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Peter Larkin (centre) 5th High Commissioner to the UK, 1921–1930, greeting King George V and Queen Mary at the opening of Canada House in 1925

The Cultural Centre is open 10.00–17.30, Monday to Friday. In addition, the Gallery is open until 19.00 on Thursdays and from 12.00 to 17.30 on Sundays. Information on the calendar of events may be obtained from the Enquiry Centre at Canada House or by telephoning 01-629 9492 extension 246.

Reference Library

The Canada House reference library is a branch of the Department of External Affairs Library in Ottawa. It offers an information service about Canada to people in Britain.

The library has more than 10 000 books covering Canadian political, social and economic history, science and technology, law, literature, drama, fine art, geography, travel and biography. There are extensive volumes on the early exploration of Canada, including contemporary journals and diaries published by the Champlain Society, and some of the official records of the Hudson's Bay Company fur-trading posts. Also, there are many examples of popular Canadian works, such as travel guides, novels, cookery books and photographic studies of Canada and Canadians.

The library subscribes to more than 200 Canadian journals and to the indexing services that cover them. It also keeps backfiles of periodicals and newspapers. In addition, the library acquires all Statistics Canada's regular and occasional publications. Statistics are on hand for primary industries (farming, forestry, mining), manufacturing, transportation, communications and utilities, commerce, finance and prices, employment and unemployment, labour income, health and welfare, culture and education. Census publications are available from the first census in 1851 to the most recent in 1981. Most parliamentary and non-confidential departmental information issued by the Canadian government is also on file.

The work of the Canada House Cultural Centre

is supported by the library's collection of fine art and art history books, and by its art exhibition catalogues from galleries across Canada. Biographical information on Canadian artists of past and present is compiled, and a comprehensive set of scripts published by Playwrights Canada is maintained for consultation by drama students or theatrical producers.

Visitors to the library may use headphones to listen to recordings of Canadian artists and orchestras and of the works of Canadian composers.

The library is open to visitors by appointment only (telephone 01-629 9492 extension 236) Monday to Friday 14.00–17.00. Telephone reference queries are accepted between these hours, but people whose enquiries need detailed research are asked to visit the library in person, or put their enquiry in writing.

Reading Area

The reading area in the lobby of Canada House is open Monday to Friday 9.00–17.00. Visitors may read a wide variety of Canadian newspapers and daily bulletins received by telex, as well as watch a video featuring Canadian news highlights of the past week.

General tourist information is also displayed in the reading area, and public telephones are provided for people who want to make hotel or theatre reservations.

Information Services

The Information Section and the Enquiry Centre give information on Canada to the British public, and also help Canadians visiting or living in Britain. Publications, exhibits and teaching aids are available on request.

Academic Relations Division

This division welcomes personal contact with professors from Canadian universities visiting or living in Britain. It compiles lists of Canadian academics in Britain and distributes these lists to British universities and colleges, which may be seeking qualified lecturers in various fields.

A Canadian studies speakers programme is supported by the High Commission. It attracts participants who have expertise in some aspect of Canadian studies, such as Canadian economics, sociology and history.

Public Archives of Canada

The Public Archives office collects material (films, manuscripts, photographs, etc.) on, or of relevance to, Canada. It seeks contact with anyone who has, or knows about, such material. The office also offers basic information on the research on Canada that is available to British repositories, and on documentary research facilities in Canada.

Tourism Advice

Tourism counsellors are on hand to answer travel enquiries from prospective visitors to Canada. The tourism division also stocks brochures, maps and other information about Canadian travel destinations.



The services provided by The Canadian High Commission in London are described in the booklet, *Welcome to Canada House, London*. Copies may be obtained from
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