

# S. J. McKee Archives



## 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. 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 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

## Images



## Lorne Avenue in summer

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10115>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2

Item Number: BAPC 2.2

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1905

Physical Description: 4" x 6" (b/w)

### Scope and Content:

Photograph is looking east down Lorne Avenue from Brandon College.

Name Access: Lorne Avenue

18th Street

Park School

Subject Access: cityscapes

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

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## Lorne Avenue in winter

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10114>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2

Item Number: BAPC 2.1

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1905

Physical Description: 4" x 6" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph is looking east down Lorne Avenue from Brandon College.

Name Access: Lorne Avenue

18th Street

Park School

Subject Access: cityscapes

winter

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

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## Funeral procession on Lorne Avenue

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10116>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2

Item Number: BAPC 2.3

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1905

Physical Description: 4" x 6" (b/w)

Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a funeral procession travelling west on Lorne Avenue and turning south onto 18th Street in Brandon. The photograph was taken from Brandon College.

Name Access: Lorne Avenue

18th Street

Park School

Subject Access: cityscapes

funerals

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

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## HRH the Duke of Connaught visits Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10126>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2

Item Number: BAPC 2.13

Accession Number: 1-2000

GMD: graphic

Date Range: October 24, 1912

Physical Description: 7.5" x 9.5" (b/w)

Material Details: On matting

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows a public reception for the Governor General of Canada, HRH the Duke of Connaught during a visit to Brandon, MB. The reception was held on Princess Avenue at City Hall. The photograph is looking southwest from the north side of Princess Avenue. The building in the background is the recently constructed Prince Edward Hotel.

Name Access: Governor General of Canada

HRH the Duke of Connaught

Princess Avenue

Prince Edward Hotel

9th Street

Subject Access: public ceremonies

downtown

cityscapes

Imperialism

royalty

Storage Location: BAPC oversize storage drawer

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## HRH the Duke of Connaught visits Brandon

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10135>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2

Item Number: BAPC 2.23

Accession Number: 32-2006

GMD: graphic

Date Range: October 24, 1912

Physical Description: 8" x 10" (b/w)

Physical Condition: There is staining from the top left corner towards the centre of the image.

Custodial History:

Jack Stothard purchased the image at a yard sale, location unknown. He donated it to the Archives in 2006.

### Scope and Content:

Photograph of a public reception for the Governor General of Canada, HRH the Duke of Connaught. The reception was held in front of the Brandon City Hall, which was located at 9th Street and Princess Avenue. The photograph is looking south southeast. A portion of the recently constructed Prince Edward Hotel is visible in the background.

Name Access: Governor General of Canada  
HRH the Duke of Connaught  
Princess Avenue  
Prince Edward Hotel  
9th Street  
City Hall

Subject Access: public ceremonies  
downtown  
cityscapes  
Imperialism  
royalty

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

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## Daly 18th Street overpass

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10139>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2

Item Number: BAPC 2.27

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [after 1963]

Physical Description: 5" x 3.5" (b/w)

History /

Biographical:

The overpass is named for Brandon's first mayor, Thomas Mayne Daly, and the street on which the overpass is located. The overpass opened in October 1963.

Scope and Content:

Photograph is an aerial view of the Daly 18th Street Overpass (18th Street Bridge). Visible are a number of commercial and residential buildings in the north end of Brandon, MB. The view is northeast, probably taken from the roof of the old steam plant north of 20th Street and Rosser Avenue.

Name Access: Daly 18th Street Overpass

18th Street Bridge

Kane Equipment Ltd.

International Harvester Company of Canada

Pacific Avenue

Subject Access: northend

bridges

manmade geographic features

cityscapes

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

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## World War I soldiers march down Rosser Avenue

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10125>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection



Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 2  
Item Number: BAPC 2.12  
Accession Number: 24-1999  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: c. 1914  
Physical Description: 7.5" x 9.5" (b/w)  
Physical Condition: There are two burn holes and many areas where the emulsion layer is gone.

#### History /

#### Biographical:

John A. McDonald's was a men's and boyswear store in operation for several decades at 841 Rosser Avenue, Brandon, MB.

#### Scope and Content:

Photograph of soldiers marching west on Rosser Avenue.

