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The only published comprehensive bibliography of works related to the Canadian Rebellions of 1837-38 was issued more than eighty years ago: Public Library of Toronto. *The Rebellion of 1837-38: A Bibliography of Sources of Information in the Public Reference Library of the City of Toronto, Canada* (Toronto: Public Library of Toronto, 1924).

Broad though it was, that bibliography was restricted to works held by the library. It covered the rebellions of both Lower and Upper Canada and included manuscripts and published material. It also dealt with the clergy reserves and other political controversies that prompted the rebellions as well as the aftermath, including the Durham Report of 1839, the union of the Canadas of 1841, and the rebellion losses controversy of 1849.


Rae evaluated major works, from the narratives of Mackenzie (1838) and Francis Bond Head (1839) to Kilbourn’s biography (1956) and Craig’s provincial history (1963).

This bibliography, compiled from a great variety of sources, focuses on works specifically on Upper Canada. It lists, but does not attempt to evaluate, more than 500 published writings and commentaries. Undoubtedly there are many more, Its last section (9) lists a number of unpublished graduate theses on Rebellion related topics—again, there are surely others. Thus additions and corrections are eagerly solicited and gratefully received (chrisraible@georgian.net).

No attempt was made to list internet websites—valuable as they are, they are both vast and ephemeral—and the search engines make them readily available. For example, a Google search (23 January 2009) for “‘Upper Canada’ Rebellion 1836” produced 42,000 pages, while “‘Patriot War’ 1838” produced 1,410 pages and ‘Patriots’ War’ 1838” some 1,400 more.

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