

# S. J. McKee Archives

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## 10 Mile Dam

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13716>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.26

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1900-1924

Physical Description: 4.25" x 2.5" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

Situated in the R.M. of Whitehead on the Little Saskatchewan River, the 10 Mile Dam was a 14 kilometer transmission line that supplied the city of Brandon with power. The Brandon Electric Light Company built the dam in 1900 and it is considered Manitoba's first hydroelectric power generating station. The dam spanned approximately 80 meters and was constructed from timber and reinforced with clay and stone. The station was decommissioned in 1924.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows 10 Mile Dam, also known as the Brandon Dam or Minnedosa River Hydro Plant.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: "10 mile dam". Biographical information obtained from Manitoba Historical Society.

Name Access: 10 Mile Dam  
Ten Mile Dam  
Brandon Dam  
Minnedosa River Hydro Plant  
Brandon Electric Light Company  
Little Saskatchewan River

Subject Access: dams  
Rivers  
hydroelectric dams  
hydroelectric generation

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

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## Fishing at 10 Mile Dam



<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13731>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.41

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1906?

Physical Description: 6.5" x 4.75" (b/w)

Material Details: reproduction

History /

Biographical:

Situated in the R.M. of Whitehead on the Little Saskatchewan River, the 10 Mile Dam was a 14 kilometer transmission line that supplied the city of Brandon with power. The Brandon Electric Light Company built the dam in 1900 and it is considered Manitoba's first hydroelectric power generating station. The dam spanned approximately 80 meters and was constructed from timber and reinforced with clay and stone. The station was decommissioned in 1924.

Alonzo Archibald Rowe (b. 1862, London, ON; d. 22 Oct 1951, Brandon). The Rowes were considered Brandon area pioneers. Alonzo's father, Alonzo L. Rowe, came to Brandon with his family in 1881, where the family had a furniture and undertaker business on the west side of 10th Street between Rosser and Princess Avenues. In 1885, the family began farming west of Brandon and Alonzo Archibald served as a councilor and then a reeve in the R.M. of Whitehead. He returned to Brandon in 1907 and served with the Brandon Police Department until 1910, when he returned to farming, this time in Arrow River. A.A. Rowe returned to Brandon in 1915 to work as a Provincial Licenses Inspector, a position he held until 1938. (Source: Obituary, Brandon Daily Sun 22 Oct 1951)

Custodial History:

Photograph was in possession of Mrs. Ruby Miles, who passed the image on to Fred McGuinness. McGuinness makes reference to Mrs. Miles and this photograph in his Sunbeams column (Source: F.A. Rosser, "Another interesting chat with a daughter of the plains," Brandon Sun 18 Aug 1981).

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows four fishermen at 10 Mile Dam, also known as the Brandon Dam or Minnedosa River Hydro Plant. The fishermen in the photo are identified as George H. Rowe and his father A.A. Rowe, Dr. Wilfred Bigelow, and Al Collins.

Notes: Writing on the back of the photograph reads: at Brandon Dam, [right to left] son and father - George H. ROWE, Mr. A.A. ROWE, Dr. BIGELOW, Al COLLINS (dam?, 1906?, George born March 1897); Jerrett's Photo-Services, May 7 1938.

Name Access: 10 Mile Dam  
Ten Mile Dam  
Brandon Dam  
Minnedosa River Hydro Plant  
Brandon Electric Light Company  
Little Saskatchewan River  
George H. Rowe  
A.A. Rowe  
Dr. Bigelow  
Al Collins

Subject Access: dams  
Rivers  
fishing

Storage Location: RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)

Related Material: Ruby Miles collection 14-2003

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## 10 Mile Dam

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13784>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.95

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1900-1924

Physical Description: 4.25" x 2.5" (b/w)

History /  
Biographical:

Situated in the R.M. of Whitehead on the Little Saskatchewan River, the 10 Mile Dam was a 14 kilometer transmission line that supplied the city of Brandon with power. The Brandon Electric Light Company built the dam in 1900 and it is considered Manitoba's first hydroelectric power generating station. The dam spanned approximately 80 meters and was constructed from timber and reinforced with clay and stone. The station was decommissioned in 1924.

