

INDIAN TREATIES AND SURRENDERS

IN

RECORD GROUP 10 - RECORDS RELATING TO INDIAN AFFAIRS

VOLUMES 1840 - 1853

The documents on this microfilm were transferred to the National Archives of Canada by Indian Affairs. They are held in Government Archives Division in RG 10, Vols. 1840 to 1853. Other documents, reports, correspondence, and lists related to these agreements are scattered throughout RG 10 and, to a lesser extent, certain other record and manuscript groups.

Beyond the record group and volume numbers, there are at least two important numerical references for each of the 506 documents microfilmed here. All have a registration number (a consecutive treaty number) that was assigned by Indian Affairs before any of the documents were transferred to the Archives.

All have been given a unique Government Archives Division "IT" number because -- for about half of the registered treaties and surrenders -- the Archives received more than one document per consecutive number. These "extra" documents frequently consist of the same text in various formats. Sometimes they are adhesions and, occasionally, they are related items such as minutes or Orders in Council.

Not to be confused with the numbering systems mentioned above is the alternative and, for many, the more familiar terminology of the Western Treaties. Numbered One to Eleven (over their consecutive numbers), these are the major treaties entered into between 1871 and 1921 by the Government of Canada and Indian groups living to the northwest.

The list that follows shows the correlation between the volume numbers in RG 10, the Indian Affairs' consecutive numbers, the IT numbers, and the Western Treaty numbers.

The Government of Canada published the text of consecutive treaty numbers 1 to 120 in 1891 and numbers 281 to 483 in 1912. In 1971, Coles Publishing Company, Toronto, reprinted numbers 1 to 483 in a three volume set entitled Indian Treaties and Surrenders which is currently out of print but is available in some libraries.