
This reference work lists 1926 items, published and unpublished, about northern oil and gas development, its effects, and its potential effects. Geographic coverage ranges from the Northwest Territories to Alaska, with emphasis on Yukon and the Beaufort Sea. Some material on east coast exploration and development is included for the purpose of comparison. The views of industry, government, environmental protection agencies, and social action groups are represented. The bibliography is limited to works held by the Yukon Archives: monographs, articles in books, government, consultant and corporate reports, and conference proceedings. Serials, periodicals, and newspapers are excluded.

Citations are listed in alphabetical order within broad thematic chapters (e.g., Socio-Economic Aspects, Technology). Keyword indexes provide detailed subject access. Each volume includes a personal author index, a corporate author and/or publisher index, and a list of abbreviations. Sample entries, with clearly identified entry elements, are set out at the beginning of each volume. Annotations are descriptive rather than critical. The bibliography is intended to heighten awareness of, and to provide access to, Yukon Archives' Beaufort Sea collection. To facilitate that access, citations include Yukon Archives call numbers. Also, citations themselves are numbered, so that researchers can readily identify items of interest.

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This is the much welcomed second edition of the Canadian Maritime Bibliography to be published under the auspices of the Canadian Nautical Research Society, and the first to be issued as a publication in its own right, the former having appeared in the March 1986 issue of the society's newsletter, Argonauta. Though modest in physical appearance and still in the experimental stage, the guide is an essential reference tool for Canadian maritime research and writing and goes far to fill in a lamentable gap in our national bibliographic literature. Included in the compilation are books and monographs published by Canadians during the year 1986 which concern generically maritime "affairs," historical subjects generally, but also maritime archaeology, economics, fisheries, law, labour, science, defence, diplomacy, navigation, shipbuilding, and engineering. Works by non-Canadian authors which either deal substantially with domestic maritime subjects or touch upon important information about Canada are also noted. Greatly expanded in size and more comprehensive than its predecessor, the new edition facilitates access to its references in three ways: by subject, by cross-reference, and by author. Especially noteworthy is the system of cross-referencing inaugurated by the compilers for this edition. Each entry has been coded with a unique number; at the end of each subject heading-section, readers are able to consult a list of the numbers representing items of related
interest. Since each entry has only been listed once, this helps to compensate for any “subjectivity” evident in the intellectual arrangement of the bibliography, and generally assists the reader gathering material on wider topics. Not to be overlooked as well is the very useful list of journals cited in the text, which appears as an appendix. In the introduction to the bibliography, the compilers have generously solicited comments. Personally, this reviewer would like to see in future issues a section devoted to the official publications of the federal and provincial governments, a largely untapped information resource in the field of maritime research. In the meantime, we have in this edition an extremely valuable compendium of contemporary maritime sources catering to a variety of research interests.

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