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows 10 Mile Dam, also known as the Brandon Dam or Minnedosa River Hydro Plant. The dam's timber construction is quite evident in the picture.

Notes:	Writing on the back of the photograph reads: McGuinness (Manitoba Hydro), on Little Saskatchewan.
Name Access:	10 Mile Dam Ten Mile Dam Brandon Dam Minnedosa River Hydro Plant Brandon Electric Light Company Little Saskatchewan River
Subject Access:	dams Rivers hydroelectric dams hydroelectric generation
Storage Location:	RG 5 photograph storage drawer 2 (hanging photos)
Related Material:	Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.1J1

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#### Thompson's Groceries and Confectionary - exterior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10133>

Part Of:	RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	2
Item Number:	BAPC 2.21
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	c. 1925
Physical Description:	8" x 10" (b/w)

## History /

### Biographical:

Thompson's Groceries and Confectionary was established in 1923 by Arthur Thompson (b. 1881 - d. May 14, 1957) at 764 13th Street. From approximately 1925-1927, the store was operated by Alexander Thompson at 762 13th Street. The fate of the store from 1929-1935 is unclear. In 1929, Alexander Thompson was a grocer at 748 7th Street and in 1931 a Mrs. A Thompson was a grocer at 802 14th Street. There were two Thompson grocery and confectionary businesses in Brandon in 1933: Thompson's Confectionary at 745 13th Street and Thompson & Co. at 702 12th Street. In 1935, Arthur Thompson appears to have either taken over one of the earlier businesses or reopened his own grocery in its original location at 762 13th Street. He operated his store at this location into the mid-1950s. At some point following Thompson's death the building was bought by Frank Fitzpatrick and used for his upholstery store.

### Custodial History:

Donated by Frank Fitzpatrick.

### Scope and Content:

Photograph is looking northwest at the exterior of Thompson's Groceries and Confectionary.

Notes:	History/Bio information taken from Henderson's Directories (1917-1955) for Brandon, MB.
Name Access:	Thompson's Groceries and Confectionary 13th Street College Avenue
Subject Access:	grocery stores cityscapes businesses stores
Storage Location:	BAPC photograph drawer

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## Thompson's Groceries and Confectionary - interior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10134>

Part Of:	RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	2
Item Number:	BAPC 2.22

GMD: graphic  
Date Range: c. 1925  
Physical Description: 8" x 10" (b/w)  
History /  
Biographical:

Thompson's Groceries and Confectionary was established in 1923 by Arthur Thompson (b. 1881 - d. May14, 1957) at 764 13th Street. From approximately 1925-1927, the store was operated by Alexander Thompson at 762 13th Street. The fate of the store from 1929-1935 is unclear. In 1929, Alexander Thompson was a grocer at 748 7th Street and in 1931 a Mrs. A Thompson was a grocer at 802 14th Street. There were two Thompson grocery and confectionary businesses in Brandon in 1933: Thompson's Confectionary at 745 13th Street and Thompson & Co. at 702 12th Street. In 1935, Arthur Thompson appears to have either taken over one of the earlier businesses or reopened his own grocery in its original location at 762 13th Street. He operated his store at this location into the mid-1950s. At some point following Thompson's death the building was bought by Frank Fitzpatrick and used for his upholstery store.

Custodial History:

Donated by Frank Fitzpatrick.

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the interior of Thompson's Groceries and Confectionary.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from Henderson's Directories (1917-1955) for Brandon, MB.

Name Access: Thompson's Groceries and Confectionary  
13th Street  
College Avenue

Subject Access: grocery stores  
businesses  
stores  
foods  
dry goods  
produce  
canned foods

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

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