ProQuest Tip Sheet

Proquest allows you to access digital archives of historical British Columbian newspapers, dating back to the 1880's.  It is also a rich source of research tips and strategies applicable to any kind of research or inquiry.

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BC Historical
Newspapers

Here are a few tips to get the most out of your ProQuest experience.

The interface is deceptively simple, but once you start to move around the site, you uncover a wealth of tools and supports.

The search options are:

1. Basic-- simply enter a word or phrase and get a return highlighting every publication that word or phrase appears in.
2. Advanced—offers Boolean, by-date, relevance as well as field codes, and advanced search tips
3. Search by publication (lists all the newspapers included in the database)
4. Change Databases:  Alternate databases can also be accessed, which include hundreds of Publicly Available Content Databases.

Tips for using Historical Newspapers in your classroom.

1. Enter a search term (example: "ferry").  The default result is sorted by relevance:

Change the sort to "oldest" or "most recent" first to refine your search:



Select the volume you want to access and the search term will appear highlighted on the digital version of the original page:

miles in the ascent of the Selkirks and for twenty miles in their descent. There will be 7600 feet of tunneling; 1800 in the upper Kicking Horse, 2400 in the lower Kicking Horse, 2200 in the Columbia canyon, none in the east slope of the Selkirks, and 1200 in the west slope of the Selkirks. The longest tunnel will be 1400 feet in length, the next 1000, and the others from 150 to 600 feet. The following are the elevations:—summit of Rockies 5,300 feet, mouth of Kicking Horse, 2541 feet, crossing of the Columbia 2392, summit of the Selkirks 1316, west crossing of the Columbia 1439, summit of the Eagle pass in the gold range west of the Columbia 1836 feet. The total distance from the end of the track at the summit of the Rockies to Savona's ferry, the terminus of the Onderdonk contract, is 270 miles.

## ON CREEDS.

A word on creeds—that is on the thing itself, not on the creed of any man or any church. There are 670 distinct propositions in the 39 articles of the Church of England. The Westminster Confession and Catechism contain nearly 7000 distinct

2. Download full pages or issues of historical newspapers to digital (PDF) version, prints to 11x17
3. Compare topics like use of language, graphic design, white space and readability
4. Compare with modern news sources: features, sections, advertisements and businesses.
5. Available save, share and export tools:

# All save & export options

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**Basic search searches all the publications**

**Advanced search options— and tips for searching**

ProQuest

You are searching 3 databases

Enter search terms...

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pub()

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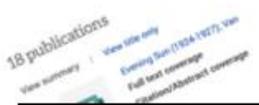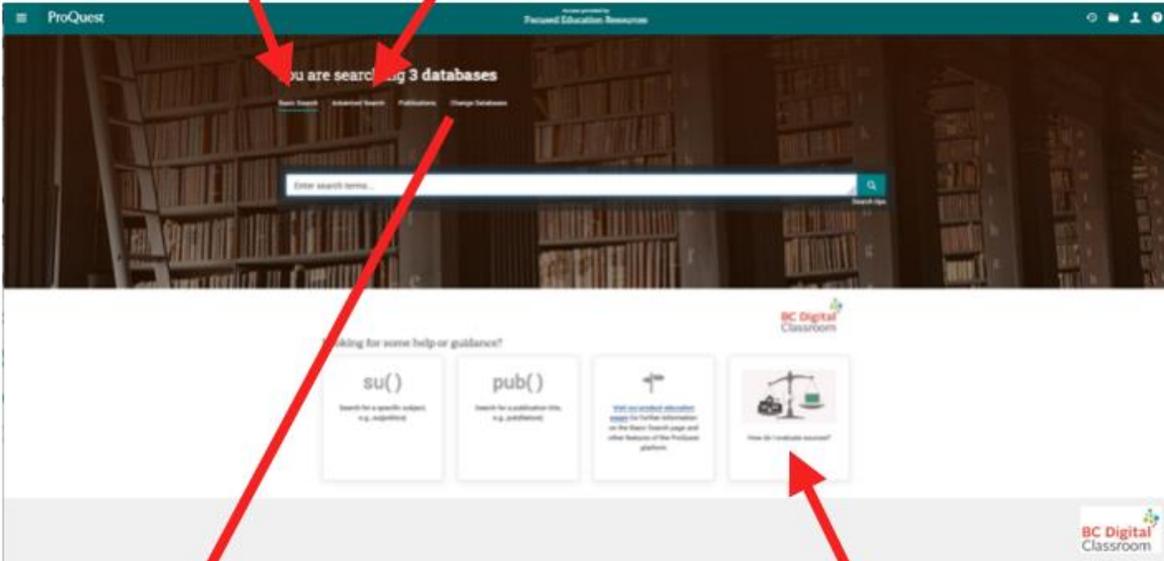
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