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Island Newspapers
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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

The Charlottetown Guardian
January 24, 1917

DIRECTORY OF ISLAND PAPERS

Read about the Island's rich history of newspaper publishing.

- Advertiser
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Alternately, explore a [timeline view](#) of newspapers.

Logo



URL

<http://www.islandnewspapers.ca/>

Subject

Newspapers – Island - Archives

Accessibility

Free

Language

English

Publisher

UPEI Robertson Library

Brief History

The Island had no provincial archives until the 1960s. Even now, the province remains without an official depository library for Island print publications, though the Confederation Centre Public Library and UPEI Robertson Library have endeavored to fulfill that role with their "PEI Collections" in recent decades. In this context, maintaining some sort of public record of Island life was, for many years, a haphazard and incomplete affair, and much of the work has often fallen to the

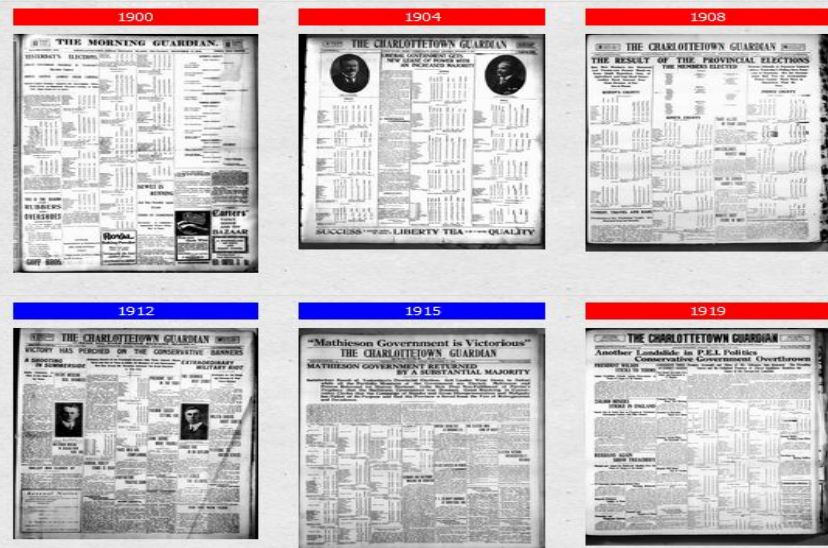
newspapers; even their contents would not have survived for posterity without the microfilming efforts of the Canadian Library Association and the Provincial Archives, which began in earnest in the 1960s and 1970s, and which managed to salvage at least parts of the Island's newspaper canon dating back to the late 1700s.

Scope and Coverage

Provincial General Election Front Pages, 1900 to 1962 – the period currently covered by Island Newspapers. Island Newspapers also offers a fully-searchable online archive of PEI's main newspaper of record, The Guardian, from 1890 to 1957, British American (1832 - 1833)

Kind of Information

There were 17 Provincial General Elections held on Prince Edward Island. Here are the front pages of The Guardian from the day after each election where the headlines – and, in early years, detailed district-by-district results – tell the story. For each front page the colour of the heading – red for Liberal, blue for Progressive Conservative – indicates the winner. The 1959 papers are not currently in the collection, and so that election is indicated by a placeholder. Each front page links to the full issues for that date where visitors can read the details.



PEI Newspapers Available for Searching: The following are a list of newspapers that have been digitized and are available for searching within the IslandNewspapers.ca interface. Click on **BROWSE** tab to see these titles.

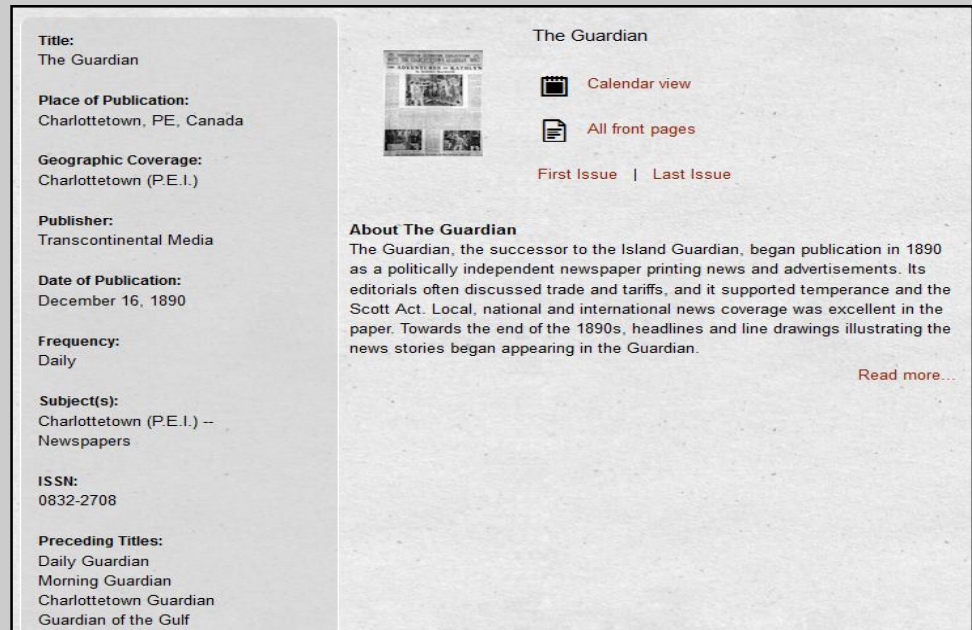
- **British American (1832 - 1833)**
- **Morning News and Semi-Weekly Advertiser (1843 - 1846)**
- **Haszard's Gazette (1851 - 1851) -**
- **Guardian (1890 -)**
- **Cadre (1969 - 1977)**
- **Gem (1983 - 1990)**

