have been tied up in the Rossin House Hotel
Company, working for the Nordheimer company would have provided a day-
to-day income.

There is no question that Chewett was closely involved with the Rossin
House Hotel in the years before his death. In the Toronto city directories for
the years 1885, 1886, and 1890, his business address was listed as ‘Rossin
House.’ Chewett’s obituary in the *Evening News* on 3 December 1897 stated
that ‘he retained to his death his interest in the land upon which stands the
Rossin House.’

When Chewett died on 30 November 1897, at the age of sixty-nine, he
appears to have already fallen into obscurity. The major Toronto newspapers,
including the *Globe*, the *Daily Mail and Empire*, and the *Evening News*,
carried brief obituaries hidden away on back pages. He was remembered as a
member of a prominent Torontonian family and for his medical studies. None
of the obituaries mentioned Chewett and Company or any involvement with
the printing and publishing trade of Toronto! The trade journals *Bookseller
and Stationer* and the *Canadian Printer and Publisher* both ignored Chewett’s
passing. By contrast, when Thomas Maclear, Chewett’s old partner, died early
in 1898, he was given a prominent obituary in *Bookseller and Stationer*, and
although Chewett was mentioned in the notice, nothing was said of his recent
death. That Chewett by 1908 was largely forgotten is demonstrated by a
reference in *Robertson’s Landmarks of Toronto*, which stated:

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William Cameron Chewett helped to consolidate, improve, and expand an
already well-established and important Canadian publishing business. The
period during which the firm was under his guidance was an important link
between the early businesses of Scobie and Maclear and Company and the
later successes of the Copp, Clark Company Limited. As this firm remains
an active concern, Chewett’s contribution to Canadian publishing may be
said to be still very much with us.
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*Park and Villa Lots on the Mackay Estate at Ottawa.* NMC H12/440-Ottawa-1864 [not seen]

*Topographical Map of the Mackay Estate, Shewing the Divisions into Park, Villa, and Village Lots, and the Position of the Same with Relation to the City of Ottawa.* Thos. C. Keefer, C.E. & P.L.S. NMC VI/440-Ottawa-1864

1865

*Map of Canada West, Engraved and Published in the Canadian Almanack for 1865* by W.C. Chewett & Co. OTAR

1866


*City of Toronto.* Compiled from surveys made to the present date, 1866. Lithographed, printed & published by W.C. Chewett & Co. NMC VI/440-Toronto-1866 OTAR

*Enlarged Plan of the Combatants and Those Who Fell in the Skirmish, June 2nd, 1866.* NMC B/440-Limeridge-1866 [from *The Fenian Raid at Fort Erie, June the First and Second,* Chewett, 1866]

*McMillan's New Map for May, 1866: Map of the Oil Regions, in the Vicinity of Bothwell, C.W., May, 1866.* Murdock, Hanning, Peterson & Brodie, Civil Engineers & P.L. Surveyors, Oak Street, Bothwell, C.W. NMC H2/400-1866 [not seen]

*Map Illustrating the Fenian Raid, June 2nd, 1866.* Published by W.C. Chewett &
Co. NMC B/407-1866 (from *The Fenian Raid at Fort Erie...*)

*Plan of the North Shore of Lake Superior, 1866. Department of Crown Lands. The Honorable Alex. Campbell, Commissioner. NMC H2/410-Superior-1866 [not seen]*

*That Part of Canada Now Invaded by Fenians, June 2nd, 1866. NMC F/400-1866 [not seen]*

1867

*Map of the Confederate Provinces of British North America, Engraved Expressly for the Canadian Almanac, 1867. Published by W.C. Chewett & Co. NMC H12/1100-1867 OTAR*

*Map of the Town of Galt, County of Waterloo. Compiled for the Corporation by James Pollock, Provincial Land Surveyor. NMC VI/440-Galt-1867 [facsimile only; not seen]*

1868

*City of Toronto. Compiled from surveys made to the present date, 1868. Lithographed, printed & published by W.C. Chewett & Co. OTAR*

*Map of the Dominion of Canada, Engraved Expressly for the Canadian Almanac, 1868. Published by W.C. Chewett & Co. OTAR*


