

Sources for information on Egerton Ryerson, Residential Schools, and Indigenous peoples

Conducting research on these topics and reading this guide may be difficult and upsetting for some. The following counselling resources are available to those who may need them:

- [Indigenous Traditional Counselling Services available through Ryerson Aboriginal Student Services](#)
- Ryerson students can learn more about services available to them at the [Ryerson Centre for Student Development and Counselling](#)
- Ryerson Employees seeking counselling should access the [employee assistance program for resources and counselling](#)
- Emotional, cultural and professional support services are also available to survivors and their families through the [Indian Residential Schools Resolution Health Support Program](#).
- A National Indian Residential School Crisis Line has been set up to provide support for former residential school students. You can access emotional and crisis referral services by calling the 24-Hour National Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419

Sources at Ryerson University

*indicates materials available online

Ryerson Aboriginal Education Council

- [Aboriginal Education Council Website](#)
 - [Egerton Ryerson, the Residential School System and Truth and Reconciliation](#)

Ryerson Archives

- Archives newspaper clipping files
 - Residential School doc. file
 - [Ryerson, Egerton doc. file](#)
 - Ryerson Statue doc. file
 - Ryerson Name doc. file
- [Ryerson Family Papers](#)
- [Annual Reports - Normal, Model, and Common Schools in Upper Canada](#), 1847 and 1849
- [Report on A System of Public Elementary Instruction for Upper Canada](#). Egerton Ryerson, 1846

Ryerson Library

- There are many books housed in the [Archives about Egerton Ryerson](#). They can be found in the Library catalogue (<https://catalogue.library.ryerson.ca/>) by adding [Archives \(4th Floor\)](#) as the Search Location.

Ryerson Special Collections

- Ryerson, E., Hodgins, J. G., & Internet Archive (Firm). (1884). ["The story of my life": Being](#)

- [reminiscences of sixty years' public service in Canada](#). W. Briggs. ([online via internet archive](#))
- Ryerson, E., Harris, S. H. R., & Sissons, C. B. (1955). [My dearest Sophie: Letters from Egerton Ryerson to his daughter](#). Ryerson Press. ([online via internet archive](#))
- Ryerson, E., Cameron, M., Langton, J., & Wilson, D., Sir. (1861). [Dr. Ryerson's reply to the recent pamphlet of Mr. Langton & Dr. Wilson: On the university question, in five letters to the hon. M. Cameron, M.L.C., chairman of the late university committee of the legislative assembly. "Guardian" Office, King Street East.](#)
- [Golden Leaves from Canada's Past](#): call number FC 500.4.G65 1967
- [Peter Di Gangi Papers](#): research related to indigenous governance in Canada

Ryerson statue

- Hodgins, J. George. (1889). [Ryerson memorial volume: Prepared on the occasion of the unveiling of the Ryerson statue in the grounds of the Education Department on the Queen's birthday, 1889.](#)
- [Erected as an enduring memorial of the personal worth and the great public services of the Rev. Egerton Ryerson, D.D., LL. D.](#) (1887?). (Printed ephemera)
<https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/100285947>
- [Ryerson Memorial Fund: The General Committee on the Ryerson Memorial, having decided to make an appeal on the subject](#) ... (about 1882). (Letter from J. George Hodgins to the Public School Inspector regarding appeal for the Ryerson Memorial statue).

External Sources

1000 conversations Across Canada on Reconciliation

- [*Brief History of Residential Schools](#)

Alberta Teachers' Association

- [*List of photograph collections and archives from Residential Schools](#)

Archives of Ontario

- [Archives Descriptive Database](#), keyword searches: "Egerton Ryerson"; "John G. Hodgins"; "Department of Education"; Residential School"

Canadian Museum for Human Rights

- [*Picking Up the Pieces: The Making of the Witness Blanket Documentary film](#)

City of Toronto Archive

- [Search the Archives](#) portal, keyword search: "Egerton Ryerson"

*Education Legislation and Reports

- [Report on the Affairs of the Indians in Canada](#) (1844) by Sir Charles Bagot

