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Grey House Publishing Canada announces the 2007 Edition of Canadian Almanac & Directory

Grey House Publishing Canada is proud to announce the publication of the 2007 Edition of *Canadian Almanac & Directory*. Previously published by Micromedia/ProQuest, this is Grey House's first edition. A staple of the Canadian reference market, and indeed, Canadian society as a whole, this 160th edition is an indepth and extremely comprehensive directory to the nation of Canada.

This 2007 edition has been thoroughly researched and updated as completely as possible. *Canadian Almanac & Directory* features a salutation from the Prime Minister of Canada and an introduction written by the Librarian and Archivist of Canada, followed by listings in 10 major sections and one all-entry index. All frontmatter, including the Table of Contents, is presented in both English and French.

The first section, Almanac & Miscellany, includes such subsections as Astronomical Calculations & Almanac, Customs, Election, Liquor and Marriage Regulations, Postal Information, Canadian Statistics, Climate, and Exhibitions, Shows and Events.

Section Two covers Organizations, and is divided into subsections for Religious Denominations & Organizations, Associations, and Trade Unions and Associations of Workers. These subsections are further divided into categories like Accounting, Broadcasting, Disabled Persons, Environmental, Finance, Human Rights & Civil Liberties, Horticulture & Gardening, Law, Multiculturalism, Publishing, Real Estate, Sports, Tourism & Travel, Women, and many more.

Section Three comprises the Government Directory, which contains listings for Government of Canada, Provincial Governments, Territorial Governments, The Commonwealth, International Organizations, and more. All major categories are organized into subsections for various types of government agencies, such as those regulating Airports & Aviation, Arts & Culture, Health Care Insurance, Oil & Natural Gas Resources, just to name a few. Listings include basic contact information. This section also contains listings of all members of Canadian government, with contact information.

The fourth Section is a Municipal Directory, it contains listings for each municipality, organized into subsections by province. Listings include the municipality name, population, federal electoral district, provincial electoral district, and a key contact person (usually a city/town administrator or clerk) with basic contact information. Each province subsection also includes a brief description of the provincial government and the types of municipalities found in each province. Inserted in the middle of the Section is a color section with 20 pages of maps, flags and emblems (with descriptions of the symbols featured), photographs of Governors

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General throughout the history of Canada, photographs and portraits of Prime Ministers, and medals for various Orders. Simple maps of major metropolitan areas are included at the back of the section.

Section Five covers Communications & Information Management. Subsections include Libraries, Book Publishers, Newspapers, Magazines, AM Broadcasting Stations, Television Stations, Internet Service Providers, and more. All listings include contact information, and those for libraries also feature a key contact person.

The sixth Section is devoted to Arts & Culture, with listings for Museums & Science Centres, Archives, Art Galleries, Performing Arts, Flora & Fauna, Aquaria, and Botanical Gardens. The Performing Arts subsection is further divided into listings for Theatre, Music, and Dance. Listings include contact information as well as a brief description of the institution or group.

The seventh Section, Business & Finance, covers everything from Banks in Canada to Trust Companies, Credit Unions to Stock Exchanges, Insurance Companies, Accounting Firms, Boards of Trade & Chambers of Commerce, Major Canadian Companies and more. Listings include contact information as well as, where applicable, key executive contacts, annual revenue, assets, number of branches, classes of insurance, and company type.

Section Eight, Health Directory, is organized by province and territory, and includes listings for Regional Health Authorities, Hospitals, Health Care Centres, Nursing Homes, Special Treatment Centres, and Mental Health Clinics. All listings feature contact information and regional health authority as well as key executive names and some descriptive data such as number of beds, number of units, and purpose of facility.

Section Nine, Education Directory, is also subdivided by province and territory and includes an Index to Selected Faculties/Schools. Listings are in categories such as Public School Boards & Divisions, Protestant Separate School Districts, Roman Catholic Separate School Districts, Charter Schools, Native Schools, Universities, Institutes of Technology, Public Colleges, Independent & Private Schools, and more. Listings include contact information, and where appropriate, grade levels taught, key officers or administrators, and remote campus locations.

The tenth and final section, Legal Directory, begins with listings for Courts & Judges and Official Receivers, then contains a Directory of Law Firms organized by province and territory. Listings in the Courts & Judges subsection include not just names and contact information, but also a brief description of the activity and jurisdiction of the particular Court. Listings for law firms include complete contact information.

No other publisher can offer this complete a picture of Canada, and it is clear why this directory has remained in print for 160 years. As Ian Wilson, Librarian and Archivist of Canada, writes in the Introduction,

"...the Canadian Almanac & Directory is still regarded as Canada's most valuable reference tool...they have...maintained their historical perspective, putting the information in context and providing an invaluable snapshot of the times..."

This unique publication will be indispensable for anyone working in Canada or doing business with Canadian firms or government. It is also an extremely helpful tool for those researching any aspect of Canadian society, and its authority and comprehensive nature make it a valuable addition to any library.

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