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Brandon street cars in front of Winter Fair Building on 10th Street

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Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection
Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9
Item Number: 20-2009.64
Accession Number: 20-2009
GMD: graphic
Date Range: 1913
Physical Description: 5.5" x 3.5" (b/w)
Material Details: postcard
Physical Condition: Postcard is discoloured around the edges

History /

Biographical:

According to the Brandon Daily Sun (07 May 1913), the first three street cars (Nos. 10, 9, and 7) arrived in Brandon on the evening of May 6, 1913. The cars were shipped via Canadian National Rail to Brandon from Winnipeg and stored at the railway siding on McTavish Avenue between 8th and 9th Streets. The daily paper (15 May 1915) reported that a test run for the street cars was scheduled for May 16, 1913. The City Clerk published a public notice in the paper (29 May 1913) announcing the formal opening of the "Brandon Municipal Street Railway" for on Monday, June 2, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at city hall where the cars would be displayed.

Custodial History:

Donated to Fred McGuinness by Allena Strath (nee Coombs).

Scope and Content:

Postcard depicts three municipal street cars parked on the 10th Street tracks in front of the Winter Fair Building. In front of the cars are a group of men wearing suits, hats, and top coats. Two automobiles are parked alongside the street cars. According to Archivist Emeritus Tom Mitchell, the group of men are members of the Brandon Municipal Street Railway Committee. The chairman of the committee, Harry Cater, can be seen in the center-left of the group wearing a watch fob. The committee had assembled for a test run of the street car service, which the Brandon Daily Sun reported to have occurred on Sunday, May 16, 1913.

Notes: Back of postcard reads: First Street Car in Brandon in front of Winter Fair building 1910.

Name Access: Brandon Municipal Railway
Winter Fair Building
Harry Cater
10th Street

Subject Access: **street cars**
 Transportation
 cars
 automobiles

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

Related Material: **Lawrence Stuckey collection 1-2002.3.112**

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Tenth Street looking towards CPR Station, Brandon, Man. <http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13780>

Part Of: **Fred McGuinness collection**

Description Level: **Item**

Series Number: **McG 9**

Item Number: **20-2009.91**

Accession Number: **20-2009**

GMD: **graphic**

Date Range: **[1917-1919]**

Physical Description: **5.5" x 3.5" (colour)**

Material Details: **postcard**

History /

Biographical:

According to Russ Gouluck (*Silver Screens on the Prairie*, Winnipeg: Great Plains Publications, 2012, 26), the Orpheum Theatre was in operation from 1917 to 1920 when it then became the Willis Theatre.

Scope and Content:

Postcard shows the 100 block of 10th Street facing north. The CPR train station can be seen at the end of 10th Street. The sign for the Rex Cafe is visible on the west side of 10th Street. On the east side of 10th Street, billboards for Campbell & Campbell furniture are visible as well as signs for Pianos and the Orpheum Theatre. Motorists and cyclists share the road. Street car tracks run the length of 10th Street.

Notes: **Postcard was manufactured by T.B. [Tichnor Brothers, Inc., 1908-1987] Cambridge, Massachusetts.**

Name Access: 10th Street
CPR Station
Orpheum Theatre
Rex Cafe
Campbell & Campbell
Brandon Municipal Railway

Subject Access: street scenes
building exteriors
store exteriors
automobiles
Transportation
street cars
bicycles

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

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