- [Minutes of the General Council of Indian Chiefs and Principal Men: held at Orillia, Lake Simcoe Narrows, on Thursday, the 30th, and Friday, the 31st, July, 1846, on the proposed removal of smaller communities and the establishment of manual labour schools](#) from notes taken in short hand and otherwise by Henry Baldwin, of Peterborough, Barrister at Law, Secretary to the Chiefs in Council. 1846
- [An Act for the better establishment and maintenance of Common Schools in Upper Canada \(1846\)](#)
 - [Transcript of An Act for the better establishment and maintenance of Common Schools](#) from the Archives of Ontario
- [Appendix A: Report by Dr Ryerson on Industrial Schools \(1847\)](#) by Ryerson, Egerton, a letter to George Vardon, Assistant Superintendent of Indian Affairs.
 - [Full report on Statistics Respecting Residential Schools \(1898\)](#)
- [The Common School Acts of Upper Canada \(1853\)](#) by the chief superintendent of schools [Egerton Ryerson], published for the Department of Public Instruction for Upper Canada.
- [The Indian Act \(1876\)](#), consolidated the Gradual Civilization Act (1857) and Gradual Enfranchisement Act (1869).
- [Documentary History of Education In Upper Canada: From the Passing of the Constitutional Act of 1791, to the Close of Rev. Dr. Ryerson's Administration of the Education Department In 1876.](#) (1894) by J. George Hodgins, historiographer to the Education department of Ontario.
- Ryerson, E., & Canada. (1855). [Copies of correspondence between the chief superintendent of schools for upper canada and other persons: On the subject of separate schools \(being a continuation of the return laid before the house, and printed on the 17th september, 1852\).](#) Lovell & Gibson.
- Ryerson, E., & Canada. Department of Public Instruction for Upper Canada. (1847). [Special report of the measures which have been adopted for the establishment of a normal school: And for carrying into effect generally, the common school act, 9th vict. cap. XX, with an appendix](#)
- Ryerson, E. (1848). [Provisions of the school act relative to the duties of trustees and teachers of common schools: With forms and general regulations prepared according to law](#)
- Ryerson, E. (1847). [Report on a system of public elementary instruction for Upper Canada](#)
- Ryerson, E. (1836). [Education in canada: Institution for the education of the youth of canada generally, and the most promising youth of the recently converted indian tribes, as teachers to their aboriginal countrymen, also to prepare religious young men for common school masters, throughout the province](#)
- [The separate schools act of Ontario a pamphlet containing the original act of 1863, with notes by the late dr. egerton ryerson; also, a comprehensive summary of the present act, which contains many concessions granted since confederation, along with important decisions on contested points down to the year 1908 \(1908\).](#) . Sentinel Pub., [1908?].

Library and Archives Canada

- *[Collection Search - Library and Archives Canada](#), keyword searches “Egerton Ryerson”; “Residential Schools”; “Department of Indian Affairs”
- *[Library and Archives Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission Web Archive](#)
- *[Indigenous Heritage](#)
- *[School File Series 1879-1953](#)

- [*Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples](#)
- [*Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada publications](#)
- [*Conducting Research on Residential Schools: A Guide to the Records of the Indian and Inuit Affairs Program and Related Resources at Library and Archives Canada](#)

National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation

- [Search the TRC collection records](#)
- [*The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Reports](#)
 - includes modern, historical and Aboriginal Healing Foundation reports
- [Residential School Timeline](#)

OISE (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education)

- [Residential School Resources](#)

Residential Schools Class Action Litigation

- [*Lists of Residential Schools by Province](#)
- [*Residential School Settlement Agreement](#) (May 2006)

***Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre (SRSC)**

- [Search the SRSC's holdings](#) at Algoma University Archives
 - Subject: [*Indigenous Peoples in North America--Canada--Residential schools](#)

Sites of Conscience

- [The International Coalition of Sites of Conscience](#): a group of historic sites, museums and memory initiatives that connect past struggles to today's movements for human rights

***Toronto District School Board**

- Online exhibit on Egerton Ryerson: [Radical Reform: Education and Society 1845-1945](#)

Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) Web Archives

- [*Library and Archives Canada's TRC web collection](#)
- [*University of Winnipeg's TRC web collection](#)
- [*University of Manitoba's TRC web collection](#)

United Church of Canada Archives

- [Egerton Ryerson fonds](#)
- [John George Hodgins fonds](#)
- [*The Children Remembered: Residential School Archives Project](#)

University of British Columbia

- [Research Guide on Residential School System in Canada](#)

Witness Blanket Project

- [“The Witness Blanket](#) stands as a national monument to recognise the atrocities of the Indian Residential School era, honour the children, and symbolise ongoing reconciliation.”
 - [*View the full blanket online](#)