

# S. J. McKee Archives



## H.E. Wright Farm Equipment

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12878>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: W  
Item Number: 11-2010.W3b  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative  
Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of a tractor.

Name Access: CKX  
H.E. Wright Farm Equipment  
Federal Grain Limited  
Subject Access: building exteriors  
Grain elevators  
Agriculture  
Tractors  
winter  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## H.E. Wright Farm Equipment

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12879>

Part Of: CKX fonds

Creator: CKX

Description Level: Item

Series Number: W

Item Number: 11-2010.W3a

Accession Number: 11-2010

GMD: graphic

Date Range: after 1954

Physical Description: 5" x 4" (b/w)

Material Details: Negative

Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

Scope and Content:

Image of a tractor.

Name Access: CKX

H.E. Wright Farm Equipment

Federal Grain Limited

Subject Access: building exteriors

Grain elevators

Agriculture

Tractors

cars

businesses

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Virden Creamery

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions12906>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: V  
Item Number: 11-2010.V8  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: September 1963  
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of the Virden Creamery building.

Name Access: CKX  
Virden Creamery  
Subject Access: building exteriors  
cars  
businesses  
Agriculture

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Shoal Lake merchants

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13035>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S145c  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 196?  
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of the interior of a store.

Name Access: CKX  
Subject Access: persons  
store interiors  
employees  
retail trade  
Agriculture

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Shoal Lake merchants

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13036>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S145b  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 196?  
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of an employee in an agricultural supply warehouse.

Name Access: CKX  
Subject Access: persons  
commerical buildings  
employees  
retail trade  
Agriculture  
building interiors

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Shoal Lake merchants

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13037>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S145a  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 196?  
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of an employee outside of an agricultural supply warehouse.

Name Access: CKX  
Subject Access: persons  
commerical buildings  
employees  
retail trade  
Agriculture  
building exteriors  
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## Souris Feed Rite mill

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13183>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: S  
Item Number: 11-2010.S72  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: after 1954  
Physical Description: 2.5" x 2.75" (b/w)  
Material Details: Negative

### Custodial History:

See fonds level of the CKX records for custodial history.

### Scope and Content:

Image of the Souris Feed Rite building.

Name Access: CKX  
Feed-Rite Mill  
Subject Access: businesses  
building exteriors  
Trucks  
Agriculture  
commercial buildings  
farm implements

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

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## 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



## 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 Snively 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



## Brandon, the Wheat City postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13864>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection

Creator: Photographer: Sandy Black

Description Level: Item

Series Number: McG 9

Item Number: 20-2009.174

Accession Number: 20-2009

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1980-1990s

Physical Description: 5.75" x 3.75" (colour)

Material Details: postcard

### Scope and Content:

Postcard is of a combine bailing hay in the north end of Brandon at the junction of First Street and Veterans' Way. The Brandon city skyline is in the background and the orange Pioneer Grain elevator can be seen on the left side of the postcard.

Notes: Writing on the front of the postcard reads: Brandon, The Wheat City.  
Back of the postcard reads: Brandon the Agricultural and Industrial center for southwestern Manitoba; Photo by Sandy Black; Printed in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, by Leech Printing Ltd.

Name Access: City of Brandon

Subject Access: downtown

Agriculture

harvesting

farm implements

Repro Restriction: Canadian Copyright restrictions apply. Consult the Archivist.

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 #1 File 13 Sunbeams

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## Experimental Farm, Brandon postcard

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions13874>

Part Of: Fred McGuinness collection  
Creator: Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man.  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: McG 9  
Item Number: 20-2009.184  
Accession Number: 20-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1910s  
Physical Description: 3.5" x 5.5" (colour)  
Material Details: postcard

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows the buildings of the superintendent and barns of the Brandon Experimental Farm (now Brandon Research Station)

Notes: Part of "Christie's Brandon Series of Six Colored Picture Postcards of Brandon, Manitoba, The Crown Series, Published by Christie's Bookstore, Brandon, Man." [note: missing sixth postcard]. Writing on the front of the photograph reads: Experimental Farm, Brandon. Man.

Name Access: Experimental Farm  
Brandon Research Station

Subject Access: farms  
Agriculture

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

### Arrangement:

From 20-2009 File 9

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## Threshing outfit

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14271>

Part Of: Joseph H. Hughes collection  
Creator: Photographer: Boynton & Eaton, Reston  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: 3-1997.1  
Item Number: 3-1997.1.73  
Accession Number: 3-1997  
Other Numbers: Hughes #72  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: [1912-1914]  
Physical Description: 9.5" x 7.5" (b/w)  
Material Details: on matting  
Physical Condition: Photograph is stained

### Scope and Content:

Photograph shows four horse teams with four men, posing with wood-framed wagons as they are being loaded with hay from the field.

