

Debates (Hansard) of the Legislative Assemblies of the Province of Canada and of Ontario

INTRODUCTION

This finding aid is a guide to the debates of:

- The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, 1841-1866
- The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, 1867 to present

Hansard and Debates are used interchangeably. The word “Hansard” comes from the name of the family originally responsible for reporting debates in the British House of Commons.

1841 to 1953: Newspaper (Scrapbook) Hansard

No official record of debates was produced by the Legislatures of the Province of Canada or the Province of Ontario until 1944. However, the debates were reported in various newspapers. These newspaper reports were clipped and preserved in a series of scrapbooks. The scrapbooks became known as Newspaper, or Scrapbook Hansard. They were compiled until 1953.

Newspaper Hansard was microfilmed by the Archives of Ontario, and is available in the self-service microfilm area of the Reading Room at the Archives of Ontario. Use the microfilm reel listings below to determine which reel is needed.

Other Early Sources for Debates

1841-1856

[Click here to access *Debates of the Legislative Assembly of United Canada, 1841-1867*](#). Montreal: Presses de l'École des hautes études commerciales, 1970-1994.

- In this multi-volume set, the debates have been reconstructed from newspapers to give the look and feel of an official record of debates. Covers the period of 1841 to 1856.

1841

Canadian Mirror of Parliament, ed. by G. Beaumont. Kingston: Chronicle & Gazette Office, 1841.

- Available on Microfilm B 32, Reel 1

1846

[Click here to access *Mirror of Parliament of the Province of Canada*](#). Montreal: M. Reynolds, 1846.

1860

[Click here to access *Thompson's Mirror of Parliament, Being a Report of the Debates in Both Houses of the Canadian Legislature*](#). Quebec: S. Thompson, 1860.

1865

[Click here to access *Parliamentary Debates on the Subject of the Confederation of the British North American Provinces: 3rd session, 8th Provincial Parliament of Canada*](#). Ottawa: E. Clouthier, 1951.

1944 to Present: Official Report of Debates

Official publication began in 1947, and continues today. These are available in print format. Consult BIBLiON for the Library's print holdings of the [Official Report of Debates \(Hansard\) : Legislative Assembly of Ontario](#).

For the years 1944, 1945 and 1946 there is a typescript record of the debates. These are available on microfilm, and are listed below, following the listings for the *Newspaper Hansard*.

[Click here to access the *Debates, from 1982 to present, on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario website*](#).

Indexes to Debates

Most of the scrapbooks are accompanied by a hand-written or typed index. Exceptions are: 1867-69, 1871-72, 1873, 1878, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1889, 1895, 1900, 1904, 1905, 1906, and 1907.

All indexes have been filmed immediately in front of the legislative session to which they refer. Most are arranged alphabetically by the name of the speaker, with sub-listings of subjects spoken about.

1867/68 to 1877

Index to the Subjects of Debates in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario 1867/8 – 1877. by S. J. Watson, Legislative Librarian.

- Available only on microfilm B 32 Reel 1.

1867/68 to 1905

Sydere, Arthur H. Index to the Debates and Speeches in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario [...]: extracted from the "Globe," "Leader," and "Mail," Newspapers. Toronto: Warwick & Sons. [Click here to access the debate record from 1887](#). [Click here to access the debate record from 1905](#).

- This volume is actually two parts bound together.
- [Part 1] covers 1867/68 to 1887 inclusive. [Click here to view this volume in electronic format](#).
- Part 2: covers 1888 to 1905 inclusive. Available in the Reading Room.

