

Country Historic Profile: CANADA

World Bank Group Archives

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Basic Historical Information

Membership days for each affiliate

Information is taken from [World Bank Group membership page](#).

- IBRD: December 27, 1945
- IDA: September 24, 1960
- IFC: July 20, 1956
- MIGA: April 12, 1988
- ICSID: December 1, 2013

First loan(s)

Information taken from [Projects & Operations website](#).

- Has not received a World Bank loan

Resident Mission establishment

Information taken from internal World Bank Group Archives resource.

- Has not hosted a resident mission

Photo resources related to country

Link is to photos in the Archives' [Photo Catalog](#) that relate to the country. Digitization and description of archival photos is ongoing and photos are added to the catalog regularly. In instances where the catalog contains no photos for a given country, check back frequently for additions, or contact the Archives for consultation by emailing archives@worldbank.org.

- [Historical photos related to Canada](#)

Project profiles related to country

Link is to a list in the [Projects & Operations website](#) of all projects approved, dropped, or in the pipeline for a given country. Each project links to a project profile that includes description, financial details, and lists of reports, archival record folders, and photos, when available. This can be helpful to study the evolution of the Bank's work in the country over time, and to identify notable projects that represent important shifts or moments in the country's history. Projects are also excellent examples of case studies of how the Bank made an impact in a particular sector. The WBG Archives have original records and other information related to these projects. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

- None.

Description of operational records in Archives Holdings

Archival records relating to Bank operations are described according to the ISAD(g) standard and are accessible in our [Archives Holdings catalog](#). Descriptions include lengthy organizational histories of the regional vice presidency responsible for operations in that region and a description of records created and transferred to the Archives by that vice presidency. The descriptions in the catalog can be helpful to understand the organizational context of Bank work, and to understand more about the content of the records in the Archives.

- None.

Chronology events

Events have been selected from the Archivists' Chronology, an 800+ page resource compiled by Bank Group archivists over the course of the institution's history. Events chosen include important firsts, milestones and other events that evidence the country's development history and/or its relationship with the World Bank Group. The Archivists' Chronology is accessible on [this page](#). This list of events can be helpful to determine if you'd like to dig deeper into any moments in the country's history of engagement with the Bank. The WBG Archives may have original records and other information about these events. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

Bretton Woods Conference Includes Canada

July 1-22, 1944

IBRD Articles of Agreement Signed by Canada

December 27, 1945

Dunstan Addresses Investment Dealers Association of Canada

June 14, 1948

Canada Approves \$US 8 Million for IBRD Lending Purposes

December 7, 1948

Black Addresses the Investment Dealers' Association of Canada, Confers with Government Officials

Canada Permits Use of \$7.5 Million in Canadian Dollars from Paid-In Capital Subscription for Lending Purposes

May 24, 1951

Canada Releases 41 Million Canadian Dollars, Freely Convertible, From Capital Subscription

May 22, 1952

First Funding for Haiti; Canadian Bank Participates in Bank Loan for the First Time

May 7, 1956

IFC Membership

July 20, 1956

Indus Waters Treaty Signed; Canada Contributes to Indus Basin Development Fund

September 19, 1960

Iliff Addresses Empire Club of Canada

September 24, 1960

IDA Membership

September 24, 1960

Former Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson Accepts the Chairmanship of International Commission to Examine World Development

August 19, 1968

World Bank Undertakes First Direct Borrowing from a Commercial Bank in North America, Bank of Montreal

December 17, 1971

Riverblindness Control Project Endorsed by Affected African Governments; Canada among Initial to Sign Fund Agreement

January 1974

Cofinancing Agreement Between Canada and IDA Announced

April 25, 1977

1982 Annual Meetings Open in Toronto

September 6, 1982

MIGA Membership

April 12, 1988

Paul Wolfowitz delivers speech entitled, "Africa's undeserved bad rap—There are real signs of progress and Canada must help ensure it continues."

March 2, 2007

ICSID Membership

December 1, 2013

World Bank Group Timeline Events

Events are selected from the [World Bank Group Timeline](#). The Timeline is an online platform created by the Archives designed to highlight the important events in the Bank Group's history and to illuminate those events through a variety of archival records, photos, video and audio clips, oral history transcripts, reports, and more.

[Pearson Commission submits Partners in Development report](#)

September 15, 1969

Early Country Economic Reports

Reports have been selected from the [Documents & Reports website](#), a database of publicly available World Bank Group authored reports and publications dating to the opening of the Bank in 1946. Country economic reports selected here are, in many cases, some of the earliest economic studies ever published on Bank member countries. Reports discussing the whole economy of a country, rather than individual sectors, are prioritized in this list.