Notes: Manitoba Historical Society places Boynton & Eaton in Reston from 1912-1914

Subject Access: harvesting  
threshing crews  
Agriculture

Storage Location: Hughes oversize drawer

## Images

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## Agricultural Extension Centre meeting attendeees

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14320>

Part Of: Brandon and Area Photograph Collection

Description Level: Item

Series Number: 5

Item Number: BAPC 5.13

GMD: graphic

Date Range: [1956-1970]

Physical Description: 14" x 11" (b/w)

### Scope and Content:

Item is a portrait of men from the Rivers area who attended a meeting or workshop facilitated by Reg Forbes, Principal of the Agricultural Extension Centre in Brandon, MB. Some of the men in the photo are John Dick, Tommy Seens, Roy Murrey, Reed Spearn and Reg Forbes.

Name Access: Reg Forbes

Subject Access: Agriculture

Storage Location: BAPC oversize photograph drawer 1



## Manitoba Flying Farmers Convention

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14330>

Part Of: CKX fonds

Creator: CKX

Description Level: Item

Series Number: M

Item Number: 11-2010.M4a

Accession Number: 11-2010

GMD: graphic

Date Range: 1967

Material Details: Negative

### History /

### Biographical:

Manitoba Flying Farmers Convention appears to have been a convention for farmers who planted and sprayed their crops using aerial techniques. The Manitoba Flying Farmers were organized in 1956 in Brandon, Manitoba. Organizational meetings were held in a hanger at the Brandon Flying Club. The first Regional 5 Flying Farmers Convention in Manitoba was held 1961. Nearly 200 people attended the first convention from various provinces and states including: Alberta, Saskatchewan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnisota, Wisconsin, Montana and Colorado. Alberta and Saskatchewan had their own district leaving Manitoba in a district with North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnisota and Wisconsin. This photo was taken at the 11th Annual Manitoba Flying Farmers Convention on the weekend of April 7th, 1967.

### Custodial History:

See Fonds level description for custodial history

#### Scope and Content:

Image of a woman presenting at the podium from the front table. Two men are sitting on either side of the woman. A sign saying "Manitoba Flying Farmers" is at the base of the table. The image appears to have been taken at the Prince Edward Hotel.

Notes: Hisotry/Bio information taken from Brandon Sun. Description by Jillian Combs.

Subject Access: downtown  
building interiors  
hotels  
Agriculture  
conventions

Repro Restriction: Canadian Copyright Law may apply. Consult the archivist for access

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

#### Arrangement:

Original order maintained. Series arranged alphabetically by letter (A-Z) but negatives not alphabetical within each series.

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## Manitoba Flying Farmers Convention

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14331>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: M  
Item Number: 11-2010.M4b  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1967  
Material Details: Negative



History /

Biographical:

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Custodial History:

See Fonds level description for custodial history

Scope and Content:

Image of the attendants of the convention who are listening to the speaker. The image appears to have been taken in the Prince Edward Hotel.

Notes: Hisotry/Bio information taken from Henderson's Directories. Description by Jillian Combs.

Subject Access: **downtown**  
**building interiors**  
**hotels**  
**Agriculture**  
**conventions**

Repro Restriction: Canadian Copyright Law may apply. Consult the archivist for access

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Arrangement:

Original order maintained. Series arranged alphabetically by letter (A-Z) but negatives not alphabetical within each series.

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## Manitoba Flying Farmers Convention

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14332>

Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: M

Item Number: 11-2010.M4c  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1967  
Material Details: Negative

History /

Biographical:

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Custodial History:

See Fonds level description for custodial history

Scope and Content:

Image of convention attendee. Based on the name tag he appears to be Bill Williams (?). Image appears to have been taken inside the Prince Edward hotel. There is a banner in the background.

Notes: Description by Jillian Combs.

Subject Access: downtown  
building interiors  
hotels  
Agriculture  
conventions

Repro Restriction: Canadian Copyright Law may apply. Consult the archivist for access

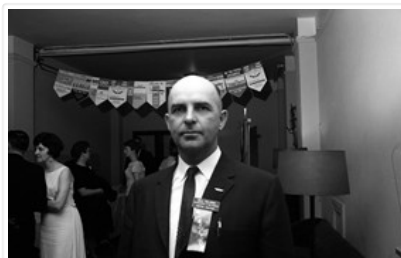
Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

Arrangement:

Original order maintained. Series arranged alphabetically by letter (A-Z) but negatives not alphabetical within each series.

