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### Saskatchewan Historical Newspapers Online Digitization Project

As much as we may curse the increasingly disruptive reach of technology, most of us will admit there are times when we're thankful to have it as an option. For researchers, genealogists, armchair historians and numerous others, including the Clayton McLain Memorial Museum, this is one of those times. Saskatchewan Historical Newspapers Online (SHNO) has recently completed phase one of an enormous undertaking.

The SHNO is a partnership between the Saskatchewan Archives and Saskatchewan History Online. It was created to digitize, describe and make "available over 100 years of newspapers published from over 100 separate communities across the province. This will amount to approximately 11 million pages of newsprint." The first part of the project, which included Saskatchewan newspapers from January 1914 to the end of the Great War period in 1918, went online in time for Remembrance Day.

The SHNO digitization of resources, and online access to them, means a lot to a community archives, like ours. It eliminates the handling of fragile, brittle newspapers and increases their longevity; it allows us to remove that hugely time-consuming digitization job from our own task list and it also frees up volunteers from having to attend the Archives during research visits. And, best of all, it permits people anywhere in the world to access our newspapers, at any time, via computer or tablet or smart-phone or . . . !

To browse the SHNO collection of Saskatchewan newspapers, visit Clayton McLain Memorial Museum at [cmmcutknife.ca](http://cmmcutknife.ca) and look under the Archives tab for Newspapers.

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