Name Access: John A. McDonald's  
Diamond Hall  
W.E. Crawford  
The Patricia  
World War I  
First World War  
Great War  
Rosser Avenue

Subject Access: public ceremonies  
armed forces  
military personnel  
parades  
downtown  
cityscapes

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

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Hanbury Manufacturing Company





<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14310>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 2  
Item Number: BAPC 2.36  
Accession Number: 4-2017  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: c. 1900  
Physical Description: 8.25" x 6.25" (b/w)  
Material Details: On matting (12" x 10")

History /

Biographical:

John Hanbury came to Brandon in January 1882. For the next decade he operated a contracting business, constructing several Brandon buildings including the post office, the Merchants Block, and the General Hospital. In 1892, Hanbury founded the Hanbury Manufacturing Company. The most important industry in Brandon from 1900-1914, Hanbury's employed over 150 men in logging, lumbering and the manufacturing of doors, windows, furniture and other house fixtures.

With offices, a warehouse and lumber mill on either side of Assiniboine Avenue at 6th Street North, Hanbury's relied on timber from northern forests that was moved, raft-like, down river by drivers. Cabinets, furniture and other millwork was sold out of the Hanbury Hardware Co. building on 7th Street and Pacific Avenue. John Hanbury left Brandon in 1910, although his son continued to operate the business until World War I.

Residential buildings were constructed on the company lands on Assiniboine Avenue west of 6th Street North in the late 1920s; the building east of 6th Street was used first as the Christie's School Supplies warehouse (1929-1939) and then by successive woollen mills (1941-1991). A portion of what appears to be the original building currently stands vacant on the site. The hardware building on Pacific Avenue has been primarily used by the Government Liquor Control Commission (1929-1971) and Christie's School Supplies, now Christie's Office Plus (early 1940s – present).

Custodial History:

Photos belonged to Jim Lanigan's family. He donated them to the McKee Archives in January 2017.

Scope and Content:

Item is a photograph of the Hanbury Mfg Co. buildings on Assiniboine Avenue - photo is looking northeast

Notes: Jim Lanigan and his siblings believed that Hanbury Manufacturing Company is where their paternal grandfather James Joseph Lanigan worked and learned the glazing trade. James Joseph's father James and brother Albert Daniel may have also worked there. Both Joe and Bert went to work for the CPR in Brandon in 1898. Jim Lanigan could not identify any family members in the group portrait.

Name Access: Hanbury Manufacturing Company

Subject Access: manufacturing

businesses

downtown

Storage Location: BAPC oversize photograph drawer

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## Hanbury Manufacturing Company employees

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14311>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2

Item Number: BAPC 2.37

Accession Number: 4-2017

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. 1900

Physical Description: 8.25" x 6.25" (b/w)

Material Details: On matting (12" x 10")

History /

Biographical:

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#### Scope and Content:

Item is a group portrait of Hanbury Manufacturing Company employees.

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Name Access: Hanbury Manufacturing Company

Subject Access: manufacturing  
businesses  
downtown

Storage Location: BAPC oversize photograph drawer

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#### A.E. McKenzie Seeds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12405>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2

Item Number: BAPC 2.35

Accession Number: 3-2012

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [between 1911 and 1913]

Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (b/w)

Material Details: Postcard

Physical Condition: Some water damage and staining.

Custodial History:

Postcard was donated to the McKee Archives by Allen Drysdale, archivist at Beautiful Plains Archives in October 2011. Drysdale received the postcard as part of a larger donation to his archives.

#### Scope and Content:

Item is a colour postcard of the A.E. McKenzie Seed Company in Brandon, MB. The postcard was sent to John Dorset, Elphinstone, MB from his brother Sid (?).

Name Access: A.E. McKenzie Co., Limited  
A.E. McKenzie Seed Company  
9th Street

Subject Access: commercial buildings  
businesses  
downtown

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

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## Brandon Hardware interior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14308>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2

Item Number: BAPC 2.38

Accession Number: 7-2017

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [193-]

Physical Description: 9.5" x 7.5" (b/w)

Material Details: On matting (14" x 12")

History /

Biographical:

Brandon Hardware Co. Ltd. founded in 1882, making it one of Brandon's earliest mercantiles. It was incorporated in 1902, and their location on Rosser Avenue at the corner of 7th Street was constructed in 1903. For a number of years, J.B. Curran was the managing director. The building was destroyed by fire in 1983.