1913 to 1927

[General Index to the Journals and Sessional Papers of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario \[...\] Together With an Index to Debates and Speeches.](#)

- 3 volumes covering: 1913-1920, 1921-1924, 1925-1927
- These volumes are available in the reference collection of the Reading Room. [Click here to also view these volumes in electronic format.](#)

1928 to 1946

Consult the index in each sessional volume of the *Journals of the Legislative Assembly*. [Click here to view these journals in electronic format.](#)

1947 to Present

Each session of the *Official Report of Debates (Hansard): Legislative Assembly of Ontario* has a sessional index, usually in a separate volume. [Click here to access the Official Report of Debates \(Hansard\): Legislative Assembly of Ontario online.](#) Both 1947 to present and 1982 to present are available in print. [Click here to also access 1982 to present in electronic format.](#)

Related Finding Aids

- [Click here to access L 20 - Journals of the Legislative Assembly \(1792 to Present\)](#)

Interlibrary Loan

This microfilm is not available through interlibrary loan from the Archives of Ontario. Other major academic, public and law libraries in Canada may also hold the *Newspaper Hansard* microfilm, and the print run of the *Official Report of Debates*. Check with your local library.

Newspaper Hansard: 1841-1953 On Self-service Microfilm

Unless otherwise stated, all references below are to *Newspaper Hansard*.

Province of Canada, 1841 to 1866

Year	Session	Notes	Reference Code
1841	1 st Parliament 1 st Session	14 June-6 Sept. - Manuscript of 14-22 June, pages numbered as 172-184 At front of the reel is: <i>Canadian Mirror of Parliament</i> , ed. by G. Beaumont. Kingston: Chronicle & Gazette Office, 1841. (Covers 14 June-6 Aug. 1841)	Self-Service Microfilm B 14

Year	Session	Notes	Reference Code
1842	1 st Parliament 2 nd Session	8 Sept.-5 Oct.	Self-Service Microfilm B 14
1843	1 st Parliament 3 rd Session	Click here to consult <i>Debates of the Legislative Assembly of United Canada, 1841-1867.</i>	
1844/45	2 nd Parliament 1 st Session	28 Nov. 1844-1 Apr. 1845 Includes handwritten index.	Self-Service Microfilm B 14
1846	2 nd Parliament 2 nd Session	Click here to also access <i>Mirror of Parliament of the Province of Canada.</i>	Self-Service Microfilm B 4 Reel 1
1847	2 nd Parliament 3 rd Session	4 June-29 July	Self-Service Microfilm B 14
1848 to 1853	3 rd Parliament 1 st Session to 4 th Parliament 1 st Session	Click here to consult <i>Debates of the Legislative Assembly of United Canada, 1841-1867.</i>	
1854	4 th Parliament 2 nd Session	18 June-22 June 1854	Self-Service Microfilm B 4 Reel 1
1854/55	5 th Parliament 1 st Session	5 Sept.-18 Dec. 1854; 23 Feb.-30 May 1855	Self-Service Microfilm B 4 Reel 1
1856	5 th Parliament 2 nd Session	15 Feb.-1 July	Self-Service Microfilm B 4 Reel 1
1857	5 th Parliament 3 rd Session	26 Feb.-10 June	Self-Service Microfilm B 4 Reel 1
1858	6 th Parliament 1 st Session	25 Feb.-16 Aug.	Self-Service Microfilm B 4 Reel 1
1859	6 th Parliament 2 nd Session	29 Jan.-4 May	Self-Service Microfilm B 4 Reel 2
1860	6 th Parliament 3 rd Session	Click here to also access <i>Thompson's Mirror of Parliament.</i>	Self-Service Microfilm B 4 Reel 2
1861	6 th Parliament 4 th Session	16 Mar.-18 May	Self-Service Microfilm B 4 Reel 2
1862	7 th Parliament 1 st Session	20 Mar.-9 June	Self- Service Microfilm B 4 Reel 2
1863	7 th Parliament	12 Feb.-12 May	Self- Service

Year	Session	Notes	Reference Code
	2 nd Session		Microfilm B 4 Reel 3
1863	8 th Parliament 1 st Session	13 Aug.-15 Oct.	Self- Service Microfilm B 4 Reel 3
1864	8 th Parliament 2 nd Session	19 Feb.-30 June	Self- Service Microfilm B 4 Reel 3
1865	8 th Parliament 3rd & 4th Sessions	Click here to also access various clippings covered by <i>Parliamentary Debates on the Subject of the Confederation of the British North American Provinces [...]</i>	Self- Service Microfilm B 4 Reel 3
1866	8 th Parliament 5 th Session	8 June-15 Aug.	Self-Service Microfilm B 3 Reel 1

