

S. J. McKee Archives



Toal Commission

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Part Of: RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection

Description Level: Fonds

Accession Number: 3-2013

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1971-1972

Physical Description: 24 cm textual records

Material Details: Photocopies of originals

History /

Biographical:

The Toal Commission was a Commission of Inquiry conducted by James Toal at the Prince Edward Hotel in Brandon, MB from 1971-1972. The purpose of this inquiry was to investigate a report published by the Brandon Police Department entitled, "Problem Metis Families, City of Brandon," as well as allegations of police harassment in the City of Brandon from January 1, 1970, onward. The report was prepared by the Brandon Police Department following a petition submitted to Mayor Wilton. The petition, signed by approximately thirty residents of Brandon's East End, requested that the city prohibit the sale of homes in their neighborhood to Native families. A copy of the report was obtained by the Brandon Sun, which generated a considerable public response that resulted in the investigation in question.

Custodial History:

Records were ordered from the Archives of Manitoba by Brandon University Archivist Tom Mitchell and Brandon University history professor Jim Naylor in 2013.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of records created over the course of the Toal Commission. It includes copies of verbatim transcripts of the Toal Commission hearings, as well as a commission of inquiry, a report on the commission, and indexes, which list the witnesses and evidence presented for each day of the hearings.

Notes: Description by Jason Dooley (October 2016).

Name Access: James Toal

City of Brandon

Brandon Police Department

Brandon Sun

City of Winnipeg

Prince Edward Hotel

J.S. Walker

K.P. Regier

Chief Constable D.A. McNamee

Inspector L. White

Constable Keith Yorke

John Richard Bell

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Alan Ross
John Langston Tyman
Mayor W.H.K. Wilton
R.G. Lagimodiere
Edith May Bryan
C.W. Gordon
Mr. Houle
Archie Joseph Nabess
The Canadian Native Justice League
Manitoba Indian Brotherhood
Andy Moir
Brandon Friendship Center
Indian Affairs Department
Keystone Center
Mr. Meighen
Ronald Stoney
Thomas Stoney
Henry Hunter
Marie Hunter
Sharon Pompana
Edgar Lee Pompana
Howard Clyde Sandy
Sanderson family
Lorna Esther Wright
Dorothy Sarah Watt
Wayne James Clifford Desjarlais
Elizabeth Edith Oudie
Mary Wilma Wasicuna
Beulah Faye Langford
P. Schacter
Donald James McKay
Leo John Wayne Porter
Isobel Grasby
Gladys Pasche
Harold Weitman
George Munroe
Dorothy Betz
Roger Obansawin
Peter Whitecloud
Dr. Adam Cuthand
Kenneth Neil McCaskill
Rene Joseph Houle
Carole Diane Lavalle
Brian Norman Otis
IMPACTE
Indian Metis Project for Careers Through Teacher Education

Walter David Dennehardt

George Melvin Fleury

Frank Elding Price

Dr. Samuel W. Corrigan

Ruth McRae

Eddie Gosnold

William Wolski

Beth Cale

Clarence C. Mitchell

Ragnar B. Nygaard

Mrs. R. Nygaard

Marlene Brichon

Joseph A. Farion

Calvin Gerry

Helen Bell

Kenneth Bell

Angus Spence

J.W. Potter

Donald Pratt

Henry Carroll

Subject Access:

Aboriginals

First Nations

Metis

race relations

government commissions

indigenous peoples

Storage Location:

2013 accessions

Related Material:

Toal Commission Review - F.C. Muldoon Commissioner - Review the Toal Commission's conclusions - review report (handwritten and typed copy), notes on testimonies and correspondence, Library and Archives Canada Inventory no. 6822 Finding aid no. MSS2374

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John Langston Tyman fonds (70-1997 & 9-2001)

Audrey Silvius collection (21-2000)



Brandon - Great Depression research project

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Part Of: RG 6 Brandon University fonds

Description Level: sub sub sub series

Series Number: 7.1.4.1

Accession Number: 15-1997

GMD: textual records

Date Range: 1913-1987 (predominant 1929-1939)
Physical Description: 1.2 m
Physical Condition: The records are in excellent condition, but the extensive use of photocopying of available records occasionally leads to difficulty in clarity of content.