Custodial History:

Katy Singleton was given this photo in her role as Heritage Coordinator for the City of Brandon. She transferred it to the McKee Archives in 2013.

Scope and Content:

Item is a photograph of the interior of the Brandon Hardware Co. Ltd. looking towards the front of the store from the back.

Name Access: Brandon Hardware Co. Ltd.

Subject Access: commercial buildings

businesses

downtown

Storage Location: BAPC oversize photograph drawer

## Images

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## Brandon Hardware interior

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14309>

Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2

Item Number: BAPC 2.39

Accession Number: 7-2017

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [193-]

Physical Description: 9.5" x 7.5" (b/w)

Material Details: On matting (14" x 12")

History /

Biographical:

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Custodial History:

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Scope and Content:

Item is a photograph of the interior of the Brandon Hardware Co. Ltd. looking towards the back of the store from the front.

Name Access: Brandon Hardware Co. Ltd.

Subject Access: commercial buildings

businesses

downtown

Storage Location: BAPC oversize photograph drawer

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## A.E. McKenzie Co., Limited, Seedmen

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions10146>



Part Of: RG 12 Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 2

Item Number: BAPC 2.34

Accession Number: 17-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: c. April 8, 1912

Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (b/w)

Material Details: Postcard

Custodial History:

Postcard was sent to Chuck Wilson's aunt, Mrs. W.M. Wilson in Creelman, SK by the McKenzie Seed Company in 1912. Chuck Wilson found the postcard in some of his aunt's papers in 2009 and mailed it to the McKee Archives.

#### Scope and Content:

Item consists of a colour postcard of the McKenzie Seed Company building located on the west side of the 100 block of 9th Street. The card was sent to Mrs. W.M. Wilson of Creelman, SK to acknowledge her order.

Writing on the front of the card reads: A.E. McKenzie Co., Limited, Seedsmen, Brandon, Man

Name Access: A.E. McKenzie Co., Limited  
A.E. McKenzie Seed Company  
9th Street

Subject Access: commercial buildings  
businesses  
Agriculture  
downtown

Storage Location: BAPC photograph drawer

Related Material: RG 3 A.E. McKenzie Seed Co., Ltd. fonds

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## A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4309>

Part Of: RG 3 A.E. McKenzie Company fonds  
Description Level: Fonds  
GMD: multiple media  
Date Range: 1887-1996; predominantly 1910-1974  
Physical Description: 7.47 m of textual records  
500 photographs

### History /

#### Biographical:

The A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. originated with the McKenzie family Flour, Grain and Seed business, started by F. B. McKenzie in the early 1880's. When F. B. McKenzie passed away in 1896, his son, Albert Edward McKenzie, assumed control of the company, and renamed it The Brandon Seed House. With its main office and plant in Brandon, Manitoba, the company specialized in the production and sale of field seeds and service exclusively to seed buyers in the prairie provinces and British Columbia. In later years, a complete line of products including garden seeds, lawn grass, and other allied lines was developed for sale across Canada.

In 1906, the company underwent a change of name when A. E. McKenzie determined that the growth of the country demanded a larger seed institute than could be managed by one man. As a result, the company was incorporated under provincial statutes and the federal Joint Stock Companies Act as A. E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd., and new personnel were hired.

Under the Joint Stock Companies Act, A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. was required to elect a Board of Directors of not less than three, and not more than nine individuals. Only shareholders of the company were eligible for election, and election was to take place yearly with each shareholder entitled to as many votes as shares owned in the company. The Act also dictated that the directors were, from time to time, to elect from among themselves, a president of the company. They were also able to appoint and remove all other officers of the company and to create company by-laws. The directors were not obliged to pay any dividend on shares if the company should become insolvent. Under the Act, the stock of the company was deemed a personal estate and was only transferable as such. In addition, the company could acquire, hold, and transfer real estate, and was required to submit annual statements.

