

# Alpheus Todd

b., 30 July 1881, London, England; d. 22 January 1884, Ottawa, ON

## Positions:

1835-1836 Librarian, House of Assembly of Upper Canada  
1836-1841 Assistant Librarian, House of Assembly of Upper Canada  
1841-1856 Assistant Librarian, Legislative Assembly  
1856-1867 Chief Librarian, Legislative Assembly  
1867-1884 Librarian of the Dominion Parliamentary Library

## Publications:

Todd, A. (1840). *The Practice and privileges of the two Houses of Parliament*. Toronto: Rogers and Thompson.

Todd, A. (1866). *Brief suggestions in regard to the formation of local governments for Upper and Lower Canada*. Ottawa: G.E. Desbarats.

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Todd, A. (1867-69). *On parliamentary government in England: its origin, development, and practical operation*. London: Longmans, Green.

Todd, A. (1878). *On the position of a constitutional governor under responsible government*. Ottawa: sn.

Todd, A. (1880). *Parliamentary government in the British colonies*. Boston: Little, Brown.

Todd, A. (1882). *On the establishment of free public libraries in Canada.* *Proceedings and Transactions of the Royal Society of Canada* 1 (1, sec. 2): 13-16.

## Honours:

1881, Companion of the Order of St. Michael & St. George

## Accomplishments:

1856, on a buying trip to Europe he purchased or acquired by gift 17,000 volumes for the Assembly's library which had been destroyed in two fires.

1873, Special Advisor to Governor General Lord Dufferin.

His book: On parliamentary government in England (1867-69) was translated into French, German, Spanish and Italian.

## Other areas of activity:

Was a noted authority on the operation of the British parliament.

## Sources:

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