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Elliot Hanowski



Sun setting on abandoned
church in Dorothy, AB

The Struggle for a Godless Canada

Historian Elliot Hanowski explores the activities of unbelievers who resisted the dominance of Christianity in early 20th century Canada. Anti-religious organizations gathered weekly to promote secularist thought in the face of persecution and even violence. On the coasts, controversies around religion allowed unbelievers to make their voices heard in the public square. His research uncovers a largely forgotten aspect of Canadian history.

Elliot Hanowski is a librarian at the University of Manitoba and author of *Towards a Godless Dominion: Unbelief in Interwar Canada* (McGill-Queens UP, 2023). He is one of the founders of the International Society for Historians of Atheism, Secularism and Humanism.

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