Province of Ontario, 1867/68 to 1953

Year	Session	Notes	Reference Code
1867/68	1 st Parliament 1 st Session	27 Dec.1867-4 Mar. 1868 At front of the reel is: Index to the Subjects of Debates in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario 1867/8 – 1877. by S. J. Watson, Legislative Librarian.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 1
1868/69	1 st Parliament 2 nd Session	3 Nov. 1868-23 Jan. 1869 Consult <i>Globe</i> newspaper microfilm	Self-service Microfilm N 11 Reel 58p
1869	1 st Parliament 3 rd Session	3 Nov.-24 Dec. Consult <i>Globe</i> newspaper microfilm	Self-service Microfilm N 11 Reels 61p & 62p
1870/71	1 st Parliament 4 th Session	7 Dec. 1870-15 Feb. 1871	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 1
1871/72	2 nd Parliament 1 st Session	7 Dec. 1871-2 Mar. 1872 Consult <i>Globe</i> newspaper microfilm	Self-service Microfilm N 11 Reels 66p & 67p
1873	2 nd Parliament 2 nd Session	8 Jan.-29 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 1
1874	2 nd Parliament	7 Jan.-24 Mar.	Self-service

Year	Session	Notes	Reference Code
	3 rd Session		Microfilm B 32 Reel 2
1874	2 nd Parliament 4 th Session	12 Nov.-21 Dec. Consult <i>Globe</i> newspaper microfilm	Self-service Microfilm N 11 Reel 72 p
1875/76	3 rd Parliament 1 st Session	24 Nov. 1875-10 Feb.1876	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 2
1877	3 rd Parliament 2 nd Session	3 Jan.-2 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 2
1878	3 rd Parliament 3 rd Session	9 Jan.-7 Mar	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 2
1879	3 rd Parliament 4 th Session	9 Jan.-11 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 3
1880	4 th Parliament 1 st Session	7 Jan.-6 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 3
1881	4 th Parliament 2 nd Session	13 Jan.- 4 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 3
1882	4 th Parliament 3 rd Session	12 Jan.-10 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 3
1882/83	4 th Parliament 4 th Session	13 Dec.1882-1 Feb.1883 Consult <i>Globe</i> newspaper microfilm	Self-service Microfilm N 11 Reel 91p
1884	5 th Parliament 1 st Session	23 Jan.-25 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 3
1885	5 th Parliament 2 nd Session	28 Jan.-30 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 3
1886	5 th Parliament 3 rd Session	28 Jan.-25 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reels 3 & 4
1887	6 th Parliament 1 st Session	10 Feb.-23 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 4
1888	6 th Parliament 2 nd Session	25 Jan.-23 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 4

Year	Session	Notes	Reference Code
1889	6 th Parliament 3 rd Session	24 Jan.-23 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 4
1890	6 th Parliament 4 th Session	31 Jan.-7 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 4
1891	7 th Parliament 1 st Session	11 Feb.-4 May	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 4
1892	7 th Parliament 2 nd Session	11 Feb.-14 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 4
1893	7 th Parliament 3 rd Session	4 Apr.-27 May	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 5
1894	7 th Parliament 4 th Session	14 Feb.-5 May	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 5
1895	8 th Parliament 1 st Session	21 Feb.-16 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 5
1896	8 th Parliament 2 nd Session	11 Feb.-7 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 5
1897	8 th Parliament 3 rd Session	10 Feb.-13 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 5
1897/98	8 th Parliament 4 th Session	30 Nov.1897-17 Jan.1898	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 5
1898	9 th Parliament 1 st Session	3 Aug.-24 Aug.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 5
1899	9 th Parliament 2 nd Session	1 Feb.-1 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 6
1900	9 th Parliament 3 rd Session	14 Feb.-30 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 6
1901	9 th Parliament 4 th Session	6 Feb.-15 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 6
1902	9 th Parliament 5 th Session	8 Jan.-17 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32

