

Watershed Map Explanation:

The indexing system used to classify watersheds in Canada was created by the Water Resources Branch of the Water Survey of Canada. And the Dominion Water Power Branch of Canada, Department of the Interior in 1914.

The whole of Canada was divided into 11 major groups of river basins, three applied to eastern Canada.

Group 1: The Maritime Provinces

Group 2: The watersheds of the St. Lawrence River

Group 3: All the rivers in Quebec and Labrador, draining into the Hudson Bay and the Labrador Sea. (After NFLD. joined Canada as a province in 1949 the island of NFLD. was placed into group 2)

Within that system the groups were divided into sub-groups indicated by letters. As an example group 1 (Maritime Provinces, see above) was subdivided into the following sub-groups, which in turn were further subdivided. (Nova Scotia Primary groups)

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1D: All mainland watersheds draining into either the Bay of Fundy or the Northumberland Strait (1DA - 1DS)

1E: All mainland watersheds draining into the Atlantic Ocean (1EA to 1ER)

1F: All Watersheds on Cape Breton Island (1FA to 1FJ)

These groupings would further be subdivided using letter and numbers to identify secondary, tertiary, and sub-tertiary watersheds.