

S. J. McKee Archives



Reg Forbes collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4843>

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 17-2002

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1970-1977; predominant 1975-1976

Physical Description: 5 m textual records; approx. 30 photographs

History /

Biographical:

Reg Forbes was born September 16, 1924. He and his wife Clara have two children, Bob and Faye. Forbes served in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a Navigator during World War II. From 1945-1949, he attended the University of Manitoba where he received his B.Sc.A. While working as Village Councillor and as Secretary-Treasurer for the Pilot Mound Hospital, Forbes initiated the "Save the Soil Campaign," a soil conservation programme that became province-wide, between 1952-1962.

From 1956-1975, Forbes was the Principal of the Agricultural Extension Centre in Brandon, where he reorganized the Adult Education Centre into the Agricultural Extension Centre. During this period, Forbes was a founding member of the West-Man Regional Development Corporation and a founder of the Manitoba Committee on Rural Leadership. He was also instrumental in the amalgamation of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair and the Provincial Exhibition and in the resulting construction of the Keystone Centre.

From 1975-1977 Forbes was a Commissioner for the Grain Handling and Transportation Commission (Hall Commission/GHTC). Following his work with the Commission, Forbes was employed as the General Manager of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba (1977-1979), the Director of the Grain Handling & Transportation Section of the Manitoba Department of Agriculture (1979-1983), the Industrial Commissioner for the Brandon Industrial Commission (1983-1986), and as the Westarc Group Inc. Project Director for delivery under contract of Canadian Rural Transition Programme in Manitoba.

Forbes also held a number of voluntary and elected positions, such as Long-term Director and President of the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair and of the Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba. In 1970-1971, he was the President of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, and from 1978-1981, Forbes was the first chairman of the Agricultural Advisory Committee of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. He was also a member of the Canada West Foundation Board, the Brandon University Board of Governors (1974-1976), and the Federal-Provincial Transportation and Industrial Development Advisory Committee (TIDAC). Forbes is also a Fellow of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. In 1977, he received the Jubilee Medal and in 1987, he was given the Distinguished Agrologist Award by the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists.

Custodial History:

Reg Forbes donated his working collection of briefs, correspondence and other documents relating to his work as a commissioner of the Grain Handling and Transportation Committee (GHTC) to the McKee Archives c. 1985.

Scope and Content:

The majority of the collection consists of records created and received by the Royal Commission on Grain Handling and Transportation (GHTC). Included are documents detailing numerous hearings from all four Western provinces. In addition to the GHTC hearings, there are also a number of documents given to the GHTC as reference material. These include information on the Snavely Commission, documents for the province of Alberta, various reports, the Prairie Regional Studies in Economic Geography (No. 1-27) and General Information. The collection also includes two maps given to the GHTC.

Notes: CAIN No. 202599. Description by Christy Henry.

Subject Access: Justice Hall
Canadian Pacific Railway
Canadian National Railway
Grains Group
Royal Commissions
Agriculture
Grain Trade
Railroad Transportation

Storage Location: 2002 accessions

Storage Range: 2002 accessions



A History of the Basswood Co-operative Elevator Association

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections85>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection

Creator: Basswood Co-operative Elevator Association
Manitoba Pool Elevators

Description Level: Item

Item Number: FC 3361.B377 main 1W 10027562 369724

Item Number Range: FC 3361.B377 main 1W 10027562 369724

Standard number: System Control Number 514074
System Control Number 87140413

Start Date: 1975

Date Range: 1975

Publication: Winnipeg : Manitoba Pool Elevators

Physical Description: iv, 26 p. : ill., ports. ; 22 cm

Notes: Cover title
50th anniversary

Subject Access: Agriculture
Co-operative Manitoba Basswood Societies
etc
Grain elevators
Cooperative Manitoba Basswood
Basswood (Man.) History
Manitoba History
Local



A history of farmers' movements in Canada

<http://archives.bradonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections24>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds

Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection

Creator: Wood, Louis Aubrey, 1883-1955

Description Level: Item

Item Number: HD 1486.C2W6
Archives 14-23-4

Item Number Range: HD 1486.C2W6
Archives 14-23-4

Standard number: System Control Number 87007965

Responsibility: Louis Aubrey Wood

Start Date: c1924

Date Range: c1924

Publication: Toronto : Ryerson Press

Physical Description: 372 p. ; 21 cm

Notes: Includes index

Name Access: Patrons of Husbandry

Subject Access: Agriculture Canada
Agriculture Economic aspects Canada
Agricultural societies Canada History
Agriculture and politics Canada History
Agriculture
Cooperative Canada History

Storage Location: Box 23 - Historical VI (Archives copy)

Storage Range: Box 23 - Historical VI (Archives copy)



Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Brandon Research Centre

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9864>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Creator: L.A. Stuckey

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1N6

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: August 8, 1991

Physical Description: 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

Material Details: Negative

History /

Biographical:

Opened in August 1991

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Brandon Research Station new building

Name Access: Experimental Farm

Subject Access: Agriculture

farming

crops

Livestock

Experimental farm

Brandon Miscellaneous History

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

Images





Experimental Farm Crops

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9858>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1N1

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1890

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Brandon Experimental Farm crops

Notes: Note the binders, stooks and Superintendent's house (built 1889).
[Note that "Stook" is a Canadianism for a structure of grain sheaves.
N.G.]

Name Access: Experimental Farm

Subject Access: Agriculture

farming

crops

Grain

stooks

Experimental farm

Brandon Miscellaneous History

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

Images





Experimental Farm Cattle

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9859>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Creator: H.H. Allen (?)

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1N2

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [192-]

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Brandon Experimental Farm cattle

Notes: Note Lake Percy [an Assiniboine River oxbow (P.E.)] in the background.
Courtesy of the Brandon Sun.

Name Access: Experimental Farm

Subject Access: Agriculture
farming
Livestock
ranching
oxbow lake
Experimental farm
Brandon Miscellaneous History

Repro Restriction: The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials.

Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

Images





American cooperation : a collection of papers and discussions summarizing the ... session of the American institute of Cooperation

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections46>

Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	American Institute of Cooperation
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	HD 3443.A7 Archives 14-17-1
Item Number Range:	HD 3443.A7 Archives 14-17-1
Standard number:	System Control Number 87055119
Start Date:	[c1925
Date Range:	[c1925
Publication:	Washington, D.C. : American institute of Cooperation
Physical Description:	v ; 24 cm
Notes:	Some volumes have distinctive titles 1953. Cooperatives, self help in our competitive economy -- 1958. Cooperatives, progress in the space age -- 1960. Agricultural cooperatives, foundation and forecast -- 1963. Power in partnership -- 1971. Highlights of current thinking by cooperative, agribusiness, and educational leaders on Cooperative Business Leadership, primarily as presented at the 1971 Summer Institute of American Institute of Cooperation, Colorado State University, Fort Collins -- 1976-77. Coopertives, committed to America's future -- 1979-80. Expanding cooperative horizons
Subject Access:	Agriculture Cooperative United States Cooperation Societies
Storage Location:	Box17-Cooperation III
Storage Range:	Box17-Cooperation III



C. J. Barnes fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4808>

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 20-1997

GMD: textual records

Date Range: ca. 1962

Physical Description: 2 cm

History /

Biographical:

C. J. Barnes was born in Brandon, Manitoba in February 1884. His parents were native Nova Scotians who arrived in Brandon in the early 1880s. In 1884, the family settled on a homestead near the present town of Lauder. This homestead was sold in 1899, and the family moved to farm in the district of Medora. C. J. Barnes took over the operation of this farm in the early 1900s. He farmed until 1924. Barnes was educated in schools in the Truro School District and the village of Lauder. He was active in the original Territorial Grain Growers' Association.

Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee archives in 1997. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Fonds contains a pamphlet written and published by C.J. Barnes titled *Seventy Years in Southwestern Manitoba*. The pamphlet contains an account of life in rural southwestern Manitoba from the 1880s through to the 1940s. The pamphlet is based on a variety of sources including diaries written by Mr. Barnes' father. Fonds also includes some hand-drawn maps not included in the published version of the pamphlet, as well as four letters c.1962, between C.J. Barnes and Rev. Robert Harvey in his capacity as a columnist for the *Brandon Sun*.