A. E. McKenzie was elected President of the newly constituted company. For the remainder of his natural life he remained in this position and supervised the operation of the company. S. A. Bradford, who was given responsibility for various company departments, filled the position of General Manager. H. L. Patmore became the Vice-President, overseeing the nursery business, while W. A. McCracken was put in charge of the warehouse stock, and shipping department. McCracken also supervised the mail order department.

The Company was initially comprised of three divisions: The Brandon Seed House, Brandon Nurseries, and Brandon Greenhouses. Each division was registered under Dominion Patents. Later, the company was divided into Retail Mail Order, Wholesale and Commission Packet Trade divisions. It also undertook some export business.

By registering the divisions of the company under federal legislation affecting trademarks and industrial designs, McKenzie and the Board, were able to register both the company's trademarks and to protect the company's industrial techniques. The company could thus patent the methods and processes of its operations so that no other individual or business could duplicate them.



business could duplicate them.

Located at 30 9th Street, the head office and plant of A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. housed all the facilities and staff of the company, with the exception of the regional sales offices and warehouses. The business of the A. E. McKenzie Co. Ltd. was conducted from a frame warehouse until the current McKenzie building was constructed on the same site after a fire destroyed the original premises. Designed by architect Thomas Sinclair, and built by the Brandon Construction Company, the new building opened in 1911. In time, The A. E. McKenzie Co. Ltd. came to be known as Western Canada's Greatest Seed House.

During the 1930's, before a new building was erected in 1945, the A. E. McKenzie Co. occupied space at five different locations in Brandon, including the Massey Harris Building, the International Harvester Building and the Security Building. The last of these premises was destroyed by fire in 1972. As a result of its proximity to the Security Building, the main McKenzie Building also suffered heavy fire and water damage. A. E. McKenzie Co. Ltd. also utilized a warehouse on the north side of Pacific Avenue alongside the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks between 5th and 6th streets. This building and its contents were destroyed by fire (1946). In May of 1949, the company purchased and erected a Quonset structure on the west side of 15th Street between Rosser and Pacific Avenues.

In 1908, the first branch of the A. E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. was established at Calgary. In the following sixteen years, additional branches were established in Edmonton and Saskatoon (1923), Moose Jaw, Toronto (1934) and Winnipeg (1935). Both the Edmonton and Saskatoon branches were seasonal, operating for a four-month period, March to June inclusive. Business in the Maritime Provinces of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick further extended the company's operations by the mid 1940's. In 1946, the company purchased property in Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, 120 miles north of Brandon. This purchase enabled the company to handle larger quantities of Sweet Clover, a popular crop that was grown in the surrounding area. Additional offices were opened in Vancouver and Quebec City in rented premises by the early 1960's.

In the years 1944-1945, the McKenzie Foundation was created. Through the Foundation, arrangements were put in place to transfer shares of the company to the Manitoba Government for the benefit of higher education, specifically Brandon College. In return for this gift, which included 90% of all capital resources of the company together with all of the income earned each year, except for the amount retained annually to ensure sufficient operating capital, the A.E. McKenzie Co. Ltd. received exemption from paying Corporate Tax.

Prior to the establishment of the McKenzie Foundation, in 1945, the National Trust for the benefit of the College held the shares of McKenzie Seeds. On April 7, 1945 the Manitoba Legislature passed legislation whereby A. E. McKenzie retained effective management control of his company, but 1031 shares out of 1145 issued shares were gifted to the Provincial Government. In return, the government agreed that all financial benefits from the shares would go to Brandon College through the A. E. McKenzie Foundation. When Mr. McKenzie passed away in 1964, the primary responsibility of appointing the Board of Directors for McKenzie Seeds passed to the Provincial government.

The remaining 114 shares of the Company were turned over to the Crown on July 16, 1975 in accordance with an agreement between Brandon University, A. E. McKenzie Co. Ltd. and the Manitoba government. The same agreement also turned the McKenzie Foundation over to Brandon University. Therefore, since 1975 the crown has held all shares of the McKenzie Co. through the Province of Manitoba.

