## S. J. McKee Archives



## Buckskin Brigadier : the story of the Alberta Field Force <br> http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/specialcollections904

| Part Of: | MG 2 2.15 George E Thorman Collection |
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| Collection: | George E Thorman School Textbook Collection |
| Creator: | McCourt, Edward, 1907 |
| Description Level: | Item |
| Item Number: | Archives 11-999-10-273 |
| Item Number Range: | Archives 11-999-10-273 |
| Responsibility: | by Edward McCourt ; illustrated by Vernon Mould |
| Start Date: | 1955 |
| Date Range: | 1955 |
| Publication: | Toronto : Macmillan |
| Publisher Series: | Great stories of Canada |
| Physical Description: | 150 p. : ill. ; 22 cm |
| Name Access: | Strange |
|  | T. Bland |
|  | (Thomas Bland) |
|  | 1831-1925 |
| Subject Access: | Riel Rebellion |
|  | 1885 |
|  | Children's literature |
|  | Canadian |
|  | Cree Indians Wars |
| Storage Location: | Box 10 - Stories |
| Storage Range: | Box 10 -Stories |

## 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 |
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| GMD: | multiple media |
| Date Range: | $1887-1996 ;$ predominantly 1910-1974 |
| Physical Description: | 7.47 m of textual records <br> 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. delete 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 became 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 memaninder 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 intially 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 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. Thet company could thus patent the methods and processes of its operations so that no other individual or business could duplicate them.

Located at 309 th 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 and the company's Calgary and Toronto cleaning plants was sold. The Company concentration 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 \& Morgan 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). |
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| 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 |  |
| 521 Oversized | tnaranhs |

5.21.1 Drawer \#1: Executive Photographs<br>5.21.2 Drawer \#2: Office and Equipment/Plant Photographs<br>5.21.3 Drawer \#3: Miscellaneous Oversized Photographs<br>5.21.4 Drawer \#4: Artifacts<br>McS 6 Miscellaneous<br>6.1 Centennial Exhibition<br>6.2 Miscellaneous Publications<br>6.3 Scrapbooks<br>MG 1 A.E. McKenzie Fonds<br>1.1 Brandon College Inc.<br>1.2 McKenzie Foundation<br>1.3 Brandon Allied Arts Council<br>1.4 Brandon Board of Trade<br>1.5 Miscellaneous

## RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds

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| Part Of: | RG 11 Lawrence Stuckey fonds |
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| Description Level: | Fonds |
| Accession Number: | $1-2002$ |
| GMD: | multiple media |
| Date Range: | $1849-2001$ (predominant 1935-2001) <br> Physical Description: <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> c. 2700 mof textual records; <br> c. 42,500 stamps |

History /
Biographical:
Lawrence Adne Stuckey was born in Brandon, Manitoba in 1921 to Adne and Catherine Stuckey, and was the grandson of a Brandon pioneer family, the Gilmours. Stuckey attended both Fleming and Earl Oxford schools, as well as the Brandon Collegiate Institute. In May 1941, he began working for the CPR as a wiper/fireman. In October of the following year he joined the RCAF. During World War II, Stuckey served overseas as a Navigator/Bomb Aimer and was promoted to the rank of Flight Sergeant. He continued his work with the CPR after the war, and was promoted to fireman/engineer in 1950. Stuckey left the CPR in January of 1958 to purchase Clark-Smith Photo Studio in Brandon.

Stuckey and his wife Mavis, whom he married in 1946, ran the studio until their retirement in the mid 1980s. Throughout his life Stuckey pursued a number of interests, such as botany, history, photography and politics and was active in many local, provincial and national organizations. He was a member of the Brandon Stamp Club, the Allied Arts Council, Brandon Horticultural Society, Brandon Model Railroad Club, the Brandon Historical Society, and the Fort Whyte Centre. Stuckey was also the author of four books, as well as numerous articles on horticulture, railways, and Brandon area history. In 1987 he received the Manitoba Order of the Buffalo Hunt and in 1997 he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree from Brandon University. Lawrence Stuckey passed away on June 13, 2001.

The entire collection was housed in Mr. Stuckey's residence at 658 11th St. Brandon, Manitoba, prior to its transfer to the McKee Archives. A portion of the stamp collection was donated to the Archives in August 2001. The balance of the materials were deposited in the Archives following Mr. Stuckey's death.

