Secondly, as with any book about the law that is written for non-lawyers, not all conceivable problems have been dealt with. As Mr. Du Vernet rightly says, if you are in doubt about a matter, or involved in a situation which may have legal consequences — see a lawyer!

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The Alpine Club of Canada Collection includes: a library of 2429 books and pamphlets, plus runs of 186 mountaineering journals and bulletins from all over the world; over twenty linear metres of club papers, summit and hut registers, camp and expedition reports, and other manuscript items relating to Canadian mountaineering history; a photographic collection of over ten thousand images in the form of prints, negatives, transparencies, and albums; and a map collection of 175 items providing geographic detail on most mountain ranges of the world.

The present inventory describes club records, manuscripts, photographs, library material, and maps which have been collected over the club’s eighty-year history. Levels of description are of sufficient detail to give researchers intellectual access at the file level for unpublished textual records and the item level for photographs. Library materials of interest to Canadian Studies have been included and are described in bibliographic form. A detailed index containing over one thousand subjects and proper names is provided for the unique, unpublished materials. Copies of the printed inventory have been distributed to universities, archives, research facilities, and mountaineering organizations and are available to interested individuals. The Alpine Club of Canada Inventory Project was funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

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This booklet was published by the Public Archives of Canada in order to introduce its clients to the Privacy Act. It begins by explaining the purpose of the legislation and how it interacts with the mandate of the PAC. It ably describes the legislation and the authorities under which the Archives must act in order to follow both the letter and the spirit of the law. It is important that researchers understand the legislation before visiting the Archives. Section four of the publication is the most important as it lists and explains the specific guidelines of the Act under which researchers can obtain information which would normally be exempted. In addition, for the user’s information and benefit, the booklet publishes in its appendices extracts from the Privacy Act and Treasury Board’s Interim
Policy Guide on the Privacy legislation. The booklet is clearly presented, well written, and concise in its presentation of the information. Those wishing to complete research in government records at the Public Archives of Canada should consult it.


In 1912 Charles H. Sternberg, along with his three sons, began what Sternberg called “dinosaur hunting” in the Badlands of Alberta. When he left five years later, Sternberg had uncovered some of Canada’s most famous dinosaurs. This new edition of Sternberg’s 1932 version of Hunting Dinosaurs in the Badlands of Alberta is an account of these years. Included in the book is a detailed introduction by David A.E. Spalding, formerly Head Curator of Natural History at the Provincial Museum in Edmonton. The introduction includes biographical information on Sternberg, explains his passion for “dinosaur hunting,” and describes Sternberg’s contributions to Canadian palaeontology. Spalding explains why the Geological Survey of Canada then had little Canadian palaeontological expertise and why they had to recruit the American-born Sternberg and his three sons. Sternberg’s storytelling ability along with the sixty-two photographs of his discoveries and Spalding’s Introduction make the republication of this 1932 classic a worthwhile endeavour.

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The Labrador Institute of Northern Studies, Memorial University of Newfoundland, has recently released a computer-generated series level guide to the Labrador archival material held by five repositories in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Centre for Newfoundland Studies Archives and the Maritime History Group Archives, Memorial University of Newfoundland; the Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador; Them Days Labrador Archive; and the United Church Conference Archives were surveyed for material which contains substantive references to Labrador. The results are contained in the Survey.

The Survey is divided into five main sections, one for each of the contributing repositories. Within each section, the series, record groups, and collections are listed alphabetically by title. Although the entries do not, and were not intended to, provide detailed descriptions of the specific subject matter of the series, each entry can include the accession number, the media involved, the type of documents, particularly within the textual media, the extent and outside dates of the series, the types of available finding aids, and any access or reproduction restrictions that are applicable. In addition, a section entitled “Remarks” provides space for incidental information — such as gaps found within the outside dates — or for extended descriptions of finding aids. And, finally, for