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Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection

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Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library collection
Description Level:	Series
Series Number:	MPE E
GMD:	textual records
Date Range:	1888-1998
Physical Description:	13.7 m
History /	
Biographical:	

The importance of knowledge and education to the Manitoba Wheat Pool is made clear in the *The Scoop Shovel*, the official organ of the Manitoba Wheat Pool and other co-operatives in Manitoba. Established in the 1920s, *The Scoop Shovel* owed its existence to a decision by the directors of the Pool to set aside small percentage of income per bushel for educational purposes. R.A. Hoey began to hold meetings to discuss the idea that the Pool was about more than just marketing grain, and in 1926 a Department of Education and Publicity was organized within the Pool. It was directed by J.T. Hull and advised by R.A. Hoey; they expanded and supervised *The Scoop Shovel*.

They also began to accumulate the educational volumes that would become the Pool library. Hull announced in November of 1926 that the library would be open by the end of the month and reported that: "We have a good representation of works on sociology... On co-operation we have about every book that we can find published in the English language. We have also a good selection of books on economics, history, science, general literature, and rural life. In a word, we have tried to make the library one of usefulness to people whose life is on the land."

He also encouraged Pool members—who were the only ones allowed to use the library at this time—to utilize the library to educate themselves, saying "Use it, for knowledge is power". Once the library was open to all Pool members, Hull wrote a regular column for *The Scoop Shovel* called "In the Library", in which he would review books and recommend reading in response to frequent questions from members. When the library gained new books, which was almost continually, he would list them and sometimes discuss them.

The library service was a mailing one; the main collection was kept at the Manitoba Wheat Pool central office in Winnipeg and members could request a catalogue of all the library holdings. If they wanted to borrow a book or books on a specific topic, they could write to Hull and the books would be mailed out to the member and returned by mail, all postage costs covered by the Pool Library.

During the crisis of the early 1930s, the library was saved because the Manitoba Co-operative Conference believed it was vital to the success of the Pools and the co-operative movement. The Conference took over administration of the Pool library in 1931, leasing the books and equipment from the Wheat Pool. The library was formally incorporated under a charter after it changed hands, the other charter members being the Co-operative Marketing Board and the United Farmers of Manitoba.

In 1935 the service was made available free of charge to all rural Manitobans with the financial support of the Co-op Marketing Board. By 1939, Manitoba Pool Elevators had begun to prosper again, and took back responsibility for the administration and housing of the library. The traveling library was also established around this time, and hundreds of boxes were distributed to all MPE points. The boxes were rotated and refreshed twice a year.

In 1942 Hull estimated that there were approximately 4,700 books in the Pool Library with an annual circulation of 4,000 to 5,000 books. Operating the library cost around two thousand dollars per year, although the cost was split between the members of the Manitoba Co-operative Conference, at least it was in theory. The Pool library ran as a free service to all rural Manitobans, regardless of whether they were members of the Pool, and the federal government census in 1941 indicates that over half of Manitoba's population (56%) still lived in rural areas. In 1948, the majority of the Pool Library's services were rendered unnecessary by an act called the "Public Libraries Act" that had been passed by the Manitoba legislature on April 22, 1948, and would go into effect July 1, 1948. The act provided for the establishing of a provincial "Public Library Advisory Board" that would be appointed by the government. Once the board had been established, the act allowed for the establishment of municipal and regional libraries that would be the administrative responsibility of the municipality or region they served and would be supported by a land tax levied on the population that would have access to the library. All employees of the central provincial library would be considered civil servants.

When the Provincial Library was being established in 1949, the Minister in charge of education—Ivan Shultz—actively sought both the advice of those who operated the Pool Library and the physical resources of the Library. In a letter to W.J. Parker, the President of Manitoba Pool Elevators, Shultz wrote that: "We find that in looking at the province as a whole that the box library service of the Manitoba Pool Elevators is the best developed and the best distributed within the province... We would feel that to a considerable extent you had pioneered in this field and we would be using your accomplishments as a springboard for a wider coverage of the province and an enlargement of the service."

He also requested that Miss E.L. Shields—the Pool Librarian—be released from Pool employment so that the Provincial Library could hire her for a year to aid in setting up the new library system.