## Scope and Content:

Collection consists of a variety of materials, both textual and graphic.

The philately collection is the largest part of the Stuckey Collection and covers a wide geographical and temporal range. The majority of the stamps are from the United States, the British Commonwealth, France and the French Empire. There are also a number of stamps portraying animals, art and flowers.

The slide collection includes approximately 10,000 images of various topics, such as landscapes, flora and fauna of North America and Expo 1967.

The Stuckey photograph collection is perhaps the best collection of Brandon and Southwestern Manitoba photographs in one place. Images include grain elevators and historical buildings of the northern United States and western Canada, railways, the City of Brandon, as well as ships and boats, sporting activities, portraits, animals, flora and fauna, landscapes and farming/homestead photographs. This series also includes a large number of negatives, including glass plate negatives.

The textual materials within the collection include personal journals written by Stuckey covering the years 1935-2001. These journals are autobiographical and act as a key to the rest of the collection in that they provide general time frames and the motivations behind Stuckey's activities. In addition to the journals, the collection consists of copies of Stuckey's four books and a few papers he wrote for the committees and clubs he belonged to. Other textual materials included are a small amount of personal correspondence, and research materials on a number of topics such as the CPR and Brandon area history. There are also three scrapbooks created by Stuckey dealing with his various interests. The collection also contains certificates presented to Stuckey by a number of the organizations he belonged to, as well as his honorary degree from Brandon University and his Order of the Buffalo Hunt award. A number of books, newspapers and articles on various topics, such as stamp collecting and horticulture are included in the collection.

Notes: CAIN No. 202573. Description by Christy Henry.
Name Access: Ed Radcliffe
Clark-Smith Studios - Brandon

| Subject Access: | Mavis Stuckey (nee Vanstone) |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | George Harris |
|  | Doug Bottley |
|  | Georges Cesari |
|  | Clark-Smith Studios |
|  | City of Brandon |
|  | Canadian Pacific Railway |
|  | Canadian Northern Railway |
|  | Manitoba and Northwest Railway |
|  | Expo 1967 |
|  | Manitoba Naturalists Society |
|  | Brandon Historical Society |
|  | Brandon University |
|  | Assiniboine Community College |
|  | Manitoba Pool Elevators |
|  | Austin Agriculture Museum |
|  | Brandon Camera Club |
|  | Canadian National Railway |
|  | Royal Canadian Air Force |
|  | Kellock Royal Commission |
|  | Millwood Family |
|  | Natural History Photography |
|  | Railway Photography |
|  | Landscape Photography |
|  | Personal Journals |
|  | Brandon Photography |
|  | Railway History |
|  | Brandon History |
|  | Horticulture |
| Repro Restriction: | The McKee Archives is the copyright holder for the Stuckey materials. |
| Finding Aid: | A copy of the photograph inventory is in the blue binder on the reference shelf in the reading room. |
| Related Material: | Alf Fowler collection 6-1999 (Brandon photographs) and the BU Art Exhibitions Committee fonds 69-1997 (Georges Cesari). |
| Arrangement: |  |
| A description for Lawrence Stuck | photograph collection has been entered as a separate series of the collection. The collection remains in original order. |

## Brandon Women's Musical Club fonds

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| Part Of: | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
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| Description Level: | Collection |
| Accession Number: | $13-2002$ |


| GMD: | textual records |
| :--- | :--- |
| Date Range: | $1953-1965$ |
| Physical Description: | 10 cm |
| History / |  |
| Biographical: |  |

The Brandon Women's Musical Club was formed in 1945 by Miss Peggy Sharpe and Miss Hilda Smith. Together with a group of women from around Brandon, they managed to form a large club for, according to the club's constitution, "the study of vocal and instrumental music, literature and related arts and the encouragement of promising Junior Artists under eighteen years of age." With these goals in mind, the club undertook to provide tuition for young music students and contributed to the formation of the Brandon Women's Musical Choral Club. The club held meetings during which club members listened to guest speakers and observed performances by local musical and dance groups, as well as some national musical stars. The group also sponsored performances of musicals, plays, and recitals, and held an annual Christmas party.

## Custodial History:

This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 2002. Previous custodial history is unknown.

## Scope and Content:

Fonds is composed predominantly of two scrapbooks, one of which covers the years 19531960, the other the years 1960-1965. The scrapbooks contain newspaper clippings about the Musical Club's meetings and performances. There is also a file containing miscellaneous correspondence, the constitution and bylaws of the group, the club's membership lists from 1959-1964, and questionnaires about the Women's Musical Club.

