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TOPONYMIC DATA FILES

DATA ELEMENTS REQUIRED

AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING SYSTEMS

TOPOS, the automated management system for Quebec toponymy**

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SUMMARY

In order to fulfil adequately the duties entrusted to it under the law, that is to say, to inventory, make official, conserve and disseminate toponymic information, the Commission de toponymie has acquired a computerized data management system known as TOPOS.

This system consists of a data bank containing all information relating to toponyms, a set of coding tables standardizing the data as far as possible and files for use in compiling statistics and drawing up lists. Its general mode of operation is designed to ensure that the toponymist can instantaneously control data from the screen and thus obtain constantly updated toponymic information.

The Commission de toponymie has provided a summary of the technical characteristics of its computer system in the paper entitled "Technical description of the system for the management of toponyms" in connection with item 6 (d) of the provisional agenda.