An agreement was reached between MPE and the Provincial Library, and the bulk of the Pool Library was transferred to the province. The Pool retained the volumes it wished to keep as reference for its employees, and donated the rest of the open shelf library to the province. The traveling library service was sold at a discount to the province, with the caveat that service not be interrupted during the transfer and that the quality of service to rural Manitoba not diminish once the Library had been entirely transferred to the government. In a letter to Ivan Shultz after the agreement to sell the traveling library had been reached, W.J. Parker wrote that: "...Manitoba Pool Elevators has maintained an open shelf library for a period of some twenty years. These books have been made available to anyone in Manitoba, outside the City of Winnipeg, and the postage both ways was paid by the Pool. We feel it has served a very useful purpose, but that it is not primarily our function and if the government proposes to offer a more complete and universal service we are prepared to retire from the field and avoid what might be considered unnecessary duplication."

Scope and Content:

Series contains items once held as part of the Manitoba Pool Library. It has been divided into the following four sub-series: (1) MPE E 1 Manitoba Pool Library publications; (2) MPE E 2 The Scoop Shovel; (3) MPE E 3 The Manitoba Cooperator; and (4) MPE E 4 Pamphlet collection.

Notes:

Description by Jill Sutherland and Christy Henry



George E. Thorman School Textbook Collection

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Part Of: MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection
Collection: George E Thorman School Textbook Collection
Description Level: Fonds



Robert Dudley Howland Fabian Society Collection

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections1408>

Part Of: MG 2 2.16 Robert Dudley Howland Collection
Collection: Robert Dudley Howland Fabian Society Collection
Description Level: Fonds



Bread : a collection of popular papers on wheat, flour and bread

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections270>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator: Snyder, Harry, 1867-1927
Winton, Andrew Lincoln, 1864-1946
Description Level: Item
Item Number: Archives 14-12-2
Item Number Range: Archives 14-12-2
Responsibility: by Harry Snyder ; with biographical sketch by Andrew L. Winton
Start Date: 1930
Date Range: 1930
Publication: New York : The Macmillan company
Physical Description: x, 293 p. : front., plates, ports., facsim. ; 21 cm
Notes: "List of writings": p. [277]-290
Subject Access: Bread
Wheat
Flour
Flour mills
Storage Location: Box 12 - Agriculture III
Storage Range: Box 12 - Agriculture III



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

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

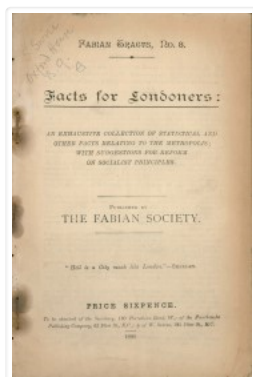
Part Of:	RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection:	Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator:	American Institute of Cooperation
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	HD 3443.A7 Archives 14-17-1
Item Number Range:	HD 3443.A7 Archives 14-17-1
Standard number:	System Control Number 87055119
Start 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



Stories for fun and adventure : a collection for all boys and girls who love good stories

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections911>

Part Of:	MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection
Collection:	George E Thorman School Textbook Collection
Creator:	Fenner, Phyllis R. (Phyllis Reid), 1899 McCrea, Mary
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	Archives 11-999-9-262
Item Number Range:	Archives 11-999-9-262
Responsibility:	Selected and with an introduction by Phyllis Fenner and Mary McCrea
Start Date:	c1961
Date Range:	c1961
Publication:	New York : The John Day Company
Physical Description:	190 p. ; 21 cm
Subject Access:	Children's stories
Storage Location:	Box 9 - Stories
Storage Range:	Box 9 - Stories

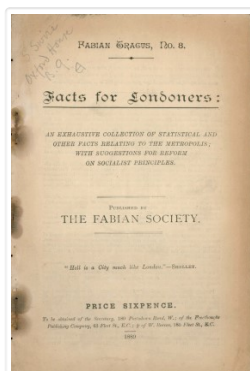


Facts for Londoners : an exhaustive collection of statistical and other facts relating to the metropolis ; with suggestions for reform on socialist principles

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections677>

Part Of:	MG 2 2.16 Robert Dudley Howland Collection
Collection:	Robert Dudley Howland Fabian Society Collection
Creator:	Fabian Society (Great Britain)
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	Archives 15-3-220
Item Number Range:	Archives 15-3-220
Start Date:	1889
Date Range:	1889
Publication:	London : Fabian Society
Physical Description:	2 issues ; 21 cm
Notes:	"A collection of statistical and other facts relating to the metropolis"--on 1907 issue cover
Subject Access:	Socialism Great Britain
Storage Location:	1889 issue damage
Storage Range:	1889 issue damage

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Hamilton's universal tune-book : a collection of the melodies of all nations, adapted for violin, flute, clarinet, etc.