## Notes:

Subject Access:

CAIN No. 202589
Peggy Sharpe
Hilda Smith
Lorne Watson

## Eric Davies

## Nona Mari

Isabelle Coghlin
Janine Theriault
Peggie Sampson
Howard Leyton-Brown
Norman Chapman
Peter Koslowsky
Nora Needham
Lucien Needham
Brandon Women's Musical Club
Brandon Women's Musical Choral Club
Baroque Trio of Montreal
Brandon College School of Music
Wilson Trio
City of Brandon
women's clubs
choral groups
musical clubs
scrapbooks

Keystone Centre development and construction fonds
http://archives.brandonu.ca/en/permalink/descriptions4854

| Part Of: | RG 5 Western Manitoba Manuscript Collection |
| :--- | :--- |
| Description Level: | Collection |
| Accession Number: | $22-1998$ |
| GMD: | textual records |
| Date Range: | $1957-1974 ;$ predominant 1970-1974 |
| Physical Description: | 36 cm |
| History / |  |
| Biographical: |  |

The idea of the Keystone Centre was first mentioned in 1958, at a meeting of the board of directors of the Manitoba Winter Fair. The Manitoba Winter Fair wanted a new facility because the old Wheat City Arena had a leaking roof and a deteriorating west wall. The old facility also had limited space and the Winter Fair felt it needed more space for expansion. The Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba also had problems with their facilities, such as old barns and poor display areas. The idea of the Keystone Centre was put on hold until 1969, when the boards of the Provincial Exhibition and the Manitoba Winter Fair joined together as the Provincial Exhibition Association of Manitoba and the Wheat City Arena was sold and demolished. The original estimate for the cost of the Keystone Centre facilities was $\$ 4.5$ million and funding would be proportioned so that the federal and provincial governments would each put in onethird of the money, with the rest coming from local donations. The financial campaign for the Keystone Centre began in 1970, and construction began in November 1970. The grand opening of the Centre was in March 1973, and coincided with the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair of that year.

Custodial History:
This fonds was accessioned by the McKee Archives in 1998. Prior custodial history is unknown.

## Scope and Content:

Fonds contains many folders full of correspondence, financial statements, meeting minutes and other documents relating to the development and construction of the Keystone Centre from 1970-1974, including those from the Keystone Executive Committee, as well as the Building Committee. Fonds also contains one folder that pertains to the Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey from 1959. This folder contains the names and locations of all farmers in the Brandon area in 1959. The Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey was created in 1959, in order to make farming in the Brandon area more profitable. The survey was aided by Doane Agricultural Service from St. Louis, Missouri, who had success creating agricultural development programs in the United States. Fonds also contains folders from the Provincial Exhibition with correspondence, pamphlets, estimates, and studies from the 1960's. There is also one folder belonging to the Manitoba Winter Fair, which contains correspondence and financial statements relating to the Wheat City Arena. Fonds also contains information pertaining to the proposals made in the 1960's, for the building of the Keystone Centre, as well as one folder about the Keystone campaign from 1970-73. There is also one folder about the opening of the Keystone Centre, which contains newspaper clippings and guest lists. Finally, the fonds contains information about a court case involving Albert Bobyk and Robert Stewart. Stewart was the project manager for the Building Committee and Bobyk worked on the Keystone Center. The fonds includes a report about the trial of the two men who were charged with fraud involving their work on the Keystone Centre.

| Notes: | CAIN No. 202608 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Subject Access: | Ray Forbes |
|  | Fred McGuinness |
|  | Brandon Area Agricultural Development Survey |
|  | Doane Agricultural Service Inc |
|  | Agricultural \& Homemaking School of Brandon |
|  | Royal Manitoba Winter Fair |
|  | Provincial Exhibition of Manitoba |
|  | South-Western District Agricultural Society |
|  | 4-H |
|  | Manitoba Department of Agriculture |
|  | City of Brandon |
|  | Keystone Committee |
|  | Keystone Building Committee |
|  | agriculture |
|  | architecture |
|  | exhibitions |
|  | swine farming |
|  | sheep farming |
|  | cereal grain farming |
|  | rural life |
| winter fairs |  |
| 1998 accessions |  |
| Storage Location: | 1998 accessions |
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