Year	Session	Notes	Reference Code
			Reel 6
1903	10 th Parliament 1 st Session	10 Mar.-27 June	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 6
1904	10 th Parliament 2 nd Session	14 Jan.-26 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 7
1905	11 th Parliament 1 st Session	22 Mar.-25 May	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 7
1906	11 th Parliament 2 nd Session	15 Feb.-14 May	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 7
1907	11 th Parliament 3 rd Session	24 Jan.-20 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 7
1908	11 th Parliament 4 th Session	5 Feb.-14 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 7
1909	12 th Parliament 1 st Session	16 Feb.-13 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 7
1910	12 th Parliament 2 nd Session	25 Jan.-19 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 7
1911	12 th Parliament 3 rd Session	24 Jan.-24 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 7
1912	13 th Parliament 1 st Session	7 Feb.-16 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 8
1913	13 th Parliament 2 nd Session	4 Feb.-9 May	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 8
1914	13 th Parliament 3 rd Session	18 Feb.-1 May	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 8
1915	14 th Parliament 1 st Session	16 Feb.-8 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 8
1916	14 th Parliament 2 nd Session	29 Feb.-27 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 8
1917	14 th Parliament	13 Feb.-12 Apr.	Self-service

Year	Session	Notes	Reference Code
	3 rd Session		Microfilm B 32 Reel 8
1918	14 th Parliament 4 th Session	5 Feb.-26 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 9
1919	14 th Parliament 5 th Session	25 Feb.-24 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 9
1920	15 th Parliament 1 st Session	9 Mar.-4 June	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 9
1921	15 th Parliament 2 nd Session	25 Jan.-3 May	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 9
1922	15 th Parliament 3 rd Session	14 Feb.-13 June	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reels 9 & 10
1923	15 th Parliament 4 th Session	23 Jan.-8 May	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 10
1924	16 th Parliament 1 st Session	6 Feb.-17 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 10
1925	16 th Parliament 2 nd Session	10 Feb.-14 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 10
1926	16 th Parliament 3 rd Session	10 Feb.-8 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 10
1927	17 th Parliament 1 st Session	2 Feb.-5 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 11
1928	17 th Parliament 2 nd Session	9 Feb.-3 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 11
1929	17 th Parliament 3 rd Session	30 Jan.-28 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 11
1930	18 th Parliament 1 st Session	5 Feb.-3 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 11
1931	18 th Parliament 2 nd Session	12 Feb.-2 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 11

Year	Session	Notes	Reference Code
1932	18 th Parliament 3 rd Session	10 Feb.-29 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 11
1933	18 th Parliament 4 th Session	15 Feb.-18 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 12
1934	18 th Parliament 5 th Session	31 Jan.-3 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 12
1935	19 th Parliament 1 st Session	20 Feb.-18 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 12
1936	19 th Parliament 2 nd Session	11 Feb.-9 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 12
1937	19 th Parliament 3 rd Session	19 Jan.-25 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 13
1937	20 th Parliament 1 st Session	1 Dec.-3 Dec.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 13
1938	20 th Parliament 2 nd Session	23 Feb.-8 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 13
1939	20 th Parliament 3 rd Session	8 Mar.-27 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 13
1939	20 th Parliament 4 th Session	19 Sept.-22 Sept.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 13
1940	20 th Parliament 5 th Session	10 Jan.-24 Feb.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 13
1941	20 th Parliament 6 th Session	19 Feb.-9 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 13
1942	20 th Parliament 7 th Session	11 Feb.-16 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 13
1943	20 th Parliament 8 th Session	9 Feb.-14 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 14
1944	21 st Parliament 1 st Session	22 Feb.-6 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32