A.E. McKenzie died on September 25, 1964 at the age of 94 and was succeeded as President of the company by J. Lasby Lowes. When Mr. Lowes retired in 1968, A. R. Swanson was appointed by the government to fill the position and was responsible for all operations of the company under a Board of Directors comprised mainly of appointees of the government. It

has proven impossible to establish a complete list of those individuals who held the positions of President/General Manager of McKenzie Seeds after 1964. A partial account is as follows: Anthony J. Maruca became President of A. E. McKenzie Co. Ltd. in 1972. In 1975, the Board of Directors appointed William Moore General Manager, creating a new position to relieve the President of the company from management of plant operations. At the same time, Pat Kelleher was named new interim President. Following the resignation of Kelleher, William Moore assumed the role of President as well. Moore left the company in the early 1980s. He was later convicted of criminal misconduct as President of the company. Keith Guelpa became President/General Manager in the mid 1980's; Raymond West was his successor.

Beginning in 1969, the A. E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. began phasing out the Field Seed division of their company, including business related to forage crops and cereals. Seed cleaning equipment located in Brandon and the company's Calgary and Toronto cleaning plants was sold. The Company concentrated its resources on the production and sale of vegetable and flower seeds, and lawn and turf grasses. It acted as a wholesaler and conducted business through chain stores, grocery, hardware and general stores.

Late in 1971, A. E. McKenzie Co. Ltd. purchased its largest competition in packaged seeds - Steele Briggs Seed Co. from Maple Leaf Mills Inc. for two million dollars. At the time of the acquisition the company changed its name to A. E. McKenzie Co. - Steele Briggs Seeds, in order to benefit from the favorable reputation held by Steele Briggs Seeds across Canada. In the early 1970s, the acquisition of Brett-Young Seeds Ltd., a Winnipeg company that dealt exclusively in the production and sale of field seed, brought the A. E. McKenzie Co. back into the field seed market.

In 1994 the Manitoba Government sold the A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. to Regal Greetings and Gifts, Canada's largest non-retail mail-order catalogue company, which is owned by MDC Corporation of Toronto.

In 2001, McKenzie Seeds is Canada's leading supplier of packaged seeds and related gardening products. It is divided into a Retail Consumer Products division which features well known seed brands including McKenzie Seeds, Pike Seeds and Thompson & Morgan Seeds from England. As well, this division also carries a complete range of lawn seeds and perishables. It also continues to ship the seed racks invented by A.E. McKenzie to numerous retail stores. The second division, Direct Mail, consists of the McFayden and McConnell catalogues which reach over 500,000 Canadian homes each year.

#### Custodial History:

Following the sale of the A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. to Regal Greetings and Gifts, the records of McKenzie Seeds and its subsidiaries were retained in the McKenzie Plant on 9th Street. In April of 1997, the records were transferred to the McKee Archives at Brandon University. Because the company was a crown corporation, the records of McKenzie Seeds belonged to the Province of Manitoba and might have been placed in the Provincial Archives. However, Provincial Archivist Gordon Dodds permitted the retention of the records in Brandon at the S. J. McKee Archives. The minutes of the Board of Directors, previously transferred to the Provincial Archives, remain in Winnipeg. Until 1960 these minutes, by-laws of the Company, and the letters patent of incorporation (April 7, 1906) were in the possession of the Company's lawyers, Johnson, Garson, Forrester, Davidson, & Steen.

#### Scope and Content:

The fonds consists of textual records, photographs and artifacts from A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. The textual records include minutes, documents, financial records, administrative records, by-laws, legal records, catalogues, sales literature, seed packets, newspaper clippings, appraisals, publications, scrapbooks and miscellaneous sections.

In addition, some of the records within the fonds relate to the operations of McKenzie subsidiaries -- Brett-Young Seeds, Steele-Briggs Seeds, Pike & Co. and McFayden Seeds -- and various properties owned by McKenzie Seeds.

Fonds contains approximately 500 photographs. These depict the operations and employees of McKenzie Seeds and the seed industry in general. Artifacts contained in the fonds include blueprints, newspaper clippings, copper printing plates, seed bags and plaques.

Fonds also includes an artificially created series of records dealing with Brandon College Inc., the A.E. McKenzie Foundation, the Brandon Allied Arts Council and the Brandon Board of Trade. These records stand outside the provenance of the McKenzie Seed Co.

Of particular interest within the textual records are the transcripts of various features of the company's history as dictated, researched and recalled by its second President/General Manager, J. Lasby Lowes. The fonds also contains a collection of company catalogue which is almost complete. Outside of the seed industry, the records dealing with both Brandon College Inc. and the McKenzie Foundation are significant records relating to the history of Brandon College/University and the City of Brandon.

