# Annual Reports

# of the

# Department of Public Works

# 1845 to 1971/72

## On Self-Service Microfilm

### INTRODUCTION

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* Province of Canada, 1845-1867
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### About the Department of Public Works

A Chief Commissioner of Public Works (the successor to Chairman of the Board of Works) was appointed in 1846 to administer the construction and maintenance of roads, harbours, canals, bridges and public buildings.

In 1869, an Act was passed establishing the Department of Public Works for the Province of Ontario. The Act also established that the Department was to be presided over by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Public Works. This Commissioner, although responsible for both agriculture and public works, was referred to simply as the Commissioner of Public Works when dealing with matters related to public works. In 1874, the Department of Public Works was separated from agriculture.

In 1900, the Office of the Commissioner of Highways, and the Bureau of Labour were established within the Department of Public Works. These two offices later became the Department of Highways (in 1914), and the Department of Labour (in 1919).

Also in 1900, the Colonization Roads Branch was transferred to the Department of Public Works from the Department of Crown Lands. The Branch was responsible for constructing and repairing roads in sparsely settled areas of the province. It was transferred to the Department of Lands, Forests and Mines in 1919.

The Department of Public Works continued to exist until 1972, when its programs and functions were taken over by the newly created Ministry of Government Services.

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# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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| 1845  31 December | Hamilton H. Killaly, Chairman of the Board of Works. | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 1 |
| 1846  31 December | W. B. Robinson, Chief Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 1 |
| 1847  31 December | W. B. Robinson, Chief Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 1 |
| 1848  31 December | E. P. Tache, Chief Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 1 |
| 1849  31 December | William Hamilton Merritt, Chief Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 1 |
| 1850  31 December | Joseph Bourret, Chief Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 1 |
| 1851  31 December | John Young, Chief Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 1 |
| 1852  1853  31 December | J. Chabot, Chief Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 1 |
| 1854 | **NO REPORT** |  |
| 1855  31 December | F. Lemieux, Chief Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 1 |
| 1856  31 December | F. Lemieux, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 1 |
| 1857  31 December | Charles Alleyn, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 1 |
| 1858  31 December | S. D. Woodruff, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 1 |
| 1859  31 December | John Rose, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 1 |
| 1860  31 December | John Rose, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 1 |
| 1861  31 December | Joseph Cauchon, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 2 |
| 1862  31 December | U.J. Tessier, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 2 |
| 1863  31 December | M. Laframboise, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 2 |
| 1864  30 June  (half year) | J.C. Chapais, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 2 |
| 1864/65  30 June | J.C. Chapais, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 2 |
| 1865/66  30 June | J.C. Chapais, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 2 |
| 1867  30 June | John Carling, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 2 ends |
|  | **Province of Ontario** |  |
| 1868  31 December | John Carling, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1869  31 December | John Carling, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1870  31 December | John Carling, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1871  31 December | John Carling, Commissioner  Note: Pages 92 to 101 are out of order, but all are present. | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1872  31 December | A. McKeller, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1873  31 December | A. McKeller, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1874  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1875  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1876  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1877  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1878  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1879  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1880  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1881  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1882  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1883  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1884  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1885  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1886  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1887  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1888  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1889  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1890  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1891  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1892  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1893  31 December | C.F. Fraser, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1894  31 December | Wm. Harty, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1895  31 December | Wm. Harty, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1896  31 December | Wm. Harty, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1897  31 December | Wm. Harty, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1898  31 December | Wm. Harty, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1899  31 December | F.R. Latchford, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 3 |
| 1900  31 December | F.R. Latchford, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 4 |
| 1901  31 December | F.R. Latchford, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 4 |
