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Agriculture
○ Farming and ranching (individual, family, corporate)
○ Agribusiness (processing, marketing, shipping)
○ Horticulture, gardening
○ Academic research / programs
○ Lobby / professional groups
○ Agricultural cooperatives and organizations
○ Irrigation, irrigation districts
○ Agricultural fairs, markets

Arts and culture
○ Visual arts
○ Performing arts
○ Literature
○ Artists (musicians, actors, visual artists, dancers, writers, architects, photographers, etc.)
○ Institutions (eg. foundations, museums, art schools, heritage sites, libraries, archives)
○ Arts and/or culture related businesses and organizations (eg. book stores, Canadian Club)
○ Cultural events (eg. fairs, parades, lectures, festivals, presentations)
○ Research, projects or writing pertaining to arts and/or culture
○ Professional organizations

Buildings and structures
○ Buildings (eg. residences, commercial, factories, churches, community centres, jails, arenas, hotels)
○ Monuments, statues, shrines, etc.
○ Bridges, trestles
○ Building management
○ Construction

Note: DO NOT USE when records pertain to functions or activities carried out in/on a building or structure, unless the building and function are directly related (eg. hotels - provide accommodation)

Business and commerce
○ Commercial and mercantile activity involving exchange of commodities, services or financial resources
○ Retail businesses, service businesses, banking
○ Individual business owners and operators
○ Business-related associations and chambers of commerce

Note: DO NOT USE for not-for-profit enterprises
Children and youth
- Re: persons aged 20 or younger
- Records created by children and youth
- Children and youth issues
- Activities, organizations, programs, events etc. devoted to children and/or youth

See also: Family and personal life, Community life

Communications
- Individuals (eg. journalists, broadcasters, documentary film makers, commercial photographers)
- Communication media (eg. newspapers, magazines, newsletters, radio, television, telephone, cable, documentary film, internet)
- Communication businesses, cooperatives, organizations (eg. advertising, printing, publishing, photofinishing)
- Symbols, logos, flags
- Professional organizations

Community life
- Communities can exist in municipalities, towns and villages, neighbourhoods, religious and cultural groups, camps, schools, etc.
- Community activities and events
- Groups working for the development and/or maintenance of events, services and facilities for the community, community spirit, and community promotion
- Community support and charitable organizations
- Community booster and event promotion agencies
- Fraternal organizations

See also: Family and personal life, Events and celebrations

Cultural groups
- Individuals / groups working towards preservation of a particular cultural group or cultural community
- Activities / events promoting life / values of cultural group/s
- Movements, initiatives, legislation etc. that promotes the existence and participation of diverse ethnic, racial, religious or social groups within the larger community

Education
- Activities / structures relating to educational activities
- Individual teachers / educators
- Students, all ages
- Public and private schools / agencies offering training or education
- Vocational training and continuing education
- Regulatory and support organizations
- Professional organizations
Environment
- Environmental issues (e.g. air quality, pollution, habitat destruction, endangered species, recycling)
- Nature, wilderness, scenery
- Climate, weather
- Individuals, organizations, businesses
- Parks, natural areas, wildlife management
- Habitat and species protection / recovery
- Conservation movement / activities

Events and celebrations
- Specific cultural, arts, political, sports, holiday and community events; also personal events
- Organizations, public agencies and businesses dedicated to planning for event/s
- Centennials, parades, festivals, fairs, exhibitions, concerts
- Ceremonies (openings, graduations, sod-turnings, etc.)
- Parties (community, birthday, anniversary, etc)
- Royal visits, campaigns
- Weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc.
- Protests and demonstrations

Exploration, discovery and travel
- Personal, geographical, scientific, mapping, other
- Expeditions, exploration, adventure, prospecting, guiding,
- Individuals and groups (e.g. explorers, adventurers, prospectors, guides, outfitters)
- Expedition planning / reports and accounts
- Personal travels for discovery and education (e.g. travel diaries)
- Early contact with First Nations

See also: Land, settlement and immigration

Family and personal life
- Individuals (all ages), families
- Friendships, personal relationships, home life
- Generational records
- Genealogical records
- Sexuality
- Support and charitable organizations for the private lives of families and individuals

See also: Community life, Children and youth, Women

First nations
- Individuals / communities of native ancestry
- N.A. Indian, Metis and Inuit
- Records pertaining to / created by First nations individuals, families, bands, agencies
- Government agencies and treaties
- First nations organizations and businesses
- First nations schools and education
- Issues pertaining to First Nations peoples or history
Geographic features
○ Includes both natural and artificial features
○ Physical landscape, built landscape
○ Urban and industrial landscapes
○ Topography
○ Site plans
○ Boundaries, districts, reserves, parks, sanctuaries, towns, etc.