1869

*Map of the Town of Brantford, in the County of Brant, Province of Ontario, Canada. NMC H1/440-Brantford-1869 [not seen]*

UNDATED

*Map of the Beavermead Property at Peterborough, C.W. Formerly the Property of the Late Judge Hall... NMC H2/440-Peterborough-[n.d.] OTAR*


*Plan of Havelock, County of Peterborough, Canada West. The Property of the Canadian Land & Emigration Company Limited of London, England.*
Section Four: Sheet Music

[Imprint reads: W.C. Chewett & Co., lith., Toronto. All of these examples were published by A. & S. Nordheimer of Toronto; Chewett & Co. produced only the lithographed covers.]

1866

The Old Piney Woods: Song & Chorus: March. 5 pp. OTMCL OTU FM Suddon

The Welcome Galop; Dedicated to the 13th Hussars. [1866] 6 pp. Suddon

1867

Holt, J. La Crosse: Galop by J. Holt, Jr., B.M. 17th Regt. [1867] 7 pp. OTMCL Suddon

DATE UNCERTAIN

The Band: A Selection of Fashionable Dances for the Piano Forte. [A series published by A. & S. Nordheimer during the 1860s and 1870s. Chewett & Co. produced an elaborate cover for at least one part: Miller’s Canadian Winter: Galop. 5 pp.] Suddon [See also Calderisi, p. 54, 56.]

Section Five: Broadsides and Ephemera

1863

City of Toronto Public Schools Certificate. [Dated 23 December 1863] W.C. Chewett & Co., lith. OTMCL
Presentation of a Silver Mace to the 2nd Battalion (Queen's Own) Volunteer Rifles, by Their Lady Relatives and Friends. Model School Grounds, Toronto, May 25th, 1863. [lithotint] Drawn and published by the Canada Engraving Establishment, 76 King St. East, Toronto, C.W.; W.C. Chewett & Co., imp. OTMCL

1864
Notice to H.M. Pensioners. The Pensioners Who Have Been Paid at the Undersigned Stations, Are Required to Attend at the Usual Places as under. No Pensions Will Be Sent to Absentees, nor Paid to Any Man except at his Proper Station, unless on Medical Certificate, ‘Unable to Attend.’ Pensioners Must Attend Early on the Morning of the Day Fixed for Payment in This Occasion.... [signed] G.F. MacDonald, Captain, Staff Officer of Pensioners, Toronto District. Toronto, 10th Sept., 1864. OTMCL

1865

1866

New English Reports. Toronto, 6th April, 1866.... [broadsheet advertisement]
W.C. Chewett & Co., agents for Upper Canada. OTMCL

1867
City of Toronto Public Schools Certificate. [Dated 20th December 1867] W.C. Chewett & Co., lith. OTMCL

1869
[advertisement in the form of a sheet almanac] OTAM

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Farms and Wild Lands For Sale.... For Price and Terms Apply to W. Hope, Land Agent and Broker, 2 Victoria Hall, Melinda Street, Toronto.... W.C. Chewett & Co., printers. OTMCL


Co., lith. OTMCL


Section Six: Company Trade Catalogues
1861
Catalogue of Illustrated Christmas and New Year Gift Books, 1861-2. 12 pp. OTMCL

1863

1864
W.C. Chewett & Co's List of Medical Books, Session 1864-5. [First edition]. 7 pp. OTMCL

1865
List of Books Used in Upper Canada College, Arranged according to Their Respective Forms, for Sale by W.C. Chewett & Co., Educational Booksellers. W.C. Chewett & Co's Catalogues, no. 5. 3 pp. OTMCL
To the Legal Profession. W.C. Chewett & Co's List of Law Publications — English and American, Imported and for Sale at 17 & 19 King Street East, Toronto. 1 l. OTMCL
W.C. Chewett & Co's Illustrated Catalogue of Presentation Books for the Season, Juvenile Books, Photographic Albums, etc., etc., etc., Christmas, 1865. 28 pp. OTMCL

1866
W.C. Chewett & Co's Christmas Catalogue of Illustrated Books for Presentation, Juvenile Books, Photographic Albums, etc. etc. etc., Christmas, 1866. 24 pp. OTMCL
1867
W.C. Chewett & Co.'s Christmas Catalogue of Illustrated Books, for Presentations, Juvenile Books, Photographic Albums, Christmas Cards, etc., Christmas, 1867. 27 pp. OTMCL