Notes: CAIN No. 202605

Subject Access: Rev. Robert Harvey

Lauder

Medora

Deloraine

Southwestern Manitoba

Agriculture

Boundary Commission Trails

Storage Location: 1997 accessions

Storage Range: 1997 accessions



United Grain Growers collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4822>

Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Collection

Accession Number: 48-1997

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1922-1937

Physical Description: 3 cm

History /

Biographical:

The United Grain Growers, a farmer controlled co-operative elevator association, was established in 1917, with the amalgamation of the Grain Growers Grain Company (1906), and the Alberta Farmer's Co-operative Elevator company (1913). Its original purpose was to provide a co-operative alternative to privately owned grain elevators.

Custodial History:

This collection was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1997. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

Collection includes copies of correspondence between T.A. Crerar, President of United Grain Growers and Colin Burnell, President, Manitoba Co-operative Wheat Producers (1925-26); correspondence directed to the Shareholders of United Grain Growers (1926-38); minutes of a meeting between representatives of the United Grain Growers and the provincial wheat pools (1937); as well as a variety of publications about the history and activities of the United Grain Growers (1917-18, 1927, 1929, 1951, 1956).

Notes: CAIN No. 202642. Description by Christy Henry.

Subject Access: T.A. Crerar
Colin H. Burnell
R.S. Law
Grain Growers Guide
Elevators
Agriculture
Manitoba

Storage Location: 1997 accessions

Storage Range: 1997 accessions



Faith, hope and co-operation : a Maritime Provinces story

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections170>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator: McEwen, W. H
Description Level: Item
Item Number: Archives 14-3-20
Item Number Range: Archives 14-3-20
Responsibility: by W. H. McEwen
Start Date: 1969
Date Range: 1969
Publication: Moncton, N.B. : Maritime Co-operative Services
Physical Description: 152 p. : ill., ports. ; 21 cm
Subject Access: Agriculture
Cooperative Maritime Provinces
Canada
Cooperation Maritime Provinces
Cooperative societies
Storage Location: Box 3 - Cooperation 1
Storage Range: Box 3 - Cooperation 1



Agricultural Extension Centre

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9365>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds
Creator: L.A. Stuckey
Description Level: Item
Series Number: 3.1
Item Number: 1-2002.3.1DA15
Accession Number: 1-2002
GMD: graphic
Date Range: March 11, 1978
Physical Description: 2 1/2" x 2 1/2"
Material Details: Negative

History /

Biographical:

Designed by Victor Horwood, Provincial Architect

Built 1912 as Brandon Normal School

First course began 1913, last class graduated 1941

B.J. Hales (of Winnipeg) first principal, 1st term - 184 students

1941-1945 used by military as part of army A-4 training center - the normal teacher training courses were then held in Daymin Court (12th St & Rosser), Bell Block, and the old Central School

Transferred to Manitoba Department of Agriculture 1946, Became Agricultural Extension Centre 1959

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Agricultural Extension Centre, Brandon, Man.

Name Access: Brandon Normal School
 Agricultural Extension Centre

Subject Access: schools
 normal schools
 Brandon Schools
 Agriculture

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

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Wheat Market

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9654>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1H1

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1887

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

The wheat market

Notes: View of Pacific Avenue looking east from 8th Street
Closest elevator: Kelly Bros. Second elevator: Parrish & Lindsay
Courtesy of The Brandon Sun.

Name Access: Wheat Market

Subject Access: Wheat
Agriculture
hotels
Grain elevators
Brandon Industries

Repro Restriction: The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials.

Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

Images





Wilcocks & Currie Livestock Auction

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9655>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1H2

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1891

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

History /

Biographical:

New City Hall almost completed - will open Feb. 29, 1892.

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Wilcocks & Currie livestock auction

Notes: Located in City Square, just west of City Hall.

From the collection of Jeff Sutherland.

Name Access: Wilcocks & Currie Livestock Auction

Subject Access: Agriculture

auctions

Livestock

cattle

horses

Brandon Industries

Repro Restriction: The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials.