Directory of PEI Newspapers: Under the directory tab a list of PEI Newspapers are available which are arranged alphabetically with their publication year.

Special Features

- ❖ Full bibliographic information of any titles are provided

As for example,



The screenshot shows a detailed entry for 'The Guardian' newspaper. On the left, there is a list of bibliographic details: Title (The Guardian), Place of Publication (Charlottetown, PE, Canada), Geographic Coverage (Charlottetown (P.E.I.)), Publisher (Transcontinental Media), Date of Publication (December 16, 1890), Frequency (Daily), Subject(s) (Charlottetown (P.E.I.) -- Newspapers), ISSN (0832-2708), and Preceding Titles (Daily Guardian, Morning Guardian, Charlottetown Guardian, Guardian of the Gulf). On the right, there is a section titled 'The Guardian' with a small image of the newspaper's front page. Below the image are links for 'Calendar view', 'All front pages', 'First Issue', and 'Last Issue'. A section titled 'About The Guardian' provides a brief history of the newspaper, mentioning its founding in 1890 and its political independence. A 'Read more...' link is also present.

- ❖ There is a **USER GUIDE** tab, where all the procedures of Searching (both quick & advanced search), Browsing by date or by a calendar view, Viewing digitized newspaper pages, Navigating digitized newspaper issues, Saving/Printing digitized newspaper pages are available to help the visitors to find his requirements.
- ❖ **Search Help:** IslandNewspapers.ca provides a number of methods to search. Using Advanced Search visitors can search using keywords or phrases. Visitors can search specific fields including Full text, Date, and Newspaper Name. To search with these specific search options visitors need to click on the **SEARCH** button.

Arrangement Pattern PEI Newspapers are arranged alphabetically with their publication period under the directory tab. To see all the titles click on the **DIRECTORY** tab.

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Advertiser (1846 - 1854)

The Advertiser began publication in 1846, succeeding the Morning News and Semi-Weekly Advertiser. It was published by John T. Pippy, the son-in-law of E.A. Moody, who had been the publisher of the Morning News. It ceased publication in 1854. A reference to this paper, and to the other papers ... [more](#)

Bee (1860 - 1860)

The Bee is alleged to have been published in Summerside. It is unknown whether or not it was ever actually published.

British American (1832 - 1833)

The British American chiefly published international news and agricultural articles excerpted from other publications. Local news, particularly speeches made at the House of Assembly, was also published, along with advertisements and anecdotes.

Broad-Axe (1971 - 1972)

The Broad-Axe, which was associated with the Tenants' Union, was published beginning in August of 1971 to publicize the plight of the oppressed ordinary man on P.E.I. It attacked unjust landlords, exposing their practices in a satirical "Landlord of the Month" column. The Comprehensive ... [more](#)

Broad-Axe (1871 - 1871)

The Broad-Axe was an independent newspaper which wittily attacked the government and various other Island institutions, including the Post Office, the courts, the Grand Jury, the Hillsboro ferry and the press. Rumours and advertisements were also published in the paper.

Bulletin (1898 - 1898)

The Bulletin, a small four page newspaper, was first published on May 6, 1898. In this issue it promised to print the latest news reports from the Spanish-American War. Whether or not this paper was published again, or for how long, is unknown.

Remarks

There are few places where newspapers play so large and important a role as on Prince Edward Island: while book publishing and other periodicals have struggled to survive in the province's small marketplace, newspapers have thrived, even into the 21st Century. At one point in the mid-1890s, Prince Edward Island, which at that time had a largely rural, cash-poor population of barely 100,000, was supporting at least a dozen newspapers, a total matching London, England, then a city of nearly 5 million people. Even now, in an era when newspapers the world over are struggling to compete with "free" Internet content, Island papers boast enviable circulation figures. These are very useful resources for the students and research scholars of politics, history and other fields.

Comparable Tools

- Irish Newspaper Archives (<https://www.irishnewsarchive.com/>)
- Welsh Libraries (<https://libraries.wales/my-digital-library/newspapers/>)
- Newspaper Collection of Library and Archives Canada (<http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/newspapers/newspaper-collection/Pages/newspapers-collection.aspx>)

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