

Towards a second edition of *A Dictionary of Canadianisms on Historical Principles*

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The *Dictionary of Canadianisms on Historical Principles*, edited by Walter S. Avis et al., was published by W.J. Gage in 1967. It is an indispensable reference tool for anyone working on Canadian vocabulary, but it is badly out of date, and some of its initial collecting methods can also be questioned.

This presentation offers a panel discussion of four speakers with extensive knowledge of the present *DCHP*, who will address such questions as:

- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the first edition?
- Are there any basic principles that a second edition would change?
- What can be learned from other national dictionaries of “-isms”?
- What would be the logical stages through which the necessary new research and editing would proceed?
- What would be the funding prospects?
- Should the project attempt to access materials not used from the first edition?
- What would be the best role for the current copyright holder, Nelson Canada?

It is hoped that the panel's answers to these questions will spark discussion from the audience that would help decide some directions for a second edition, if any. The first edition, similarly, sprang from a conference, the founding meeting of the Canadian Linguistic Association in 1954.