1868
W.C. Chewett & Co.'s List of English Newspapers, Periodicals, etc., for 1869. [1868] 8 pp. OTMCL

1869
Appendix Two: Employees of W.C. Chewett and Company, 1859-1869

(Based on the City of Toronto Tax Assessment Rolls for the Ward of St. Lawrence, 1859-1869. The position of each employee is given from 1861 on, and beginning in 1864 the age is also included. Lithographers are mentioned in 1863 only, and curiously Charles Fuller, who joined the company about 1862, appears never to have been listed.)

W.C. Chewett and Company, 17 & 19 King Street East, Toronto

1859 (still officially known as Maclear and Company)
W.C. Chewett
W.W. Copp
H.J. Clark – income
W.M. Peterkin – income
Fred. Rogers – income
TOTAL 5 (including 3 ‘income’)

1860 (still Maclear and Company)
{ W.C. Chewitt [sic] }
{ W.W. Copp }
H.J. Clark – income
W.M. Peterkin – income
TOTAL 4 (including 2 ‘income’)

1861 (W.C. Chewett and Company)
{ W.C. Chewett }
{ W.W. Copp }
H.J. Clark – Clerk
W.M. Peterkin – Clerk
TOTAL 4 (including 2 clerks)

1862
{ W.C. Chewett }
{ W.W. Copp }
{ H.J. Clark }
W.M. Peterkin – Book-keeper
Thos. W. Rawlinson – Clerk
James Evans – Porter
TOTAL 6 (including 1 book-keeper, 1 clerk, 1 porter)
1863

{W.C. Chewett}
{W.W. Copp}
{H.J. Clark}
W.M. Peterkin – Book-keeper
T.W. Rawlinson – Clerk
James Evans – Porter
W.E. Brabant – Printer
W. Henderson – Printer
Wm. Cullen – Printer
Fred. Fell – Printer
John Gannon – Printer
Thos. Parker – Printer
Arch. Davis – Printer
Henry Copp – Binder
Peter Ellerby – Binder
Wm. Willis – Binder
Rich. Waylings – Binder
Wm. Innis – Binder
Lewis Ennecker – Lithographer
Wm. Dye – Lithographer
Dan Denyer – Lithographer
Henry Faust – Lithographer
Rudolph Otto – Lithographer
Valentine Schrieber – Lithographer
TOTAL 24 (including 1 book-keeper, 1 clerk, 1 porter, 7 printers, 5 binders, 6 lithographers)

1864

{William C. Chewett [age 35]}
{William W. Copp [37]}
{Henry J. Clark [40]}
W.M. Peterkin [30] – Book-keeper
T.W. Rawlinson [30] – Clerk
Thomas Hayes [26] – Porter
Walter Copp [18] – Clerk
John Gannon [46] – Printer
William E. Brabant [46] – Printer
Fredrick Fell [40] – Printer
William Cullen [38] – Printer
William Henderson [32] – Printer
William Willis [26] – Bookbinder
William Innis (24) – Bookbinder
Peter Ellerby (54) – Bookbinder
Daniel Hick (19) – Bookbinder
Henry Copp (33) – Bookbinder
James A. Stephens (32) – Bookbinder
Total 18 (including 1 book-keeper, 2 clerks, 1 porter, 5 printers, 6 bookbinders)

1865 (ages given for new employees only)
William C. Chewett
{William W. Copp}
{Henry J. Clark}
William M. Peterkin – Book-keeper
Thomas W. Rawlinson – Salesman
Thomas Hays – Porter
Walter Copp –
William E. Brabant – Foreman
Isaac Gunn (31) – Printer
Thomas Parker (22) – Printer
John Burns (33) – Printer
Fredrick Fell – Printer
William Cullen – Printer
William Henderson – Printer
John Gannon – Printer
Edward Hill (25) – Bookbinder
John F. Manning (21) – Bookbinder
Peter Ellerby – Bookbinder
James A. Stephens – Bookbinder
Henry Copp – Bookbinder
Peter John Costello (25) – Pressman
Arch. Davis (44) – Pressman
Total 22 (including 1 book-keeper, 1 salesman, 1 porter, 1 foreman printer, 7 printers, 5 bookbinders, 2 pressmen)