NOTE: Mainly but not exclusively pertaining to photographic and cartographic records
See also: Land, settlement and immigration

Government
○ Local, municipal, regional, provincial, federal, jurisdictional
○ Officials (eg. mayors, premiers, MLAs, ministers, civil servants)
○ Hospital districts, improvement districts, land districts, school boards, health boards, library boards, police boards, etc.
○ First nations and tribal governments
○ Support organizations (eg. municipal associations)
○ Organizations in direct response to government (eg. ratepayers associations)
○ Protest against government
○ Taxes

Health and social services
○ Activities / systems for maintaining and preserving individual / community health and wellness. Provided by public, private or community agencies or individuals.
○ Medical services, hospitals, clinics
○ Social programs and services (eg. youth, seniors, mental illness, maternity, counseling, support)
○ Fire and emergency services, disaster relief
○ Protective services and emergency support (eg. community watch) - not police
○ Safety and community health programs and training
○ Individuals (eg. doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, counselors, clinicians)
○ Health and wellness services offered by charitable groups (eg. meditation,retreats)
○ Businesses
○ Professional and support organizations

Industries
○ Resource industries (eg. mining, forestry, fishing, etc.)
○ Resource industry cooperatives
○ Processing, packing and shipping industries
○ Construction, ship building
○ Salvage companies and operations

See also: Agriculture, Business and commerce, Transportation and utilities
Labour
- Labour and union organizations
- Professional associations with labour focus (e.g. teachers, nurses)
- Arbitration boards
- Individuals
- Events (e.g. strikes)
- Union-associated social groups

Land, settlement and immigration
- Claiming, settling and moving to a new land
- Land titles, distribution, grants etc
- Community and regional settlement patterns
- Land settlement companies
- Land surveys / surveyors
- Real estate companies and activities
- Organizations involved in sponsoring / supporting immigrants

Law and justice
- Activities / structures re administration of law and justice
- Law enforcement (e.g. police forces, RCMP, coast guard)
- Courts, prisons, remand centres
- Litigation, arbitration, mediation, restorative justice, reconciliation, settlements
- Administrative and support organizations (police boards)
- Community service programs
- Legislation
- Individuals (e.g. lawyers, judges, police officers, bylaw officers, criminals)
- Professional organizations

Military
- Military service, training and activities
- Military institutions, bases, sites
- Individuals and organizations (e.g. veterans, military personnel, militia, cadets)
- Military vehicles and ships
- Equipment, weapons, uniforms, artifacts
- Legislation

Natural resources
- Land, water, minerals, forests, fisheries, soil, oil and gas
- Energy (e.g. hydro-electric, thermal, solar)
- Game management
- Individuals, industries and businesses
- Regulatory and professional organizations

See also: Businesses and commerce, Environment, Industries, Land . . .
Organizations
○ Clubs, societies, associations - all types, except official (government) functions (eg. agricultural, business, charitable, community, cultural, ethnic, fraternal, labour, military, political, professional, recreational, social, sports)
○ Clarify using a second heading where possible

Politics
○ Individuals (politicians, campaigners, party members)
○ Political parties, campaigns and organizations
○ Political theory and study

Religions
○ Personal, institutional and organizational relationships between humans and what they regard as holy, sacred or divine
○ Churches and denominations
○ Religious orders, groups and organizations
○ Non-traditional groups and organizations (sometimes referred to as cults)
○ Individuals (ministers, missionaries, members of religious orders, etc.)
○ Schools, charities, missions and hospitals run by religious groups
○ Religious theory and study

Science and technology
○ Study and application of science
○ Scientists, researchers, etc.
○ Research / research foundations, institutes
○ Technology schools / programs
○ Clubs, user groups, professional organizations

Sports, recreation and leisure
○ Physical activity, occupations or amusements carried out by humans for the purpose of wellness, socializing, relaxation, entertainment or competition
○ Sports, outdoor recreation, hobbies, games, travel, etc.
○ Individuals, organizations, clubs
○ Professional and amateur competitors / teams
○ Education and training
○ Businesses

Transportation and utilities
○ Act or means of transporting from one place to another
○ Act or means of providing water, power, sewage etc. to communities
○ Facilities and infrastructures (eg. harbours, highways, airports, sewage treatment plants, electric systems, hydro-electric projects)
○ Vehicles, rolling stock, aircraft, equipment, ships and boats, ferries
○ Accidents (highway crashes, derailments, air crashes, shipwrecks, etc)
○ Rescue services (eg. towing, coast guard)
○ Businesses and corporations (eg. towing and repair services, motor associations)
○ Professional organizations, unions
See also: Agriculture, Business and commerce, Industries, Military
Women
○ History, social, political and cultural situation of women
○ Women’s issues
○ Individuals
○ Clubs, societies, organizations
○ Women-only facilities and activities
○ Records created by women