Canada - Current developments in the Canadian petroleum industry	March 30, 1949
The role of private foreign capital in the economic development	December 31, 1956
Canada - Foreign private capital - a summary of the Canadian experience	April 30, 1957

Country Assistance Strategies

List is based on a similar list compiled by World Bank's Secretary's staff. Introduced in 1990 and replaced by the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) in 2014, the CAS is an overview of each borrowing country's current economic situation and contains a discussion of its development challenges, prospects, and project-planning. CASs were often initially published as part of project documents but later on were published as standalone documents.

None.

Staff Newsletters

Resources have been selected from the World Bank Group's [Documents & Reports website](#). The World Bank has produced a staff newsletter since 1947. The publication has changed its name twice: from International Bank Notes to Bank Notes in 1971 and then to Bank's World in 1982. The newsletter moved online in 2000 and physical publication ceased. In addition to offering news relating to Bank operations and country development, the newsletters were intended to foster a sense of community among staff by highlighting social events, marriages and births, arrival of new staff, recreational events, favorite cooking recipes submitted by staff, and features on different aspects of staff's home country and culture.

International Bank Notes -- Vol. 18, Iss. 11	December 1, 1964	"Teaching in the Artic"
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Oral histories

Oral histories are selected from the World Bank Group Archives' [Oral History website](#). The site contains transcripts of oral history interviews with departed staff and, in lesser number, Executive Directors and other individuals affiliated with or impacted by the World Bank Group. Interviews were conducted as part of an ongoing effort by the Archives to collect the personal stories and reflections of Bank Group staff. A portion of the interviews were conducted as research for publications. Each transcript provides a

valuable first-person account of Bank activities and decision-making from the very beginning of its operations.

Morton M. Mendels	July 17, 1961
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Online exhibits

Online exhibits are authored by World Bank Group staff and are accessible on both the Archives' [external site](#) and as a [series of older exhibits](#) in the Documents & Reports website. Exhibits focus on notable personalities and accomplishments in the Bank Group's history.

Title: [The Pearson Commission](#)

Originally published: July 2003

Executive Directors

The list is based on the World Bank Group [Board of Directors website](#). The country following the name of each ED indicates their nationality.

BRYCE, R. B. (Canada)	May 7, 1946	March 7, 1947
TOWERS, Graham F. (Canada)	March 7, 1947	October 31, 1948
GORDON, Donald, (Canada)	November 8, 1948	November 2, 1949
RASMINSKY, Louis (Canada)	February 3, 1950	October 31, 1952
RASMINSKY, Louis (Canada)	November 1, 1952	October 31, 1958
RASMINSKY, Louis (Canada)	November 1, 1958	October 31, 1962
PLUMPTRE, A. F. W. (Canada)	November 1, 1962	October 31, 1964
PLUMPTRE, A. F. W. (Canada)	November 1, 1964	April 13, 1965
HUDON, Denis, (Canada)	May 1, 1965	October 31, 1966
HUDON, Denis, (Canada)	November 1, 1966	October 31, 1968
REDDY, Y. V., (India)	November 1, 1968	July 31, 1970
ISBISTER, Claude M., (Canada)	August 1, 1970	October 31, 1974
ISBISTER, Claude M., (Canada)	November 1, 1974	August 1, 1975
DRAKE, Earl G. (Canada)	August 29, 1975	October 31, 1976
DRAKE, Earl G. (Canada)	November 1, 1976	October 31, 1980
DRAKE, Earl G. (Canada)	November 1, 1980	October 2, 1982
MILLER, Morris (Canada)	November 1, 1982	October 31, 1984
JOYCE, Robert K., (Canada)	November 1, 1984	April 2, 1985
POTTER, Norris Franklin (Canada)	April 3, 1985	August 19, 1993
de COTRET, Robert (Canada)	August 9, 1993	October 31, 1994
GOOD, Leonard, (Canada)	November 1, 1994	September 18, 1998
O'LEARY, Terrie, (also: O'LEARY, Theresa Marie) (Canada)	November 1, 1998	October 31, 2002
MASSÉ, Marcel, (also: MASSE, Marcel) (Canada)	November 1, 2002	October 31, 2006, PD to November 14, 2006
WATSON, Samy (Canada)	November 1, 2006	October 31, 2010 PD to November 5, 2010
MORIN, Marie-Lucie, (Canada)	November 1, 2010	December 31, 2013

SMITH, Alister, (Canada)	January 2, 2014	October 31, 2016
HOGAN, Christine (also: HOGAN, Thelma Christine), (Canada)	November 1, 2016	September 29, 2019
LEVONIAN, Louise (Canada)	March 17, 2020	present

For More Information

If you would like information or guidance on accessing more historic sources, we invite you to contact us by emailing archives@worldbank.org.