



Preserving the Public Record at the Alberta Legislature Library

Government Information Days 2023

Alberta Legislature Library

- Mandate to:
 - Meet the needs of the Members of the Legislative Assembly, their staff, the Lieutenant Governor and the staff of the Legislative Assembly Offices
 - Preserve Alberta legislative and historical material on behalf of Albertans
- Focus on Politics, Economics, Law and History
- Collection:
 - Over 450,000 volumes
 - 115 current newspaper subscriptions
 - 12,000 reels of newspaper on microfilm
 - 219 periodical subscriptions

History

- Established in 1906, in our current location since 1911
- Provincial Archives until 1963
- Provincial Library until 1974
- Early 2000's collection digital materials

Purpose of Digitization



Opportunity for Collaboration



Access for Clients



Staff Time



Preserves Collection

Scrapbook Hansard

Born Digital
Government Documents
(Open Portal)

Online Access

Legislative Documents

Historical Government
Documents

Process

Selection

Preparation

Digitization

Integration

Selection

- Type of Document
- Copyright
- Availability
- Accessibility

Preparation

- Intellectual and physical control
- Review of MARC records
- Preparing material for shipping

Digitization

- Began in 2015, agreement changed in 2020
- Digitization takes place at the University of Alberta
- Published online through Internet Archive
- Download a pdf into Library catalogue

Integration

- Review of digital records
- Downloading and watermarking
- Batch uploading
- Organizing and attaching to print records

Accessibility

- Access Hub
 - Print and Digital Material
- Consistent, high-quality metadata, including specialized fields
- Maintain connection to Internet Archive
 - Larger audience
 - Alternate formats

Challenges

- Coordinating availability between two institutions
- Copyright
- Technology
 - Platform upgrades and link changes
 - Establishing effective metadata
 - Increased false hits because of pdf full text



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Series

3540

Documents

366,710

Pages



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New - All Subjects



Title: Housing experiences in Canada : renters who are in poverty, seniors and recent immigrants, 2021
 Author: Statistics Canada, issuing body.
 Published: 2023

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More Resources:

- Member Profiles
- Alberta Hansard (1972 - present)
- Scrapbook Hansard (1906 - 1971)
- Bills
- Assembly Records

Horizontal carousel of book covers:

- "Empty Seats : Why Labour Shortages Plague Small"
- "The ABCs of Fiscal Accountability : the Report"
- The Chinese communist party's overseas
- Housing experiences in Canada : renters who**
- Parents and children in the Canadian housing



Questions