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The Surveys and Mapping Branch, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, produces the Gazetteer of Canada series on behalf of the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names. This series consists of separate volumes for nine of Canada's ten provinces and its two territories. The province of Quebec produced its own gazetteer in 1969 and published another edition in 1978.

The Gazetteer of Canada series has been published since 1972 with the introduction, fold-out maps and any other explanatory material in both official languages, English and French. Each geographical name in these gazetteers appears in the language in which it is approved.

Since the Third United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names in 1977, the Gazetteer of Canada series has undergone some significant changes. As a result of data base automation and rapid advances in printing technology, production of this series can now be made more rapid and cost-effective.

Prior to the automation of the National Toponymic Data Base the only update between consecutive editions of each volume had been through the means of annual cumulative supplements from 1973 to 1977. In the latter year, high labour and printing costs of the supplements led to their curtailment. With automation, it is now possible to produce gazetteers virtually on demand, once the initial edition of a particular volume has been printed. Although this initial edition is still labour-intensive to produce, since details for each name and associated information have to be verified for correct spelling and application, subsequent updates and editions will require minimal work.

Since 1977, the following volumes of the Gazetteer of Canada series have been produced.

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Edition</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Year</u>
Nova Scotia	2nd	paper	1977
Northwest Territories	1st	paper and microfiche	1980
Northwest Territories	1st (1980)	microfiche update	1981
Northwest Territories	1st (1980)	paper reprint	1981
British Columbia	2nd (1966)	microfiche reprint	1981
Alberta	2nd (1974)	paper reprint	1981

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Edition</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Year</u>
Yukon Territory	4th	paper and microfiche	1981
Manitoba	3rd	paper and microfiche	1981
Ontario	2nd (1974)	microfiche reprint	1982

Since there will be increased computer communications between the various jurisdictions in Canada in the near future, the concept of the Gazetteer of Canada series may be radically changed. At a seminar held in Ottawa in June dealing with the future of this series, a number of recommendations were made and they will be put before the annual meeting of the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names in October for approval. Any changes will be reported at the next meeting of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.