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections1270>

Part Of: MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection
Collection: George E Thorman School Textbook Collection
Creator: Manson, James
Description Level: Item
Item Number: Archives 11-999-26-682
Item Number Range: Archives 11-999-26-682
Responsibility: edited by James Manson
Start Date: 1853
Date Range: 1853
Publication: Glasgow : W. Hamilton
Physical Description: 2 v. in 1 : music ; 20 cm
Subject Access: Tune-books
Storage Location: Box 26 - Music
Storage Range: Box 26 - Music



Collective bargaining in agriculture

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections139>

Part Of: RG 4 Manitoba Pool Elevator fonds
Collection: Manitoba Pool Elevator Library Collection
Creator: Roy, Ewell Paul
Description Level: Item
Item Number: Archives 14-4-6
Item Number Range: Archives 14-4-6
Responsibility: by Ewell Paul Roy
Start Date: c1970
Date Range: c1970
Publication: Danville, Ill. : Interstate Printers & Publishers
Physical Description: 280 p. : ill. ; 23 cm
Notes: Bibliography: p. 230-262
Subject Access: Agricultural prices United States
Agriculture Societies
etc. United States
Storage Location: Box 4-Historical I
Storage Range: Box 4-Historical I



A collection of forms of practice and pleading in actions, whether for legal or equitable relief : and in special proceedings : prepared with reference to the code of procedure of the State of New York, and adapted to the present practice in the states of Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, California, Oregon, Missouri, Kentucky, and Alabama, and the island of Newfoundland

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections1364>

Part Of:	MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection
Collection:	George E Thorman School Textbook Collection
Creator:	Abbott, Benjamin Vaughan, 1830-1890 Abbott, Austin, 1831-1896
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	Archives 11-999-31-818
Item Number Range:	Archives 11-999-31-818
Responsibility:	with copious notes and authorities by Benjamin Vaughan Abbott and Austin Abbott
Start Date:	1870
Date Range:	1870
Publication:	New York : J.S. Voorhies
Physical Description:	2 v. ; 24 cm
Notes:	Library as vol. 1 only
Subject Access:	Civil procedure United States Forms
Storage Location:	Box 31 - Miscellaneous
Storage Range:	Box 31 - Miscellaneous



The Practical speller : suitable for high and public schools : a series of graded lessons containing the words in general use, with abbreviations, etc., words of similar pronunciation and different spelling ; a collection of the most difficult words in the language ; and a number of literary selections, which may be used for dictation lessons, and committed to memory by the pupils

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections896>

Part Of:	MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection
Collection:	George E Thorman School Textbook Collection
Creator:	Sokvitne, Miriam H. Donor
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	Archives 11-999-9-240
Item Number Range:	Archives 11-999-9-240
Start Date:	c1881
Date Range:	c1881
Publication:	Toronto : W.J. Gage
Physical Description:	125 p. ; 19 cm
Notes:	"Authorized by the Council of Public Instruction, Quebec ; authorized by the Council of Public Instruction, Manitoba ; authorized by the Council of Public Instruction, British Columbia" [v.2] has part VI (p. 125-157) : Etymology ; authorized for use in the Schools of North-West Territories
Subject Access:	Spellers English language Orthography and spelling
Storage Location:	Box 9 - Spelling and phonics
Storage Range:	Box 9 - Spelling and phonics



Phonographiana : collected from the phonetic literature issued during the first 20 years of the writing reform

<http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections758>

Part Of:	MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection
Collection:	George E Thorman School Textbook Collection
Description Level:	Item
Item Number:	Archives 11-999-1-21
Item Number Range:	Archives 11-999-1-21
Start Date:	1861
Date Range:	1861
Publication:	[S.l.] : The Phonographic Guild
Physical Description:	vii, 144 p. ; 18 cm
Subject Access:	Shorthand Readers
Storage Location:	Box 1 - Business Education
Storage Range:	Box 1 - Business Education