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## Manitoba Flying Farmers Convention

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions14333>



Part Of: CKX fonds  
Creator: CKX  
Description Level: Item  
Series Number: M  
Item Number: 11-2010.M4d  
Accession Number: 11-2010  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1967  
Material Details: Negative

#### History /

#### Biographical:

Manitoba Flying Farmers Convention appears to have been a convention for farmers who planted and sprayed their crops using aerial techniques.. The Manitoba Flying Farmers were organized in 1956 in Brandon, Manitoba. Organizational meetings were held in a hanger at the Brandon Flying Club. The first Regional 5 Flying Farmers Convention in Manitoba was held 1961. Nearly 200 people attended the first convention from various provinces and states including: Alberta, Saskatchewan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnisota, Wisconsin, Montana and Colorado. Alberta and Saskatchewan had their own district leaving Manitoba in a district with North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnisota and Wisconsin. This photo was taken at the 11th Annual Manitoba Flying Farmers Convention on the weekend of April 7th, 1967.

#### Custodial History:

See Fonds level description for custodial history

#### Scope and Content:

Image of convention attendants listening to the speaker. There is a large number of women in the audience. The large number of women in the photo could be attributed to Flying Farmers queens of each districts encouragement of women learning to fly. The image appears to have been taken at the Prince Edward Hotel.

Notes: Description by Jillian Combs.

Subject Access: downtown  
building interiors  
hotels  
Agriculture  
conventions

Repro Restriction: Canadian Copyright Law may apply. Consult the archivist for access

Storage Location: CKX fonds - 2010 accessions

#### Arrangement:

Original order maintained. Series arranged alphabetically by letter (A-Z) but negatives not alphabetical within each series.

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## Bertha Leith (nee Clark) fonds

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions3613>

Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds  
Creator: Bertha Clark  
Description Level: Sub-series  
Series Number: MG 2 2.31  
Accession Number: 7-2009  
GMD: graphic  
Date Range: 1925-1929  
Physical Description: 24 photographs (b/w)  
History /  
Biographical:

Bertha Miriam Clark was born on Prince Edward Island but attended public and high school in Brandon, MB. She was a member of the Class of 1929 and served as Lady Stick in her final year at Brandon College.

Clark married J. Scott Leith, Brandon College Class of 1928. Scott and Bertha Leith's son James Clark Leith is in the Canadian Who's Who.

### Custodial History:

Album was sent to Pat Britton, Brandon University Director of Alumni Relations, by Bertha Leith in April 1991. Britton then transferred it to the McKee Archives.

### Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of a small accordion style photograph album (7 x 10.5 x 3.5 cm) created by Bertha Clark during her years at Brandon College. The photographs, which measure 4" x 2.75", depict numerous people and events.

Notes: History/Bio information taken from the 1928-1929 Sickle.

Name Access: Bertha Clark  
Ruth Bingham  
Professor Richards  
Lil Bullman  
Clark Hall  
Brandon College Building  
Jean Hitchings  
Lloyd Bowler  
Kay Underwood  
Scott Leith  
Denis Phillpots  
Donald Ritchie  
Harold Cairns  
Andrew Clark  
Isabel Hitchings  
A. Foster  
Rundle McLachlan  
Carl Wickland  
Doris Bingham  
Doris Dowling  
Ella Whitmore  
Meta Mischpeter  
Vera Ulinder  
Josh Thompson  
Doris Cochrane  
Frank Kerr  
Cyril Richards  
Thomas Russell Wilkins  
Flo Turnbull  
Esther Magoon  
Hilda Harrison  
Doris Ireton  
Mrs. Richards  
W.L. Wright  
Annie Evans Wright  
Miss Hatch  
Jennie Turnbull  
Mrs. MacNeill  
Mrs. C.G. Stone  
Helen Duncan  
Constance Lamontagne  
Marian Bulloch  
Mabel Craig

Subject Access:	Class of 29'
	Sports Day 1925
	English Club
	Graduation
	Lake Percy
	Arts 1929
	CPR depot
	Brandon College boys 1925-1927
	al(l)-bums
	"cat-chers"
	Sykes
	18th Street Hill
	Class of 1928
	Class of 1929
	Class of 1930
	Class of 1931
	arts faculty outing
Storage Location:	MG 2 Brandon College Students
	2.31 Bertha Leith (nee Clark)
Related Material:	Edward Lloyd Bowler collection (36-1999)



## 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 & Moran 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

5.2 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