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Within each chapter, citations are grouped under more specialized topics. For example, in the chapter "Interpretation of History through Buildings, Objects and Sites," ten subject headings are employed, including cultural and social history, historic houses, historic kitchens, museum villages, period architecture and museum administration.

The guide contains several Canadian references.

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Murin, W.J.; Greenfield, G.M.; and Buenker, John D. *Public Policy: A Guide to Information Sources*. Volume 13 in the American Government and History Information Guide Series. Detroit: Gale Research Company, 1981. Pp. ix, 283. Annotations; addendum; author and subject indexes. \$38.00

The transdisciplinary nature of this guide will make it useful to practitioners, teachers and students in a wide variety of disciplines. In addition to those interested in public policy at a general level, specific interests dealt with in the volume's eight chapters include transportation, housing, welfare and other substantive policy areas.

The urban area is dealt with in a separate chapter on "urban policy" that contains 166 references. The volume does not, however, include government documents that deal with policy-related issues but confines itself to periodical literature and monographs.

The volume contains well-prepared subject and author indexes.

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Smith, Dwight L. *The American and Canadian West: A Bibliography*. Clio Bibliography Series No. 6. Santa Barbara, Calif.: American Bibliography Center-Clio Press, 1979. Pp. xi, 558. Annotations; list of periodicals consulted; author and subject indexes. \$69.00

This volume contains 4,157 article abstracts on the American and Canadian west from 310 historical and social science journals published worldwide between 1964 and 1973. It has an excellent subject index with topic, biographic, geographic and chronological items. The index allows users to find urban items quickly; cities, towns, and counties, for example, are listed following their respective provinces or states. In addition, the table of contents includes the topic "urbanization and urban life" and there are over 200 entries in this category.

*The American and Canadian West* is concerned with western history within certain chronological and spatial

bounds. Items of prehistory and post-1945 developments are generally excluded. Geographically it includes the trans-Mississippi west and the trans-Shield Canadian west. For Canada, the division is made at the Ontario-Manitoba boundary. For Alaska and the Canadian north, only items that are "more Western than Arctic have been included."

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Materials in this study were collected to provide an historical context for the Linguistic Survey of the Ottawa Valley, a project examining the varieties of English spoken in eastern Ontario and western Quebec. It makes available a large amount of demographic information on population, ethnic groups and religions for the entire Ottawa Valley, both in Quebec and Ontario. Ottawa is excluded, but not Hull.

Census data is the chief source of information. The period covered ranges from 1851 to 1971 and sometimes 1976. Some 123 "Integral Units" represent the operating subdivisions of the study. They conform roughly to townships, but adjustments have been made to provide consistent boundaries from 1851. Urban places have been made part of the "Integral Units."

This study could prove a valuable resource for the beginnings of any study on the Ottawa Valley by social historians or those urban historians particularly interested in the smaller urban centres and their context.

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