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For the reader interested in acquiring an overview of the history of engineering in Canada, the bibliography compiled by Arnold Roos may be much more than is needed. In the absence of a definitive, layman-friendly book on the subject, the sections on engineering, the history of engineering, technology and specific engineering projects in – for example – THE CANADIAN ENCYCLOPAEDIA (Edmonton: Hurtig Publishers) may indeed suffice. But for study in more detail, books specially written to cover sub-disciplines of engineering, specific industries or projects, consulting or other companies, and so on may indeed be useful.

This is the first attempt to list some books in these categories – with the non-specialist reader in mind. A word of warning: the list in its entirety is not comprehensive. Not all sub-disciplines – or worthy projects, industries or companies – have been included, some quite simply because the books have not yet been written.

The list is in three parts, of which this is the first. It includes books of general subject matter and those dealing with industries and companies.


W. Stewart Wallace, Editor, THE ROYAL CANADIAN INSTITUTE CENTENNIAL VOLUME, 1849-1949 (Toronto: Royal Canadian Institute, 1949)


Norman R. Ball, Senior Editor, BUILDING CANADA: A HISTORY OF PUBLIC WORKS (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1988)


Robert V.V. Nicholls, Editor, CHEMICAL CANADA 1970-1995 (Ottawa: Chemical Institute of Canada, 1995)

Larry Milberry, AVIATION IN CANADA (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited, 1979)

Lydia Dotto, A HERITAGE OF EXCELLENCE: SPAR AEROSPACE LIMITED (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1992)

Robert Bothwell, NUCLEUS: THE HISTORY OF ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LIMITED (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1988)


Jorge Niosi, LA MONTÉE DE L'INGÉNERIE CANADIENNE (Montréal: Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal, 1990)


George A. Siebel, *BRIDGES OVER THE NIAGARA GORGE* (Niagara Falls, Ontario: Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, 1991)


Barbara B. Byers, Gabriel Pal et al, *EARLY CANADIAN COMPANIES* (Toronto: Toronto Public Library, 1967)


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