1866
William C. Chewett
{William W. Copp}
{Henry J. Clark}
William M. Peterkin – Book-keeper
Thomas W. Rawlinson – Salesman
Frances Nesbitt (26) – Salesman
Walter B. Copp – Salesman
Thomas Hays – Porter
William E. Brabant – Foreman Printer
Robert John Milligan (29) – Printer
Samuel Parker (19) – Printer
Isaac Gunn – Printer
Thomas Wilson (48) – Printer
Fredrick Fell – Printer
William Cullen – Printer
William Henderson – Printer
De Vere Hunt (38) – Printer
John Gannon – Printer
John F. Manning – Bookbinder
Edward Hill – Bookbinder
John Morgan (50) – Bookbinder
Daniel Hick – Bookbinder
John Walters (40) – Bookbinder
Henry Copp – Bookbinder
James Stephens – Bookbinder
Thomas McKay (42) – Printer
TOTAL 26 (including 1 book-keeper, 3 salesmen, 1 porter, 1 foreman printer, 10 printers, 7 bookbinders)

1867
{William C. Chewett}
{William W. Copp}
{Henry J. Clark}
Thomas W. Rawlinson – Clerk
Francis Nesbitt – Clerk
Walter B. Copp – Book-keeper
Thomas Hayes – Porter
Robert Roberts (35) – Pressman
William E. Brabant – Foreman
Maurice Grand (19) – Apprentice
John Gannon – Printer
John H. Jones (58) – Printer
De Vere Hunt – Printer
William Cullen – Printer
William Henderson – Printer
Thomas Wilson – Printer
Fredrick Fell – Printer
Thomas McKay – Pressman
Edward Hill – Bookbinder
Daniel Hick – Bookbinder
Henry Copp – Bookbinder
Peter Ellerby – Bookbinder
John Walters – Bookbinder
John F. Manning – Ruler
Isaac Gunn – Printer
Henri S. Smith (40) – Bookbinder

TOTAL 26 (including 2 clerks, 1 book-keeper, 1 porter, 2 pressmen, 1 foreman printer, 1 apprentice printer, 8 printers, 6 bookbinders, 1 ruler)

1868

{William C. Chewett}
{William W. Copp}
{Henry J. Clark}
Thomas W. Rawlinson – Clerk
Frances Nesbitt – Clerk
W.B. Copp – Clerk
Thomas Hays – Porter
Robert Roberts – Pressman
William E. Brabant – Foreman
Thomas McKay – Pressman
Alfred Harcourt (23) – Printer
William Douglass (24) – Printer
Maurice Grand – Apprentice
John Gannon – Printer
William Cullen – Printer
Thomas Wilson – Printer
Fredrick Fell – Printer
De Vere Hunt – Printer
Isaac Gunn – Printer
H. Copp – Bookbinder
Peter Ellerby – Bookbinder
John Walters – Bookbinder
Henri Smith – Bookbinder
Edward Hill – Bookbinder
John Antonia (25) – Bookbinder
John Morgan – Bookbinder
Francis Brooks (19) – Ruler
John F. Manning – Ruler

TOTAL 28 (including 3 clerks, 1 porter, 2 pressmen, 1 foreman printer, 1 apprentice printer, 8 printers, 7 bookbinders, 2 rulers)
1869 (Chewett bought out by Copp and Clark; name changed to Copp, Clark and Company)

{William W. Copp}
{Henry J. Clark}
Thomas W. Rawlinson – Clerk
Frances Nesbitt – Clerk
W.B. Copp – Clerk
Henry Hartley (21) – Clerk
William E. Brabant – Foreman
Masculine Allan (22) – Printer
John Gannon – Printer
H. Copp – Bookbinder
Henri Smith – Bookbinder
John Manning – Bookbinder
Joseph Patterson (26) – Bookbinder
Edward Hill – Bookbinder

Total 14 [including 4 clerks, 1 foreman printer, 2 printers, 5 bookbinders]