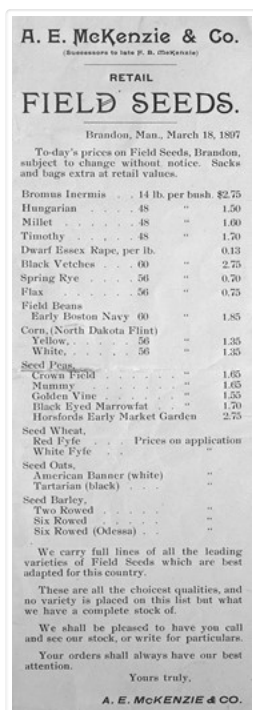
Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

Images



A.E. McKenzie & Co. Field Seed Prices - Advertisement

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9720>



Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1HB13

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: March 18, 1897

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 6"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

A.E. McKenzie & Co.'s field seed prices for March 18, 1897

Name Access: A.E. McKenzie & Co.

Subject Access: advertising

Agriculture

seeds

Brandon Early Business Advertisements

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Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

Images

A. E. McKenzie & Co.

(Successors to late F. B. McKenzie)

RETAIL

FIELD SEEDS.

Brandon, Man., March 18, 1897

To-day's prices on Field Seeds, Brandon, subject to change without notice. Sacks and bags extra at retail values.

Bromus Inermis . . . 14 lb. per bush.	\$2.75
Hungarian 48 "	1.50
Millet 48 "	1.60
Timothy 48 "	1.70
Dwarf Essex Rape, per lb.	0.13
Black Vetches 60 "	2.75
Spring Rye 56 "	0.70
Flax 56 "	0.75
Field Beans	
Early Boston Navy 60 "	1.85
Corn, (North Dakota Flint)	
Yellow, 56 "	1.35
White, 56 "	1.35
Seed Peas,	
Crown Field "	1.65
Mummy "	1.65
Golden Vine "	1.55
Black Eyed Marrowfat . . . "	1.70
Horsfords Early Market Garden	2.75
Seed Wheat,	
Red Fyfe Prices on application	
White Fyfe "	
Seed Oats,	
American Banner (white)	"
Tartarian (black) "	"
Seed Barley,	
Two Rowed "	"
Six Rowed "	"
Six Rowed (Odessa) . . . "	"

We carry full lines of all the leading varieties of Field Seeds which are best adapted for this country.

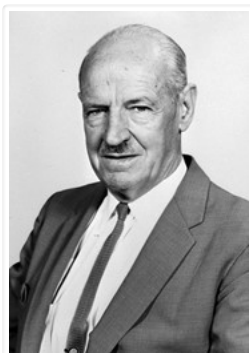
These are all the choicest qualities, and no variety is placed on this list but what we have a complete stock of.

We shall be pleased to have you call and see our stock, or write for particulars.

Your orders shall always have our best attention.

Yours truly,

A. E. McKENZIE & CO.



Grant McEwan

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9079>

Part Of:	RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds
Description Level:	Item
Series Number:	3.1
Item Number:	1-2002.3.1AC3
Accession Number:	1-2002
GMD:	graphic
Date Range:	[19-]
Physical Description:	3 1/2" x 5"
Material Details:	Negative

History /

Biographical:

Mr. McEwan was an agriculturalist, politician and author. He may have been a graduate of Brandon College.

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

Grant McEwan

Name Access: Grant McEwan

Subject Access: politics

political figures

Brandon politicians & civil servants

Agriculture

Authors

Repro Restriction: The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials.

Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

Images



International Harvester Company

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions9483>

Part Of: RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 3.1

Item Number: 1-2002.3.1E10

Accession Number: 1-2002

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1926

Physical Description: 3 1/2" x 5"

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

For custodial history see the collection level description of the Lawrence Stuckey collection.

Scope and Content:

International Harvester Co.

Notes: Photo shows debris caused by the violent explosion of an Independent Oil company warehouse.

[Note shattered windows due to explosion (P.E. 19/06/09).]

Name Access: International Harvester Co.

Subject Access: businesses

Agriculture

agricultural machinery

Brandon business buildings & facilities before 1940

Repro Restriction: The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials.

Storage Location: Lawrence Stuckey collection

Images



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.

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
- 5.19 Product Photographs
- 5.20 Parade Photographs
- 5.21 Oversized Photographs
 - 5.21.1 Drawer #1: Executive Photographs
 - 5.21.2 Drawer #2: Office and Equipment/Plant Photographs
 - 5.21.3 Drawer #3: Miscellaneous Oversized Photographs
 - 5.21.4 Drawer #4: Artifacts

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