

Province of Manitoba as well as specific points within it. This definition allowed the inclusion not only of traditional works covering towns, rural municipalities, churches, schools etc. but also those dealing with ethnic and religious groups and province wide associations. Thus, Manitoba communities in the fullest sense of the word are represented in this book.

Having solved the problem of selection, another reared its head. The aim of this book is to provide not only a list of works on local history but also a guide to works which could provide information to future local historians. This necessitated expanding the bibliography to include works which fell outside of the agreed upon definition of local history. Added were works contemporary with events they describe, theses and other research papers, a wider range of academic works which address localities or groups and municipal, provincial and federal books and pamphlets which have some relevance to the topic. These works were treated with some care and only where they were deemed to have significant relevance to a place, group or institution were they included. Some thought was given to the availability of such citations in existing bibliographies and commonly cited works were kept to a minimum. This is especially true of the City of Winnipeg and other subjects which have extensive bodies of literature concerning them. In several cases only representative samples of this supporting literature, arbitrarily selected by the editor, were included. Much more leniency was shown with theses and research papers than with other academic works as the former more often meet the definition of local history, are a ready source of bibliographic information and are less often listed in other bibliographies. A consideration was also given to collecting sources appropriate to a wide variety of backgrounds and interests, from school children through to professionals.

The resulting book is one that should prove useful to all persons interested in history in Manitoba. It is, however, not perfect. It was produced through the efforts of a number of people working independently over several years, producing lists for reasons often other than this bibliography. There has been little time to do research beyond those lists. Because of this there are no doubt many omissions and errors. When reading or using this book try to think of yourself as contributing to an ongoing project and instead of abusing the stupidity of a faceless (or worse, not faceless) editor, phone the Historical Society offices and bring the problem to our attention so that it can be rectified in future editions. The same is true if you write a local history. If you let us know we can contribute to bringing it to the attention of the interested public.