

# S. J. McKee Archives



## Albert Edward McKenzie

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Part Of: RG 1 Brandon College fonds

Description Level: Sub-series

Series Number: MG 1 1.7

GMD: multiple media

Date Range: 1940?-1960?

Physical Description: 39 cm textual records  
4 photographs

## History /

### Biographical:

A.E. McKenzie was born in Wilcox Lake, York County, Ontario in 1870 to F.B. and Maria (Carley) McKenzie. His family came to Manitoba in 1883. He was educated in Brandon, Manitoba and graduated from the Collegiate Institute at age 21. In 1897 he founded the Brandon Seed House. McKenzie was present at the cornerstone-laying ceremony of Brandon College on July 13, 1900. From that moment on, he was very involved in the College, first as an interested businessman, and later as a member of its Board of Directors. In 1902, McKenzie married Laura Bell in Port Arthur. They had two daughters, Marjorie Bell and Kathleen. In 1906 the Brandon Seed House was incorporated and from then on was known as the "A.E. McKenzie Co. Ltd.."

McKenzie became a member of the Brandon College Endowment Committee in 1918. The following year he was on the Finance Committee. By 1925, McKenzie was a member of the Board of Directors. In 1928, he was part of a syndicate that advised the Baptist Union that they were developing an endowment plan to provide continuing financial support to the College and talked the Union into providing \$10 000 towards the accumulated deficit.

In 1931, McKenzie organized the Brandon Board of Trade to help save Brandon College when the Baptists said they could no longer afford to keep the College. After the By-law failed, he helped to organize the Brandon Citizen's Campaign to raise enough money so that the College could open the following year.

When the Baptists withdrew support in 1938, McKenzie was one of the central figures on the Brandon Board of Trade that decided to save the College from closure. A representative delegation from Southwestern Manitoba of over 60 men descended upon Premier Bracken's office to try and convince him to help the College. On June 12, 1938 McKenzie said he would set up a \$100 000 endowment to Brandon College. He subsequently raised this amount to \$300 000. On August 1, 1938 the Board of Trade launched a campaign to raise \$15 000 to match what the government was prepared to offer the College. McKenzie was asked to provide Brandon College with \$3000 personally. In September of 1938, McKenzie upped his endowment once more to \$500 000. The fund raising worked however, and the charter establishing Brandon College Incorporated was assented to on April 17, 1939. On June 6, 1939 a by-law was again presented to the citizens of Brandon, and fortunately it passed.

In 1941, McKenzie received an honorary L.L.D. from the University of Manitoba. The A.E. McKenzie Foundation was created in 1945 by the provincial government, who had assumed 90% of the A.E. McKenzie Co. Ltd. stock.

On September 25, 1964 McKenzie died at the age of 94. He never retired, but worked full time until two weeks before his death. The funeral was held in the J.R.C. Evans Lecture Theatre. The Arts and Library Building at Brandon College was completed in 1960, and is known as the A.E. McKenzie building, in honour of the man who contributed so much time, effort and financial help to the College during a crucial period in its history.

### Custodial History:

Records were accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

Scope and Content:

A.E. McKenzie's records in the Brandon College fonds are very useful from an administrative point of view. Because McKenzie was so involved in Brandon College from the very beginning until his death in 1964, it is easy to understand how the College Administration arrived at decisions. There is correspondence between McKenzie and various regarding College and Board of Director business. There are Brandon College financial statements and letters regarding the A.E. McKenzie Foundation. The records contain newspaper clippings, pamphlets and lists of names of members of various Brandon organizations. As well, McKenzie has letters regarding Building Expansion in the 1940's and minutes of Board of Director meetings. There are also several photographs. One photograph is the 1919 graduation picture of Zoe Hough. Another is tentatively identified as Frances Wolverton, also of the Class of 1919. There are two more photographs of unidentified young women.

Name Access:       A.E. McKenzie  
                          A.E. McKenzie Foundation  
                          Brandon College  
                          Zoe Hough  
                          Frances Wolverton

Subject Access:     Class of 1919  
                          administration  
                          board of directors  
                          building expansion

Storage Location:  MG 1 Brandon College Teaching and Administration  
                          1.7 Albert Edward McKenzie

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



## On agricultural policy, 1926-1938

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Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds  
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection  
Creator: Davis, Joseph Stancliffe, 1885  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: HD 9006.D36  
Archives 14-5-1  
Item Number Range: HD 9006.D36  
Archives 14-5-1  
Standard number: System Control Number 87060195  
Responsibility: by Joseph S. Davis  
Start Date: c1939  
Date Range: c1939  
Publication: Stanford University, Cal. : Food research institute  
Publisher Series: Leland Stanford Junior University. Food research institute. Miscellaneous publications ; no. 9  
Physical Description: viii, 494 p. : diags. ; 23 cm  
Notes: "I offer ... this organized selection from my scattered writings."--Foreword  
Subject Access: Agriculture Economic aspects  
Agriculture United States  
Agricultural administration United States  
Storage Location: Box 5 - Historical II (Archives copy)  
Storage Range: Box 5 - Historical II (Archives copy)



## Soviet communism : a new civilisation

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections443>

Part Of: MG 2 2.16 Robert Dudley Howland Collection  
Collection: Robert Dudley Howland Fabian Society Collection  
Creator: Webb, Sidney, 1859-1947  
Webb, Beatrice Potter, 1858-1943  
Description Level: Item  
Item Number: Archives 15-1-3  
Item Number Range: Archives 15-1-3  
Standard number: System Control Number ADY1428  
Responsibility: by Sidney and Beatrice Webb  
Start Date: 1935  
Date Range: 1935  
Publication: London ; Toronto : Longmans, Green  
Physical Description: 2 v. : map ; 23 cm  
Notes: Includes bibliographical references and indexes  
v. 1. The constitution -- v. 2. Social trends in Soviet communism  
Subject Access: Communism Soviet Union  
Constitutional history Soviet Union  
Soviet Union Politics and government 1917-1936  
Soviet Union Social conditions  
Soviet Union Administrative and political divisions