| 1902  31 December | F.R. Latchford, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 4 |
| 1903  31 December | F.R. Latchford, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 4 |
| 1904  31 December | W.A. Charlton, Commissioner | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 4 |
| 1905  31 December | J.O. Reaume, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 4 |
| 1906  31 December | J.O. Reaume, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 4 |
| 1907  31 December | J.O. Reaume, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 4 |
| 1908  31 December | J.O. Reaume, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 4 |
| 1909  31 October (10 months) | J.O. Reaume, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 4 |
| 1909/10  31 October | J.O. Reaume, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 4 |
| 1910/11  31 October | J.O. Reaume, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 4 |
| 1911/12  31 October | J.O. Reaume, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 5 |
| 1912/13  31 October | J.O. Reaume, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 5 |
| 1913/14  31 October | F.G. MacDiarmid, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 5 |
| 1914/15  31 October | F.G. MacDiarmid, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 5 |
| 1915/16  31 October | F.G. MacDiarmid, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 5 |
| 1916/17  31 October | F.G. MacDiarmid, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 5 |
| 1917/18  31 October | F.G. MacDiarmid, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 5 |
| 1918/19  31 October | F.C. Biggs, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 5 |
| 1919/20  31 October | F.C. Biggs, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 5 |
| 1920/21  31 October | F.C. Biggs, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 5 |
| 1921/22  31 October | F.C. Biggs, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 5 |
| 1922/23  31 October | G.S. Henry, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1923/24  31 October | G.S. Henry, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1924/25  31 October | G.S. Henry, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1925/26  31 October | G.S. Henry, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1926/27  31 October | G.S. Henry, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1927/28  31 October | G.S. Henry, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1928/29  31 October | G.S. Henry, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1929/30  31 October | J.D. Monteith, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1930/31  31 October | J.D. Monteith, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1931/32  31 October | J.D. Monteith, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1932/33  31 October | T.B. McQuesten, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1933/34  31 October | T.B. McQuesten, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1934/35  31 March  (5 months) | T.B. McQuesten, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1935/36  31 March | T.B. McQuesten, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1936/37  31 March | Colin A. Campbell, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1937/38  31 March | Colin A. Campbell, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1938/39  31 March | Mitchell F. Hepburn, Acting Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1939/40  31 March | F.R. Oliver, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1940/41  31 March | F.R. Oliver, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1941/42  31 March | T.B. McQuesten, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1942/43  31 March | G.H. Doucett, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1943/44  31 March | G.H. Doucett, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1944/45  31 March | G.H. Doucett, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1945/46  31 March | G.H. Doucett, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1946/47  31 March | G.H. Doucett, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1947/48  31 March | G.H. Doucett, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1948/49  31 March | G.H. Doucett, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1949/50  31 March | G.H. Doucett, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1950/51  31 March | Fletcher S. Thomas, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1951/52  31 March | Fletcher S. Thomas, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 6 |
| 1952/53  31 March | William Griesinger, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 7 |
| 1953/54  31 March | William Griesinger, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 7 |
| 1954/55  31 March | William Griesinger, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 7 |
| 1955/56  31 March | William Griesinger, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 7 |
| 1956/57  31 March | William Griesinger, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 7 |
| 1957/58  31 March | William Griesinger, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 7 |
| 1958/59  31 March | T. Ray Connell, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 7 |
| 1959/60  31 March | T. Ray Connell, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 7 |
| 1960/61  31 March | T. Ray Connell, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 7 |
| 1961/62  31 March | T. Ray Connell, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 7 |
| 1962/63  31 March | T. Ray Connell, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 7 |
| 1963/64  31 March | T. Ray Connell, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 7 |
| 1964/65  31 March | T. Ray Connell, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 8 |
| 1965/66  31 March | T. Ray Connell, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 8 |
| 1966/67  31 March | T. Ray Connell, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 8 |
| 1967/68  31 March | T. Ray Connell, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 8 |
| 1968/69  31 March | J.R. Simonett, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 8 |
| 1969/70  31 March | J.R. Simonett, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 8 |
| 1970/71  31 March | James A. Auld, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 8 |
| 1971/72  31 March | James W. Snow, Minister | Self-Service Microfilm B 98  Reel 8 |