Notes: Description written by Christy Henry (2001).

Name Access: A.E. McKenzie  
J. Lasby Lowes  
Irene Cullen  
Joseph Airey  
Alan R. Mundie  
Sandy Black  
Brett-Young Seeds/Sabetha  
McFayden Seeds  
Steele-Briggs Seed Co  
Pike & Co  
Davidson & Gowen  
Davidson Studio  
Frank Gowen  
Dean Photo Service  
Jerrett's Photo-Art Studio/Jerrett's Photo Service  
Crawford Drug Store  
Leech Printing Ltd  
Eastman Photographic Materials Ltd

Subject Access:	Seed Industry Seed Catalogues Brandon Business Seed Photographs Brandon Photographs Seed Packets Agriculture Women Workers Labour Relations A.E. McKenzie J. Lasby Lowes A.R. Swanson William Moore Anthony J. Maruca Pat Kelleher Keith Guelpa Raymond West Brett-Young Seeds Sabetha Steele Briggs Seed Co Pike & Co McFayden Seeds Seed Marketing Co Brandon Board of Trade Brandon Allied Arts Council McKenzie Foundation Regal Greetings and Gifts
Repro Restriction:	Because the A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. was a crown corporation, the records in the fonds are subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).
Storage Location:	RG 3 A.E. McKenzie Company fonds
Related Material:	Additional records regarding A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. are housed at the Provincial Archives of Manitoba. In order to gain access to these records it is necessary to contact the Archives of Manitoba.
Arrangement:	RG 3 A.E. McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. Fonds  McS 1 Board of Directors 1.1 Documents 1.2 Minutes/Meetings 1.3 Management Consultant Reports 1.4 Miscellaneous 1.5 Financial Records  McS 2 Office of the President/General Manager 2.1 A.E. McKenzie 2.2 J. Lasby Lowes 2.3 Comptroller 2.4 Properties

- 2.5 Marketing
- 2.6 Reference Library
- 2.7 Miscellaneous Publications/Correspondence

#### McS 3 Acquisitions

- 3.1 Brett-Young Seeds/Sabetha
- 3.2 Steele-Briggs Seed Co.
- 3.3 Pike & Co.
- 3.4 McFayden Seeds

#### McS 4 Seed Marketing Co.

#### McS 5 Photographs

- 5.1 McKenzie Seed Co. Ltd. Executives
- 5.2 Construction at McKenzie Seed Co. Brandon (two files)
- 5.3 Exterior Photographs of the A. E. McKenzie Co. Building
- 5.4 McKenzie Seed Co. Plant Operations and Workers (2 files)
- 5.5 McKenzie Seed Co. Equipment and Plant - Head Office 1983
- 5.6 McKenzie Seed Co. Field Operations and Workers
- 5.7 McKenzie Seed Co. Strike 1944
- 5.8 Fires at McKenzie Seed Co. 1910, 1945, 1972
- 5.9 McKenzie Seed Co. Centennial Exhibition 1996
- 5.10 Miscellaneous McKenzie Seed Co. Photographs
- 5.11 People Connected to McKenzie Seed Co.
- 5.12 Princess Anne's Visit to McKenzie Seed Co. 1982
- 5.13 Onion Set Production Book
- 5.14 Irene Cullen Photographs - McKenzie Seeds Employee Photos
- 5.15 Josiph Airey Photographs - McKenzie Product Photos
- 5.16 Alan R. Mundie Seed Production Photographs
- 5.17 Steele Robertson/Steele Briggs Seeds Photographs
- 5.18 Seed Packet Display Units Photographs
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  - 5.21.3 Drawer #3: Miscellaneous Oversized Photographs
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#### McS 6 Miscellaneous

- 6.1 Centennial Exhibition
- 6.2 Miscellaneous Publications
- 6.3 Scrapbooks

#### MG 1 A.E. McKenzie Fonds

- 1.1 Brandon College Inc.
- 1.2 McKenzie Foundation
- 1.3 Brandon Allied Arts Council
- 1.4 Brandon Board of Trade
- 1.5 Miscellaneous