Year	Session	Notes	Reference Code
			Reel 14
1945	21 st Parliament 2 nd Session	15 Feb.-24 Mar.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 14
1945	22 nd Parliament 1 st Session	16-20 July	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 14
1946	22 nd Parliament 2 nd Session	4 Mar.-5 Apr.	Self-Service Microfilm B 32 Reel 14
1947	22 nd Parliament 3 rd Session	6 Mar.-3 Apr.; 22 Oct.-30 Oct.	Self-Service Microfilm B 32 Reel 15
1948	22 nd Parliament 4 th Session	3 Mar.-16 Apr.	Self-Service Microfilm B 32 Reel 16
1949	23 rd Parliament 1 st Session	10 Feb.-8 Apr. 10 Feb.-17 Feb. 17 Feb.-30 Mar. 30 Mar.-8 Apr.	Self-Service Microfilm B 32 Reel 16 Reel 17 Reel 18
1950	23 rd Parliament 2 nd Session	16 Feb.-6 Apr. 16 Feb.-8 Mar. 8 Mar.-27 Mar. 27 Mar.-31 Mar. 31 Mar.-5 Apr. 6 Apr.	Self-Service Microfilm B 32 Reel 18 Reel 19 Reel 20 Reel 21 Reel 22
1951	23 rd Parliament 3 rd Session	1 Feb.-5 Apr. 1 Feb.-7 Feb. 7 Feb.-19 Feb. 19 Feb.-28 Feb. 28 Feb.-8 Mar. 8 Mar.-15 Mar. 15 Mar.-21 Mar. 27 Mar.-2 Apr. 2 Apr.-5 Apr. 5 Apr.	Self-Service Microfilm B 32 Reel 22 Reel 23 Reel 24 Reel 25 Reel 26 Reel 27 Reel 28 Reel 29 Reel 30
1951	23 rd Parliament 4 th Session	24 Sept.-27 Sept.	Self-Service Microfilm B 32 Reel 30
1952	24 th Parliament 1 st Session	21 Feb.-10 Apr.	Self-Service Microfilm B 32

Year	Session	Notes	Reference Code
		21 Feb.-27 Feb. 27 Feb.-11 Mar. 12 Mar.-24 Mar. 24 Mar.-2 Apr. 2 Apr.-9 Apr. 9 Apr.-10 Apr.	Reel 30 Reel 31 Reel 32 Reel 33 Reel 34 Reel 35
1952	24 th Parliament 2 nd Session	20 Oct.-23 Oct. 20 Oct.-23 Oct. 23 Oct.	Self-Service Microfilm B 32 Reel 35 Reel 36
1953	24 th Parliament 3 rd Session	12 Feb.-2 Apr. 12 Feb.-26 Feb. 26 Feb.-10 Mar. 10 Mar.-17 Mar. 17 Mar.-25 Mar. 25 Mar.-30 Mar. 1 Apr.-2 Apr.	Self-service Microfilm B 32 Reel 36 Reel 37 Reel 38 Reel 39 Reel 40 Reel 41

**Official Report of Debates and Proceedings
Typescript Volumes, 1944-1946.**

Year	Session	Date	Reference Code
1944	21 st Parliament 1 st Session	23 Feb.-5 Apr. 23 Feb.-8 Mar. 8 Mar.-3 Apr. 4 Apr.-5 Apr.	Self-Service Microfilm B 5 Reel 1 Reel 2 Reel 3
1945	21 st Parliament 2 nd Session	15 Feb.-24 Mar. 15 Feb.-13 Mar. 13 Mar.-22 Mar.	Self-Service Microfilm B 5 Reel 4 Reel 5
1945	22 nd Parliament 1 st Session	16 July-18 July	Self-Service Microfilm B 5 Reel 5
1946	22 nd Parliament 2 nd Session	4 Mar.-5 Apr. 4 Mar.-26 Mar. 26 Mar.-5 Apr.	Self-Service Microfilm B 5 Reel 6 Reel 7

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