

ONTARIO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY POSTMARKS, 1868-1981

The present Ontario Legislative Building (Queen's Park building, opened in 1893) is the seventh such structure to serve as Ontario's parliament building. On 1st July 1867 the province joined in Confederation. Toronto was chosen as the capital of Ontario Province, and the legislative assembly moved back to the same Front Street property that had been home to the House of Assembly for the Province of Canada, despite the structure having been damaged by fire in 1861 and 1862. The 1st Parliament of Ontario was in session from September 3, 1867, until February 25, 1871. This was the first session of the Legislature after Confederation succeeding the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada (last session was the 8th Parliament of the Province of Canada).

The Post Office

The Legislative Assembly Post Office has not been listed in the Postal Guide, probably because it was a non accountant P.O. (i.e. it does not issue money orders, and not requiring a money order office number).

The exact date of opening is unknown (Most likely early in 1868). It is still in operation.

The office was then located just to the left of the entrance of the parliament building, and employed six or seven people in the 1980's.

← *Interior of the Post Office of the House of Assembly circa. 1930.*
Source: House of Assembly Archives

Purpose of the Exhibit


The purpose of this 48 page exhibit is to present the special postmarks used exclusively by **the Legislative Assembly of Ontario Post Office**, and the various Government departmental handstamps, from its opening in early 1868 to 1981 (End of Post Office Department). Presented by type of postmarks (see plan below) and within each section, by chronological order.


Plan

1. Cds
2. Duplexes
3. Registration postmarks
4. Machine cancellations
5. Auxiliary & Miscellaneous markings
6. Departmental handstamps

Items of Exception in the Exhibit & Remarks

Items of exception: ●

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In 1832, the third parliament building for Upper Canada was completed on Front Street, west of Simcoe Street, and served as parliament building of Upper Canada until 1840. It then houses the House of Assembly of Ontario from 1867 to 1893. Source: <https://www.ola.org>