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MUSEUMS/MUSEES

The National Museums Corporation of Canada has recently published Specialized Museums in Canada: A Report to the Museum Assistance Programme of National Museums of Canada (Ottawa, 1977) by Barry Lord. This report is of particular interest to historians of science and technology since the main thrust of the report concerns museums dealing with those subjects (although other specialized collections such as ethnic studies are included). The report combines an excellent survey of Canadian museums, some interesting comparisons with other nations' specialized museum programmes, and a number of valuable criticisms and suggestions to improve the Canadian museum situation. As a service to our readers, we will serialize a listing of the more important science and technology collections in Canada drawn from Mr. Lord's book and from the Canadian Museum Association's annual.

Science Collections in Canada/Collections scientifiques au Canada

Nova Scotia:

1. Parrsboro Geological Museum, Parrsboro, NS

New Brunswick:

2. University of New Brunswick Biology Collections, Fredericton, NB
3. University of New Brunswick Geological Collection, Fredericton, NB

Quebec:

4. Musée de Géologie et de Minéralogie, Université Laval, Québec, PQ

Ontario:

5. University of Waterloo Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Waterloo, Ont.
6. University of Waterloo Biology and Earth Sciences Museum, Waterloo, Ont.
7. Geological Sciences Museum, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.
8. Rock Collections, Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa, Ont.
9. National Museum of Science and Technology, Ottawa, Ont.
10. National Museum of Man, Ottawa, Ont.
11. National Museum of Natural Science, Ottawa, Ont.
12. Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Ont.

Manitoba:

13. Mineralogical Museum, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Man.
14. Morden and District Museum (palaeontology), Morden, Man.
15. University of Manitoba Zoological Museum, Winnipeg, Man.

Saskatchewan:

16. Vigfusson Museum (anthropology), University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask.
17. St. Victor's Petroglyphs Historical Park, St. Victor, Sask.

Alberta:

18. The Herbarium, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alta.
19. University of Alberta Herbarium, Edmonton, Alta.
20. Dinosaur Provincial Park, Patricia, Alta.
21. Drumheller and District Fossil Museum, Drumheller, Alta.
22. University of Calgary Museum of Zoology, Calgary, Alta.

British Columbia:

23. University of British Columbia Museum of Anthropology, Vancouver, BC
24. M.Y. Williams Geological Museum. UBC, Vancouver, BC
25. University of British Columbia Herbarium, Vancouver, BC
26. Cowan Vertebrate Museum, UBC, Vancouver, BC
27. Spencer Entomological Museum, UBC, Vancouver, BC
28. BC Mineralogical Collection, Victoria, BC
29. Ecology Centre, Lynn Canyon Park, North Vancouver, BC

Certainly not all of these museums could afford much material for historians of science for many lack research facilities though some, like the Royal Ontario Museum, have fine libraries. We would welcome information from our readers concerning the research opportunities of any of these institutions if they are familiar with them.

The number of technology-oriented museums in Canada is much larger than those for science and these will be noted in future issues.

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