

# S. J. McKee Archives



## 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

Item Number: 20-2009
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 hydroelectic 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, AI 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/descriptions13716

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

1900-1924

Description Level: Item
Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.26
GMD: graphic

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

History / Biographical:

Date Range:

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 hydroelectic 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)

#### **Images**



## 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 hydroelectic 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

#### **Images**