History /

Biographical:

The project originated in the summer of 1987 at Brandon University. It was undertaken by several Brandon University students under the guidance of Dr. William R. Morrison and Dr. Ken Coates, both professors in the Department of History. From the perspective of all involved, research and future publication were the original aims of the project. The intention was to produce a combination of documentary and oral history of the Brandon region during the Great Depression, including an extensive study of Brandon College. Initially, an outline and project summary was presented to Manitoba Heritage Grants Program for consideration and after being chosen as a recipient for the grant, regular reports on research progress were submitted. The project was discontinued at the end of the summer due to a lack of funding and availability of the researchers.

Custodial History:

The records were held in the custody of Dr. Morrison until his departure from Brandon University in 1989. At this time, the records were given to Tom Mitchell, who donated the entire project to the McKee Archives, where they were accessioned in 1997.

Scope and Content:

The sub sub sub series consists of textual records relating to Brandon and the surrounding area during the years of the Great Depression, predominantly 1929-1939. The material in the sub sub sub series falls generally into the following categories: city, provincial, and federal government documents and correspondence; newspaper articles and other publications, and statistical data. Of particular interest are four papers written by Brandon University students and six years of the Henderson Directory. Also included is a folder containing documents associated with the research project undertaken by Dr. Morrison et al. during the summer of 1987.

The sub sub sub series has been divided into four boxes:

Box 1 - Brandon City Council file index, City Council membership and minutes, relief regulations, proposals for burials and children's shelters, relief work projects reports, Brandon-Cornwallis Health Unit reports, correspondence between the City of Brandon and numerous levels of government, Brandon Public Health Nurse reports, farm reports, Brandon bank clearings, Provincial Election results, Employment Service of Canada documents, various published articles, Brandon University student papers.

Box 2 - Civic, provincial and federal documents related to various features of the Great depression and its impact on Brandon including lists of relief recipients and personal letters to the City, Brandon General Hospital reports. Some of these documents remain unsorted but clearly identified by title and archival institution of origin.

Box 3 - Censuses of Canada, Henderson Directory for Brandon, City of Brandon Property Address Listing, United Farmers of Manitoba documents, rural rehabilitation programs, Brandon by-law voting, Archives of Manitoba documents, Westman Municipal News articles, Economic Survey Board provincial data, project documents.

Box 4 - Brandon Sun articles including a file index to articles of interest.

Notes: The description for this sub sub sub series was taken from the Brandon - Great Depression research project fonds written by Codee Lorrain (2005). Part of RG 6, 7.1.4 (Department of History).

Name Access: William R. Morrison
Ken Coates
History Department
Brandon Sun

Subject Access: Great Depression

Access Restriction: Because of privacy issues, correspondence relating to the recipients of relief is restricted. They are still available in the sub sub sub series, however, and discretion on the part of the examiner is necessary.

Location Original: Provincial document originals are available at the Archives of Manitoba in Winnipeg. Federal document originals can be found at Library and Archives Canada in Ottawa, Ontario. City of Brandon document originals can be obtained through City Hall. The original Brandon Sun papers are located at the Brandon Sun office in Brandon.

Storage Location: RG 6 Brandon University fonds
Series 7: Faculties and Schools
7.1 Faculty of Arts
7.1.4 Department of History

Related Material: Records relating to the Faculty of Arts at Brandon College during the Great Depression can be found in the Brandon College fonds. Other records specifically relating to the Great Dpression in Brandon can be found in the Errol Black fonds and the Manitoba Pool Elevators fonds. All fonds are available at the McKee Archives.

Arrangement:

Each subject of information has been compiled into separate folders. The first three boxes are composed of various documents sorted by the archivist. The fourth box is entirely composed of Brandon Sun articles arranged by the researchers. If there is one subject that covers a number of years, each year will typically have a folder; however, in some cases, like the Brandon Sun articles, more than one folder was needed per year.